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## THE MEXICAN PROBLEM

Whether or not the present crisis is to bring on war with Mexico, remains to be seen. Nevertheless, Carranza does not seem to be so determined as he was a few days ago and may endeavor to avert a clash by conceding the American demands, the conditions in Mexico will be changed but little, if any. The disorganized factional, starving condition will still exist south of the border and raids across the border to get food and other supplies will continue. The state of our preparedness now in active process on the border, may stay the warlike disposition of the Mexican leaders but, unless we destroy the power of these leaders, we are sure to have a repetition of conditions which has forced us to patrol the border.

Mexico is in a chaotic condition, without power within herself to restore an orderly government. Whenever a Mexican ruler secures power sufficient to grasp control of the government, he regards his position as a place to graft and fill his pockets. A spirit of unselfish patriotism and devotion to public duty, seems wholly lacking and some power from an outside nation which will deal with the Mexican people with reasonable honesty, must intervene, else anarchy and a return to savagry, will be the portion of our unhappy neighbor.

President Wilson has made the mistake of trusting to the words of an untrustworthy people. In his diplomatic dealings with that country, he supposed he was treating with a civilized people, whereas he has found them to be semi-barbaric. Had he not ordered the evacuation of Vera Cruz by our troops, but had remained in control of this and others of the Mexican seaports, no doubt order would have been restored by this time. However, if war comes, it will be due entirely to unlawful acts of the Mexicans. We will not take the initiative.

But if war is brought about, The Tribune believes, we should retain control of the Mexican government until we are absolutely sure that the Mexicans can and will maintain a stable and peaceable government, before we surrender control to them. This duty we owe to Mexico in as great sense as we owed to Cuba. It is a case of a turbulent troublesome neighbor, who will have to be forced to be good, both to himself and to us.

## HISTORY REPEATING

In some respects the present political campaign is not unlike that of 1864, with the position of the great political parties reversed. President Lincoln could do nothing which suited the democratic party in 1864 and President Wilson can do nothing in the present campaign which suits partisan republicans.

In the early stages of the 1864 campaign, the outlook for the re-

election of President Lincoln was not bright. The democrats had or were about to nominate Gen. Geo. B. McClelland as their candidate and the anti-war party was very sure that it would win the election in the fall. It had nominated an union general, with the purpose of catching all of the wavering or independent voters of that day, just as the republicans have selected Judge Hughes to gather in the independent voters of today. It was anything to beat Lincoln in 1864 as it is anything to beat Wilson at the present time. The democratic newspapers of anti-war proclivities were then criticizing and misconstruing every act of President Lincoln as the radically partisan republican newspapers criticize and misconstrue President Wilson today.

Union victories, however, before the campaign was over, proved conclusively that the war was not a failure and the wavering voters all fell into line and closed the campaign with the reelection of President Lincoln. If history is to be repeated, the independent voter of today will read political conditions aright and reelect President Wilson next November.

"Copperhead" was the name commonly applied to all who opposed and misconstrued the efforts and acts of the administration of Mr. Lincoln during the Civil war. Rank partisanship would have been the more apt term to use then as it is now in misconstruing the acts of President Wilson.

While conditions of civil war days were much different than those of today so far as the United States are independently concerned, the European war and the very threatening crisis with Mexico, causes one to almost unconsciously, make the comparison.

## THE BEGINNING OF THE END

Press dispatches state that the German-Austrian armies are being defeated and driven back on every side. For the first time since the beginning of the war, there seems to be team work by the English, French, Russian and Italian armies. Within the past month Russia has captured more than 200,000, chiefly Austrian prisoners and large scopes of territory. Italy is forcing the Austrians back, recovering much of the territory she had lost. The Germans are making no headway towards the capture of Verdun, a chore she has been engaged at with all the force she could command for the past three months, and with the big English and French drive now successfully on the way, with the shortage of food and riots among her citizens, Germany should be convinced that the beginning of the end is at hand.

The world has never had better equipped nor better fighting armies than Germany has mustered during this gigantic struggle. Failing in the accomplishment of her plans in the outset, the war should have closed eighteen months ago; for at that time Germany should have been convinced that her armies, splendid as they were, were not invincible.

During these eighteen months, the allies have had time to organize such monster armies and prepare enormous supplies of munitions, that but one ending can possibly result. The force of numbers and resources must prevail. The dogged persistence of the German Kaiser and his armies means but the needless sacrifice of millions of men and the impoverishment of the nations engaged.

For the past year or more the war has been but a test of endurance and of financial backing of the nations engaged. It has been a question of which side could stand pounding the better. The odds are now largely in favor of the allies.

Germany certainly knows, by this time, that her defeat is sure in the end. With inability to get the much needed supplies, it is simply wholesale murder to continue the struggle. The humiliation of defeat is a bitter pill to swallow, yet it must be swallowed, then why continue the worse than useless slaughter?

## WHAT T. R. ASSERTED IN 1913 STAND HE TOOK YESTERDAY

1913

Speaking at a dinner tendered by National Progressives on the eve of his departure for South America, October 3, 1913, his "farewell address" Col. Roosevelt declared:

"The party is solid and it is the firm determination of the rank and file, no less than the leaders, to preserve its political entity, its solidity and integrity."

"Men and women, I would continue the fight even if I stood entirely alone. I shall continue it with a glad and proud heart because it is made in your company."

"Win or lose, whatever the outcome, I am with you, and I am for this cause to fight to the end. We are dedicated in this great war for righteousness, and while life lasts we cannot and we will not abandon it."

"The men who believe that we will ever betray these ideals or abandon the task to which we have set ourselves do not know us and cannot ever guess at the faith that inspires us."

"This movement will never go back, and whatever may betide in the future, of one thing the disciples of an easy opportunism may rest assured—I will never abandon the principles to which we Progressives have pledged ourselves, and I will never abandon the men and women who drew around me to battle for those principles."

1916

In his message declining the Progressive nomination for president yesterday, Colonel Roosevelt declared:

"Our loyalty is to the fact \* \* \* not merely to the name, and least of all to the party name."

"Yet it has become entirely evident that the people under existing conditions are not prepared to accept a new party."

"The progressive national organization no longer offers the means whereby we can make these convictions effective in our national life. Under such circumstances our duty is to do the best we can and not to sulk because our leadership is ejected."

"Under existing conditions the nomination of a third ticket would, in my judgment, be merely a move in the interest of the election of Mr. Wilson. \* \* \* I shall therefore strongly support Mr. Hughes. \* \* \* I cannot accept the nomination of a third ticket. I do not believe that there should be a third ticket."

"Without any regard to what the personal feelings of any of us may be as regards the action of the republican convention, I wish very solemnly to ask the representatives of the Progressive party to consider at this time only the welfare of the people of the United States."

"I earnestly bespeak from my fellow Progressives their ungrudging support of Mr. Hughes."

Governor Withycombe, because of the fact that one secretary has gone off with the National guard, has caused another secretary to take on the duties of the absent one and without an increase of pay. The governor thinks the duties of the two offices will not be overburdensome. If such is true with these two secretaryships, why may the same not be true in hundreds of other similar state positions? Consolidation of commissions and offices has been a demand of the people for a number of years. Now that the start has been made, the legislature should appoint a smelling committee to smell out other instances wherein the taxpayer is being robbed. As a matter of fact, if state employes would work as they would be compelled to work if privately employed, one-half of the present army of taxcutters could be discharged without injury to the public service.

Four years ago Mr. Roosevelt characterized republicans who stayed with the g. o. p. as crooks and malefactors. Wonder if he thinks they have now reformed; or has he degenerated into like condition? If the old saying "birds of a feather flock together" is true, some sort of a change on one or the other side must have been made? Maybe Teddy has joined his famous Annanias club.


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