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*To all the guides of my youth:
especially to
my father and mother.*



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DRAMATIS PERSONÆ

KAISER WILHELM II
FREDERICK THE GREAT

GENERAL VON FALKENHAYN, *Minister of War*
ADMIRAL VON TIRPITZ, *State Secretary of the Admiralty*
EMIL RATHENAU, *Railway and Bank Director*
RAOUL DE FORTA, *A Captain of the Belgian Life Guards*

VOLTAIRE, *French Poet and Philosopher*
BOTTA, *The Austrian Ambassador*
PLUTO, *A Dancing Blackamoor*

AN AMERICAN POET CAPTAIN
AN AMERICAN BANKER LIEUTENANT

MARIA THERESA, *Queen of Hungary and Archduchess of
Austria*
YOLANDE DE MALINES, *The Daughter of a Belgian Count*

TWO SPIRITS ARMED