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St. George and The Dragon.

In olden times St. George, the patron Saint of England, once travelled through a part of that country that was infested by a huge and venomous Dragon, whom even the strongest could not vanquish and whose scaly skin was proof against all the arrows of the populace aimed at him.

Day by day, wherever arose his slimy head and fiery eyes he claimed his victims, until the people fled before him in terror.

At this juncture providentially appeared on the scene the good St. George, who sallying out on his charger armed with his spear, meets and vanquishes the monster, and the people have peace and quiet, and God is glorified in the miracle wrought by the hand of his saint.

The story is a beautiful one, but like all other myths lacks direct evidence, however, it teaches a salutary lesson to the Peoples that he who runs may read.

To-day there is a voracious dragon in the land, whose head is in England and whose tail is in the United States, and who circles in his slimy coils all the colonies of the British Empire. His name is IMPERIALISM and he lives on Blood; he spareth neither age or sex; he is the Minatour resurrected, and brings in his train seven other devils as rapacious as himself, who are War, Conquest, Aggression, Oppression, Capitalism, Pride and Lust of Power. They not only prey upon the poor of their own

countries and grind them in the dust, but compass sea and land wherever are weak and wealthy nations and

"Wherever are savage peoples
To cozen, coerce and scare."

The conscience of these countries in the persons of cool, calculating and humane people, who care as much for the injustice these leaders of war, rapine and pillage are doing their own people as the wrong they are doing to others, have steadily denounced them and their policy but they have been laughed at, derided, hooted and are lucky if they are not booted and mobbed by an unreasoning multitude, to whom conquest and territorial aggrandizement is fame and glory no matter though without reason and at a terrible cost in blood and treasure to themselves and their own countries.

When will another St. George arise, who, shod with the sandals of truth protected by the shield of Right, and in his hand the Sword of Justice, shall meet and vanquish this dragon and all his attendant train, and slay the servants that worship at his shrine, both the recreant priests who forsake the doctrines of the Prince of Peace and lift up their voices for war, and the unconscionable traffickers in the souls of the slaves and misguided mortals who make food for this Dragon.

Why Not Arbitrate?

Now, that through the efforts of President Roosevelt, the dispute between the coal miners and the operators in the Anthracite region is in a fair way of just and amicable settlement, and the pretensions and privileges of the coal barons will have to yield in a great measure to the rights and necessities of the miners, it might not be a bad idea for King Edward to call a commission in London and make an effort to bring together the representatives of the Irish landlords and the National leaders with the object of having this long standing dispute put before an impartial tribunal and adjudged on its merits. As the head of a great empire, the interests of all classes from whom he claims loyalty should be equal with him and he cannot afford to create the natural inference, by his silence and inaction that he is on the side of the wealthy and privileged classes and against the poor and struggling. We feel sure that the Irish people and their leaders would meet him more than half way and hail him as a friend and benefactor.



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President Roosevelt has shown by his action that the Presidency is not a mere sinecure, and that the President is not a mere figurehead to give beauty and symmetry to the exterior of the edifice while the interior is full of rotteness and injustice, so let King Edward show that the throne is not a barricade for Injustice, Arrogance and Oppression to hide themselves behind, and that the head of a great Empire (the poor as well as the rich) he must show an impartial interest in all in some other way besides coronations, royal visits, grand state levees and drawing room receptions, in which the common people are not taken into account, if he wishes to keep them loyal to his dynasty.

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