

enemy is held to be responsible for the food shortage, the people will rise, fight and be unified. But it is by no means certain that antagonism may not be directed against the Government and the capitalistic class. The great problem of the Government is to adjust these burdens gradually, and with their imposition to educate their citizens. Fortunately for this end the capitalists have already set the example of self-abnegation, which makes the task of the administration so much the easier.

The cream of the colonizing, dominant races is in America, but with them is the scum of dependent, inferior, downtrodden people. Whether the melting-pot produces dross or gold may soon be seen, for the fate of the United States probably depends on the rôle they play in the World War. They may emerge a real nation or a mere agglomeration of self-seeking individualists, whose society has no higher or more permanent cohesion than that of common opportunity for material prosperity. Not entangled by precedents of alliances of the Machiavellian or Bismarckian type, America has entered world politics. The opportunity is hers to aid in the erection of new standards of international honour, but to make these a living force she must first become a united people.