

THE SHADOW

(Or in the shadow)

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Without a shadow of a doubt, the life of our hero had nothing in common with that one of the radio, movies and cartoons. Not having any charm, charisma or glamour, his only and doubtful contribution to the elegance of his time was the use of an inseparable of wide brims and dress shirts with high, stiff starched collars, to the best "Santos-Dumont" (Belle-Époque) style.

Born in Houston, Texas, he was the seventh son of a prosperous and wealthy banker, who was also a merchant, exporter, great landowner who grew cotton and sugar, and represented British interests in the United States. Discrete, subtle and diligent, he received refined superior education directed to the exciting world of high business, articulations and political lobby.

Like the nowadays' election marketers, of whom he was, undoubtedly, the unequivocal predecessor, he devoted body and soul to the formulation of always successful electoral campaigns for the government of Texas. He helped to elect Governors Hogg, Culberson, Sayers and Lanham successively. In spite of his great modesty and simplicity, he received the title of Lieutenant - Colonel in the National Guard of Texas for his great skill at guiding so many winning governors. He demonstrated satisfaction and pride for the title, and as such has been known ever since, having passed to History as the "The Colonel".

The unquestionable qualities of "The Colonel Shadow", discrete and reliable personality, solid academic education, splendid professional success, liberal-social political profile, in spite of his ideas in favor of a totalitarian central government, although tolerant and of social nature, made him the European Oligarchic Elite's favorite speaker. This group of leaders secretly intended to lay the foundations of a New World Order, more convenient for their interests in the American continent, that were somewhat contradicted since the Independence War.

Handling powerful political, commercial and economical interests in the New World, they nostalgically remembered that the Ancient Order had given them the adventurous times of the XVIII and XIX centuries and the awakening of the Industrial Age, as well as the delicacies of the so-called "Pax Britannia" with the Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, French, German and British colonial empires. In spite of the coalition of forces and interests that inspired it being merely worldly, stateless and without visible religious motivations, that Era had been, essentially, a time of imposed peace, administered according to the Christian ethics code. Despite the apparent solidity, such a colonialist arrangement began to dash against the emerging force of America, contradicting the old oligarchic theory that the Third World was inferior to the civilized society of the Western Europe. That was how the old European aspiration of manipulating the fate of the New World ended up in the serious defeat at Yorktown, Virginia, in 1781.

Although the independence war was still in course and the French Revolution was still going to happen in eight years, that is the place where the Old Order had been buried forever, and the world forced to change its imperial ambitions of supremacy based on the simple use of war power.

When America, finally, began to stretch its muscles, the European elitist powers understood that such a huge wealth could no more be maintained or controlled by force. The subtle alternative would be the use of cunning, moved by financial investment, allied people's action, the purchase of business initiative nuclei, even if still incipient, and the acquisition of large portions of lands. But, most of all, the European financiers and merchants knew they could control the United States' economy if they were able to impose on them an American equivalent to the Bundesbank, the Bank of England, or the Bank of France, that is, an Independent (and ...private...!) Central Bank.

To lead such an ambitious, complex and secret task they needed a loyal and competent American ally, planted in the government's heart.

The "Shadow", bearer of an unusual and impressive work on political engineering, impeccable education and family background, became the natural applicant for the formidable task of choosing and patronizing a President for the United States! After all, since that time it was already said that... "no other North American of his time was so well and closely related to so many men of international prestige" ...1, especially bankers, to whom he had been introduced by his father in his education period in Great-Britain. Unanimously approved for the mission, his first task would be to select the ideal person to be the next president.

The choice was the obscure Woodrow Wilson, to whom he was introduced in 1911. After that he started to concentrate efforts in order to obtain Woodrow Wilson's indication to the presidency by the Democratic Party, whose electoral decadence was noticeable at that time. Receiving total and ostensible support from American families of political and financial prestige, like the Rockefellers, Jacob Schiff, Bernard Baruch, Thomas Fortune Ryan and Adolf Ochs, he had no

great difficulties in getting it. Wilson was a worthy man with stainless reputation and an honest Christian, but totally unaware of the international finances and the federal government complexities. Hostage of the immense force that supported him, as soon as he got elected in 1912, he delegated the Colonel absolute power in the field of International Relations.

The "Shadow" became, then, the man on the back stage of the Power, directly responsible for the arrangements that would facilitate the influence of the international banking system on America's freedom and patrimonial and political integrity.

**THE "SHADOW" COORDINATES THE CREATION OF THE "FED" –
A PRIVATE CENTRAL BANK FOR THE UNITED STATES !!!**

... "I sincerely believe... that banking establishments are more dangerous to our freedom than standing armies. Already they have raised up a money aristocracy that challenges the government. The issuing power should be taken from the banks and restored to the people to whom it properly belongs"...

THOMAS JEFFERSON

In the beginning of the XX century there was a widespread sensation of fear in the American society. Financial crises that happened in the XIX century, mainly in 1873 and 1893 made the population feel deeply insecure. In 1836 there were about 12,000 types of currency in circulation in the country, and 5,000 of them were totally fraudulent or false. There was no unified monetary coordination and each bank in operation issued its own currency, guaranteed in cash, silver or gold. It was, of course, a chaotic system. There was, however, a lot of popular resistance to the creation of a central bank authority, because they still had in living memory the severe submission to the rigid English monetary patterns of the colonial times.

Only with the outbreak of the civil war, amidst serious crisis, the country could issue a truly national currency named "Greenbacks" for the first time in its own history.

In spite of the wide range significance of that measure, the bankers, who used to issue their own currency, obtained certain restrictions on the use of the Greenbacks from the Congress. They could only be used to pay the soldiers' wages and to make citizens' current transactions. They could not be used for paying the national debt interests, taxes or import tariffs. Together with the Greenbacks, gold and silver circulated and, at the end of the war, the new currency had lost public trust and its value had been reduced to only 30% of the initial purchasing power.

Such system and the chronic crises of coin shortage, inflation, deflation or depression, that happened periodically, were the reason of the citizens' fears. In 1907 a new crisis came out and the people panicked... "Hundreds of thousands of people lost their properties, thousands of workers wandered on the streets. There was no money. The People had deposited their money in the banks, but the banks were closed."...2.

Then, taking advantage of that critical moment, the bankers began to conceive a new currency and a financial system that allowed them to offer credits on a wide scale. For many years they had been propagating the idea of a central bank for the United States. They alleged that there would be no more coin shortage, nor panic, depression, inflation or deflation... "The bankers had been working to achieve that goal for years and they could wait. They knew exactly what they were doing. And their methods were so subtle, refined and secret that people would never know how much they all were being robbed."...3. In November 1930 there had been a preparatory and secret meeting of world-wide powerful men and American financial leaders on the paradise-like Jekyll Island, next to the State of Georgia's coast.

The most powerful participants were, on the American side, Senator Nelson Aldrich, banker and multi-millionaire Nelson Rockefeller's grandfather and, for the European oligarchy, Paul Moritz Warburg.

Paul Warburg represented the powerful Rothschild House from Germany and, having moved to New York in 1912, he bought an important partnership in the influential Bank House Kuhn, Loeb & Co. of that city with the Rothschild's' money. The other partners in the enterprise were Otto Kahn and Jacob Schiff, head of the institution, who had married Teresa Loeb. Paul Warburg, the owner of the Warburg House, from Hamburg, had also married another of Mr. Loeb's daughters, becoming, therefore, Jacob Schiff's brother-in-law. The investment had become more solid through the family ties.

As already seen, those bankers wanted, and they had been preparing themselves for a long time, to create a private financial system that could put an end to the existing disorder and insecurity. It should be established, however, by the federal government, which should be entirely responsible for the obligations already contracted with the private central bank. The issued bills would be private papers and exclusively managed by the bank system. The banks, as a group, would then be able to control the monetary offer, to determine the interest rates and the credit amount.

With such a precise organization, they would have the total financial control of the country and the people's destiny. That's why the conspiracy group had spent two weeks in conversation on Jekyll Island. They traveled from New York to Georgia in a private, hermetically closed train; they used code names and were served by people that could not know who they were.

The general rules of the debated matters were agreed, and they can be summarized in Paul Moritz Warburg's statement:... "We need to escape from

this stigma of a private company. We have to convince people that it is a governmental agency. We have to name it Federal Reserve System "... 4.

They only needed someone who could materialize such daring ideas, a task for The Shadow.

The Colonel, as we have already seen, had taken action and Wilson, the appointed democratic candidate, won the presidential race against Theodor Roosevelt. His electoral platform, written by the Colonel, presented two solemn promises: the first, of toughly opposing to the power of Wall Street's bankers; the second, of keeping the United States out of the war.

Shortly after being elected, Wilson, inspired by the Shadow's ideas and pressures, succeeded in passing the Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution that allowed him to get approved, at the very Christmas recess of the Congress in 1913, the project of creating a group of twelve regional banks of private stock control, each of them named Federal Reserve Bank of...(individual names according to the region where it was to be installed), forming an integrated system (Federal Reserve System).

This system should be run by a board, named Federal Reserve Board, whose members would be indicated by the private shareholders and by the central government. Besides, still advised by the Colonel, Wilson got approved the legislation that changed the rules of collecting and specific application of funds from the Income tax, forcing the American taxpayer to pay directly for the loans the bankers would provide the Treasury through the FED, using the money that the twelve banks of the System were authorized to issue freely. "With a single strike of the pen the control of the United States economy and the monetary system was taken away from the Congress that once had gotten that power granted by the Constitution...5. And from that moment on, the economy started to be controlled, anonymously, by bankers and financiers as simple shareholders, "owners" of the private central banking system, the Federal Reserve System...

People were no longer the absolute masters of their taxes and their Budget's destination, bearing in mind that the income tax collection now depended directly on the satisfaction of the financings granted by the FED to the Treasury. It was the definitive rise of the "Money Power"... in spite of, enigmatically, these two measures that guaranteed the financial control of the United States by the capitalist private group were also part of the doctrine defended by the... "Communist Manifesto"!...

To illustrate the point, we recommend a quick look at the back side of any American dollar bill. You will find a small circular seal, with a capital letter in the center, to the left of the presidential effigy. This seal identifies which of the FED's twelve regional banks issued the bill... That verification, however, will only be possible on bills issued before 1998, because those with a new effigy recently printed omit such interesting information. Now they only show in this place the logo mark of the Federal Reserve System...

As for the second promise of the campaign, three years after being elected Wilson became an uncompromising defender of the war, seeking ... " "... The FED financed the national effort for the conflict and its members were allowed to operate as "dealers" to sell war bonus, increasing its profits. However, neither Wilson nor the Shadow could hide the fact that the United States' entrance in World War I, besides the alleged altruistic reasons, allowed the international bankers, the FED's shareholders, to charge the enormous loans they had previously given to France and England that were then deeply in debt. With the amazing birth of the FED, joining in the largest and most powerful financial enterprise of man's history the might of Rothschild, Warburg, Schiff, Kahn, Loeb, Belmont, Morgan and Rockefeller, the European political and financial oligarchy by the Shadow's and Woodrow Wilson's competent hands achieved, in practice and in behalf of the total control of the world finances, something sublime and never imagined before: a fusion of capital, that synchronized centuries and centuries in an amazing, apparently indissoluble marriage. The result of that marriage was revealed, in its true greatness, at the postwar period, when, at the Bretton Woods meeting, the American Dollar, a simple currency of private issue, was chosen as a reference value and planetary center, weight and measure of the international financial system!!! The world had, finally, its basic currency (but not yet the only one), totally controlled by the private banking system and, although the world was not well aware of it, the private group became the universal heir of all immense and inexhaustible power that such a capacity may represent!!!

THE SHADOW COORDINATES THE CREATION OF THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS - C F R.

".... There is a power somewhere so organized, so subtle, so watchful, so interlocked, so complete, and so pervasive that they better not speak above their breath when they speak in condemnation of it."

WOODROW WILSON

In spite of the allied victory in World War I, its horrors and the death of thousands of citizens and soldiers shocked the populations and the rulers of Europe and America. After the cannons had silenced, the main political, intellectual, financial and business leaders understood to be indispensable to throw the seeds of a unified world government, thus eliminating divergences among states and nations and preventing the occurrence of another devastating war. The elite of leaders also noticed that, in case they reached such an objective, they would be creating a tremendous opportunity to guarantee themselves and their associates power and wealth beyond imagination. They

found out, however, that very few people would be willing to give up the sovereignty of their countries in favor of a foreign denomination inherent to a unified world government. For this reason they understood that, to reach their final goal, they should organize and impose their project of a global and totalitarian government, in a slow, surreptitious way, using the help of semi-secret organizations and forged loyalties. Those institutions, often of public utility and use, would keep operation unity and obedience to the guidelines coming from other hierarchically superior organizations, in a pyramidal administration of power subordination and secrecy. A scheme so organized, with generous financings would allow (as it has been gradually happening ever since) the convergent, unified, worldwide thought to reach the media, the university, the political parties, the popular conscience, the parliaments and, even certain religious denominations. Bankers who had intensively participated in the effort to elect Wilson and had benefited themselves by taking the stock control of the FED, put a lot of financial and political effort to achieve their goals, already partially achieved in their efficient sphere of action. As an example, Paul Warburg's statement to the American senators: "We will have a world government, whether we like it or not. The only question is, whether this world government will be achieved by consent or by conquest."...6. The public opinion having been persuaded, after a long and elaborate preparation that would involve actions of those centers of power, their leaders and representatives, the project formal implementation could then be definitely done. It would be necessary, however, to take the first step quickly. Delegates to the Peace Conference met in Paris, on May 30th, 1919 at the Majestic Hotel to draw guidelines that would lead the world governments to a unified result. However, the official excuse for this meeting was to find an organ to congregate finance, trade and industry private leaders, who would act as "Counselors" of their own governments on planning the economical and external relations policies, aiming to international cooperation. With that spirit, the United States, led by a personal representative of President Wilson in the Conference, congregated a cast of "heavy weights" of the world scenery and founded the Council on Foreign Relations - C.F.R. Established in New York in 1921, with an initial board of 273 remarkable members, being its most visible part a beautiful building in that city, named Pratt House, at the corner of Park Avenue and 68th Street, coincidentally very close to the Russian Consulate. The Shadow was the diplomatic representative, and certainly responsible for the main ideas that have been orientating CFR's actions all these years. Along with the creation of C.F.R., parallel organizations were founded in several countries so as to align them with the growing plans of a true world association. So, in London, England, similar elite formed the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House Group); in France, in Paris, the Centre D'Etudes de Politique Étrangère rose, and in Hamburg, Germany, the Institut für Answartige Politik, all concerned in reconciling European interests with the guidelines of C.F.R. Later on, the system

gradually acquired its contemporary dimension, similar to an octopus, due to the creation, joining and incorporation of institutions such as the Group of the Seven, the Trilateral Commission, the Interamerican Dialogue, the Washington Consensus, Mont Pélérin Liberal Society, The Bilderbergers, The Alliance, The Council of Europe, the Club of Paris, the Club of Rome, the World Federalist Movement, the APEC, the World Media, some of the most renowned Universities, the secret societies, most of the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), etc...As for C.F.R., it is a well-known fact that, since its foundation, it has been attracting men of power and influence, thereby getting acquainted of the intrigues of power and informing them to selected members. Such a capacity became explicit from 1940 on, when CFR's officials invited by President Roosevelt gained influence over the State Department and have kept it ever since. We just have to know that all of the State Secretaries, but one, have been members and all of the War and Defense Secretaries, without exception, have been CFR's members since 1940. So far, this influence has only been growing and spreading to other vital areas of the American society and has eventually gained the world. "There would be no exaggeration to say that this elite group has been constituting the true United States' secret government since 1945, having in mind that, besides business and financial leaders, intellectuals, the military and politicians, it also includes the leaders of the Republican and Democratic parties"...7. During the presidential election of 1992, the Americans could choose among the "presidential flavors" that the C.F.R. had to offer them because according to "the Council On Foreign Relations Annual Report for 1993", Chairman Peter Peterson proudly informed the distinguished associates that the presidential candidates George Bush, Bill Clinton and Ross Perot were all members of C.F.R. Also some Council associates have already controlled or still control the NBC, CBS, the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, the Des Moines Register and many others of first-line newspapers. The leaders of magazines Time, Life, Newsweek, Fortune, Business Week and other countless publications are also members of the C.F.R. Others dominate the remaining media, the academic world, unions, top corporations, military segments and practically all important areas of the American life, as we can conclude after reading the following list: Federal Reserve Board, IMF; World Bank (Bird); GATT; Rockefeller Foundation, Ford and Carnegie; Chase Manhattan Bank; First National City Bank, J.P.Morgan Bank; Universities of Harvard, Columbia, Chicago and Yale. In the field of foreign policy, the visible arm of the C.F.R. is the Foreign Affairs magazine. Sitting on top of that huge pyramid of power, as "Chairman of the Board", is David Rockefeller, as the absolute king.... "Like in any other nation of the world, in the United States there is also an organization that acts behind the curtains and holds an enormous power. It has been controlling the Country's economy and the objectives of the U. S. foreign policy in the last 70 years, weather or not the man at the White House is a Democratic or Republican,

liberal or conservative, moderate or extremist. This power is beyond elections, although it has always been capable of promoting its results. Besides wealth administration, its main objective is to establish a single world government, where the money will be controlled by one or more private and independent central banks"...8. In the same way, among the American intellectuals there is already the firm conviction that... "for better or for worse, the United Nations, as we know them now, the IMF, the World Bank and the Bretton Woods Agreement were not a product of the United States' government in itself, but of CFR's members in charge of accomplishing goals of that organization" ...9.

THE SHADOW COORDINATES THE CREATION OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

"We are approaching the moment that the only effective scale of operations of some importance will be the global scale. The state nations will have to be deprived of their sovereignty and be subordinated to a global world government's sovereignty. I think that world state will need an armed police and have enough power to impose peace... The people of each nowadays independent sovereign state will have to resign to their country's sovereignty and subordinate to an established world government's supreme sovereignty."

ARNOLD TOYNBEE,
Historian, in "Surviving the Future"

"To achieve world government, it is necessary to remove from the minds of men their individualism, loyalty to family traditions, national patriotism and religious dogmas."

BROCK CHISOLM,
U.S. World Health Organization

The Shadow's most significant step on his globalizing agenda was to lead Wilson to the creation of the League of Nations in 1920, after the end of World War I. "That was the first really serious attempt to establish a unified world government"...10, and..."Although the Colonel..., counselor of President Woodrow Wilson had done his best to deceive America into joining to the League of Nations, based in Geneva, the Senate of the United States recognized the dangers of foreign interference and domination. The Senate refused to ratify America's affiliation and kept the United States out of the international system until the end of World War II". The Senate's rejection was like pouring cold water on the Colonel's plans and postponed the globalist agenda for several decades 11. Disappointed, but not defeated, the Shadow and his friends

continued to march towards the world government's plans and then they founded the Council of Foreign Relations (C.F.R.), as it was already mentioned, and as an alternative to seize the global power by different means, in case the League of Nations did not succeed. It was part of the secret plans for creating the League that it, as an embryo of a future global world government, should work in order to organize the member states around common principles; agreed to decide disputes in universally acceptable global law courts; created a police force capable of imposing sanctions decreed by the League to its members; adopted a single currency and bank system; accepted the abolition of fixed borders, the concept of Sovereignty and any religious principles!!! Marx, as it seems, was not alone when he imagined and stated that "religion is the opium of the people" ...9. The firm and heroic refusal of the American Senate in adhering to an organ with this kind of philosophy, has always found strong support from the people who, as a matter of fact, are presently showing increasing distrust with regard to the United Nations that replaced the League, and to other international organs, like the IMF and the World Bank (Bird). Internal resistance groups (known as "militias", which the federal government and the FBI call "religious fanatics" and fight against) strongly reject and regard with sincere concern the possibility of the United Nations to decide, in a near future, to substitute the current government and law application system, impeding or destroying the most fundamental values of their society and culture: justice and freedom!!!

THE SHADOW DISAPPEARS, LEAVING AN IMMENSE POLITICAL LEGACY, THE "NEW WORLD ORDER" AND GLOBALIZATION AGENDAS

"The world is governed by very different personages from what is imagined by those who are not behind the scene"

BENJAMIN DISRAELI
Queen Victoria's Prime Minister

"The times of absolute and exclusive sovereignty are over; however this theory has never conformed to reality"

BOUTROS BOUTROS-GHALI,
UN General Secretary
Report "An Agenda for Peace", 1992

In 1938, the Shadow, whose Christian name was Edward Mandel House, died.



His plans of creating a unified world government, however, have never been abandoned or interrupted by his allies, followers or sponsors. Maybe the most enigmatic and curious aspect of the Shadow's fantastic story is that it happened on the soil of the United States, the largest liberal democracy on the planet. It was an unprecedented and still not very well explained association of respected capitalists, entrepreneurs and bankers who have financed plans conceived and executed by an assumed Marxist, whose final objective would have been quite simply to socialize the United States. In 1912, Colonel House, coherent to his low-profile style, wrote a fiction novel called "Philip Dru: Administrator - A Story of Tomorrow", the only document of his

legacy containing theoretical ideas, where he defends a "conspiracy" (his term) by which he would take control of the Republican and Democratic parties and use both as instrument for creating a socialist world government. He also confirmed to be working for the "socialism as dreamed by Karl Marx" and defended the theory that the world economy should be managed by an Anglo-Saxon financial oligarchy and a world dictator served by a "Council of Twelve Faithful Men". Colonel House, "a close friend of famous international men", made it clear and evident that he really had grandiose dreams. The biggest one was the creation of a New World Order, dominated by the Anglo-American finances, led by him, playing the part of the dictator proposed in his only book. For this purpose it would be quite necessary, at first, the collapse and dissolution of the "old order" monarchies. In spite of the unconditional support that he always had from his sponsors, more than any other man ever had in the human history, the Shadow did not live enough to see all his delirious dreams of power come true. However, history tells us in a low voice that the generous financial support from Wall Street bankers to stimulate the revolutionary efforts of Marx, Trotsky and Kerensky in the overthrow of Nicolas II, the Czar of all Russia, has never stopped nor decreased, after the death of the Shadow, but kept going, in order to accomplish the (unsuccessful) communist utopia in the old Soviet Union!!! What would be the logical explanation for the enigmatic mystery that lasted for almost the whole XX century and put together businessmen, politicians, intellectuals, idealists, useful innocents, the "Communist Manifesto", capitalist bankers and Marxist/Leninist revolutionaries in the same game of influences and interests...? Would it be pure idealism? Visionary dreams of immoderate power? Unrestricted and wild ambition? Some kind of deterministic or transcendental fervor? Or, even, all those factors combined? I leave these provocative questions and the task of answering them to the quick-witted reader.

These answers, not by chance, will become part of Colonel House's formidable and mysterious legacy. If it happens that the reader does not feel at ease to satisfactorily guess such an intricate enigma, please do not feel disappointed: after all, “only the Shadow knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men” !!!...

POSTSCRIPT

In the Spring of 1991 in an article called "A well-deserved audience to Wilson's New Order", signed by journalist Edwin M. Yoder Jr., the Washington Post journal published that was already time for the World to give due credit to Pres. Wilson and Colonel House as true authors of the World New Order and Globalization. God bless them!

(*) This essay is part of a complete text of the author's book, which is in process of writing, with the temporary name of "The Hidden Face of Globalization".

FOOT NOTES

1. “Dicionário Conciso de Biografias”, de SCRIBNER.
2. Dr. MARTIN A. LARSON, in “The Historical Fight for Honest Money in the U.S”
3. Ditto
4. Ditto
5. GRANT JEFFREY, in “Final Warning”.
6. in testimony before the American Senate Foreign Relations Sub-Committee in 02/17/1950.
7. GRANT JEFFREY in “Final Warning”.
8. PAT ROBERTSON, in “The New World Order”, World Pub. P.113.
9. Ditto.
10. GRANT JEFFREY, in “Final Warning”.
11. Ditto.

After the name of Alberto Santos-Dumont, the Brazilian inventor who, from his country-fellows' viewpoint, flew an airplane without any external help, in Paris-France, prior to the Wright brothers.

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