

FEDERATION OF DEMOCRACIES

**This is New Gospel and
Woodrow Wilson Its
Prophet**

EMPIRE CLUB SPEECH

**Next Week's Meeting is Call-
ed Off Owing to Influenza
Epidemic**

Next week's meeting of the Empire Club of Toronto has been called off on account of the influenza epidemic, it was announced yesterday, when Mr. Darwin P. Kingsley, a leading insurance man in the United States, addressed the club on "Woodrow Wilson and the Doctrine of Sovereignty." The attendance was much smaller than usual. This was attributed to the Spanish influenza and the advice of the Medical Officer of Health that citizens should avoid public meetings.

Mr. Kingsley's address was a scathing indictment of the Teutons, a masterful analysis of the causes of the war and an eloquent appeal to the democratic nations to form a federation based on the federation of the States in the American Union, with a view to preventing another war on a larger scale than that which is now being fought in Europe.

Submarines and Reptiles.

The speaker compared the German fighting machine, the submarines and the Zeppelins, to the reptiles of the ancient past, and declared that reptilian morals, reptilian faith and reptilian purposes have never died, but have found lodgment in the minds and bodies and souls of the Germans. He said Germany's great crime consisted in lying, first to her own people, and then to the peoples of the whole earth. Von Papen regarded Americans as a lot of children and idiots. "But now we know the Germans and we are keeping the score, and we propose to make the great liar pay to the last farthing," said Mr. Kingsley.

He declared the Germans had been perverted through systematic lying until to-day they were unbelievably cruel. They were "a nation of liars, cruel liars, the kind that made hell famous." The German Ambassadors were not Ambassadors, but Captains in the great system of espionage.

Cause of the War.

The cause of the war, in Mr. Kingsley's opinion, was the political condition inherited from previous centuries, a condition in whose history there is recorded the evolution and development of human society, a condition that has qualified and modified human ambition, human hopes, human victories and human defeats. The immediate duty was to slay the great reptile and break the bonds which started the war. Back of Wilhelm and Frederick was the political condition—brutal, savage, unintelligent, bloody. Its morality was the morality of the jungle and its law the law of the jungle. Frederick saw the time was coming when there must be a test of brute strength, and the Huns prepared for it.

There was no such thing as reforming the Hohenzollerns and the Hapsburgs. They must go. The allies allowed the Germans to build up their great war machine because England could not do more than protest politely and suggest a "holiday."

Make An End of Kaiser.

There must be no more wars like this. Everybody agreed. How, then, to achieve it? This great duty of the hour was not only to make an end of Wilhelm, but to make an end of the causes which helped to produce Wilhelm. The war should settle the relations between the democracies of the world. The war after the war would come if the people did not unite and end the barbarism that divided democracies. There must be federalization of democracies after the war. In the opinion of the speaker, Mr. Woodrow Wilson seemed to stand a little higher than any other leader in any other State in regard to the future, and in constructive utterances he stood almost alone, pointing the way to that larger world where dwell the power and peace that the American States have found. Federation was the new gospel, and Woodrow Wilson its prophet, he said.