

Retaliation For the Blacklist.

International Justice Instead of International Law as the Guide for American Policy.

(By Henry Dwight Sedgwick.)
It is to be expected that American firms who have been blacklisted by the French and English should be angry at the loss of prospective gains; so, too, merchants whose dealings with neutral countries have been curtailed or whose letters have been delayed, not to mention others who have been cut off from all trade with Germany. Few or none will blame them for demanding the enforcement of the letter of international law. But should they have the power to obtain their demands and dictate the policy of this country?

These malcontents are not the whole country, nor anything like it; they make but a small fraction of the population. What is the situation with regard to those of us who, with no axes to grind, respect international law, but respect international justice still more? We may sympathize with these merchants, balked of what seem to them legitimate profits, but we have other and deeper sympathies as well. We sympathize with Belgium, which we hold has been outraged; with England, for blood is thicker than water, or should be; with France, our sister republic and old ally; and we believe that they are fighting for the cause of international justice.

We are officially neutral. We adopted neutrality because we did not think that self-interest required us to take part in the war. But neither neutrality nor self-interest requires us to stand like stocks or stones, indifferent to right and wrong. Enough has been done for neutrality; enough has been done for self-interest. The country is at peace; we are not killing or being killed. Those most in love with neutrality ought to be satisfied that the United States of America is doing nothing and saying nothing to help the cause of justice. Those who feel less warmly toward neutrality think that more than enough has been done for it.

And now, at the instigation of a comparatively small band of profit-lovers, Congress authorizes the President to take measures of retaliation—retaliation upon those countries whose soldiers are dying by the hundreds of thousands for the cause we consider the cause of justice. This is too much. The excuse put forward is that Congress is upholding international law, as if international law did not depend upon international justice. The British Government has asked pertinently enough, How about the invasion of Belgium? What protest did our international-law-loving Congress then put forward? We may talk as we please about our duty of maintaining international law; but we have no right to talk so until we shall do something toward upholding international justice.

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Incandescent Gas Lighting.

Possibly, the feature of incandescent gas lighting most frequently noted by casual observers is the great ease with which tasks, ordinarily arduous under artificial light may be performed under the Welsbach gas mantle. The light has a peculiarly "soft" quality, difficult to describe, but which is readily recognized by those who have had experience with the gas mantle lamp.

In its general effect upon bodily health and comfort, the use of incandescent gas lighting is decidedly favorable. The currents of air set up by the burning gas improve ventilation, tending to expel the air vitiated by respiration and draw in fresh air to replace it. Harmful or dangerous disease germs are instantly destroyed in the flame. The extent to which this effect takes place may be verified by placing a gas lamp close to a ceiling without any provision for interfering with the up-rushing air currents. The charred particles which collect immediately above the lamp are the remains of dust particles which before passing through the flames were laden with germs and microbes. Actual experiments have shown that the burning of gas lamps in rooms previously containing bacteria, resulted in absolute sterilization of the air.

Contrary to the popular notion the temperature of rooms lighted by incandescent gas lamps is seldom markedly greater than under incandescent electric light, even under unfavorable conditions of ventilation. While in rooms provided with the ventilating facilities required by the demands of hygiene, the temperature in gas-lighted rooms is frequently lower.

International Justice. The pith of the matter is that when American pockets are touched it insists on the letter of the law, in spite of the fact that its insistence may hinder, delay, and possibly put in doubt the righting of Belgium's wrongs, and the maintenance of the doctrine that treaties shall be kept which constitutes the backbone of international law. The letter of international law kills; the spirit of international justice giveth life.

We hear nowadays very frequently the words, "American ideals." Some of us are at a loss to know how they differ from the ideals of other nations, and our doubts are increased by the uncertainty whether we should estimate "American ideals" by what America says or by what America does. If we are to accept what nations say, we shall believe that all nations pursue all noble ideals, and thereby, perhaps, fall into errors; but if we confine ourselves to what nations do we shall find definite data to go upon. Many nations set greater value on other things than money; Germany, for instance, sets greater value on ambition; Belgium on honor; France on national existence; England on empire; Italy on her unredeemed fellow-countrymen; Russia on the Slav destiny. What shall we say America prefers to money? What says the action of Congress—but that the United States is willing to put a spoke in the wheels of international justice? Congress, however, has shifted the responsibility to the President of the United States, the successor of Washington. The President has uttered many noble words about "American ideals"; he has said they consist in service to humanity, self-sacrifice and the like. Now that he has the power to hinder Belgium, France, England, and their allies in the painful pursuit of international justice, those of us who are not on any blacklist, as well as those who are, await with interest to see how his actions may help define "American ideals" and explain the relations between those ideals and international justice.

Your Boys and Girls.

A good game for the children, kept indoors on a rainy day is the eggshell race. To play this game two empty eggshells and a couple of strips of white tape are required. There is also a little fan which is of use in the game. Mark out two goals by pinning down the pieces of tape at opposite sides of the room, leaving plenty of space behind each for a child to crouch down at the outset of the race.

Place an empty eggshell in the center of each line of tape and choose a boy and girl to play against each other. Give the girl the fan and place her behind the barrier with directions to fan her egg over the barrier and across her opponent's boundary as quickly as possible. The boy player meanwhile has to rely on his lungs to make his egg travel, and the player whose egg first crosses the tape of the enemy wins the game.

THE CRESCENT PICTURE PALACE.

The Crescent Picture Palace presents Davy Don, the celebrated Lubin Comedy man in "The Butcher" to-day. This is a very clever farce comedy. Charles H. West, Linda Davidson and Robert Drouet in "The Smugglers," a great three reel Biograph production, one of the Biograph's best features. "The Golden Supper" is a spectacular old world drama with superb staging and photography. Mr. Sam Rose sings a new novelty song. Professor McCarthy presides at the Piano playing the latest and best music. This is a great mid-week show, don't miss it.

British "Tanks" of American Type.

Officer of Holt Manufacturing Co. Says England Bought 1,000 Tractors Here—Develop 120 Horse Power—Lay Their Own Tracks, Seven Feet at a Time, and Go Over Anything, He Asserts.

Washington, Sept. 18.—The British "tanks," the armored motor cars used in recent assaults on German trenches in northern France so successfully as to attract world-wide attention, were built for the most part in Peoria, Ill., in the form of caterpillar tractors designed many years before the war began for the purpose of meeting some of the difficult problems of modern farming. Except for their armor, their machine guns and their crews, thousands like them are in use to-day in the United States, in plowing, digging ditches, and other labors less heroic than war.

M. M. Baker, Vice-President of the Holt Manufacturing Company, explained here to-day that it was machines made by his company at its Peoria plant that had hurdled German trenches, walked through forests and crawled over shell craters in the face of intense gunfire.

"We have sold about 1,000 caterpillar tractors to the British Government," said Mr. Baker. "We have had nothing to do with putting armor on them, or placing machine guns, but some of our men at Aldershot, Eng., recently were notified that the British Government intended to arm some of the tractors and use them for work other than the usual tending of big guns."

"Germany had some of these tractors before the war began, and although I do not understand how it occurred, I believe she may have got others since then. We have sent some to France and some to Russia. So far as I know, up until the recent appearance of the armored cars, the tractors were used only to tow big guns. I understood that Germany used about forty of them in this work before Liege early in the war and recent photographs show that the British are using some of them now for the same purpose."

Mr. Baker said he did not know how many of the 1,000 tractors sent to England had been armored and put in service as land battleships, nor did he know what equipment the British War Office had placed upon cars to be used in this work.

"It is true," said Mr. Baker, "that these tractors can go ahead over almost anything or through almost anything. They can straddle a trench, go through a swamp, roll over logs, or climb through craters like a ground juggernaut. It looks uncanny to see them crawl along the ground just like a huge caterpillar. In a thick forest, if they encounter trees they could not brush out of their way they could easily be used to uproot them and clear their own paths."

Mr. Baker said the tractors sent to England weigh about 18,000 pounds each, develop 120 horse power and are built of steel. The caterpillar feature, he explained, is of the utmost importance. Speaking broadly, the tractor crawls on two belts, with corrugated surfaces, on either side of the body.

The corrugated surface is on the ground. On the inside of the belts, on each side of the body, are two lines of steel rails, making four lines in all. These rails are in short sections, jointed, and operate over a cogged mechanism that actually lays them down with their belt attachment as the tractor moves ahead and picks them up again, so that the car runs on its own self-made track continuously. The short joints in the rails make it easy to turn to right or left.

Wheel Trucks Support Body.
The body is supported by trucks with five wheels, something like small railroad trucks. Those wheels never touch the ground, but run upon the steel rails. In the ordinary tractor about seven feet of belt and rails is on the ground at one time.

Mr. Baker said that the machine would bridge any trench that was not wider than the length of track it laid on the ground at one time. The "bow" might hit the far side of the trench far below the top, and the "stern" would undoubtedly sink a little, but the tenacity of the tractor, he declared, would enable it to go ahead and climb out.

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chines sent to England, Mr. Baker said, was 24 inches. He declared that the ground pressure is about three pounds per square inch where a 30-inch track is used, or less than that of the foot of either man or horse. He suggested that the British authorities probably had lengthened the track on the tractors used in trench work, giving them even greater power to surmount obstacles.

"We've been making these tractors for the British Government for a long time," said Mr. Baker, "and have not talked much about it. Since their recent use in storming trenches I have seen published reports that led me to believe the secret would come out anyway pretty soon, so I decided it might as well be told now."

Although he would not discuss the matter, it was understood that the United States War Department is experimenting with armored tractors like those now in use on the British battle line.

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The hotel, in fact, is now a health-shop for wounded and otherwise disabled members of our expeditionary force. The men do not have to buy health there; it is given them by us, the Canadian people, through our Military Hospitals Commission.

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How the "Willies" Fight.

Philip Gibbs Describes a "Tank" in Action.

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creature, and it waddled forward right over the old German trenches, went forward very steadily towards the sugar factory. There was a silence from the Germans there, then suddenly their machine gun fire burst out in nervous spasms and splashed against the side of "Creme de Menthe," but the tank did not mind. The bullets fell from its sides harmlessly.

Walked Through Sugar Factory.

It advanced upon a broken wall, leaped up against it heavily until it fell with a crash of bricks, and then rose on to the bricks and passed over them and walked straight into the midst of the factory ruins. From its

sides came flashes of fire and a hose of bullets, and then it tramped around over the machine gun emplacement, "having a grand time," as one of the men said with enthusiasm. It crushed the machine guns under its heavy ribs and killed the machine gun teams with its deadly fire. The infantry followed in and took the place after this good help, and then advanced again around the flanks of the monster.

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