

a federation of states helps forward the hour when there shall be "one God and one humanity"—The United States of America! The United States of South America! The United States of Europe! The United States of the British Empire! The United States of the World. At the present time "patriotism" is almost the most expensive thing in the world. We could do with a few less flags. Howbeit we would not be willing to give up the flag with the cross on it.

The problem which the United States has to deal with is expressed in that phrase: "Latin America." The republics of Central and South America are separated from the great American republic by a barrier higher than any mountain range which ever stood between two nations, even the barrier of language. The United States in facing the greatest crisis of one hundred years in dealing with the twenty-one Latin American republics. Perhaps you did not recall the fact, but the population of these republics is not less than seventy million people. And these republics are entering upon a period of national consciousness. They are proud of their institutions and envious of outside dictation or interference.

President Woodrow Wilson, in his address at Mobile, Alabama, last October, said: "There is only one cloud upon our horizon and that hangs over Mexico." This morning we turn our eyes toward Mexico. Warfare in Northern Mexico has lasted three years since Madero raised the standard of revolt against Diaz. Mexico is in the limelight. He who has anything to say about Mexico should say it now. This is the psychological moment to consider the evangelization of the beautiful regions lying far to the south of us.

When God would open up a new country he permits attention to be drawn to its material treasures: gold, silver, oil, copper, lead, iron and precious stones. Mexico is fabulously rich in oil—and the world needs oil. Mexico is probably the richest mineral region in the world. Mexico is a garden-spot. Mexico, the beautiful! Mexico has the bluest of blue skies, great mountain peaks enthroned in an atmosphere of purity and gold, roses that bloom perpetually and birds that sing continually. "The violets are always sweet and the ivy and honeysuckle ever climbing up toward the stars." There nature robes herself in colors which are gay and hues which are brilliant all unconscious of the shocking deeds of man. And Mexico is South America in miniature. The continent of South America will some day occupy an influential position in the world.

The revolutions in Mexico centre around the land question. Mexico will never be a happy country until the great estates are broken up. There are fifteen million people in Mexico, but six thousand people own the land. Those six thousand land owners run the go-