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If We Win the War

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Did you think there were "moral" issues in this war? That one side was all white and the other all black? Or have you had a suspicion that perhaps this was a fight between the British pound and American dollar on one side and the German Mark on the other? Business Survey tells its readers confidentially that:

If the U. S. wins the war, it will require vast amounts of U. S. capital and business initiative, and "world leadership" by the U. S. Pump-priming must come from U. S. financing, for the rehabilitation of Europe and Asia; from U. S. financing of development in Latin America. Imports will have to increase over exports, otherwise "foreign borrowers again would be unable to service their debts to U. S." It will also be necessary to accept a low tariff policy to assist imports or "U. S. would be unable to capitalize successfully on its new role."

There it is, in a nut-shell; the owners of capital planning a war which will enable them to cash in and provide opportunities for investment of capital after the war, at the expense of home industries, at the expense of American labor. We are to admit large quantities of foreign goods so that foreign borrowers can "service their debts" to U. S. leaders. Money first, men second. Our young men in arms are not only to fight for Wall Street and the London "City", but to pay for their own coffins as well. They are to do the fighting and accept the slaughter in the name of fine phrases from the pens of the intellectuals, while their families face post-war unemployment. All this because we must admit a surplus of imports over exports to allow our foreign debtors to pay interest to U. S. financiers.

There are those who say "this war is different." No war is ever "different",—every war is planned in the interests of ruling financial powers, and fought by the people who also foot the bill. A pretty good racket if you can get in at the top.