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My MEMOIRS, by Grand Admiral von Tirpitz (2 vols., 12mo, 805 pages; Dodd, Mead), is one of those elaborate vindications which carry the authentic conviction of guilt. The earlier part of the work contains surprisingly generous praise of England's maritime tradition: the latter part is devoted to showing that the blundering of Bethmann-Hollweg gave Germany's enemies the opportunity to attack her without bearing the onus of aggression. Occasionally in Von Tirpitz acute perceptions of men and ideas combine with a complete moral imbecility and a stale reverence for the household gods of Preusstum. If Germany was really, as the Grand Admiral estimates, a sheep in wolf's clothing, a few more memoirs like this will leave no regret about her fate.

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