

on the judgment - sure as in former days. Seasons of prolonged debauch have robbed the old general of sane preception, statesmanlike foresight and iron will. At any moment he may be swept from his seat of power by a populace who will also ask for intervention and help. President Wilson is wise in his hesitation.

Fifth. War is absolutely the last step in the wisdom of modern diplomacy. A statesman of a different temperament would have "plunged in" for the sake of glory, fame, honor, power and an extended national territory--and this would have been in harmony with the wishes and demands of scores of self-interested magnates who never tire in asking for "protection"; and who would be willing to prosper through the blunders and plunders of war—but Woodrow Wilson has withstood all these. His self control has spelled PEACE. If Woodrow Wilson ever strikes a blow, it will be with the universal approval of Christendom. His patience has been superb.

In closing this discourse let me ask three questions:

Why has Latin America lingered while Anglo-Saxon America has prospered? The "civilization" of Mexico is much older than the civilization of New England. Climate will account for much, but climate will not account for all. What is the difference between Mexico and America? I answer: Mexico is a wrecked piece of the ancient empire of Spain. For three hundred years Mexico was a Spanish possession. In 1824 Mexico became an independent nation. But a nation cannot leap into the higher conditions of a new life simply by issuing a declaration of independence. More than eighty per cent. of the people of Mexico are illiterate. One fact will reveal the religious condition of Mexico, namely, upon the doors and entrances of the great church buildings, in Mexico, are posted notices of indulgences, such as Luther sounded forth his protest against, four hundred years ago. The Roman Catholicism of the United States is vastly superior to the Roman Catholicism of Mexico and South America.

Why has the average Mexican small respect for the American? Mexico is the land where life is cheap and the "dollar" looms large. This land has been exploited by so-called Americans. One rascal can do more evil than one hundred decent citizens can atone for. Every man represents the country in which he was born. When my native-born neighbor defrauds me I charge it to his innate depravity; but when a foreigner cheats me, I exclaim: "What else could you expect from a Chinaman?" Every man represents or misrepresents his own country. We stain the reputation of our own fair land by the sins we commit. The fact that the men of the South are suspicious of the men of the North is no compliment either to the United States or Canada. Canada and the United States are too much alike that we should throw