Introducing Mr. Stokowski as Conductor and Diplomat

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PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 22--Conductor Stokowski of the Philadelphia Orchestra has a way of disarming criticism that statesmen and politicians would well envy if they could only acquire it.

The thing has happened so often that the director must surely sometimes smile to himself while doing that strong arm of eventual justification which easily withstands arrows of preliminary attack.

Two pertinent cases will serve to illustrate the situation. Mr. Stokowski is well known to be an enthusiastic "Mahlerite," and the present season opens with the performance of the mammoth choral symphony that he composed. "Mahler's magnitude of genius was, said little . Without armor of conventional respect, I spend my Summer vacations in Germany," said Leo-...