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**Wilson And Mexico.**

A couple of months ago we took occasion to refer to the attitude assumed by President Wilson of the United States towards the Republic of Mexico. We expressed the opinion then that the President's conduct in this matter was, to say the least, most extraordinary. It was, we considered, contrary to ordinary diplomatic methods, directly opposed to the position taken by the other great powers of the world, and had all the earmarks of a desire to intervene in the internal, domestic affairs of a neighboring sovereign country. Every move made by President Wilson and his Government since we then wrote, confirms and accentuates the conclusions then enunciated. As a matter of fact, the two countries still occupy about the same relative positions towards each other as they did two months ago, except that feeling has been worked up to a higher pitch of intensity.

Now what has been the manner of action of President Wilson in this matter? Shortly after the upheaval in Mexico, and the appointment by the Congress of that country of Huerta as provisional President, a meeting of accredited representatives of the great powers to the Mexican Republic was held in Mexico city, and the line of conduct to be pursued under the changed conditions, was discussed. On the initiative of the American Ambassador, Mr. Henry Lane Wilson, who appears to have been the senior of the diplomatic corps, a recognition of Huerta's Government was agreed upon.

This was about the time, or shortly after, President Wilson entered upon the duties of his office, as chief Executive of the United States. He repudiated the line of action adopted by the diplomatic representatives of the powers, recalled the American Ambassador, and refused to diplomatically recognize the provisional President of Mexico. All this he did, in contradistinction to the conduct of Great Britain and the other Great Powers of Europe. All this he did on the pretence that the country was in an unsettled state. But, as Premier Asquith said in his address at the Lord Mayor's banquet a few days ago, the powers were bound to deal with whatever was for the time being the *de facto* Government of Mexico and because there appeared no element except Huerta that offered any prospect of the restoration of order.

Not satisfied with withdrawing the American Ambassador from Mexico, President Wilson sent Mr. John Lind as his personal representative to Mexico, to act as a kind of diplomatic spy, to watch the movements of acting President Huerta, to thwart his actions and by a policy of bluff to force him out of office. This juggling has been going on for several months.

At first Mr. Lind was instructed to impress upon provisional President Huerta that a constitutional election for President of Mexico must be held, before the United States could recognize the Government of that country. That offered no particular difficulty, as the election was arranged for and would be

held in the month of October. Then Huerta was given to understand that he should not be a candidate at the election for the Presidency. As the date of the election was drawing near, Mr. Lind intimated that whatever the result of the elections would be, the President of the United States would not recognize the President so chosen. Thus things went on, from day to day, each succeeding declaration of the United States authorities proving more and more that the ultimate object of all this tortuous pretence at negotiation, was intervention on some pretext or another, and finally the annexation of Mexico.

The Presidential election was held, but it appears that a sufficient number of votes for President were not polled to ensure a legal choice. But Congressional elections were held at the same time, and the Congress chosen was to meet on the 16th inst. This constituted another motive for activity on the part of Mr. Lind. This time his energies were directed to prevent Congress from convening and, if possible, to drive Huerta from power before it should convene. Neither of these things were accomplished.

Among the plans discussed by President Wilson and his Government to overcome Huerta, it is said, was the removal of the embargo on munitions of war, so as to enable Carranza, the leader of the rebellion in Mexico, to overthrow the *de facto* Government and drive Huerta from power. It is certainly carrying things pretty far, when the Government of a civilized and Christian country intimate their willingness to allow a rebel horde to capture, murder and destroy without distinction, with the view of removing a *de facto* administration not agreeable to the party of the first part.

President Wilson very well knows that General Carranza would not give stable government to Mexico, or attempt to do so. But the disorder and anarchy that would ensue, would afford a plausible excuse for United States troops going in and taking charge of the country. The Government of Mexico is very likely not as good as it might be, and Huerta is probably not a paragon of perfection. But a reasonable opportunity should be afforded to the *de facto* powers to undertake the pacification of the country and the establishing of order. Instead of this, we have invited intervention, and the threat of the big stick by a bully. This is not in accordance with the eternal fitness of things.

**A Sane Christmas.**

There is a great deal of common sense behind the movement which has been accepted in the United States in favor of a sane Christmas, says the St. John Standard. The Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving has the matter in hand and, as its name implies, aims to strike at the practice of giving Christmas gifts "just because one has to." Its activities are not aimed at Santa Claus, who can go as far as he likes in making the children happy, but such cases as Mrs. A. who gives to her neighbor, Mrs. B. something that she cannot afford and the recipient does not want, simply because Mrs. A. fears Mrs. B. will think she is mean if she does not reciprocate the useless gift received last Christmas, arouse the ire of the S. P. U. G. The movement is well summed up by the Montreal Herald which says:

"It's the Jones that it is after, Jones being generic for the great class of people to whom you 'simply have to give something,' no matter how little you want to, Mrs.

Jones is the woman who gives your wife a lace dingus with pink ribbon on it, and who will be offended if, in return, she doesn't get a crocheted thingummy with blue ribbons. Mrs. Jones doesn't want to give up the dingus, and she has no use for the thingummy, but somebody started this amiable habit of giving Christmas presents willynilly, some centuries ago, and we have been hard at it ever since.

"Most of us will be inclined to think the S. P. U. G. has a big contract on its hands, in spite of the crescendo of roars with which Christmas bills are greeted year after expensive year, but the members and active workers in it point triumphantly to what has been done in the United States in making she once bloody butchery of July Fourth into a comparatively sensible day. If Uncle Sam has learned not to blow his thumbs off with a giant cracker, why shouldn't Canadians learn to keep their pennies, their dinguses and their thingummies, instead of spreading them around where they will do the least good?"

**Lady Stratheona Dead.**

Lady Stratheona, wife of Baron Stratheona and Mount Royal, Canada's High Commissioner in London, died on Wednesday last. She was the daughter of the late Richard Hardisty of Montreal, and was in her 89th year. Messages of condolence were sent to Lord Stratheona by both Premier Borden, who is absent on vacation, and by Hon. Mr. Foster acting Premier at Ottawa. Mr. Foster's message sent in the name of the Government, was as follows:

"The members of the Canadian Government desire to assure your Lordship of their profound sympathy on the occasion of the death of Lady Stratheona. They feel that in her all classes in this country have lost a warm friend, who, during a long lifetime, labored, not less effectively because quietly and unostentatiously, to assist your Lordship promote the well-being of her Canadian fellow subjects, while her kindly and gracious hospitality will long be remembered by those privileged to share it.

"We trust your Lordship may be strengthened to bear this great affliction and that you may yet be spared many years to continue your work on behalf of Canada and the Empire."

To the foregoing message of condolence, the following reply was received from Lord Stratheona by Hon. Mr. Foster: "At this moment of the deepest sorrow it is impossible to find words with which to thank you and your colleagues in the government of Canada for the words of true sympathy and solace conveyed in your message on the irreparable loss I and mine have sustained in the death of my beloved wife, who was my stay and trusted adviser during our long life together. From the bottom of my heart I thank you and them for your kindness."

From the emigration figures published by the British board of trade, about half the people who left the British Isles last year in search of new homes came to Canada. There is yet room for many more.—Ottawa Free Press.

The Indians in the United States number 400,000, and own on an average \$25,000 apiece for every man, woman and child. It was a lucky day for the survivors when Columbus discovered America.—Mail and Empire.

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If women were running for office the ones who wear those ridiculous long feathers that stick out behind would not stand much show with a free born electorate. Toledo Blade.

A perusal of the advertising pages of many magazines gives the reader the impression that a number of shapely men spend a considerable portion of their time lolling around in their underwear.—Vancouver Province.

Here we are in Canada, with provinces far larger than France, or Germany, or Austria or Italy, with no tariff barriers or armed frontiers dividing them, with free institutions, free schools, with freedom from aristocracy and militarism. There is no limit to our ambition, to what we might do if we would throw our whole souls into the development of Canada according to the ideas of the twentieth century and the new world. The progress that we have made in the first few years of the twentieth century is only a promise of the progress that we may make before the twentieth century is old, if we will only discard all narrow, sectarian, racial ideas, and rise to the height of our wonderful opportunities.—Toronto Star.

**Three Coaches Left The Rails.**

Eufala, Ala., Nov. 13.—Twelve persons were killed and more than a hundred injured some of them fatally early today, when three coaches of a Central of Georgia passenger train left the rails at a point seventeen miles south of here and plunged down a steep embankment. The train, which consisted of five cars crowded with excursionists, was en route from Ozark, Ala., to Eufala, where a fair is being held.

Among those who escaped with minor injuries was Jefferson D. Clayton, a wealthy Alabamian, and brother of Congressman Henry D. Clayton, of this state. A broken rail is said to have caused the accident.

As the crowded excursion train rounded a curve the three cars at the rear literally packed with passengers, rolled down the steep embankment. The coaches practically were demolished. Shrieks and groans of the injured rose above the rending crash of splintering timbers.

Occupants of the two coaches which remained on the rails immediately bent their efforts in rescuing the hundreds who were caught in the tangled mass of wreckage. Word of the disaster quickly reached Clayton, Ala., three miles away, and relief trains bearing surgeons and nurses were quickly dispatched from Ozark and Eufala, where most of the dead and injured were taken.

Many of the victims were cared for at Clayton, where the citizens turned their residences into emergency hospitals. All the physicians within a radius of many miles hurried to the scene and assisted in caring for the injured.

So large was the number of victims, however, that available space at Clayton soon was exhausted and many had to be placed on cots on porches and in front yards.

Because of the isolation of the place where the wreck occurred, and the confusion which necessarily prevailed, identification of the dead and wounded was slow.

Not until tonight were the names of a majority of the killed known with certainty. Many of the injured were brought here tonight from Clayton, those suffering most being taken to local hospitals by a special train. Others were transported by automobiles, carriages and other vehicles. A majority of the injured suffered painful scratches and bruises from splintered woodwork and cuts from flying glass. There were many, however, who suffered broken bones and internal injuries of a dangerous nature.

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