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PRESIDENT AND MEXICO.

In American statesmanship nothing has been stronger than the course of the president in his treatment of the Mexican question. It has been not only humane but just. It would have been brutal to have forced war with a weakling nation just because we had the power, and because it was demanded by large corporate interests. The president's course has been one that commends itself to the masses as strongly as it receives the condemnation of the jingoists who have wanted war for selfish purposes. Mr. Hughes takes the side of the jingoists and seeks to criticize the policy of the president; but he fails utterly to satisfactorily tell what he would have done had he been president. Had he done anything different it would have been war with Mexico, and the attendant bloodshed. An endorsement of Hughes on the Mexican question is an endorsement of war.

MODERN OGRE.

Mrs. Sarah Bard Field says in the San Francisco Bulletin:

An ogre, an awful ogre is coming. He wears seventy league boots which can cross seas, mountains—anything at a bound. He carries shiploads of awful men in his pockets.

That is what the German women and the English women and the French women have been told and they have believed it and cried, "Let us protect our children." That is what the American women have been told and they believe it. A great big ogre sometimes called Germany and sometimes England, once in awhile in California called Japan and sometimes by Mr. Hearst called Mexico, is coming over across the Atlantic or Pacific or the Mexican border at a leap and he is going to eat us all up as the ogre did in Hop-o-my-Thumb. It behooves us, therefore to spend between \$500,000,000 and \$750,000,000 in the next five years on our army and over a billion in the next five years on our navy—two times more than Germany spent in the last five years while preparing herself to the utmost for this present conflict with the English navy. The ogre is a costly enemy but at all costs of life and property the nest—the national nest—must be saved from the devourer.

Big business wants a huge army and navy because big business has reached the end of cheap labor supply in this country, has capitalized this country's resources for about all it can stand and having exploited the people of this land to a place where further exploitation is dangerous is now planning a campaign of world conquest. Last winter President F. A. Vanderlip of the National City bank launched a great foreign trade corporation whose business is to make raids on the neutral resources of foreign lands.

It is called the American International Corporation. It is capitalized at fifty million. Its staff has been recruited from the Standard Oil and the Steel Trust, both of which organizations have given it its enthusiastic support. In a letter concerning this enterprise Mr. Vanderlip appealed to the patriotism of the American people especially the American labor element to be willing to defend this enterprise in every way possible.

In other words they ask labor to be willing to pay with their lives for the profit which these gentlemen make abroad. They ask that the commercial and industrial imperialism of Morgan, Gary, Rockefeller and Vanderlip be backed up by a governmental and military imperialism. They ask that the government hand them over ships and money and incidentally your boys and mine to collect their debts and protect their investments. These are the people who have taken advantage of the horror in Europe to spread fear among us. These are the people who have told men and women the ogre story.

MISFITS

Another Dutch steamer has been torpedoed and the Dutchmen are not squealing loud enough to be heard.

How different this side the Atlantic.

Large numbers who have been waiting for the Hughes letter will now declare for Wilson.

Mr. Hughes says we are living in a fool's paradise. Oh dear, oh dear!

Here's to a safe voyage for the Deutschland all the way home.

The U. S. and all of us continue to remain neutral; but we do like accomplishment.

Boys do well to learn to swim; but they should learn in the company of swimmers, and then in safe water.

In Europe they melt church bells for munitions of war. Whether melted or not they should all be done away with, a relic of newspaperless ages.

Pretty good sun, vacation right here.

For a fact we need a good swimming pool.

It should be in a convenient place and sanitary.

One wonders how one little microbe like Margaret Clark can do so much in a movie.

So great are modern methods that Albany people saw the Deutschland as plainly as any one in the east, and it cost only 15c.

Roosevelt seems to be seriously mad because our boys are not spilling their blood needlessly.

Analysed Mr. Hughes practically says the U. S. should have gone to war. How do you like that?

His Divine Destiny?

The kaiser said:
It is the most poignant grief of my life that I am unable to take a more active part in this war.

I could take my place with the youngest of you, and I promise that I would leave my mark on the enemy. But the inscrutable Almighty has willed otherwise. Into my care has been committed by divine destiny the leadership of our country, its armies and its forces on land and sea.

The burden of thinking and deciding and leading has been hard upon me, and realizing this, I know that my life must not be risked in the foremost line of battle where my feelings, if unrestrained, would carry me swiftly.

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