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COURTING COLUMBIA.

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THE Rochambeau festival in Washington, following closely upon the heels of Prince Henry's visit, and both events obviously provoked by a previous one, to wit, England's recent attitude of love and affection for America mark a new era in international relations. No doubt the new era was on foot some time before. These three demonstrations are, however, in the nature of official confirmation.

It is not to be denied that England, Germany and France are capitalist countries. But neither is it deniable that in all the three countries feudalism still plays a role, strongest in England and Germany, and perceptibly, tho' to a much slighter degree, in France. In America, however, capitalism stands out sole possessor of the field. The courting, the anxiety to court, the necessity to court America, displayed by these three leading European countries, amounts to a summary of the economic development that has taken place. It tells the tale, so to speak, of how completely the scepter has passed from the hands of the Landlord Rulers to those of the Capitalist Rulers. It also may be cited as the grandiosest illustration of the fact that "white parasols and elephants mad with pride" have ceased to be the attributes of land possession and have become those of capital possession.

Capital to-day is the sovereign of the world. At its feet are crowns, and coronets and feudal pride. The glory of the old is departed, and the raw-boned Bourgeois is on top. The nation that wishes peace for the people must acknowledge its vassalage. In courting Columbia, England, Germany and France own their dependence upon her.

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