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WHAT DOES GERMANY MEAN?

The attitude which Germany is adopting in the Venezuelan matter does not tend to restore any feeling of confidence in Germany's real desire for a peaceful and final settlement of the whole matter, says the Post-Intelligencer.

The one and only point upon which Venezuela insists is that all of the countries in Europe which have claims against it shall share alike, and that there shall be no preferences given the claims of the countries which have attacked Venezuela and sought a collection by force, over the claims of countries which have not resorted to such drastic measures for the collection of private claims of their subjects.

Furthermore, it now appears that the allies, otherwise Germany, are not even yet prepared to assent to the determination of the whole matter by the reason that before that tribunal Venezuela would have a right to set up counter claims to offset those presented by the allies.

Morover, the contention that the claims of the allies should take precedence of the claims of other countries, equally substantial, but which have not been pressed with warships and bombardments of fishing villages, is unfair, not merely to Venezuela, but the countries which have exhibited some moderation and decency in treating with a small, weak and defenseless power.

The situation is irritating to the people of the United States because the idea is steadily taking root that Germany's remarkable activity in attacking Venezuela, and her slowness in accepting the peaceful solution of the matter, has more behind it than merely the collection of commercial debts.

There seems to be an uneasy feeling in Great Britain that the action of Germany is calculated to excite some resentment in the United States which may operate to impair the present good feeling in this country toward Great Britain.

German scientists declare that hypnosis has no value as a healing agency, and perhaps it has not. If it lacks value in this direction, it might as well be dismissed as superfluous, the Ledger believes.

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