

## Former South American Minister Denounces Germany

### Sees Danger for South America if Germany Wins. Says Monroe Doctrine Could Not Save South America from the Same Fate as Belgium

ONE of the most distinguished of South American citizens, Santiago Perez-Triana, formerly Colombian Minister Plenipotentiary to Great Britain and Spain, a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague, and the son of a former President of the republic, has written an eloquent and fervent denunciation of Prussianism. It is the first clear and authoritative voice from South America that has been heard since the war began, although that the sympathies of South Americans were generally with the Allies was already believed. Senor Perez-Triana's views are presented in an open letter to a young South American studying natural science in Europe. Apparently the young man had asked the views of his distinguished countryman upon the war, and there appears to be an inference that he was

America in his mind he says: "The law is the supreme protection for the weak" be they men or people. He who, as the son of a weak nation, accepts and applauds the violation of defenceless right, betrays his own people and accepts and glorifies slavery."

**Broken Pledges.**  
Senor Perez-Triana then proceeds to mention some of the obligations that Germany undertook in time of war, and he shows how one after another of them was abandoned without apology. Germany, for example, was a part to The Hague Convention which prohibits "the pillage of a town or place, even when taken by assault." It enjoins that "family honors and rights, individual lives and private property, as well as religious convictions and liberty must be protected, and that private property cannot be confiscated." It establishes the principle that "no general penalty pecuniary or otherwise can be inflicted on the population on account of the acts of individuals for which it cannot be regarded as collectively responsible." But before the invasion of Belgium was a month old the Kaiser had issued this proclamation: "The only method of avoiding surprise attacks on the part of the civil population has been to interfere with merciless severity, and to create examples, which by their very frightfulness shall serve as a warning to everyone in

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### Belgium.

#### The Crucifixion of Belgium.

On August 17, the Mayor of Hesel had to warn the citizens that in the event of them firing upon the Germans a third of the population would be executed. Five days later Gen. von Buelow notified the inhabitants of Liege that on his orders the town of Andenne had been burned down and about 100 persons executed because of an attack made by some of the inhabitants upon the Germans. Other official announcements from high German officers are presented to show the frightful severity of the punishment inflicted upon Belgium. Passages from The Hague Convention are also quoted which show that in cases not specifically covered by the treaty, the general rule of nations was to be observed, and the officers immediately in command were not to be left free to follow their personal inclinations. Every pledge implicit or explicit has been broken by Germany.

#### The Duty of South Americans.

The writer goes on to say, "I present to you the Prussian doctrine, the Prussian creed, which are much more ominous and overwhelming than the most terrible acts due to Prussian militarism, either inside or outside Germany, because the material fact, however horrible it may be, necessarily has its limits, whereas its pervasiveness and its iniquity are established as the supreme law these limits no longer exist either in the material world or in the men's consciences." In the event of a Teutonic triumph Senor Perez-Triana has no doubt that the rolling tide of German domination would sweep across the Atlantic, and that whatever was fairest and best in South America would be seized upon. He has no hallucination to the effect that the Monroe doctrine could save South America from the fate of Belgium if it resisted. Therefore he prays for the downfall of Prussia, and says that every loyal South American should pray with him.

### Ignatius Lincoln Has Some Nerve

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The new York American this morning, under a cable despatch from London, stating that Ignatius T. T. Lincoln is now on the Atlantic en route to Europe prints a letter from Lincoln dated from South Amboy, N.J., February 8, where the Dupont Powder Works are located.

The American says the letter bears its own evidence of being from Lincoln, and the handwriting is unmistakable.

The letter says in part:—"I came to South Amboy to look over the Dupont Powder Works. Don't get excited please. I have not come to blow them up. Not that this would be impossible. If Messrs. Bielaski and Offey doubt my ability, all they have to do is to declare so in your columns and I will immediately deposit in any convenient spot gun powder and dynamite in any desired quantity. I use plain gunpowder and dynamite without any bomb or other annoying apparatus at first."

"By the time this letter reaches you I shall be back in New York—to prove which I shall myself ring up Captain Offley on the telephone, and call his attention to this statement in your columns."

"Let my visit to South Amboy be an inducement to the United States to extend to me justice and fair play and not listen to the British Government,—their evil genius."

#### COMMON SENSE WORDS OF SIR SAM HUGHES

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 16.—The minister of militia to-day made an emphatic deliverance on the question of salutes.

"A private is as much entitled to a salute from an officer as is an officer entitled to one from a private. Why, I salute scores of them every day. Complaints come from different parts of the country about a few young snobs, who persist in calling down men for not saluting them, when they themselves have not saluted. We are eliminating a few of those young gents from the service."

### M. RIBOT

SOMETHING OF THE FRENCH STATESMAN, WHO IS MINISTER OF FINANCE.

Alexander Felix Joseph Ribot, the French statesman, who is directing the finance of the war, is 74 years old to-day. For over forty years, he has been active in the political life of France and has held the most important offices in the Government. He has been Minister of Foreign Affairs, Prime Minister, Minister of the Interior, and Minister of Finance. The Franco-Russian alliance was brought about by him, and he had a large share in achieving the entente with England. M. Ribot was born at St. Omer, France, on Feb. 7, 1842. He became a lawyer, and attracted attention by his phenomenal success. He gave much of his attention to the upbuilding of the modern French nation, and no man in France is better versed in French diplomacy.

### Laurier was Loser in the Big Fire

OTTAWA, February 16.—Among the important losses in the Parliament Buildings fire, was the correspondence and private and public documents of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. His office in the west wing was fire-proof and scarcely any of his papers, accumulated during the past four years, as Leader of the Opposition, have been salvaged. The intimate documents, history of Liberalism and of parliamentary proceedings, as contained in the files of his office, have been lost. Apart from the inconvenience to the Liberal Leader himself of the loss of many of his papers of reference and his correspondence, there is undoubtedly a loss to the future history of Canada to whom such of Sir Wilfrid's papers as might have been published would have been of inestimable value.

Sir Wilfrid is now installed in a new office of the present quarters of Parliament. It has been appropriately fixed up for him with remarkable despatch, by the Public Works Department. New furniture, new rugs and nicely tinted walls, done overnight, give him one of the best of the "mushroom" offices of the new House of Parliament. An oil painting of Alexander Mackenzie, his predecessor as Prime Minister of Canada, salvaged from the fire, appropriately hangs above his desk.

The Church of the Holy Ghost, of Heidelberg, is the only one in the world in which both Protestant and Roman Catholic services are held at the same time. A partition wall in the centre separate the two congregations.

### Was Looking for Hun Recruiting Office

WINSOR, Ont., Feb. 11.—Speaking broken English and with an undoubted Teutonic accent, a man giving his name as Hans Schmidt and his home as Toledo, Ohio, landed in Windsor, yesterday, with the avowed intention of allying himself with the forces of the Kaiser, which, he had heard, were being mobilized here.

Schmidt confided to the government officials that he was looking for the German recruiting office, and was surprised when he was turned over to the military guard. He will be interned until the end of the war. Schmidt informed the authorities that he "loved the Kaiser."

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