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A gardener, who had lived in a village all his life and never seen a gun, obtained a good appointment as shell inspector; so said Sir William Clegg at the Sheffield Munitions Court. Still, he knew all about shelling peas; we mustn't be too hard on the authorities. They might have made him Minister of Agriculture!

WHO REALLY OWNS MEXICO?

Senator Robert La Follette Presents Some Interesting Facts and Figures in Relation to Mexico.

(From La Follette's Magazine.)
The plain citizen has no determining voice on the issue of war or peace.

For more than fifty years' money has been powerful enough to force war upon any country at any time. The student of world politics will find that practically all modern wars have been dictated by great financial interests.

As long as Capital finds its best field for profit in its own country, the peace of that country is reasonably secure. But whenever the financial interests have acquired such a control of the national resources of their own country and such mastery over the industrial and commercial affairs of their own people that they can exact profits at will, such interests seek new fields for their surplus capital.

This excess capital which has been ground out of an exploited country and its people—if retained at home—would reduce interest; and farmers, merchants and small business enterprises could borrow upon reasonable rates.

But the master of finance considers little else besides their own profits. The people of the United States do not want war with Mexico. The Mexican people do not want war with us. And both President Wilson and Carranza have manifestly done everything in their power to avert war.

What is it, then, that menaces the peace of these neighbouring countries?

It dates far back of the Columbus raid. That outrage upon the residents of one of our border towns was the logical outcome of conditions for which the Mexican people were in no wise responsible. Worse than that! The Mexican people were really innocent victims of Traitors in our midst. For it is charged upon the highest authority that the raid was inspired and arranged for in our own country.

Do you get the full meaning of that statement? Benedict Arnold was not more guilty of treason.

The secret service of this government has a long arm and a strong arm. The net may yet be drawn on the "higher-up." It is fair to assume that President Wilson did not disclose all of the facts in his possession

when he declared officially a few days after the raid that—

"There were persons along the border actively engaged in creating friction between the governments of the United States and the de facto government of Mexico for the purpose of bringing about intervention in the interest of certain owners of Mexican properties."

They prate about "patriotism." They clamor for "preparedness." They have tried to plunge the country into a hysteria of fear that we are going to be thrown into war with Germany or England or Japan. They have Congress "on the run."

These privileged interests are not taxing the people of the United States for their great Army and Navy scheme to fight Germany, England or Japan. They have other plans for the present. They have the iron on the American people. They control the prices of labor and the products of labor. They control the cost of every necessary of life. They own the coal, the oil, the timber, the water powers. Their profits are so enormous that they must lower interest rates or else—invest in Foreign Countries. The timber, oil, coal and mineral wealth of Mexico and of the Central and South American countries are most inviting in every way. The governments are poor; the labor is cheap as slave labor.

There is just one risk. And that is a large risk. The governments are most of them weak. Revolutions in many of them are frequent, property rights are insecure.

But a scheme has been worked out by the Masters of Finance to make foreign investments as good as a government bond. Just put the stars and Stripes back of them!

There was a time when the slogan of munition makers was: "Trade follows the Flag." That put the commercial interests behind the Navy. But—"new needs, new deeds." That slogan has been completely reversed. The cry now is: "The Flag follows the Investment."

We will protect our citizens abroad. Asuredly! That is our bounden duty, if we are to uphold the standing and dignity of our Government among the other Nations of the world—strong or weak. But, if the protection of "Citizens" were our only concern, there would be no "border raids," no "mobilization," no "war talk." There would be no occasion for the clouds that darken so many American homes to-day. "Investments," in these plutocratic times, are vastly more important than "citizens." And it is not to protect "citizens" but to protect "investments" that our boys in khaki have been forced into action. That is the Truth of it.

These American "investors" in Mexico—millionaires—are using every instrument they can control—their money, their newspapers, their magazines, their political influence, all their "dark and devious ways"—to bring about "intervention." Intervention means war. War means blood, and killing, and bereaved families, and unmentionable horrors. And all for what? Profits! Privilege Profits!

Privilege exploits us folks here in our own United States. And Privilege makes so much money out of us that it creates a huge surplus. Privilege, never satisfied, wants its surplus to be at work bringing in still more profits. Weak, and undeveloped (and unexploited!) countries offer the biggest returns. So Privilege buys a foreign "concession." Cheap! The System looks to that bargain! But, to maintain the great profits, it is ordinarily necessary to resort to "strong arm" methods. Sometime

people (like the workers in the mining districts of Colorado, Michigan, West Virginia) resist oppression and exploitation. Machine guns become the order of the day. And, after all our present "Mexican Situation" is only a "Ludlow" on a bigger scale. Privilege is to-day trying to shape public sentiment, so that "our boys" shall be made to march down into Mexico and offer up their lives—for the purpose of placing the guarantee of the United States government behind those gold mines and other concessions, and to make the profits of privilege secure.

Who owns Mexico? Really owns it? Let us glance at a few figures. Dollars, they are—millions and millions of them. And they tell the story. What follows shows the wealth of Mexico, according to nationality of ownership. It is taken from the United States Consular Report, No. 168 issued July 18, 1912, by Consul Marl on Letcher of Chihuahua. This table was prepared by William H. Seamon late of Chihuahua, who, according to the statement of this Consular Report, "has had long experience in Mexico as a mining engineer."

Nationality	Amt. of Investment
American	\$1,057,770.00
English	321,302.50
French	143,446.00
Mexican	739,187.24
Other Nations	118,535.38

Hold fast to these figures. What ever may be urged upon you in these trying times by way of justifying "intervention," keep in mind this big outstanding fact:

American Financiers have more money invested in Mexico than the Mexicans themselves have—\$264,528,758 more.

American investments are BIGGEST OF ALL in that unhappy, system-ridden country.

This American money is found in railroad stocks and bonds, mines, national bonds, ranches, smelters, timber lands, factories, oil, rubber, insurance, and other enterprises.

Let us glance at a few more figures from the same authority:

Railway Stocks—Mexican money invested, \$125,440,000; American money invested, \$235,464,000.
Railway Bonds—Mexican money invested, \$12,275,000; American money invested, \$223,000,000.
Smelters—Mexican money invested \$7,200,000; American money invested \$26,500,000.
Factories (Miscellaneous)—Mexican money invested, \$3,270,200; American money invested, \$9,600,000.
Oil—Mexican money invested, \$650,000; American money invested, \$15,000,000.
Rubber—Mexican money invested \$4,500,000; American money invested, \$15,000,000.
Insurance—Mexican money invested, \$2,000,000; American money invested, \$4,000,000.

In the ownership of Mexico we find the real menace to the peace between Mexico and the United States. American capitalists are desperately attempting to have the flag follow their investments.

They who own Mexico are the ones who want War. Shall these powerful interests be permitted to succeed in their plot?

German Dynasty to Fight for Life

Will Shortly Face a People That Has Been Cruelly Deceived—Result of Two Years' War—Superiority of Teuton Material Destroyed in the Workshop

LONDON, Aug. 8.—Lord Sydenham in an article in the Times reviewing the military situation after two years of war, says:
"For the first time since trench warfare supervened in the west a position of definite strategic vantage has been won by the allies, opening out new possibilities. Violent counter-attacks in which some of the best German divisions have been shattered and the withdrawal of troops from other sectors are significant signs of the enemy's estimate of the new situation."

"A pause may follow this tremendous effort, but the danger to Verdun has ended. Alike in the west and east, lines of immense strength have been broken. French and British infantry have again proved their superiority. The artillery of the enemy has been dominated and in the air the allies have won the ascendancy."

"The third year of the war opens with new hopes for the allied powers, whose moral resolve is unshaken, whose moral never stood higher, and whose resources have not yet all been brought into play."

"Austria has been twice heavily defeated and her military and economic position is becoming desperate. Turkey, shorn of Armenia and faced powerless to stem, has almost ceased with an Arab revolt, which she is to be a valid ally."

"In Germany there is hardship leaping into distress. Locally political rifts are opening out and the war tends to become a fight for existence on the part of the dynasty and ruling classes who will before long find themselves face to face with a people whom they have cruelly deceived."

"Only victory in the field can bring a decision, but the effects of victory may be immensely enhanced by psychological factors, and the armies of Russia, France and Britain have earned in two years that they can beat the Germans on equal terms. The superiority of German material has been destroyed in the workshop, and every month will see an increase of equipment of the allies. More efforts and sacrifices will be demanded, patience and fortitude, of which our troops have, given shining examples must be national watchwords; but the end is not far distant."

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