

PROFESSOR DENIES HE IS PRO-GERMAN

Dr. George L. Robinson Thinks
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"I object to being called a pro-German. I absolutely refuse to be called such. I am neutral."

That was the reply of Prof. Geo. L. Robinson, D.D., of McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, in reply to a question as to whether or not he was a pro-German. He admitted that the matter had already been broached to him. Prof. Robinson was on Wednesday the recipient of the degree of doctor of divinity from the senate of Knox College.

"I don't believe in war as a necessary means of settling international disputes. I blame both sides for this struggle. I blame Germany for her forty years' work in building up an army; I blame England for building ships and creating a strong navy."

"I am neutral because I do not wish to see Germany win and crush England; neither do I wish to see Germany lose her national existence. Gentlemen, I teach the Bible, and the New Testament leads me, compels me, to believe that war cases to be Christian warfare when the element of retaliation enters in. Germany has stooped to primitive and barbaric methods, but, primarily, to her, it is a struggle for life or death.

By Way of Revenge.

"I do not believe that the Kaiser had any notion of attacking England or invading England, but in view of

England's taking up the challenge no one can say what the Kaiser might not do by way of revenge."

"Is it true that you excused the sinking of the Lusitania?" was asked.

"Absolutely no. That is pure fiction. I regard the sinking of the Lusitania as an inexcusable, non-Christian method of retaliation for England's blockade of Germany." The reporter had informed him that there was a rumor to the effect that, in a meeting at Chicago, he had defended the German act of barbarism, but he vigorously denied it.

"You can say for me," he continued, "that I believe that the tables have turned, and that Great Britain and her Allies are on the verge of tremendous victories. The last time I talked with Miss Sylvia Pankhurst I heard her say that 'Germany would probably win all the battles, but that England would win the war.'"

"What do you think of Turkey?"

Turkey's Sun Setting.

Prof. Robinson spent four years in Turkey, at Beirut, where he was director of the American School of Archaeology, and later in Palestine, where he was associated with the Syrian Protestant College.

"Turkey's sun is setting, and it ought to set," declared the Chicago professor. "Indeed, humanly-speaking, Europe ought to have taught Turkey a lesson half a century ago."

Speaking of the conferring of degrees, Dr. Robinson expressed his appreciation and recognition of the honor conferred by Knox. "It is the index of a friendship that has lasted over seventeen years. In my heart of hearts, I love Canada and the Canadian people."