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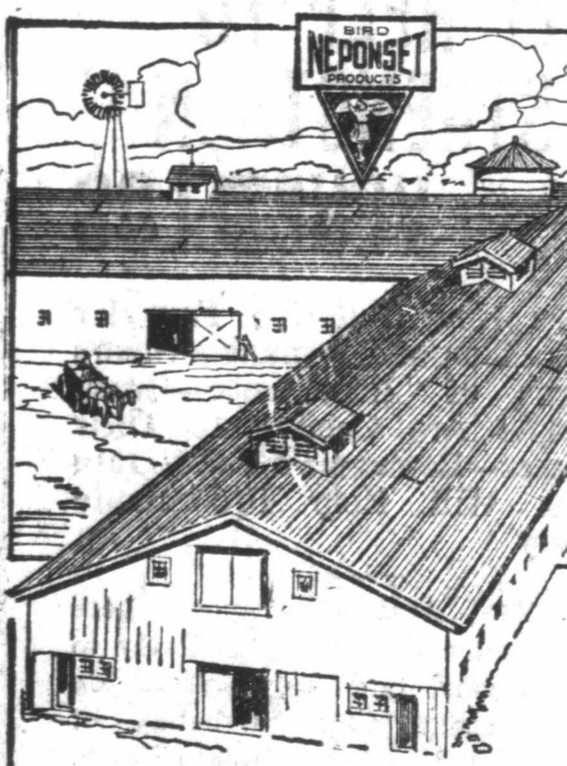
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**What War Between the States And Mexico Really Means**

(By Senator Robert La Follette in La Follette's magazine for August 1916.)  
Back of all modern war is practically one policy. It is Financial Imperialism. It is the scheme of using the surplus wealth wrung unlawfully from the people of a country by the financial interests that dominate that country, and the use of that surplus wealth through investments in the weaker, undeveloped governments of the world.

This policy lies back of the present great military programme, not only in this country but in the other countries of the world. It is behind the present war in Europe; it is the underlying cause of that which has converted almost all of Europe into a human slaughter pen.

Those who are eager for intervention and war with Mexico should remember that England entered upon the conquering of the Transvaals with the assurance of the military party of Great Britain that it would not take six months, that it would cost but \$50,000,000, that the armies of Great Britain would eat their Christmas turkey in Pretoria if they were only given orders to march.

Let the people of the United States who want war with Mexico consider the striking parallel as made by Norman Angell: The people of Mexico inhabit a mountainous country; the Boers live in much such a country as that. The people of Mexico are the best horsemen on this hemisphere. They may not be the best shots, but they are the best horsemen. There are 15,000,000 of them; I think there were about 400,000 of the Boers. England undertook to subjugate the Boers and to conquer the Transvaal. The military party in England stated that it would cost \$50,000,000 and take a few months; it cost \$1,250,000,000; it took four years; it took 400,000 soldiers; and then they discovered that they had conquered the Transvaal, but had not conquered the Boers. They found that the only way to keep the Transvaal "conquered" was to maintain a standing army of 500,000 English soldiers there all the while; and Great Britain gave it up.

What did they do? They established a sort of colonial government that enabled the Boers to govern themselves, nominally under the foreign office of the British Empire, but the man who had led the forces of the Boers in the field against Great Britain was put at the head of that government. There were some English officials retained there, but they did not last very long. The Boer head of the government arrested every Englishman connected with the government, loaded them on to a train one midnight, and shipped them to England with orders that they should be deposited on the sidewalk in London. That was done.

Parliament ordered an investigation, in this country who hold Mexican properties. It would be sacrifice of the blood of our soldier boys—not for national defense, not for national honor, not for "humanitarian purposes,"—but only for one thing; the profits of foreign speculators. Let there be no such terrible calamity. The Transvaal conquered without amity.

maintaining perpetually a standing army there, and that therefore it had been considered wise to give them a form of self-government, and to put the general who had been commander of all the Boer forces against Great Britain at the head of that government. He advised that they had better accept the situation just as it was, unless they wanted to start another affair with the Transvaal. And Great Britain accepted it.

The Boer War which listed three years cost Great Britain \$1,250,000,000. And it did not accomplish anything! Keep that in mind when some of the gentlemen who are speaking for American investments in Mexico clamor for war with Mexico. There is a momentous lesson in the efforts of the representatives of two nations to arrive at an understanding and avert the consequences of war. But if there should come some flaming up of passions, if there should come some opportunity for the representatives of those who have brought Mexico with American money and want to rule it—want intervention—then let us all remember what happened to England in an effort to subjugate the Boers.

If we ever enter upon the conquest of Mexico—and the office of prophecy is a somewhat hazardous one—let me say that in a hundred years we will not conquer Mexico; we will maintain for a hundred years a standing army of a million men in Mexico; we will place the burden of that on the American people.

If the time ever comes when we shall attempt to invade Mexico, it will be because American capital has gone down there and invested. They who own Mexico are the ones who want war.

So far as preserving order is concerned, we can patrol the border, we can keep an army there, with soldiers to cover every foot of it better and at a cost far less than we can carry on a war with Mexico. Such a war would last beyond the life of everybody now living.

The Mexican people will fight to the last man for their rights, as they see them. They may not be their rights just as we see them; they may not have the kind of government which we think ought to have; but it is their country and their government, and the intrusion of American capitalists in it for the purpose of making money does not give us any right to go in there and change the form of their government. It may be the kind of government best suited to people of that type.

**LET'S ALL JOIN IN THE CHORUS.**

Don't stop my paper, printer;  
Don't strike my name off yet;  
You know the times are stringent  
And dollars are hard to get;  
But tug a little harder  
Is what I mean to do,  
And scrape enough together—  
Enough for me and you.

I can't afford to drop it,  
And I find it doesn't pay  
To do without a paper.  
However others may;  
I hate to ask my neighbors  
To give me theirs on loan;  
They can't just say, but mean it,  
"Why don't you have your own?"

You can't tell how we miss it,  
If it, by any fate,  
Should happen not to reach us,  
Or come a little late;  
Then all is in a hubbub  
And things go all awry;  
And printer, if you're married  
You'll know the reason why.

The children want those stories,  
And wife is anxious, too,  
At first to glance it over,  
And then to read it through;  
And I read the editorials  
And scan the local views,  
And read the correspondence  
And every bit of news.

**SUBSTITUTE FOR SPRUCE TO MAKE WOOD PULP**

**U.S. Secretary for Agriculture Says Present Paper Scarcity Is Abnormal**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—The White House made public Thursday a letter to the President from Secretary of Agriculture Houston regarding the print paper situation. He stated that the supply of spruce, from which a large percentage of ground wood pulp is made, is becoming limited, but experiments have shown that twenty-two species of wood, of which large quantities are available, give immediate promise as substitutes for spruce.

He said a detailed study of the sulphite pulp manufacturing process is now well advanced. The forest service also, he said, has offered for sale large amounts of timber in the national forests favorable for pulp operations.

In conclusion Mr. Houston said: "Our experts are inclined to believe that the present condition may be temporary. I am informed that before the war eastern markets, which are the principal paper markets of the country were fully supplied by American mills and the imports from several foreign countries. Prices, as a result, were so low as to offer little inducement to new mills in the west where our great timber reserves are located."

"It is probable that conditions after the war may be very similar to those which existed before."

It takes a life of large experience to avoid getting all the lemons.

**Must Strip to Skin to Leave Germany**

**Everybody Leaving Germany Subjected to Most Microscopic Examination**

By CARY W. ACKERMAN. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) COPENHAGEN, Aug. 26.—Everyone who leaves Germany today via Warnemunde for Denmark is stripped to the skin. Ears, nose, teeth and toes are examined to see that no information or plans for the enemy are being carried out.

Reichstag members, wives of officials, correspondents and laborers are treated the same. An American crossing the border yesterday remarked that before long it would be necessary for the inspection station to be built into the Baltic sea so that the travelers could address on the German border, walk into the water and swim to a waiting station near the ferry and wait for the clothes and baggage to be examined and forwarded by canoe.

When travellers leave the train they enter a small wooden shed, resembling in many respects a temporary bath-house at an American beach. Here the passports are taken away and shoved into an enclosed room where they are examined. The holders are given numbers.

When the passport of a traveller is finished he is called into another room, where he is questioned about the objects of his journey. From here the wayfarer goes to a large room, where the baggage is examined while detectives stand in front and in back to see that nothing is slipped by.

Every scrap of paper or cardboard is taken away, even wrappings and paper lining to boxes. Cotton is removed from medicine bottles. Cigars are examined, some are cut open, chocolate in sealed packages is opened, the wrapping destroyed and half the chocolate broken up into bits to see that nothing is hidden.

Shoes with a new half sole are opened. The searcher feels everything, examines canes to see whether they are hollow, open umbrellas, holds every collar up to the light to see that nothing is written on the lining.

"After the baggage is examined," said an American woman who crossed the border yesterday, "the men and women are taken into separate compartments, about the size of a large individual bath house and there every bit of clothing is removed. Women are examined by women, men by men."

"The searcher went through every piece of my clothes, examined the border of my underwear and held almost every inch of my clothes up to the light. Even the roses I wore were examined and, my wrist watch was opened back and front, so also my shoes, umbrella and hat."

"I had to take down my hair and my scalp was examined thoroughly. I suppose to see that I didn't have a map of Metz concealed thereon. Then my ears, teeth, hands, toes and back were examined, but fortunately I was not washed in alcohol to see if there were any concealed map drawn on my skin. The alcohol and a basin of water with towels were there and on a shelf I noticed a bottle of aromatic spirits of ammonia and drinking water for those who might faint under examination, but in every way the women were courteous and gentle."

After that was over the passengers were permitted to board the ship, but there they encountered a score of spies who watched for every mote and who listened to every remark. The Germans take no chances with any one.

Articles which are taken away during the examination are wrapped up before the eyes of the traveller and posted back to an address he gives of any friends in Berlin. Only suspicious articles are confiscated.

At present no rubber goods of any kind can be taken out no matter if it is the most necessary article. Not an ounce of rubber leaves Germany today.

**A Minor Detail.**

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Lawyer's Wife—"But he didn't die he?"

Lawyer—"Yes. He was doctor there but we didn't have time to bring that fact out."

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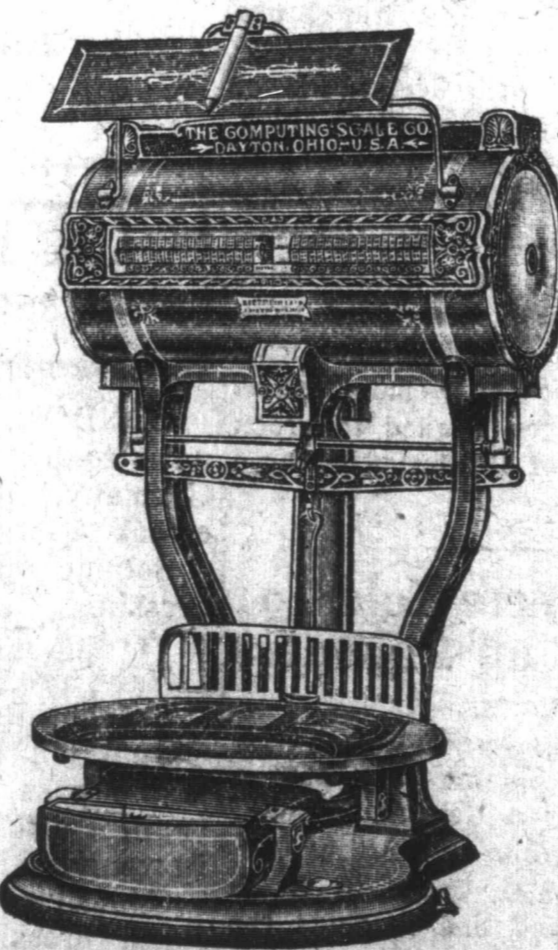
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