

ico are such as fully to justify the fears suggested by Admiral Mahan.

Sitting in his office with the American consul one evening last March, the President of the National Railroad of Mexico was handed a succession of telegrams stating that in that one day forty-two railroad bridges had been burned by revolutionists. Who is to pay for them? Does any one suppose the Germans will remain unreimbursed? And in considering various ways and means such as a world power may take in collecting debts, the following table, compiled by the Bureau of Naval Intelligence, has immediate interest:

RELATIVE ORDER OF WARSHIP TONNAGE.

Present Order (Tonnage Completed)	Nation	Tonnage
1	Great Britain	2,097,247
2	Germany	865,984
3	United States	763,132
4	France	627,787
5	Japan	471,952
6	Russia	286,930
7	Italy	224,837
8	Austria	198,159

As Would Be the Case if Vessels Now Building Were Completed

Nation	Tonnage
Great Britain	2,483,545
Germany	1,133,878
United States	929,351
France	807,717
Japan	616,528
Russia	595,807
Italy	413,882
Austria	260,751

Furthermore, the strength of the Monroe Doctrine thus far has been that in the proper hands it could be made to work both ways. As a rule of international law, formally recognized by other nations, it is without effect. No nation has ever acknowledged it. Nevertheless, we have proclaimed to the world that we shall regard any further acquisition of American territory by a European State as an unfriendly act. The implication of such words is plain. It is incumbent on us to keep order. It is incumbent on us to see that European capital, honestly invested, shall receive such fair returns as the preservation of order insures. There is indeed graver obligation than that,

one involving our existence as a nation. The Monroe Doctrine is no stronger than the navy. It is supremely incumbent, therefore, on the United States to maintain a navy the equal of that of any nation except England—who will attempt no acts of aggression against this country. Failing in that, as a policy of national defense we should have so ordered affairs in those States we have taken under our wing that no European State could discover just cause of offense.

Concerning the navy, look the table of warship tonnage over. A year ago United States tonnage was second only to that of England. On April first of this year Germany's total tonnage is 1,133,878; that of the United States 929,351. Why this naval activity on the part of Germany? Let us not further delude ourselves that it is against the English, who have little that Germany wants; perhaps nothing she could take by force. Germany is after land, land for her over-population, land for her emigrants, land, above all, where the inhabitants would welcome her coming.

The launching of the first dreadnaught by England precipitated a revolution in naval armament second only in importance to the invention of the Monitor and Merrimac, with the relegation of sailing ships to the scrap-heap. Of the dreadnaught type of ships, ships of the first class, including those authorized, and battle-cruisers, Germany has now twenty-three, with a tonnage of 538,074. Opposed to this the United States can muster but thirteen ships of this class, with a tonnage of only 307,650—little more than one-half that of Germany. It is conceded by all naval experts that the theater of the next naval conflict will be the Caribbean Sea, at our very doors, though we are therein a stranger, where the English and German trade-routes converge. Where, finally, possession of the Panama Canal will insure victory to the victor and defray by its revenues forever the expense of the conflict.

The House of Cards

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"much was she in for?" he asked. "Twenty-eight thousand. We got twenty-one from the glassware and she has brought enough business to cover the rest, all but a few hundreds. I think we might—"

"No—don't let her." "I know, but she has been pretty good to us. I figure she must have brought in thirty thousand since she has been hustling. Counting out her quarter, that's twenty-three thousand, about, for us. Let her play."

It was Mrs. Livingston speaking. The man answered quickly. "Belle you'd kill the goose that is laying the eggs," he objected gruffly. "Let her rest awhile."

"I believe you—you care for her," the woman returned with a little petulant, jealous ring in her tone.

"Good night!" replied the man in protest. "Belle, you know there's only one thing I care for except you—money that will make us both happy."

There was a pause. "Where were they pawned?" she asked at length, changing the subject. "In Philadelphia," he answered, naming a street.

"And the tickets?" "She has them now, carries them with her in her purse, always."

"Well, if I can get them as security—why not let her play again, if she wants to?"

It flashed over Lawson that this woman saw in Mrs. Carlyle a rival, perhaps that she would stop at nothing until she had broken her.

"Belle, I tell you it is too risky. If the old geezer—"

The voices trailed away in the distance as they left the room.

Clare pulled off the receiver of the detectaphone. Her mind was made up. She must act quickly.

"That's all for tonight, Billy," she said wearily. "In the morning I shall have worked out a plan."

WHAT? My wife a gambler? stormed Carlyle the next day, as Detective Kendall unfolded to him so much of the story as she chose to tell her client at present. "Why, I have given her express orders never to play."

He looked hard at Clare. "I don't believe it," he added.

"Let me see if I can recover the gems," she quietly persisted. "That was what you wanted first, anyhow. They are pawned in Philadelphia for twenty-one thousand dollars. Give me a certified check for that amount so that I can get the money right away. I think I can recover them—and after that get the money back, too."

"All right," he agreed at length. "Get them, if you can, by all means. They are beyond money to me. Pay anything for them. At least, tie them up so that no one else can get them."

He wrote out the check with unsteady hand. Clare took it and did not wait, lest he might change his mind.

"Really, Billy, I feel ashamed of myself for it all," she confided late in the afternoon as Lawson met the Philadelphia train at the railroad terminal.

"You got them?" he asked eagerly. "Yes, there were the jewels right enough, about fifty thousand dollars' worth of them."

"How did you get the pawntickets?" "That's what I am ashamed of. But there was no other way. Either I had to get them, or some one else would have done so. I had to use



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