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THE NICARAGUA COMPLICATION.

For the moment at least Nicaragua is giving us more trouble than even Mexico. We have sent marines to Managua, the capital, to Corinto, that country's principal port on the Pacific and to one or two other points, for the purpose of protecting American life and property. This was on the request of the government of Nicaragua, which is seriously beset by the rebels under General Mena, a former war minister. President Diaz acknowledges that he is not able to give any protection to Americans or other foreigners. The American marines have been compelled to assist Diaz's troops in defending Managua, for his force was powerless to hold it against the rebels if we had refrained from lending a hand. We are sending 2,000 more marines to Nicaragua now.

Obviously, this situation cannot last long without compelling us to take

steps to stop the fighting and let the Nicaraguan people hold an election to choose their own rulers. This course has been suggested by Diaz, as well as by many leading citizens of Managua. Diaz, apparently, is not supported by a majority of the people. The rebels are making headway at many points. If the American marines were withdrawn from Managua it is evident that the town would not be able to hold out a day against Mena. The great mass of the people of Nicaragua want peace, and so, of course, do all of the foreigners who do business in or with that country. To our own government peace in Nicaragua would be decidedly welcome. This consideration inclines our state department to look with some favor upon the suggestion by some of the people of the little republic that an election for president be held there, with the United States on guard at the polls in the principal towns, so as to insure free and fair voting and counting.

Americans are also embarrassed by the charge made by Diaz's supporters that Mena and the rebels have obtained 20,000 rifles and a large supply of ammunition from the United States. Money is said to be furnished the rebels in large amounts from some person or persons in New York. Nicaragua leads all the toy republics in Central America in the number of its upheavals. In the past three years it has successively had Zelaya, Madriz, Estrada and Diaz, the present president, but unless we forcibly aid Diaz against his enemies he, too, will have to go. The spectacle of American marines aiding a president to maintain himself against his own rebels is

novel enough even in these frequently recurring emutes among our southern neighbors to attract attention here, and to indicate that Washington must give it some serious notice.

EASY MONEY.

There is nothing which makes a stronger appeal to the average individual than "easy money." It is this desire to obtain something for nothing which causes the invention of thousands of schemes each year to remove superfluous wealth from the pockets of those who entertain the desire. Considerable ingenuity is shown in the manufacture of plans to be attractive to the gullible public and the resources of the inventors are apparently inexhaustible.

For a person operating on a small scale, a thrifty Austrian bride living in a Minnesota town showed as much acuteness in her effort to secure the "easy money" as the most experienced city operators. It is customary at Austrian weddings in that section for the bride to put a plate on the floor. The men toss coins at the plate until it is broken and the bride gets the money. At this particular wedding the men threw about \$150 at the plate but it did not break. An examination revealed that it was made of iron and painted to resemble china. It was "easy money" for the bride, who conceived of the iron plate in order that her receipts might be increased.

The incident of the Austrian bride is merely an apt illustration of the divers methods which are in use to obtain a portion of the large supply of ready money which is waiting for those who are shrewd enough to secure it. While all of the people may not be fooled all of the time, there is a goodly number who like to be beguiled into investments which promise riches but produce nothing but disappointment. Millions and millions are gathered annually by the harvesters of "easy money" and the crop is rich because the average individual likes to take a small amount of risk to get something for nothing.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- September 27.
1601—Louis XIII of France born. Died May 14, 1643.
1722—Samuel Adams, one of the foremost of the revolutionary patriots, born in Boston. Died there Oct. 2, 1803.
1779—John Adams was commissioned by congress to negotiate a treaty with Great Britain.
1785—General convention of the Protestant Episcopal church, the first in America, met in Philadelphia.
1825—The Stockton and Darlington line, the first English railway to carry passengers, opened for traffic.
1876—Gen. Braxton F. Bragg, famous confederate soldier, died in Galveston, Texas. Born in North Carolina March 22, 1817.
1898—Republicans of New York nominated Theodore Roosevelt for governor.
1911—The Italian army and navy began a siege of Tripoli.

"THIS IS MY 63RD BIRTHDAY."

Sir George N. Murray.
Sir George N. Murray, the noted British authority on civil service who has been engaged by Premier Borden to overhaul the administrative departments of the Canadian government,

was born September 27, 1849. His education was received principally at Oxford. Entering the British foreign office in 1873, he was transferred to the treasury in 1880. He was private secretary to Mr. Gladstone while that statesman was prime minister, and acted in the same capacity to Lord Roseberry when he succeeded to office. Of late years Sir George has been permanent secretary to the treasury. By virtue of his office he is dean of the British civil service. He is noted for the reforms he has effected in the administration of the affairs of several of the great departments of the British government.

A millionaire from Argentina wants to marry Edna Wallace Hopper, but if

he will wait awhile perhaps our real beauty, Col. Lil Russell may be at liberty.

Someone has sent Champ Clark a 12 pound clam shell. That might be construed as a hint to keep his mouth shut.

It really doesn't seem right for a woman to have two ears for hearing gossip and only one tongue to repeat it.

Doesn't it sort of do your head good to see a housefly all crippled up with rheumatism these frigid days and nights?

Eating corn bread may be good for the teeth, as physicians say, but it is good for the rest of the system also.

Uncle Sam is after the telephone trust, but probably he will find the line busy.

The New York Highlanders have picked up a great performer in Heinie Schulte, who pitched for the Savannah team during the past season.

The Three-I league clubs complain of poor attendance this season, Davenport being the only club to finish on the right side of the ledger.

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