



Nicholas II, Czar of all the Russias, born 1868, son of Alexander II, whom he succeeded in 1894. His mother is a sister of King George's mother William II, German Emperor and King of Prussia, born 1859, succeeded his father, Emperor Frederick, in 1888. His mother was the daughter of Queen Victoria



Raymond Poincaré, Pres. of the French Republic, member of French Academy



George V, King of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperor of India, born 1865, succeeded his father, Edward VII, in 1910



Franz Josef, Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary; was born in 1830 and has reigned on the throne since 1848



Peter of Serbia, once an exile in Paris, proclaimed King in 1903



Victor Emmanuel II, King of Italy, born 1869; became king in 1900



Albert, King of the Belgians; born 1875; became King, 1909



Here are the figure-heads of eight embattled nations. These monarchs are now on trial. Will they increase or diminish in glory? It should of course be remembered that they all took very different attitudes towards The Great War. To King George it was the "Parliament's war." To the Czar, or the Kaiser, or to Franz Josef it was "My war." To M. Poincaré it was

a case of the Republic fighting for the existence of France and French civilization. The Belgian was fighting the violator of her neutrality. To the Italian it was a case of wanting to escape from an irritating alliance, while the Servian found himself the alleged cause of it all. Will the crowns of these men end as objects of interest in Republican National museums?

Will Any of These Pictures be Turned to the Wall?