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Mexico's Presidents
UNLESS General Plutarco Calles has had a change of heart
since the strenuous days of his preelection campaign, it
is well for the republic of Mexico that he is to retire grace-
fully from the office of president in the very near future.
The elevation of Emilio Portes Gil to that stormy post
may be looked upon with much favor by friends of Mexico
and those who hope for an eventual solution of all the small
problems that have been keeping the United States and Mex-
ico so nearly at swords points.
Mexico has suffered a military complex of the most
hateful sort since the illustrious Don Porfirio Diaz was re-
duced to the ranks of exiles after more than 30 years of
stern command in the presidency. A rapid succession of of
rabid, wicked men followed, through the military channel, to
the republic's highest office, until the compact between Al-
raro Obregon and Calles seemed to settle matters by rotat-
ing these two in office. Then Obregon was removed from
the picture by an assassin's bullet and Calles, for no very ap-
parent reason, announced his withdrawal frcm the political
iimelight of the presidency.
In spite of the seeming harmony that developed between
the United States and Mexico under the Obregn regime and
continued at least in the later days of the Calles regime, both
were anti-gringoes. They had such a small hatred of the
United States that the late Mr. obregon, who spoke English
excellently, refused to converse in our tongue. He would
listen attentively as Engiish was spoken and understood it
lerfectly, yet he frequently voiced his refusal to reply in
kind.
Repeatedly and consistently in his pre-election cam-




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