

German. He is something more than that. He is a liar of the first water and, from all indications, a hireling liar. For the proof of it, let the reader spend an indignant half-hour over the pages of Hedin's recent book, "With the German Armies in the West." He will see there our British soldiers depicted as miserable mercenaries, fighting in ignorance, surrendering in dull apathy, and branded with the mark of the hireling coward; he will find the Germans shown as a nation of heroes, animated from the highest to the lowest by a spirit of devotion, and at their head an Emperor drawn in colours so luminous that nothing but the gold of the German war-chest could have supplied Hedin with the tints of it. German cruelty and atrocity that has horrified the world is hidden behind a tissue of fabrication. "The book," says the *London Morning Post*, "stinks aloud (*sic*) of bribery and corruption. It is the slimiest saurian, shedding crocodile's tears of a libellous panegyric which ever trailed its many-jointed length out of the cesspools of the Reptile Press." More power to the *Morning Post* for its straight speaking. The only merit of Hedin's book is that it has inspired Mr. E. V. Lucas to write his gay and glorious parody, "In Gentlest Germany," a work that we heartily commend to every good patriot with a sense of humour. The Geographical Society has done well. Sven Hedin is unfit to break bread, or even to split an infinitive, with any decent geographer.

THE UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE would never wish, in its editorial aspect, to exercise an undue influence over the presidential elections of the United States. When we speak of Colonel Roosevelt or Professor Wilson we must be careful. But there are certain passages in Colonel Roosevelt's speech at Plattsburg on August 25 last, which call forth our admiration to a degree which bids defiance to our editorial discretion. It is long since we have read any address more resonant with courage or more inspiring in its fearless, we might almost say its defiant, patriotism. In this age of time-serving politicians it is cheering to find a man