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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wilhelm II', with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

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### PUBLISHERS' NOTE

The case of the People of the United States *vs.* William II, King of Prussia, Emperor of Germany, is all over. The verdict is "guilty" without mitigating circumstances or any recommendation for mercy.

Following the usual course adopted in the determination of judicial questions of importance, the case has been tried in the newspapers. The prosecution was given the front pages, the presiding judge announced his impartiality in columns of invective on the editorial page, and such of the jury as thought the "law's delays" too long to tolerate, even one side of the case being stated, announced their verdict in the Letter Box. As a matter of course the defendant was not heard in his own behalf, and the volunteer pleaders for the defence broke down utterly under a leadership that ranted from a university chair, which for the past few years has served as the platform for a personal advertising campaign that would have put the Kickapoo Indian medicine men to the blush even in their palmyest days, when in full regalia of fringed buckskin, war paint and eagle feath-

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ers, they sold to the gaping yokels of the countryside the cure-all nostrums of their tribe.

Let us waste no time in rehearsing the specifications of the indictment; very properly it embraced every crime known to the criminal law applicable to individuals or nations, and each count having been sustained, it was only reasonable to insist that the sentence be exemplary: France to extend her boundaries to the Rhine, Schleswig-Holstein together with the Kiel canal to be returned to Denmark, Russia to take all the Baltic Coast and East Prussia, German and Austrian Poland to be created into an autonomous State, England to take all German Colonies and Helgoland, Japan to get a war indemnity large enough to make up for what she did not get in the Russian War, Belgium to get Sherman law triple damages which will insure the industrial slavery of every German born for the next two hundred years, Servia and Montenegro to take such territory from Austria as they may fancy, and the balance of the Dual Empire to be divided up into as many countries as the map makers have colors for.

As for the Kaiser and his family, and the Grand Dukes of Austria and their families, in disgrace they are to make a final exit from Europe.



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As the best informed leaders among the Allies report that in their judgment some considerable time will elapse before they find themselves in a position to carry this sentence into effect in all its details, perhaps the ladies and gentlemen of the jury may be willing to spare an hour to acquaint themselves with the man on whom they have passed judgment, and whose country's ruin they link with his own.

For more than twenty-five years Wilhelm II has been the Emperor of the German people. Problems of endless variety have presented themselves to his consideration, and in no case is he accused of hesitation in expressing his views freely and vigorously. No man in public life has provided an equally complete record of personal opinion covering so wide a range of subjects, educational, political, social, theological, historical, artistic, on which may be based an intelligent estimate of his character and tendencies. Let him speak to you as he does in these pages, in his own words, and from them evolve your own conclusions as to the personality and attainments of the central figure in the world's history of today.



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**I** COME to the throne a man of thirty years of age. No one knows me. I must first of all gain the confidence of my colleagues.

Having succeeded to the throne of my ancestors, I have taken over the government, relying upon the King of Kings, and I have vowed to God that, acting in accordance with the example of my predecessors, I will endeavour to be a just and clement ruler, that I will encourage piety and the fear of God, that I will uphold peace and promote the welfare of the country, and further, that I will strive to be a helper to the poor and oppressed and a faithful guardian of the law.

I am firmly resolved to meet the heavy responsibility of the inheritance that has fallen to me, by devoting to it all my powers. This is best accomplished by fostering the Army. I trust that I shall succeed, by careful fostering, in maintaining it in the condition in which my grandfather handed it to me, as an instrument in his hands to preserve peace, to