



MR. DAVID PARKS, Baritone Solist, opening for a Limited Season at the CRESCENT PICTURE PALACE on Monday, January 10th.

SAYS 'TIS WELL HE IS DEAD. sitting, during which the Baron Marshall von Bieberstein, German chief delegate, regarding as an insult some of the chamber of deputies yesterday concerning the human sentiments of General Coitat by a submarine, and the French navy at the conference," he said, "and remember the dramatic Bieberstein to be dead before suffering the pain of seeing men whom he had placed in such high power committing a most abominable act, an act premeditated, cold-blooded, against women and children.

"As to the men now concerned, I refer them to von Bieberstein's words at The Hague."

Knicker—Did Jones want you to advance him some money?

Bocker—No, what he really wanted was for me to retire him some money.—New York Sun.

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If Roosevelt Had Been Kaiser in 1914 What Would He Have Done?

MR. ROOSEVELT, in his latest article in the "Metropolitan Magazine," finds the whole world more out of joint than he usually does. But what could he expect, since the one man born to set it right is out of office? President Wilson is, of course, thoroughly incompetent. If proof of this were lacking, it could be found in the fact that he is heartily supported by Mr. Taft. And Mr. Roosevelt can find no hope even in the fact that the President is borrowing ideas from the Colonel—though always about a year too late. "Over a year ago I pointed out that it was the duty of the United States to champion the integrity of neutral rights of Belgium against the lawless conduct of belligerent Germany."

This statement, which in substance Mr. Roosevelt has made repeatedly, raises an interesting question. Many have asked what Mr. Roosevelt would have done if he had been President in August, 1914. The answer just made by his old friend and psychological analyzer, Professor Munsterberg, is that "in the White House he would have been the leader of the anti-Allies." This is an inference from the fundamental German sympathies which the professor discovers in the Colonel. And here comes the really interesting question. It is not, what would Roosevelt have done had he been President, but what would he have done if he had been the Kaiser? In other words, in his violent and iterated condemnation of the German Government for violating the treaty with Belgium, is he not condemning himself? Have we not evidence, in what he did and in the views he expressed, that if he had been in the Kaiser's place he would have invaded Belgium without scruple, and, instead of apologizing for it half-heartedly, as the German Chancellor did, would have glorified it as an act of the highest international righteousness?

The essence of the charge against Germany is that she broke her treaty guaranteeing the neutrality of Belgium and the inviolability of her territory. Well, the United States had a treaty binding this country just as strongly, yet President Roosevelt broke it without a moment's hesitation. The treaty of 1846 between Columbia and this country solemnly recited that "as an especial compensation for the said advantages, and for the favors they have acquired by the fourth, fifth, and sixth articles of this treaty, the United States guarantee, positively and efficaciously, the perfect neutrality of the before-mentioned isthmus (Panama) . . . and the United States also guarantee, in the same manner, the rights of sovereignty and property which New Granada (Columbia) has and possesses over the said territory." But we all know what happened. When Roosevelt "took" the isthmus, far from paying any regard to our promise to guarantee Colombian sovereignty over it, he gave orders to prevent Columbia from even attempting to assert her own sovereignty. And as if to leave no doubt in any one's mind concerning his notions of international morality, Mr. Roosevelt flatly declared later that if he had not been able to seize the isthmus by means of a fraudulent revolution, he would have resorted to direct force. In a letter to W. R. Thayer, printed in the latter's Life of John Hay, Vol. II, p. 328, he wrote: "If they (the Panamanians) had not revolted, I should have recommended to Congress to take possession of the isthmus by force of arms." The Kaiser would be hard put to it to beat that.

In the same Life of Hay there is another letter by Mr. Roosevelt which indicates how much weight he would have given, had he been Kaiser, to the Prussian treaty of 1839 guaranteeing Belgian neutrality. This letter was written to John Hay himself, at the time of the negotiation of the Hay-Pauncefote Canal treaty, in 1900. It contains a phrase which might well be thought a Roosevelt variant of Bethmann-Hollweg's "scrap of paper." Here it is:

As for existing treaties—I do not admit the "dead hand" of the treaty-making power in the past. Of course, being Mr. Roosevelt, he hedged and went on to speak of the need of having treaties "honorably abrogated," but who can doubt that the sentence we have quoted speaks the instinctive attitude of the Colonel towards a treaty that gets in his way? By so much, the Harvard psychologist is right in finding a right Prussian quality in the American whom he has so intimately studied.

Going back, then, to the question what the Colonel would have done if he had been the Kaiser, we are forced to conclude that he would have struck at France through Belgium with even less reluctance than Wilhelm II. displayed. And such talk as he now indulges in about Belgium he would have scorned as merely so much chatter. We do take patriotic pride, however, in the belief that the Colonel would have far outdone the Kaiser in one respect. The latter represented the attack on Belgium as a disagreeable military necessity, and his heart bled over Louvain. But if Mr. Roosevelt had had the job to do, he would have set about it in the blithest spirit, would have put joyous zest into the violation of a treaty, and would have lectured all and sundry with a kind of holyunction on the expected regard for righteousness which he had exhibited.—The Nation.

Yagui Indians on the War Path

GUAYMAS, Mexico, December 31 (via radio to San Diego, Cal., Jan. 1).—Yagui Indians still have possession of all property in the Yaqui Valley, except two ranches, one being owned by an American named Bruss, where he, together with another American and eight Germans, is supposed to be holding out, although no news has been received from them since Monday, when the second Yaqui raid began.

According to accounts received today from settlers, the Indians have destroyed all the buildings and property where they have taken charge, but, as yet, no reports have been received of any Americans or other foreigners being killed.

On account of lacks of ammunition, Waldo Sheldon and Barrett Jones, two young men from Greenwich, Conn., who were conducting a large ranch, and who, last spring, were successful in driving off the Indians, were compelled to abandon their property during the night, and after a long journey through the Indian lines succeeded in getting out with only a skirmish, in which no one was injured.

An official of the Richardson Construction Company received a telephone message from Montero, one of the Yaqui chiefs, stating that the Indians desired to have a conference in the mountains with Admiral Winslow, commanding the United States Pacific fleet, who is here aboard the cruiser San Diego. He further announced that the Indians were holding in captivity Mrs. John Lehr, two young girls and two children. They were carried away by the Indians during the raid on Suaquegran last month. It is reported that Mrs. Lehr is a Mexican, whose husband is an American.

Corncrib Conrad—Ain't it disgusting de way dese foreigners is crowding in everywhere?

Next-house Noonan—Fierce de last time I wuz in jail dey put me in a written to John Hay himself, at the cell wid a Pole an' a Dago. Vot yer time of the negotiation of the Hay-Pauncefote Canal treaty?—Puck.

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