

MEXICO IS NOW PLUNGED IN STATE OF CHRONIC REVOLT

Nation's Woe Due Largely to Whims of Leaders and to Race Weakness.

Intervention Would Be Costly. Nation Should Work Out Own Salvation.

By JAMES A. EDGERTON.

THE Mexican crisis has become chronic. Revolt is followed by revolution and that by insurrection, rebellion, insurgency, uprising, disturbance and plain trouble. If Don Enrique Doolittle's breakfast does not agree with him he goes out, calls about him his faithful followers and starts something. If Colonel Felipe W. Thunz gets tired of working for a living he gathers a company of others of the same mind, of whom there are always plenty, and begins holding up estates, mills, railroads or anything else that will stand for it. Insurgency has become a habit. The land is filled with Maderistas, Zapatistas, Felicistas, banditistas, assassinistas, pessimistas, jingoistas and other "istas" till you can't rest. One year they elect a president, and the next they take him out in a side street and shoot him. The governor of a state never knows whether his next conference will be with a legislative committee or the firing squad. It takes a brave man to be a public official in Mexico.

Before a Mexican announces that he is a candidate for the suffrages of his fellow citizens he wants to insure his life and make his will. If elected he

in Tammany Hall this would be a most interesting graft, but, of course, nothing of that kind can be imagined in connection with a national government.

Diaz Redivivus.

The brief dream of democracy is over, the counter revolution has apparently won and the old reactionaries are in power. Don Porfirio's pictures are being taken from closets, dusted off and hung about the national palace. Don Porfirio's nephew is the head of the successful revolt and the announced candidate for president. Don Porfirio himself is immensely pleased with the turn of affairs and says that he may return to his country. "The old order changed, giving place to the new," has been strangely reversed to read, "The new order changed, giving place to the old." Today Mexico's constitutional president and vice president, the only ones really elected by the people in more than a generation, have been assassinated, and the country is under a military dictatorship. As for the future, who knows? "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church," and it may be that the blood of Madero and Suarez may yet be the seed of democracy in Mexico. The truth is mighty—

threatened that the moment we cross the boundary every American in the country will be massacred and every American property wrecked. As barbarous and horrible as this sounds, those of our people who have lived south of the Rio Grande believe it would be carried out. Not only so, but other foreigners would probably suffer, the mobs not distinguishing between gringos and Europeans. By intervening we would become indirectly responsible, not only morally, but financially, for the resultant damage.

Intervention might have another most serious consequence. It would doubtless alienate from us all Latin America. Despite all we have done for the other American republics, both by our example and by our powerful aid under the Monroe doctrine, there are natural jealousies and fear of us. These younger republics dearly prize their independence and regard our very size as a menace. This feeling was intensified by our action in Panama; also our intervention in Cuba, Santo Domingo, Nicaragua and elsewhere. The Latin Americans have doubtless heard some of our rattle-brains chatter about "Panama to the pole" and have attached more importance to such irresponsible talk than it merits. But intervention in Mexico would give real ground for apprehension not only to Central but to South America. It would lend color to the charge that we are land hungry and have designs of conquest. This would be most unfortunate to our growing trade in Latin America, which we hope to increase by the construction of the Panama canal. It would end the pan-American dream of James G. Blaine.

We Can Afford to Wait.

As a matter of fact, just what business would we have in Mexico anyway? Have not the people of that country a right to work out their own internal affairs in their own way? Is it not better for them that they should do so? There is no evidence that American lives or property have suf-

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Advice to Expectant Mothers

The experience of Motherhood is a trying one to most women and marks distinctly an epoch in their lives. Not one woman in a hundred is prepared or understands how to properly care for herself. Of course nearly every woman nowadays has medical treatment at such times, but many approach the experience with an organism unfitted for the trial of strength, and when it is over her system has received a shock from which it is hard to recover. Following right upon this comes the nervous strain of caring for the child, and a distinct change in the mother results.

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Talks on Thrift.

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In the last annual report of the postmaster general it was shown that more than 4000 cases of fraudulent use of the mails by swindling promoters were investigated last year. More than 1000 of the promoters were arrested, and hundreds were convicted. In the last two years, the reports says, these men have robbed the American people of \$100,000,000.

In a recent message to the New York legislature, Governor Sulzer said: "One of the most widespread of public grievances in connection with the purchase of stock arises from false or fraudulent prospectuses, statements or advertisements regarding corporate securities. Under our law as it now exists it is difficult to bring to justice persons who, by means of false and fraudulent statements, advertisements and promises, deceive and wrong the investing public. These deceiving practices have been attacked under the federal laws, forbidding the use of the mails for fraudulent purposes. I recommend the law of this state so as to make it a criminal offense to issue any statement, or publish any advertisement, or as to the value of any stock or other security, or as to the financial condition of any corporation or company, issuing or about to issue stock or securities, where any promise or prediction contained in such statement or advertisement is known to be false or to be not fairly justified by existing conditions."

A bill has been introduced into the New York legislature forbidding the publication and circulation of such false or misleading statements, and providing that the penalty should be imprisonment for three years, or by a fine of \$5000, or both. This bill probably will not be a law. But until it does and until all the other states pass similar ones, it behooves the people at large to be on their guard against the swindler.

We repeat the advice we gave in a former "Talk": When you have saved sufficient money to make an investment worth while, consult a banker or newspaper in your community concerning the wise disposition of it. Never put money into any investment proffered by a stranger without looking him up carefully and getting sound and unprejudiced advice.

Remember the gold brick idea appears in myriad forms.

STREET PAVING IS NOW THE UPPERMOST TOPIC

At a meeting of the property owners interested in the proposed improvement of Twenty-first street at the city council chamber last night it was voted by about two to one to ask the city to pave the street with concrete. The improvement district extends from State to Center.

Tonight a meeting of those interested in the improvement of Marion street will be held. The question to be settled at this meeting is whether the street shall be paved the full width of the street or a parking placed in the center of the street. The property owners are about equally divided on the question.

A meeting of the Cheneketa street property owners was held Tuesday night, and the sentiment shown was in favor of a cement paving material. On account of strong opposition to this material, however, the question may be reconsidered and another variety of paving material selected. South Commercial street property owners will have a meeting tomorrow night.

CONCERNING FUND FOR VETERANS' EXPENSES

Many letters are being received at the office of the secretary of state inquiring into the details of the money appropriated by the legislature to take care of veterans of the battle of Gettysburg, who wish to go from this state to take part in the celebration of the



AMBAADOR HENRY LANE WILSON.



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PRESIDENT VICTORIANA HUERTA.

surrounds himself with a body guard and has all his enemies executed or jailed. Then if some of his trusted adherents are not traitors he may be allowed to serve out a part of his term, provided he is not broken on the wheel of a revolution. The recall is an old established institution in our sister republic, only they don't do the recalling with ballots.

Francisco I. Madero tried to teach his countrymen democracy, but they had been under the Diaz rule so long that they had forgotten what the word meant. The worst accusation made against Madero is that he was a dreamer, but if so he dreamed of liberty for his country, of honest elections, of humane government, of land for the landless and of peace and prosperity for the people. He was also criticized for being only five feet four inches in height, a very serious charge indeed. It was said that he appointed too many of his relatives to office, but it was rejoined that he had to have somebody about him he could trust. Even as it was his two chief generals turned traitors.

Two-thirds of People Illiterate.

Poor Madero! He had become indoctrinated with republicanism as it exists in America and thought he could apply it to Mexico, only to find that the people did not comprehend it or know how to use it. The poorer classes thought liberty meant that they could take what they wanted with none to say them they. The people are illiterate. It is estimated by one familiar with Mexican affairs that of the 15,000,000 population of the nation 10,000,000 can neither read nor write, and half the remaining 5,000,000 have no education to speak of. The same authority says that 40 per cent of the people are of pure Indian blood and that 20 per cent more have Indian or negro blood in their veins. These last are the greasers. When it is realized that nearly all the remaining 30 per cent are Spaniards it can be seen just what elements Madero had to depend on in working out his dream.

Well, Madero is dead and the old clientelism is in the saddle. To those unacquainted with the clientelism it should be explained that they constituted the real power in the last years of Porfirio Diaz. They are not a political party, but rather an inner circle, a power behind the throne. They dictate appointments and policies. The meaning of the word "clientelism" is scientific business, and it is shrewdly suspected that this wheel within a wheel made a scientific business of government, of the offices, contracts, concessions, honors, franchises and other favors that government has to bestow.

Body Is Identified.

Chicago, March 19.—The body of the man who committed suicide on a train near Chicago yesterday was positively identified today as that of Joseph H. Jordan, a young ranchman of Whittier, Cal.

even among peons, greasers, Indians and Spaniards.

At present there are mutterings of revolt all over Mexico. The finger of scorn of all nations is pointed at the Huerta regime, at the methods by which Huerta himself gained office, at the crude and revolting savagery displayed in the killing of the two Maderos and Suarez, at the transparent explanations made of these blundering brutalities.

Will There Be Intervention?

What will the United States do? Foreign nations are exerting pressure on us in favor of intervention. They point to our responsibility under the Monroe doctrine to keep order in the western hemisphere. Those who have large investments in Mexico are also urging us to intervene.

President Taft steadfastly refused to heed this clamor, and there is every reason to believe that President Wilson will do the same. At the same time, warships are being rushed to Mexican waters and troops are mobilizing at Galveston and other points near the border. These are precautionary measures and are such steps as practically all neutral nations take when there is warfare near their boundaries.

Americans who talk idly of intervention should realize fully just what such a serious step would mean.

It would certainly bring war. The gringos, as we are called, are not particularly popular across the line. Mexicans may quarrel among themselves, but the moment we made a hostile move they would unite like long lost brothers. All the different "istas" would forget their grievances against each other and rush to support the independence of their land. We should make no mistake on this score. Intervention in Mexico would mean not only war, but a long, hard and costly war. It is true that Mexico has only one-sixth of our population, but they would be fighting on their own ground, defending their own homes. Moreover, it would be harder for us to suppress the roving bands of the mountaineers in an alien country than for the Mexican government to control its own outlaws. One United States army officer who has studied the situation has stated that it would require at least 200,000 troops, ten years time and \$1,000,000 expense a day to conquer Mexico.

Would Massacre Americans

Intervention would probably defeat the very end sought—the protection of American lives and property in the disturbed republic. Many Mexicans have

Jordan's step-daughter, Lillian, aged 14 years, who is visiting relatives here, identified the remains. She refused to look at the corpse, but identified her father by his clothing and personal effects. After her identification, the inquest was continued until Monday.

fered unduly as a result of the revolution. Some damage was inevitable, but this can all be adjusted after peace is restored, if it ever is. The Huerta government has promised to raise an army of 150,000 men and to go after the revolutionists with vigor. General Orozco, the leading insurgent, has come into camp and promised to be good. A few of the other rebel chieftains have also promised allegiance. Whatever we may think of Huerta and of Mexico generally, why not give them a chance? If they cannot restore peace, well and good. If they can, there will be plenty of time to act after that fact becomes apparent.

There is natural friction along the border, but the whole nation cannot be plunged into war merely for the protection of the border. General Steever is already on the ground with one division of regular troops, and General Carter is on his way with another. If these two divisions are not able to keep the Mexicans on their own side of the river the Texas rangers may do the trick. Governor Colquitt of Texas is sending the militia to points along the Rio Grande, and in this connection some unfortunate misunderstandings have arisen. The governor said he could get no satisfaction from Washington and that if it became necessary to protect the lives and property of Texans he would send troops across the border. Thereupon the United States troops were hurried to the Rio Grande, and it was said that the purpose was to watch the militia and see that Governor Colquitt's threat was not carried out.

This recalls a remark I heard the other day from a gentleman recently returned from Mexico. According to his version, the Mexican people are not at all afraid of the United States. They feel perfectly competent to wipe out our whole army. But they don't like the Texas rangers. They have had dealings with these gentlemen before and have a wholesome respect for their hard riding and straight shooting. The Texas rangers look bigger and more formidable to them than all Uncle Sam's army and navy.

Possibly they are right, and if worse comes to worst we might let the Texas rangers go down and clean up the whole Mexican republic. But for the present it is just as well to keep our heads. Taking every necessary precaution, prepare to strike hard and quick if it becomes necessary, and wait. The waiting game costs nothing, while one false step might sacrifice untold treasure in wealth and life and seriously affect the future of the entire western hemisphere.

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