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THE MEXICAN SITUATION

So far as the defacto Mexican govern-
ment making progress towards
securing peace, it may be said, con-
ditions grow no better fast.

Villa, who was seriously wounded
now has an army fairly well equip-
ped and has won several battles,
though he suffered a severe defeat
in his last action.

Felix Diaz seems to have control
of Very Cruz and vicinity while
Zapatta seems to control consider-
able territory from Mexico City
south and occasionally hammers at
the gates of the Mexican capital.

Carranza maintains a semblance
of government, but it is doubtful if
he dominates more than one-fourth
of Mexican territory. While he is
recognized as the titular head of
the Mexican government, it is non-
sense to say that he rules even more
than one-third of Mexico. Nor does
it seem likely that he will ever be
able to wield authority over more
territory than he now holds.

President Wilson seems to have
depended, if not on a broken reed,
on a very thin one when he recog-
nized the Carranza government.
The fact that General Pershing has
remained some 300 miles in Mexico,
for several months as a sort of
army of observation, proves that
the president has but little confi-
dence in Carranza's ability to master
conditions, if left in charge of all
northern Mexico.

While it is a delicate matter to
interfere in a national family quarrel
or in a civil war of a neighbor
nation, it seems almost a duty of
the United States to interfere by
sending an army far into Mexico
and assist Mexicans who desire to
be lawabiding and wish to have a
stable government, to do so.

The United States does not desire
war with Mexico. It would be like
strong men attacking children, for
Mexico in point of civilization is but
a child. But we know as parents,
the child sometimes requires correc-
tion, for his own good. That is the
condition of Mexico at the present
time. They have quarreled and
fought among themselves so long
that there is no possibility for them
to settle their difficulties among
themselves, and it would be a kind-
ness for some strong nation to step
in, use the slipper vigorously and
tell them to behave.

And what other nation but the
United States should administer this
correction? We would not allow
any other nation to do the slipper
act, hence we are under moral obli-
gation to accept the responsibility.

We went to the rescue of Cuba
and, as a result Cuba is beginning
to have a stable government.

The Tribune believes the time has
fully arrived for the United States
to say to Mexico: Restore peace
and tranquility within a stated time,
else we will intervene and compel a
peace which you seem unable to se-

cure. President Wilson and con-
gress are to be commended for
"watchful waiting" patience and
forbearance. But the people have
long since concluded that interven-
tion is the only remedy. Indeed, it
would be a mercy to Mexico for the
United States to intervene. We
know that capitalistic interests have
been crowding the president to
intervene, in order to protect their
properties down there. Yet the
Mexican people want intervention
and do not know it. They have
been destroying themselves long
enough. Humanity demands that
force shall be applied to make them
behave.

HAVE HEARD THE WARNING

From the numerous bills for con-
solidating commissions, reducing
salaries and retrenchment along all
lines, the governor and members of
the legislature have, apparently
heard the voice of the people and
seem to be disposed to obey their
wishes, so far as practicable. Gov-
ernor Withycombe, in his biennial
message recommends numerous con-
solidations of commissions and the
scaling down of appropriations all
along the line with one exception
and that is the fish and game com-
mission. This he commends highly,
though this is the most expensive of
all of our commissions. Many people,
in fact most people think this com-
mission is both wasteful and extra-
vagant and that it hardly gives the
state two bits worth of benefit for
the dollar of cost. The pruning
knife should be applied vigorously
as well in the affairs of this commis-
sion as in those of any other.

Senator Garland, of Lebanon, has
made an attempt to reduce the
number of clerks in the senate, say-
ing: "We cannot ask for economy
elsewhere with reason, without at-
tempting economy at home, as
well." Mr. Garland met with opposi-
tion but, probably, will succeed in
abating the clerk extravagance some-
what. President Moser seems to
have not heard of the economy de-
mand made by the people November
7 last, for he attempted to have a
clerk appointed for Senator Bing-
ham, of Lane county, who is in the
east engaged in a profitable horse
buying business and will not be
present during the session. Presi-
dent Moser wanted Bingham's son
appointed to sit in his father's seat
to do absolutely nothing except to
answer a few letters perhaps, but
to be paid \$5 per day just the
same.

While the sum, \$200, for the ses-
sion is small, it is pure graft just
the same as the \$5000 or more paid
to other unnecessary clerks, and
should be severely frowned upon.
It is the stoppage of these little un-
necessary leaks which will reduce
the cost of the state government
without impairing efficiency.

President Moser is a known aspir-
ant for the office of governor. This
little clerk episode will rise up and
smite him in the face. It shows that
he is ready to use state funds to
reward his friends, regardless as to
whether any service is rendered the
state therefor. The same may be
said of Governor Withycombe, who
aspires for a second term, it is said.
The fish and game commission is,
evidently, a pet of the governor.
He does not propose to have its
perquisites interfered with.

But, as a whole, there seems to
be a healthy disposition on the part
of both Governor Withycombe and
the legislature to handle the state's
affairs during the next two years
economically. We will all applaud
every effort to bring the state back
to a condition of sanity. With Sena-
tor Garland in the senate and Repre-
sentative Elmore in the house, Linn
county is sure to be aligned on the
economic side of every question,
which will not impair the efficiency
of our state government.

ALBANY'S OFFER WAS REJECTED

Stockholders Were Almost Unanimous to
Retain the Fair—Officers
Elected for 1917

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Had Albany offered \$3000 net, to
be paid to the shareholders, the
change would probably have been
made. But when it was figured out
that only about \$2.50 per share
would reach the holder of the com-
mon stock, the consensus of opinion
was to reject the offer and either
go on with the fair or let the fran-
chise lapse.

In fact, to retain the land, build-
ings, fixtures, etc., more could be
realized than our Albany friends
seemed disposed to offer.

President Prill was absent on
professional business and had noth-
ing whatever to do with the action
of the meeting.

In the afternoon the following
board of directors was elected for
1917: Dr. A. G. Prill, J. L. Calavan,
Geo. M. Bilyeu, and I. A. Munkers.
The county court will appoint the
fifth director. Dr. Prill was elected
president for the eleventh time;
Mrs. Jennie Shelton, secretary and
Roy Shelton assistant secretary, and
Ed Myers treasurer.

Over \$130 was raised towards
paying off the only floating debt of
\$250.

Everything looks bright for a big
fair in 1917.

Senator Cusick has introduced a
bill in the senate to merge the office
of our county recorder with that of
county clerk, to take effect next
July. If the senator will change the
date of effect to January 1, 1919,
then The Tribune will give his bill
a hearty support. When Linn county
elected Miss Velma Davis as county
recorder last November 7 it, practi-
cally, entered into a contract with
Miss Davis to serve the county in
that capacity for two years. The
courts have held that the legislature
cannot enact a law which will im-
pair a contract. Hence, Senator
Cusick's measure, if enacted into
law to take effect July 1 next, would
be pronounced unconstitutional by
the courts and would not destroy
the office of county recorder, as he
evidently intends. Change your date
of effect, Senator, to January 1,
1919, and you will abolish the office
of recorder of conveyances for Linn
county. Otherwise the office will
continue.

While President Wilson's note to
belligerent European powers, asking
them to state to the world what
they are fighting for, has not yet
borne fruit, still it has caused all of
them to think along the lines of
peace. They all want to quit but
just do not know how to do so with-
out giving the other fellow advan-
tage which neither warring nation
is willing to concede. Yet the note
has caused them to think along the
lines of peace and, perhaps, some-
thing will be developed which will
open the way to peace. The trouble
now is that neither side is willing to
say "enough." They have not yet
reached a stage of exhaustion to
practically force them to do so.

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