

It costs more to put the  
"pick of the wheat" into

**PURITY  
FLOUR**

But it makes

"MORE BREAD AND  
BETTER BREAD"



## Why Should The U. S. Be Heard?

What Has it Done to Earn a  
Hearing in Peace Settle-  
ment?

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Editor Argonaut.—In your issue of November 4th—editorial, "The issue and the Man"—commenting on presidential possibilities, you say: "The redrawing of the map of Europe, while broadly speaking a wholly foreign interest, will nevertheless call for close and wise attention, probably for active participation on our part." And further down you say: "Then there will come the rewriting of the rules of war, a matter in which our interest will be one of the gravest."

Let us suppose the United States does take part in "rewriting the rules of war," and your nation becomes signatory of these new rules. When war next breaks out what will the United States do to see that these rewritten rules are enforced. The United States was signatory of the rules and regulations of The Hague Convention. If the rewritten rules of war are violated will the attitude of the United States be the same as when The Hague rules were violated.

I refer you further to your issue of October 28, 1916, "Vanity Fair," page 284. This writer comments on diamond sales in your country during the war. He states that at the outbreak of the war there was an instant cessation of diamond-buying. He goes on to state that in May, 1915, sales of these gems dropped away down; but your people, feeling the great need of diamonds as a spring tonic, began to purchase freely, so that in May, 1916, diamond sales jumped to upwards of five millions of dollars greater than ever before, except in 1913, when an increase of duties was pending. Now, why the diamond boom in May, 1916? Your writer, "Vanity Fair," gives the reason. He says: "The effect of the war orders was to flood the country with money" and the United States citizen was "once more disposed to smile on the assurances of his womenfolk that the diamonds they already possessed were worn and shabby and must be replaced."

Now your "Vanity Fair" uses the word flood advisedly. Flood is the word, for in the month of May, 1916, the United States battleship Prosperity, "too proud to fight," but crowded with diamond bedecked women, was sailing on the flood of blood and tears and woe of nations battling for freedom and civilization. The Prosperity did not throw out a single rope, except to tie it around more war orders. The Prosperity later on cruised the Atlantic sea-board, warning the British cruisers off, so that German transatlantic submarines might dock in American ports and load contraband of war and but for these same British cruisers the German navy might be bombarding your coast cities.

Now in the face of these facts, in the face of the condemnation of your government's course from your big and best men—Roosevelt, Root, Dr. Eliot of Harvard, Cravath, the great corporation lawyer, and hosts of others—and condemnation from the most influential of your press, you have the temerity to suggest that your country may have a voice in re-writing the map of Europe, that is, may have a voice in saying who shall own Beringland and control the Kiel Canal, may have a voice in saying whether or not Russia shall have free

entrance to the Black Sea, may have a voice in saying whether or not the Turk shall be driven from Europe, and a score of matters such as these.

What, in the name of all that is holy, has the United States done to earn a hearing? Loaned money and provided munitions of war at huge profits used to buy diamonds. Your talk about re-drawing the map of Europe, in view of your Mexican accomplishments, is enough to make the angels weep.

I have been a subscriber and reader of the Argonaut at intervals for twenty eight years. It is a high-class paper, most ably edited, with high-class contributions, but surely you must be aware that since this war began the feeling of thinking and informed British people towards Americans has undergone a change, and that any attempt at interference now or later in settling this war—in redrawing map or rules—will be resented. The United States has elected to stay out, now keep out.

If I can understand what I read such has been intimated to you by several members of the British government, and somewhat forcibly by Lloyd George the biggest man today in the known world. The British Empire went into this war unprepared, and up to this day is paying the price of unpreparedness. There is hardly a home (including the writer's) in the English speaking provinces of Canada that has not paid, or will not pay, this price—in whole or in part—in killed, in maimed, in nerve wrecked, broken hearted men. But some things are worse than war, and you can pay too high a price for peace. Your government has elected to stay out at the sacrifice of national honor and national soul. That government has now been returned by your people and the old programme of "strict accountability" and "watchful waiting" is endorsed.

In so far as your attitude in this war is concerned, unbiased history will write you down a sordid, soulless, shirking nation.

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## Allies Now In Best Position

London, Dec. 29.—Hillaire Bello, the military critic, in a forthcoming detailed review of the war in 1916, attributes Germany's anxiety for peace to an exhaustion of her effective, a result of the new tactical method adopted by the allies which inflicts by local offensives greater losses upon the defence than are suffered by the attacking troops.

"This situation is the whole cause of the enemy's desire for peace," Mr. Bello writes. "For every sixty-five men the enemy now has in action, inclusive of field depots and some armies, but exclusive of men in uniform working behind the armies and useless from a military viewpoint, the enemy sees drafts of about twenty to supply the wastage between this season and the late part of next summer. This is grossly insufficient. The allies, on the other hand, see indefinitely larger reserves of human material."

Colonel F. N. Maude, in a review of the war, soon to be published, declares that the Allies are in better position to insist upon their superiority than are the Germans. "Three vital points have been gained by us by our efforts during the past year," he says. "They are, first, the definite ascendancy of our artillery and air power, which together enable us to create conditions favorable for infantry attacks; second, the superior morale of our infantry, which can be relied upon to carry and hold the positions opposed to it; finally, our staff has now gained experience and seems so thoroughly at home in new conditions that it is to the last degree improbable that we shall ever hear again of reinforcements failing to reach the fighting line at a critical time."

"Certainly, we have had to buy our experience at heavy cost, but the consolation remains that it is nothing compared with what the enemy has expended without obtaining equivalent advances."

## A WISE MAN'S BRAIN IN IMBECILE'S HEAD

Remarkable Story of Wizard Doctor's  
Operation to Restore His Son's  
Mental Balance

In London, England, there is said to live a man with a stolen brain. In his head is the brain of an intellectual giant; his own has returned to dust along with the body of the man whose brain was stolen. If it be true, then the greatest surgical triumph of all ages has been wrought. The brain of a genius can have immortal life on earth. When death impedes an operation can remove his brain and in its place put that of an ignorant man, while at the same time the brain of the wise man is transferred to the other's head.

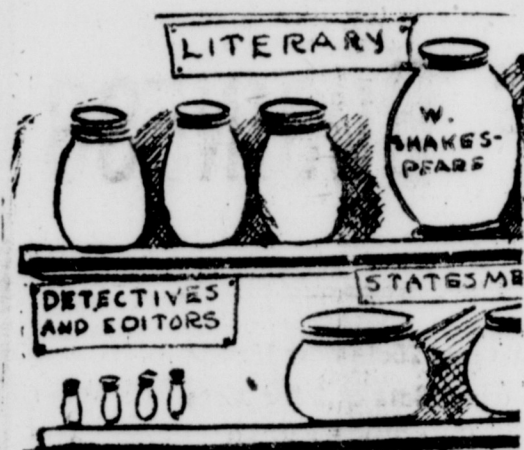
Thus without years of study and experimentation the erstwhile ignorant man starts then and there at the very point of wisdom the first man had reached, and thus future substitutions may pass along that brain to future generations, it growing wiser as the snow ball grows bigger by going on and on.

Several years ago Joseph Warschawski—there is no doubt as to the correctness of the name—a youth of humble origin, but of brilliant intellectual attainments, mysteriously disappeared from London. His father, a furrier, alarmed at his son's long absence, communicated with the police. They were unable to learn anything of the missing young man.

Four years ago Joseph Warschawski was found quite by accident in a wretched East Side tenement in New York. He was then a semi-imbecile, unable to tell what had happened to him. But he could not have arrived in New York in that condition, as he would have been rejected as an undesirable alien. Shortly afterwards a famous surgeon whose remarkable operations from time to time astonished humanity, died. Among his papers was found one labelled "The Case of Joseph Warschawski."

In the document, the surgeon confessed that he had, while in London, heard of the brilliant intellectual attainments of a poor young Polish Jew. He made the acquaintance of the young man, and invited him to some rooms he was occupying near St. Thomas' Hospital. There he administered a potion causing the youth to lose all knowledge of his own identity. He then took passage for himself and his victim by the next boat to New York.

The doctor was a widower with one son, stricken with brain trouble and rapidly approaching imbecility. A few days after the doctor's arrival he performed an extraordinary operation. The imbecile son and Warschawski were placed under anaesthetics. The brilliant brain of Joseph



Is this a possibility of the future?

Warschawski was transferred to the head of the doctor's son and the diseased brain of the doctor's son was transferred to the head of Joseph Warschawski.

Both recovered. The doctor's son rose from his bed of illness and Joseph Warschawski returned out into the streets a normal imbecile.

The doctor's son, says the report, became an eminent novelist and dramatist. Two of his plays were produced with great success in London. He declares, however, that there is no truth in the story of his father's astounding operation.

**The Wonderful Swordfish**  
So powerful is the jaw of the swordfish that it has been known to attack and pierce through copper vessels, to pierce through copper sheeting and oak planks to a depth of ten inches.

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