

DEALING WITH HEARST.

Nobody wants the job of dealing with the muck and the filth and the poison of a foul sewer. It is a dirty and a dangerous job. But the time comes when, in the public interest, it has to be done.

Canada learns with chagrin that the newspaper publications of William Randolph Hearst are again to be permitted to pollute her news-stands and be sold upon her streets. This exponent of disloyalty to his own country, of hatred toward Britain, of distortion of facts, of dishonest treatment of news, of faked cables, of pro-German propaganda, of salacious sensationalism, seeks once more to dump his offal in this Dominion. The war-time action of the Federal Government in placing the ban upon his papers met with universal commendation. Relaxation of that restriction will be as generally and as emphatically deplored.

The Globe believes in the freedom of the Press. It believes, too, in individual freedom. But it recognizes the right of the citizen to be protected from the criminal. And it recognizes the right of the nation to refuse its hospitality to the avowed and unscrupulous alien enemy.

In its issue of last Saturday, January 31, 1920, Hearst prints upon the editorial page of his New York American a picture of the new British dreadnought, H.M.S. Hood. And here is the text of his leading editorial:

"Such battleships as this one pictured on this page are therefore built to menace US.

"They MUST be.

"There is no other nation against whom England would need such ships.

"England is not only strengthening her huge navy.

"She is enlarging her army. She has appropriated \$300,000,000 to build up an 'air fleet.'

"And we PAY THE BILL.

"That is just what we are doing.

"The money to build these battleships and these airships and to enlarge the British army is money DUE TO US—interest due on the gigantic loans England obtained to use in her war.

"Our Congress has decided that it can spare only \$30,000,000 for an air fleet—one-tenth what England has appropriated.

"Our Congress says we haven't any more money to spare for airships.

"And then it proposes to excuse England from paying the interest for three years on her debt to us—because England wants the money TO BUILD SEA FLEETS AND AIR FLEETS!

"In all the history of nations was one Government ever made such a fool of by another?

"And on top of that, the British press fills its pages with revilings—with ugly and sneering statements that we went into the war to make money.

"That we waited for two years to see which side would win, so that we could go in on the winning side!

"That we pretended neutrality so that we could profiteer!

"That's no reward for saving these people from the licking that was coming to them—and which a lot of Americans think would have done them good.

"First they borrow our money.

"Then they beg our food.

"Then they cry for our soldiers.

"Then they shake their fists in our faces, because they can't get any more from us.

"We wonder what these Anglo-philles who were filling the press with 'our dear mother-country,' and 'blood thicker than water' and 'hands across the sea' and all that sort of sickening, sentimental nonsense a few months ago have to say now—when they say anything where they can be heard.

"There are too many of these serfs of England in private life yet, and too many in public life.

"It is high time we Americans spoke out and rebuked this sort. It is high time that certain hybrids in the Congress and in the Administration heard that this is still an American Nation.

"The patriotic Americans in the Congress should act.

"Let England pay us what they owe.

"Collect the interest on the money they borrowed.

"Millions of Americans were persuaded, and many were coerced, into helping to make these loans to England.

"Our Government raised the money by borrowing it from the American people on the security of Liberty bonds and then loaned it to England and now it is proposed that WE be taxed again to pay the interest due to US—in order to let the British borrowers build battleships and airfleets to intimidate us in the future!

"Have we an American Government in Washington, or have we a British Government Annex?

"This picture looks as if we had the Annex.

"This most powerful battleship in the world was built with the money that we are lending England.

"If we keep on lending money to England to build ships, she will be able to come over here and blow New York off the earth any time she wants."

There is a time when the liar becomes more than a nuisance—when he becomes a menace. When that time comes it is the duty of the State to deal with him. William Randolph Hearst is the most contemptible of creatures, a traitor to his native land. He is one of those who "shall go down to the vile dust from which he sprung, unwept, unhonored and unsung." He will be remembered as the man who prodded anarchy

into the assassination of William McKinley; who plotted with von Bernstorff after the murder of hundreds of his fellow-citizens, including women and children, on the Lusitania; who, even after the United States formally entered the roll of the Allied nations in the Great War, diligently played the enemy's game during the life-and-death struggle in which his own country was involved. It is to be expected that this sort of a creature will continue his miserable efforts to injure his native land and to mislead its people by all the untruthful and dishonest arts at his command.

But there is no reason why Canada should permit the Hearst sewers to dump their pestilence into this country. This country is no garbage can. There is no place here for the avowed and unscrupulous alien enemy. The doors should remain barred. And, at a time when patriotic Canadian newspapers have had to suspend publication temporarily, owing to the shortage of newsprint, the Dominion Government might well consider the advisability of stopping the enormous supply of Canadian paper consumed by the Hearst papers in publishing these lying and dishonest attacks on the Motherland and in endeavoring to sow distrust and discord between Canadians and their cousins south of the international boundary line. Too long has Canada permitted the Hearst creature to bite the hand that fed it. Has the time not come to ban Hearst publications and Hearst news services forever in this country and to stop their supply of paper from this country? This is not a matter of fiscal policy. It is merely muzzling the frothing mouth of a dangerous dog.