

WHY THE UNITED STATES

where. But he rather suspects that there are places and countries where it is not very well understood, or where its growth is checked by intolerant exploiters of the people in the guise of kings, politicians, or professional militarists. Well, Lincoln sagaciously said that you couldn't fool all of the people all of the time, and it must be that the people everywhere will sooner or later find their way to freedom. Meanwhile the good old U.S.A. can keep on setting a sound example. One practical thing she *can* do, however—and he takes great pride in helping her to do it—she can show the world that in spite of her political isolation her heart is in the right place, by giving aid freely and generously whenever necessity requires it, to any branch of the human family that is suffering from sudden disaster or acute privation. For if freedom is our friend's first word, humanity is his second. Uncle Sam is jealously independent, no doubt, but he is also incurably benevolent.

These ideals of our friend the business man find ready counterparts in the other classes and categories existing in American society—the doctor, the lawyer, the journalist, the college professor. Indeed, all American types tend to think of the Republic as a free, humane, progressive exemplar for the coming of the new social and political order in the world at large.

These values have always been latent in the national consciousness of America. Since August, 1914, however, as she has watched the course of events in Europe and the Near East there has gradually come into her mind a new conviction: