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(The Spectator, London.) In the popular imagination the Kaiser appears to be taking much the same place that was occupied by Napoleon Bonaparte a hundred years ago. Our newspapers are not perhaps quite as brutal in their references to the Kaiser as their predecessors were to his prototype, but the general populace is certainly unsparing of its epithets, and is frankly outspoken in its desire for personal vengeance. How far it may be possible and desirable to have a personal reckoning with the individual primarily responsible for the present war is a difficult political and international question which need not for the moment be considered. Our only present purpose is to try to form a somewhat better balanced conception of the Kaiser's character than that which seems to be gaining ground.

The primary mistake made by the public is the attribution to Kaiser Wilhelm II. of greater powers than he possesses. He is, as we have just said, primarily responsible for the war because he could, had he chosen, have prevented it. But to say that he was its only or chief organizer is to go too far. What he has done has been to permit himself to drift along with the tide of Prussian Junkerdom. Inheriting the traditions of the Hohenzollern House, he has leaned upon the military caste, but he has not had the strength to control his own prop. They call him in Germany Wilhelm the Greater, which may be a delicate way of saying that he is not 'the Great.' There is, in fact, nothing really great about the present German emperor, except perhaps his appearance. From the stage point of view, he plays the part of an emperor to perfection. He is always in the limelight, always on parade, and if great nations could be successfully governed by skillful actors Kaiser Wilhelm would have been an ideal emperor. The trouble is that behind his good acting there is little or no solidity. He is a man of many semi-accomplishments and wholly successful in none. For example, his eloquence has never really helped him. Indeed, it has often done him harm, for he has never remembered Bacon's cunning advice that Kings, if they must speak, should make long discourses and not use short, sharp sayings that fly about like darts. In the purely military sphere it is more difficult to ascertain what the German opinion of the Kaiser's qualifications now are;

general failing due to his passion for histrionics, the Kaiser has a particular failing due to the semi-sacred character which he attaches to his own person and his own role. A man who can believe that he is divinely inspired in everything he does is necessarily devoid of a sense of humor as to be incapable of fairly judging his own actions. Already, indeed, the Kaiser seems to have reached a point in which he regards the Almighty as his personal subordinate. So much is this peculiarity appreciated by persons who know him most intimately that even his own son publicly laughs at his father's vanity. There is a well-authenticated story that while the Crown Prince was in India he was strolling one night after dinner under the glorious Indian starlit sky when a companion called attention to a star of peculiar brightness which he could not identify. "Oh," said the Crown Prince, "I suppose that is some new decoration which my father has conferred on the Almighty." Even if the story be only invented, it serves to indicate a frame of mind in both father and son which is highly significant.

If the above analysis of the Kaiser's character is just, it would clearly be unfair to describe him as intentionally malignant. He is a man with a mission; his mission is to advance the glory of his House and of the German Empire. He does not wish of necessity to injure a single living creature; but if any living creature ventures to cross his path, of course it must be wiped out, as his generals were ordered to wipe out "French's contemptible little army." In the main, however, a man who has filled his mind with the conception that he is divinely inspired to carry out a mission is more dangerous than a man inspired by deliberate malice. For malice quickly betrays itself, and has no redeeming feature which will win the applause of the world; whereas the self-satisfied actor who can strut on the stage and fill the house with rhetorical mouthings, and appeal to sentiments which have always moved mankind, is sure to command a certain amount of sympathy, however mischievous his actual deeds may be.

That is the situation that Britain and her allies have to face in the present moment. There is no trustworthy evidence of any kind that the Kaiser is generally out of touch with his own people. In time of peace the Liberals may strive, not very successfully, to curb his autocratic power; in time of peace the Socialists regard him as their enemy; but now that war is in being the Kaiser is effectively the figurehead of his country. His people rally to him because he plays his actor's part so extremely well

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