

EDITORIAL

## ANENT MOROCCO.

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**I**N its issue of September 13, the *New York Evening Post* precluded its report on the Morocco situation, front page, first column, with the following headlines:

“France’s Reply Approved

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“President Fallieres Saw Note That Goes To Germany

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“Courier May Leave Berlin With It To-night—Officers of Kaiser’s Government Believe That Part of Its Proposals Will be Accepted—More French Money Is Withdrawn.”

Is the above a “pi”? Not likely. The line to the effect that a carrier may leave Berlin, wholly out of keeping with the reading matter that followed, together with certain other turns of the headlines are in keeping with the *Post’s* uniform anti-war policy. Ten to one, the headlines were, if not purposely, at least unconsciously twisted so as to echo the *Post’s* wishes that war on Morocco may be averted.

Is then the *Post* a class-unconscious capitalist publication, ready to sacrifice dividends and profits to humanity, and peace? No, not that.

Not all capitalists love war. For one thing, while war promotes many “Interests,” many others suffer there by. Is the *Post* perchance owned by “Interests” that would suffer from a European war with Morocco? We doubt it. Whether the “Interests” that control the *Post* would suffer or not by this or any other war, the paper would throw its influence against war.

What, then’s the matter with the *Post*, seeing it is unquestionably and up-to-the-handle capitalist publication?

As already stated, not all capitalists love war. Indeed, it may be said that those

who do love war are a cruder set. War, for war's sake, is not loved by the capitalist. Where war is at all loved by him it is loved as a means to an end—profits. If profits can be obtained in equal volume without war his choice would balance equal in the scale. If, however, profits can be obtained in larger volume without war, peace becomes the capitalist's decided choice.

Now, then, there is a capitalist school, and that the most clear-headed, which figures that, in most cases, profits can flow more plentiful without the instrumentality of war. This school is the "Manchester School." The "Manchester School" calculates that, while a war may open new markets and thereby offer larger fields for profits, the identical end, larger profits, can be attained by squeezing wages down, a process that offers little difficulty where the Labor Market already is over-stocked.

The *New York Evening Post* is of the "Manchester School."

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