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WHY AMERICA THOUGH OFFICIALLY NEUTRAL,

APPEARS TO BE PRO-ENGLISH

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American business is so closely related and interwoven with English business, as to be practically identical in its interests. Anything what hurts English business, therefore also hurts American business, and as the German war seriously hurt English business, American business and all what it controls, from the captain of industry to the newspaper editors, became strongly pro-English and hostile to Germany, that is, with all good intentions about neutrality, can look at the situation only with the eyes of the Englishman. As the business interests control the press, the newspapers, with few exceptions, are pro-English, and this leads to the impression that the American nation is anti-German.

Furthermore, America is financially heavily in debt to England, and a debtor is not in a position to take an independent attitude towards his creditor, but has to talk low.

Two generations ago England was the only industrial nation and became rich by exploiting all the other nations. Now her riches are "invested", several thousand million dollars in the United States, and every year we pay hundreds of millions of dollars to England, more possibly, than all the thirteen colonies were worth, when they <sup>fought</sup> fight against "taxation without

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representation"; only we do not call it "taxes" now, but "dividends" and "interest on the investment"; but the question, which the American may well ask himself, is: "Has our war of independence been fought in vain?"

There is a serious side to England: with many hundreds of millions of dollars of unearned increment on capital invested in foreign countries coming in every year, England is not working for everything she consumes, but living on the taxation of foreign countries, just as Spain did after the discovery of America, and the same fate threatens England, which has overtaken other parasitic nations, and the beginning is already noticeable in the going down of many industries. But the decay of England would be a very serious loss to the world.

However, as the pro-English sentiment is based on business interest, it may cease and reverse just as suddenly, when American business interests are being interfered with. In this lies the seriousness of the extension of the meaning of contraband, to which England has been forced by the exigencies of war. American business is gradually adjusting itself to the war, and begins to resent the interference with the export trade, especially in commodities as oil and copper, which have powerful business interests back of them, and it would therefore not be astonishing, in case of England maintaining its attitude, to see American sentiment - as influenced by

business interests - in the next few months become strongly hostile to the Allies.

From the German point of view, the present war started as the inevitable fight for supremacy, between the Slav and the German races. England, by treacherously siding with Slav and Latin against its own race, made it impossible for the Germans to win a decisive victory. The only thing for Germany to do then was, first to prove to the Allies conclusively, that they could never defeat Germany; after this, to come to an agreement with Russia, and then to proceed to destroy the traitor, England.

Neither Germany nor Russia would surrender anything in their agreement, but England's colonial empire, the plunder of centuries, would pay the price: Germany blames England for betraying it to alien races, and all what Russia is now fighting for, would have been accomplished generations ago, except for England's hostility, and not very many years ago, the arrival of the English fleet stopped the entrance of the Russian army into its old capitol "*Constantinople*" or Constantinople.

The "understanding" between Germany and Russia probably would comprise a german sphere of influence from Scandinavia to the Balkans, over Asia minor and Mesopotamia to the Persian Gulf, and all territory west thereof, including Egypt and all Africa, while the Russian dominion would cover

the territory east thereof, including India, Tibet, Mongolia and interior China, with possibly an insular empire of Japan: Russia may be able to mediate between Germany and Japan, since Japan's interest now is not against Germany, but against England, as the last nation which still holds property taken from China as the price of helping it against Japan twenty years ago.

With Russia out of the fight, the position of the Allies naturally would become hopeless, and France would quickly make peace at the best terms which it can get.

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