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THE WAR MAY MEAN AN END TO KINGS

(New York Sun)

Oscar S. Strauss, former Ambassador to Turkey, who has just returned to this country from Europe, made the prediction today that the ultimate result of the European war will be the elimination of monarchical form of government there.

In discussing the immediate situation Mr. Strauss said that England expects to see Paris fall before the German army of invasion, but that that will not mean the end of the war. The allies have just begun to fight, according to Mr. Strauss, and it is incumbent on the United States to maintain the strictest neutrality so that there may be no bias against her on either side to act as mediators to end the conflict.

"It is impossible to foretell how long the war will last or what its result will be," said Mr. Strauss. "It will inflict human and economic losses of such stupendous nature on all of the belligerents that it will take generally to reappear the material, and the moral damage. Most students of international relations have felt for many years that the enormous piling up of armaments would result in a stupendous war, but few, if any of them, believed that it would be of such magnitude and would involve so many nations.

"In my opinion one result which can be predicted is that the ruin of this war will result in shaking from their thrones the monarchs of most if not all of the European countries. The reason is that this is not a people's war and does not result from any international enmities, but it is a war that has sprung from the spirit of militarism surrounding the monarchs. The most hopeful forces for bringing about peace in Europe today are the Labor organizations and the Socialists. They will have much more to say in the future than they have had in the past.

"Certainly something is radically wrong in our civilization when its forces can be suddenly checked if not overthrown and millions of men hurled against each other with the most scientific death-dealing machines, which operate not only on land, and sea but under the water and in the air. The mission of our country is clearly to observe the strictest neutrality and do nothing that will impair the probability of a service to the world by bringing about at the appropriate time the cessation of arms and by ending the sacrifice on the altar of the War God of the flower of Europe's manhood."

In regard to the present movement of the German army against Paris Mr. Strauss said:

"It is quite the general belief among people competent to form judgments that the Germans will probably take Paris in a short time, but the opinion is equally prevalent that instead of being the end or even the middle of the war the fall of Paris will only serve to make it all the more virulent. This is not a war between two powers, but between the leading powers of so-called civilized Europe."

Mr. Strauss repeated the statement that he made on landing to the effect that the United States Government would make a mistake if it should purchase vessels owned by any of the contending Powers and proceed to transport goods to Europe in them. The seizing of contraband in such Government owned ships might involve this country in embarrassing situations, he pointed out, whereas, the Government would not be involved if contraband freight should be seized on vessels privately owned by American capital. He thinks that American trade should be stimulated by the purchase of such ships by private capital.

Although admitting the close relations that have existed between Turkey and Germany for the last eight or ten years, Mr. Strauss does not believe that the Ottoman Empire will be involved in this war. He says that he was assured by a prominent Turkish official just before leaving London that Turkey was going to keep out of it.

Regarding England's part in the war, Mr. Strauss said on landing: "The reasons that projected England into this war will be of the highest service to civilization. I believe in accentuating, as nothing could, the sanctity of international obligations. If that sanctity had been disregarded by her, as sanctity was disregarded by the invasion of Belgium, international relationship would have been thrown back to a condition of international barbarism. The service that England has rendered is not only of value to the belligerents but equally so to all nations Triple Entente from a moral standpoint."

"The membership of Russia in the point and in enlisting the sympathies of many people of all creeds and denominations will be a weakness, unless she follows up her action in regard to the Poles in giving equal rights, civil and religious, to Roman other subject nationalities."

"I believe Russia's state-shipmanship Catholics, Donkhoros, Tians and will recognize the wisdom of such a course and I am sure from my conversations with leading Englishmen that both France and England will point out to her the wisdom of taking definite steps toward the restitution of full rights to her subject nationalities, recognizing that the duty to right to live in one's own country, die for one's country rests upon the under the protection of equal laws."

POPE'S CHOICE OF NAME
INDICATION OF HIS POLICY

(By the Rev. John J. Wynne)

I judge from the intimate association that existed between the Pope-elect and the late Cardinal Rampolla that he may naturally be expected to realize in his administration the more prominent ideas and policies that distinguished the Cardinal. So that Austria's action in preventing the election of Rampolla has only delayed for a while the carrying out of the Cardinal's views.

Cardinal Rampolla believed not only in devoting his time to the spiritual affairs of the Church, but in cultivating relations with the civil powers. Because his policies were supposed to favor the French Government, Germany, having no influence or claim to a vote in papal elections, persuaded Austria to assert its claim to a veto, with the result that Cardinal Rampolla, who, up to that time, had had a majority of votes, failed to get the requisite two-thirds vote of the Cardinals. It is well to know that although the election of Pius X was due to Austria's action, he made it impossible forever for the sake of the college to admit the intrusion of civil powers into the conclave.

If we can judge of the intention of the new Pope by the choice of his name, Benedict XV., he will combine very happily in his administration, the characteristics of the last two Pontiffs, Leo and Pius, the former distinguished for his temporal policies, the latter for his spiritual.

Benedict XIV was famous as a canonist and a canonist is needed now to bring to completion the great work begun by Pius X of codifying and adapting the laws of the Church to its modern conditions. The last Benedict was also a great liturgist and perhaps, the most successful of all the Popes in conciliating the therefore that Benedict XV will in Eastern churches. "It is very likely assist on the liturgical reforms, particularly in church music, established by Pius X and there is no doubt that he will imitate the late Pontiff in attempting to bring about unity of the churches in the East and the West.

It is well-known that a new Pope's choice of a name is significant of the characteristics and policies he admires. Benedict XIV was a great wit, a courtier, a writer of statesmanlike qualities, and he wrote on subjects not only concerned with the canon law. He was a scholar of the old-fashioned type that disappeared with the advent of ultra-modern times. His court was a rendezvous. Since his time the Popes have inclined to live more cloistered lives.

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