

POLAND AND PEACE.

The Spectator of August 29 publishes a telegram from Mr. de Zwan the well known Polish litterateur. It is dated Warsaw, August 21, and states:

"Since war was declared by Germany all the Poles in the Russian Empire, without distinction of party, have declared themselves partners of the Triple Entente. Mobilization was effected in Warsaw amid scenes of indescribable enthusiasm. For the first time since the partition of Poland our peasants are taking an active part in this national movement. More than four hundred thousand Poles are in the Russian army. The idea of fighting against the Germans in company with our friends the French and with the great and generous English nation, inspires our hearts and gives the certainty of conquering our common foe."—Anthony de Zwan.

Thus through the Kaiser's action does Poland rise from the ashes of her past. Once more she assumes her place among the nations. Germany seems to think that she may be able to call it all off now and return to the status quo ante bellum. She thinks that by showing a willingness to make peace she can put the Allies in the wrong and gain the sympathy of the American nation. She even appears to imagine that America can be bribed to use her influence to bring about peace by the suggestion that Canada will be the prize of her neutrality. That is a truly German conception of national or international relations. The Prussian believes every man has his price and if he thinks he is strong enough to crush his next door neighbor he should at once do so. The German mind believes that Canada need not be consulted in the matter. Germany forgets that Canada is in this business to the last man if need be and that she is not to be disposed of either by Germany or any one else like a pound of lard over the counter. The war is for the freedom of the nations and Canada is fighting and is glad to fight for Poland, Belgium or any other smaller nations's freedom. There will be no peace until every nation has the same right to live as Canada.