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"Remember that you are the chosen people. The Spirit of the Lord has descended upon me because I am the German Emperor."

"I am the instrument of the All-Powerful, His Sword, His Representative."

—WILLIAM II.

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"Woe and death to those who oppose my will! Woe and death to those who do not believe in my mission!"

"Without me, you can do nothing."

"There is but one master in this country: it is myself and I will tolerate no other."

"There is but one law, mine!"

"If I order you to batter down your parents, your brothers, your sisters, it is your duty to obey."

—WILLIAM II.

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THE TWO WILLIAMS

WILLIAM II of Germany was born on January 27, 1859.

His family has made an insane stir in the world's history. Frederick William I, father of Frederick the Great, had as unbearable a disposition as one can imagine. He was so hot-headed that he would send everybody packing, from the sentry who mounted guard, to his Crown Prince of a son, whose education was thus suitably attended to. Frederick the Great, in spite of Carlyle's glorification, proved the truth of the proverb, "Like father, like son." His sister, the Margravine of Bayreuth, wrote some most libidinous memoirs. The licentiousness, indeed, of this Imperial prose often extends to indecency, and even to pornography. Frederick William II succeeded his uncle the Great Frederick. He ran after women and incurred debts. He was a bigamist, and he borrowed as much as he could. Frederick William II, who died in 1846, was the father of Frederick William IV, who gave back his soul to the good old German god in 1861, childless and hopelessly insane. A daughter of