

Turkey, 350,000,000 behind them. It is bootless so to speculate but if such a thing happened the English and the Latin world would be forced to line up across the way. That would mean North and South America, Italy, France, England and Spain.

Speaking of South America is an interesting subject in this world-reconstruction. Mexico and the Latin Republics were very fine hunting grounds up to recently for the German and English capitalists. They were rich in oil and mineral wealth, and were almost entirely unexplored. There has been and there will be again an effort at federation to the south of the Equator. The potentialities are very great and promising. They have a hundred million people down there. Of course many of them are savages but then, there are savages who are not there. If a railroad ran from Cape Town to Cairo why not one from Panama to Patagonia? Why not have an exposition every other year in the two countries alternately and give the denizens of the district excursion rates?

People who know one another well and understand one another usually don't want to fight. Similarly if I were Asquith I would build a road, a double-header, one of steel and one of asphalt from Cork to Belfast, as short and as straight as the bird flies and I'd have an industrial exhibition at either end every year. I'll guarantee Ireland would soon be a united nation, such as Canada is now. Do you think our Canadians would be so homogeneous if it weren't for the G.T.R., C.P.R. and C.N.R.? These arteries let the blood flow to the extremities, and good circulation means good health. To return: just now Uncle Sam has awakened to the importance of South America and he is making love to it very hotly. This winter all the aristocrats and plutocrats of South America have turned New York into a little Paris and the hotels, theatres and restaurants are beginning to think South America's money at least is all right. They will never all go back to Paris. Such is the force of a break in habit. The Americans know how to appreciate this, as everyone knows that people who are socially congenial will soon find a way to be commercially accommodating. One hundred million people makes a fine market and the Americans are manufacturers. Besides, the best journals in the United States are trying to educate its business people as to how to approach the æsthetic Latin merchant of the South. President Wilson—and this is big play—is having conferences frequently to which are invited members of the Southern governments, wherein ways and means are discussed of bringing the two countries closer together socially and economically. The "watchful waiting" as to Mexico has done tons of good south of the equator, coupled with a few highly accentuated pronouncements of the