

delay? Has not the hour come for the exercise of a strong authority? Has not revolt been added to revolt and revolution to revolution? Should not a people who have shown slight genius for self-government be taken in hand? When Americans, resident in Mexico, are driven from their homes by fear and fright, has not the hour come for action? Should not the industries, subsidized by American and British wealth, be sheltered by a manifestation of wrath and power? Is not our Southern Neighbor under obligation to preserve, intact, the civilization of our western hemisphere? Why does President Wilson hesitate?—Here is our answer:

First. Should an American army cross the Rio Grande into Mexico, that military advance would be the signal for the massacre of thousands of foreigners of different nationalities. The average Mexican is an admixture, in blood, of Spaniard, Aztec and Indian. These, mixed races, are living in a condition scarcely higher than barbarism. Life, in Mexico, is held to be a cheap thing. The knife, revolver and bludgeon are on the person of every other passing citizen. A brain inflamed with drink is athirst for blood. Declaration of war would mean instant bloodshed. The innocent would be slain by the thousands. President Wilson knows this.

Second. Mexico is a vast country without roads or highways. A war in such a country would be endless. War with Mexico would mean the employment of two hundred thousand men for a period of two years at an expenditure of a million dollars a day. There is nothing so dangerous in international relationships as war. Considering inside conditions and outside relationships, the most problematical proposition would be a war between Mexico and the United States. President Wilson is not indifferent to this fact.

Third. President Wilson desires to act in conjunction with the British Empire and carry with him the good opinion of the international world. The Parliament of Man already exists. Its enactments are breathed forth in that mysterious but universal voice called "public sentiment" or "public opinion." Today, there are three kinds of opinion: Private opinions, public opinion and international opinion. A wise leader will consult all three. President Wilson's determination not to be swept into a questionable war, which would open the door for land-hounds to satisfy their hunger for new territory, has called forth the enthusiastic praise of every student of modern diplomacy.

Fourth. General Huerta is an old man — dissipated and ill-tempered. Huerta is a man much stronger than many suppose, but not strong enough to bear the burdens which he has assumed and under which he is seeking to sustain himself. His throne of political power is tottering to its fall. The hand is not so steady, the eye so keen