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THE REAL WAR.

At the request of several people we publish the following editorial, which appeared in Saturday's Oregonian. It is about the best of the many articles written on the present situation, which has come to our notice, and should be read by all persons interested in this country and its future. The suggestions which are made are capable of being carried out, and the sooner they are put into effect the better it will be for the people of the United States. The Oregonian voices the sentiment of fair minded people when it says:

Probably actual armed conflict between England and the United States will be averted for the present by the prudence of both governments. The United States is not prepared to fight anybody, and Great Britain is sure to have her hands full in the East before next summer. But the diplomatic clash over Venezuela reveals a clash of policies and purposes long understood by thoughtful persons in the United States, and often pointed out by The Oregonian, and now clearly recognized by Sir Charles Dilke, the cleverest British diplomat. This contains the potency of armed conflict, which may be delayed, but cannot be prevented. Its arrival is as certain as the procession of the equinoxes.

Meanwhile this coming clash of arms will be anticipated by a clash of business interests. There will be a war of bourses and tariffs before there is conflict of fleets and armies. There will be a financial and commercial war as soon as the forces can be mobilized, and this is quicker work than the organization of armies or the preparation of naval expeditions. The first blow in this war has been struck already by the concerted movement of great London financiers, in close touch with the government, to dump large quantities of American securities upon the New York market. This already has had the expected effect in causing two or three failures and bringing about a general feeling of insecurity and alarm in financial circles, adding to the ever-present danger of shuck to the national credit by new drain of gold.

This emergency must be met, like an emergency of real war, with judgment and courage. The condition of our finances constitutes as great a state of unfitness for war as the weakness of our army and navy. We cannot hope to meet the strain of even the preliminary conflict of stock markets without taking some measures to amend our currency system. The president pointed out the way in his message to congress, and he enforces it in a supplementary communication, urging that body not to take even a holiday recess until it shall have given assurance that the national credit will be protected and the stability of money values assured by making provision for building up the gold reserve and retiring the excess of government credit currency.

If the congress, which has shown so much patriotic enthusiasm, has judgment and boldness as well, it will lose no time in taking the step the president recommends. That is the first defensive measure in the war of business interests and relations which has been precipitated by the clash of diplomatic policies over Venezuela. Immediately after, or simultaneously, congress should take the first offensive step by declaring a tariff war upon Great Britain. We must strike at her weakest point, as she has struck at ours. She has struck at our sensitive financial system. We must strike back at her sensitive trade. She is sending back our securities. We must send back her goods. She has wrought a panic in New York. We must cause grass to grow in the streets of Bradford and carry ruin to the stock exchanges of Manchester and Glasgow. This way we shall hold our own in the war of business interests.

Congress should prepare a tariff bill immediately after the holiday recess, framed with two main objects in view—to exclude British goods, and to shut British ships out of our carrying trade. This can be done without any infringement of the "most favored nation" clause of treaties, and without giving any just ground for diplomatic complaint. Heavy duties should be imposed upon all manufacturers of wool, cotton and iron, and the old discriminating duties should be restored upon all imports in foreign ships. This should be done

quickly, to prevent enormous importations in anticipation of duty. Revision of the whole tariff schedules should not be attempted. That would take too long, and would encounter factional opposition. All parties ought to agree upon the legislation indicated as a war measure. At the very least, the president ought to be willing to sign it, as a means of carrying out the policy of his message. This will stop the flood of imports which is pressing gold out of the country, and so contribute to defense as well as offense in our war of material interests with Great Britain.

The mere suggestion of war between the United States and England serves to awaken the slumbering patriotism of the people. Everywhere there is an outburst of enthusiasm, which shows the mighty reserve force this country has. Did the United States possess ships and military equipment in proportion to the glowing patriotism of its citizens, war with England would be a thing of short duration. A war scare does good in stirring up the people to greater interest in their country's welfare.

The peaceful slumber of our citizens was awakened last night by the rattling of windows and dashing of the raindrops against the glass. It didn't take long to tell that a genuine chinook had struck the town. The wind from the west has been blowing all day with alternate bursts of sunshine and showers of rain. The streets are sloppy and the sidewalks covered with pools of water. From what can be learned the chinook is general all over this section of country and the snow is rapidly disappearing. The weather bureau predicts colder weather to come tomorrow. Coasting and sleighing is spoiled for the time, but the winter is young yet and there will be plenty of snow to make the roads good for cutters.

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