

It is probable that more British capitalists are going to be punished in Mexico in the near future, because of similar offenses to that of Benton, those of the Mormon Colonists that were expelled from Mexico, and the other Americans that have paid with their lives their crimes against the Mexican workers. But the Mexican proletarians expect that the wage slaves of the British and Canadian cities will care nothing about the execution of English capitalists in that country. The Benton case has passed into history and is only remembered by those cries of the hired stupid writers of the capitalist press against the Mexican people.

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In addition to the aid on which they can rely the Southerners and other Mexican revolutionists have the enormous advantage of knowing the country thoroughly, and as they follow guerrilla tactics exclusively—"fighting and running away, that they may live to fight another day"—it is most difficult for the Federal troops to crush them. Perhaps the best proof of that is the fact that, if one had believed the government and capitalist papers, "Zapatism" should have been buried out of sight months and months ago.

All the evidence is in favor of the position that, with his in-born, Indian hatred of authority, the Mexican makes one of the poorest hired soldiers in the world; whereas in free, guerrilla warfare it is hard to find his match. He is apt to be a splendid horseman, he is very hardy; he can subsist on what would spell starvation to a European soldier, and he has little respect either for his own life or those of others. As for his ability to shoot, the Boer war proved conclusively that shooting to kill is learned far better in frontier life than on the practice range.

The Mexican is inflamed to the fighting point against existing economic arrangements; he can fight, especially in the guerrilla style, which the mountainous character of the country favors greatly, and he is fighting on a progressively larger scale. The Mexican government disputes the last statement and claims to be now engaged in stamping out the last embers of revolt, but, judging from the events reported in the same capitalist papers of Mexico City, it would seem that the government is lying.

The Social Revolution now going on in Mexico is fearful for the masters who used to play with common revolts for political purposes, because she does not limit herself to the conquest of a right, the exercise of which is inherent to the human personality, as the right of vote, but tends to the radical transformation of the construction of society; to the deep change of the basis on which society now rests, and to the complete modification of the traditional rules upon which she has developed in the course of civilization. These deep changes are weapons of death for the capitalist class, and as they have for their base the idea of absolute equality, the abolition of private property, and the overthrow of religious dogmas, the system does all in its power