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The Spectre

Following a long succession of more or less fictitious reasons why the United States government has intervened in the domestic affairs of Nicaragua, Secretary Kellogg has at last favored us with the absolutely final and true reason. It is, the slyly cynical phrasing of the Associated Press report, "the spectre of a bolshevist hegemony" in Latin America, incited from Moscow and Mexico City, threatening the security of the Panama Canal, of our oil, fruit, lumber and other interests everywhere south of the Rio Grande, and eventually, no doubt, menacing the safety, prosperity and democratic institutions of all the United States.

This is the same reason that Assistant Secretary Ojds gave surreptitiously to the press representatives at Washington, some two or three weeks ago, and that Secretary Kellogg, in a formal communication to the senate, later disavowed.

It is now, however, the last refuge. As a justification for otherwise extremely dubious diplomacy it is calculated to win the popular support that always comes when government appeals powerfully to the unthinking patriotism, the religious emotions and the fears of the citizenry.

If all Central and South America is threatened with bolshevism and if only the warships and marines and guns of the United States can stop it, the Man on the Street isn't going to be particularly concerned about whether Diaz or Sacasa is rightfully entitled to the presidency of Nicaragua; neither is a friend of his. He isn't going to split hairs because no one charges that Sacasa is himself a bolshevist, or that any bolshevist activities are reported in Nicaragua. His government tells him that the reds are back of it all, that they are plotting to get us if we don't watch out, that they are poisonous enemies of our homes, our property, our religion and our everything, and his natural reaction is three rousing cheers for anybody who will shoot their gizzards out.

From the immemorial ages that is the way imperialism has operated successfully, and that the makers of wars have been enabled to command popular support, including, when as, and if needed, a plenty of cannon fodder.

Not that, in this instance and at this time, fortunately, there promises to be an extended need for cannon fodder. In the unlikely event that war should result, even with Mexico, and Nicaragua both, it would be a little war, because they are weak and impoverished nations, helpless against the might of the United States. The regular army, the navy and the marines should be able to handle them nicely—and fighting and dying is their trade. There seems no reason to fear the draft, which cheering assurance will further exalt the Man on the Street's robust patriotism.

But while no regular out-and-out war, like the world war, is envisioned, something else is threatened which if less serious still is greatly distressing. And that is the fierce intensifying of hostility to the United States throughout Latin America. While they may not be able to fight us they can hate us—and hating is an occupation in which they shine. When it comes to unreasoning patriotism they yield the palm to nobody. Nor is that all. Our government is telling them that our most dreaded enemy, our greatest fear, is bolshevism. What more natural, then, than for their Man on the Street to jump up and crack his heels for the reds, to gather the red propagandist, if he can find one to his arms as a long-lost brother? All they will need to believe is that every time bolshevism gains a convert our nervous secretary of state has another fit of shuddering. To keep him shuddering from dawn to dewy eve and back to red dawn again may well become their most popular indoor and outdoor diversion.

The situation is one that promises to keep our state department in hot water for many years to come. It is one that promises to play hob with our large and profitable trade with Latin America, and to make this position of our investors and exploiters in its countries less rather than more secure. It is one, furthermore, that will bring rejoicing to the hot hearts of all our enemies of our democratic theories, of all scoffers at our peaceful and altruistic professions, in every land that is seething with revolt against democracy. If bolshevism, or fascism needed anyone to do it a service, Secretary Kellogg, though farthest from intending it, has cheerfully obliged.

The question whether the course upon which we have embarked was a necessary one is water that has run under the bridge. We are committed to it. The administration attended to that before congress was permitted to know why, how, or what. Senators, representatives, the press may indulge in a little raving but in the end we shall have to follow the flag.

For this, as everyone knows, is a great free democracy in which the people rule and in which only congress is permitted to declare war.



Don't Tell Your Wife

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

ASHLAND 10 Years Ago

L. D. Hayer was a business visitor in Medford recently.

W. L. Moore and family visited at the C. E. Gray's Sunday evening.

Howard Fox, who recently resided in Ashland, is visiting in Northern California.

L. S. Engle of Los Angeles, son-in-law of Mrs. S. J. Erwin, is spending a few days with his wife and baby in this city.

B. F. Shaffer has returned from a business trip to Sacramento.

ASHLAND 20 Years Ago

Supt. W. F. Cameron of the city schools, has resumed his work after an enforced vacation induced by an attack of lagrippe.

James L. Wooden, a former Ashland boy and a graduate of the Ashland high school, who later graduated from the medical department of the University of Oregon, is now the leading physician of Clatskanie, Oregon.

Jas. Pelton has recently returned from a trip over into the Fort Klamath region, investigating live stock conditions in that locality.

ASHLAND 30 Years Ago

Miss Springer, a sister of Mrs. L. H. Sotter, arrived in Ashland yesterday for an indefinite stay.

S. E. Faxon has removed to Ashland from his farm in the Central Point district, and his sons will attend the Normal school again this winter. Mr. Faxon has opened up a grain and feed store on Main street, between Granite and Church.

Lester High and Paul Squires, both former Ashland boys have enlisted with the U. S. Navy and are now on the battleship Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Farlow departed for Albany last evening to look after their farm near there and visit their relatives.

Wm. Patterson is over from the Beaver Creek mines as is also Ad Graham.

RELEASE MANY TROUT

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 24.—(UN)—The Oregon state hatchery on the Necanicum river hatched and released into the streams of Clatsop county 2,253, 317 trout during 1926, according to the biennial report of E. F. Averill, state game warden.

Of this number 212,327 were of the cutthroat variety, 44,390 were steelheads and 65,700 were silver-side salmon.

RULES OF THE MIDDISHADE PRIZE CONTEST

First Prize \$500—Second Prize \$200—Third Prize \$100

- 1. The contest is open to any man over 18, except employees of The Middishade Co., Inc.
2. The contest closes February 28th, 1927, at midnight.
3. No slogan containing more than 10 words will be considered. Brevity is important—the shorter the slogan, the better your chance to win.
4. Only ONE slogan from each contestant will be considered by the judges.
5. In addition to your suggested slogan, you must explain in not more than fifty words your reasons for selecting the slogan and why you consider it an effective method of advertising the good qualities of Middishade Blue Serge Suits.
6. The first prize will be awarded to the slogan, and the reasons therefor, which, in the opinion of the judges, is the one best suited to telling the Middishade story. The second, third and 25 suit prizes will be awarded to the next best slogans, and the reasons therefor.
7. If two or more contestants submit the same identical prize-winning slogan and the same reasons for suggesting such slogan, and if such entries are submitted in an equally clear, concise and near form, a duplicate award will be paid to each tying contestant. The decision of the judges will be final and binding on all contestants.
8. Suggested slogans and the "reasons" explaining your choice may be written on paper of any size or style—but you'll find the Entry Blanks a convenience. Miller's Toggery has blanks, but don't let the lack of one keep you out of the contest! Send your suggestions in any form—they'll be carefully considered.
9. Give the name of Miller's Toggery as Middishade Suits representatives.
10. All entries should be mailed to The Middishade Co., Inc., MIDDISHADE BLOCK, Dickinson, South 30th, Reed and South 31st Sts. PHILADELPHIA, before midnight of February 28th, 1927.

Middishade Points That Will Help You

- 1. Middishade Blue Serge Suits are guaranteed waterproof, to give satisfactory wear and keep their original shape.
2. Made by the world's largest "surgical specialists" operating on blue serge suits only.
3. Specialization brings the price down.
4. Although all Middishade Suits are made from the same wonderful serge, infinite variety is achieved by the genius of one of America's greatest designers.
5. There are 32 different models—"fat or thin, short or tall"—Middishade can fit them all.
6. Blue Serge—the only Middishade material—is always in good taste—suitable for almost any occasion—the color which looks best on most men.
7. The Middishade, too—same fine serge with a silk stripe.

Further Particulars At

Miller's Toggery "Hab-a-dash Inn"

Advertisement for DRY WOOD BODY FIR, OAK, MANZANITA. Low Prices on Slab Wood. ALWAYS ON HAND. Try Briquettes, the Clean Fuel. Carson-Fowler Lumber Co.

Southern Pacific seeks to buy 624 miles Oregon & California and other Oregon lines. La Grande—Old Foley Hotel may be razed to make way for modern hotel.