

must be put down, nothing else matters much. It is an illuminating book in view of events that have so speedily followed its publication.

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**The German Emperor As Shown in His Public Utterances.** By Christian Gauss, Professor of Modern Languages, Princeton University. New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1915. XVII+329 pp.

No other ruler on earth today so distinctly leads and determines the ideals, aims and policies of a great people as does the German Kaiser. He is no figurehead, no mere symbol. Vigorous, egotistic, versatile and most able he commands and inspires. Withal he is a speaker. He loves the platform and adorns it. So it is that "as the Emperor has spoken upon almost every phase of German political life," Professor Gauss is quite justified in the hope that with very brief introductory notes explaining the occasions of the speeches his volume offers "a fairly accurate picture of the trend of German affairs for the last twenty-five years."

The speeches are arranged in strict chronological order. The editor has classed them under eight headings which indicate an outline of the development of German policies under the present Emperor. The headings of the numerous speeches are by the editor but will be recognized as fair and pertinent.

The whole is introduced with a chapter on "The Hohenzollern Tradition," brief, brilliant and illuminating.

That the whole record makes out a fearful indictment of German policy and the German Kaiser is no fault of the editor and he does not even suggest that this is the conclusion to be drawn from his volume. There can be no more instructive way to get at the inwardness of the present horrible convulsion of Europe than by a study of these imperial speeches.

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**Russia and the World: A Study of the War and a Statement of the World-problems That Now Confront Russia and Great Britain.** By Stephen Graham, author of "With Poor Immigrants to America," "With

Russian Pilgrims to Jerusalem," etc., with illustrations from original photographs. New York, The Macmillan Company, 1915. XI+305 pp. \$2.00 net.

Our delightful tramp, after travelling "with Russian pilgrims to Jerusalem" and "with Russian immigrants to America" and then seeing a good large section of the United States, took a respite in London and then "hit the road" again, this time to see Russia itself in its far eastern stretches where the empire is growing by colonization and reclaiming frontier regions. In the midst of it all came the war and our tramp changed his plans—postponed them, he says—to give us a study of Russia in the war and Russia in the world.

The charm of his description, the fine human interest of his seeing sympathy, the bold swing of his imagination, the unreluctant finality of his dogmatism are all here, better than ever. It is a book you want to read for information and for the joy of reading. And you want to keep in mind always that your newspaper correspondent sort of writer has always two supply valves for his fast growing page, the one pours out of observation of fact and the other out of an imagination fertile of interpretation and not untouched with invention.

The cocksureness of this sort of writer, with the final word on all subjects, from ethnography to international diplomacy, is never authoritative for the informed reader and it gives zest to all he says. So when Mr. Graham tells just how peace is to be arranged, when he opposes in principle arbitration, and when he cautions against the unwisdom of educating Russian peasants "*en masse*" we can see his viewpoint and combine it with our other ways of approach to the same subjects. When he tells of Germany's influence in American attitude toward the present war we wonder at the ignorant assurance of a man who knows so certainly at a great distance what is far from the truth on the ground. But, all the same, we delight in his book. Strength to the author's legs for more tramping and to his pen and kodak for more accounts and pictures of travel.

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