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EDITORIAL

Two Kinds of War Reporting.

In the present war the correspondents are not permitted to report anything of their own knowledge; in Mexico they are allowed to report everything that takes place, and vastly more that does not happen at all.

S. C.



His Back to the Future.

Among the things to be thankful for this coming Thanksgiving Day is the fact that Theodore Roosevelt, when he swings his Big Stick, has only his own weight to put into the blow, and not the weight of the American people. In his address to the students of Princeton, Mr. Roosevelt said that he had seen with his own eyes plans of two of the nations now at war to capture American cities and hold them for ransom. Doubtless this interesting event will take place at the conclusion of the present war, when the money will be very much needed. He also explained to the young men that a nation could enforce a treaty only when it had a stronger military establishment than any other nation, and that it was safe from attack only when it was stronger than all other nations combined. Commenting in a recent press article on the peace treaties negotiated at Washington, Mr. Roosevelt said:

The ruthless strength of the great absolutist leaders—Elizabeth of England, Catherine of Russia, Peter the Great, Frederick the Great, Napoleon, Bismarck—is certainly infinitely better for their own nations and is probably better for mankind at large than the loquacious impotence, ultimately trouble-breeding, which has recently marked our own international policy. Strength at least commands respect; whereas the prattling feebleness that dares not rebuke any concrete wrong, and whose proposals for right are marked by sheer fatuity, is fit only to excite weeping among angels, and among men the bitter laughter of scorn.

Some men learn by experience; some have wisdom thrust upon them; and some—never learn at all.

S. C.