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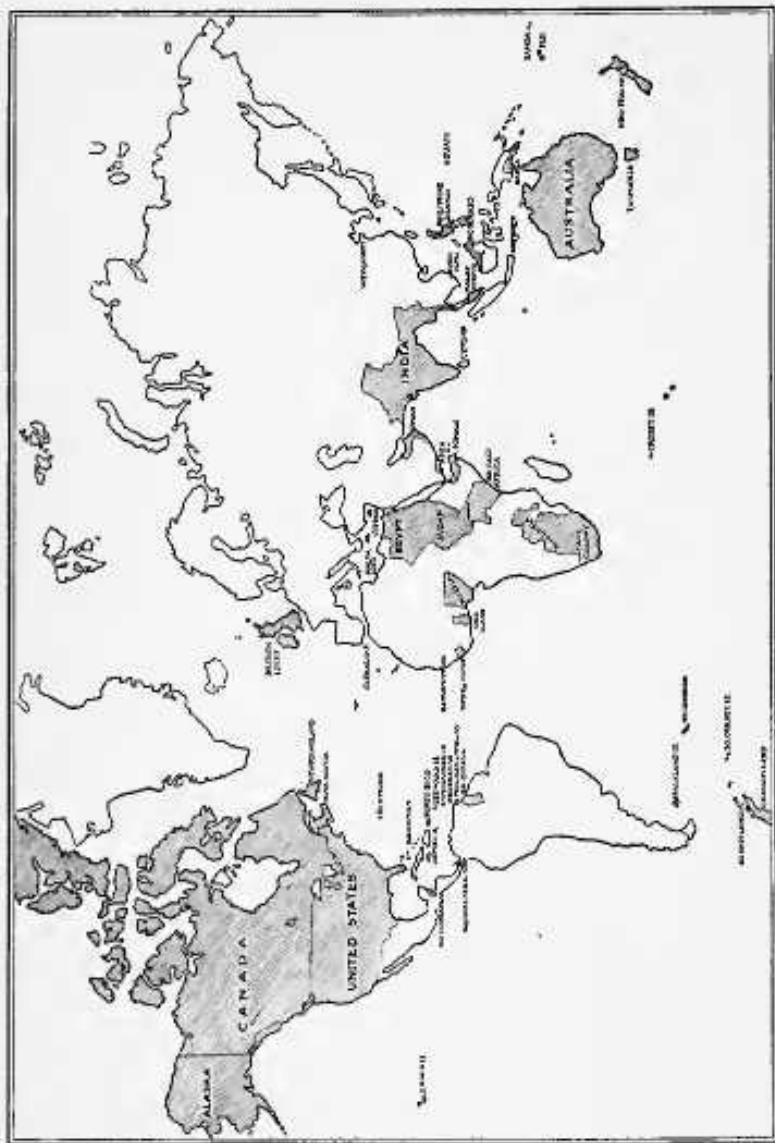
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THE ANGLO-AMERICAN WORLD. Land areas of considerable size governed and controlled by Great Britain and America are indicated by shaded lines. Island possessions are indicated by dashed lines. The six great families of English-speaking people — Great Britain, the Union of South Africa, Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, dominate the Atlantic and make the Pacific "the Mediterranean of the twentieth century." With Egypt as the gate to Africa, with India as the keystone of Asia and island groups occupying strategic points, the Anglo-American combination is in a position of unparalleled power and opportunity. (See Fact VII.)

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To
ALL MY FELLOW-CHRISTIANS
IN AMERICA WHO ARE WILLING
TO BE OF WORLD SIZE

WHY THESE TEN FACTS?

Every patriotic American rejoices over the splendid prospects for our foreign trade which have come as the result of the War. The signs which point to a noteworthy expansion of our commerce are unmistakable. Congress is bound to repeal or amend the ill-advised shipping laws which have favored rival powers at the expense of the United States. A large increase in our merchant marine is already assured and docking facilities are improving rapidly. One sure indication is the fact that the great banking houses of New York are establishing branches in the commercial centers of Asia, Africa, and South America, while schools for the training of employes for foreign service have come to the front as an entirely new development in education. The newspapers, since the signing of the armistice, have been particularly busy in this realm with their interesting "broad-sides" upon "The peace settlement and America's foreign trade." I take up my paper this New Year's Day morning and find that the leading article is entitled, "All Mankind Needs the Help of America." It is a well-considered statement of the trade opportunities which are beckoning our manufacturers and exporters from every quarter of the earth.

All this is admirable, and every red-blooded American is thankful that at last we are to have our full share in the world's commerce. The nations need our resources

and we have a right to the profit which is involved. But is this all? How about a world service of a much higher kind — a service which will perpetuate the noble altruism that led us into the War, and enable us to apply on a world scale the humane and spiritual ministrations which gave to the War a distinctly religious character? "All Mankind Needs the Help of America." True — but in more ways than the writer of that article imagined.

It is time we were discussing this matter in an earnest, definite way. The world has come to believe that there are some things for which Americans care more than for the Almighty Dollar. The War has placed us on a pedestal in the eyes of the nations. Our idealism is known to the remotest tribes of Asia. Are we now to fall from this high estate? Are we to settle down upon a materialistic basis? Or are we to become a mighty factor in the higher life of the world? The big question before America in these days is not business, but philanthropy and religion — what part are we to take in rebuilding the world upon the foundations of God?

This book is offered as a contribution toward such a discussion. It presents ten great facts which bear upon America's new responsibility. It is written with the idea that the primary need is for information. There has been, possibly, enough of academic discussion in pulpit and press as to America's duty in respect to the new world. Most of us recognize the principle; but we want to know the facts as to the world's need and the direction in which our efforts should be made. We need the compulsion of concrete realities.