

MEXICO'S OIL WEALTH

Very rich oil fields were discovered in 1910 in the region of Tampico, on the Gulf coast of Mexico. The Rothschild interests, through their engineer, Weetman D. Pearson (now Lord Cowdray) obtained possession of them from the Diaz government. Although the Standard Oil did not start to fight the monopoly until Madero was in power, she tried to wrest from them the concessions concerning oil.

Both capitalist corporations have helped one way or another to the last four governments that Mexico has had in the last few years, and at the present time the Standard Oil Company is supporting the Constitutionals a little, and Pearson and Son, Limited, and the Shell Training and Transportation Company (the English Rothschild interests headed by Sir Marcus Samuels) are helping Huerta.

It is not true that the Standard Oil started the war against Diaz. We have seen that the Liberal party (workers) commenced it in 1906, four years before the oil fields were discovered. It is not true that the Standard Oil supported Madero since the commencement. The workers movement was in full swing when the Standard Oil struck in. Not until Madero showed great strength in the North, did the Standard Oil support him, wanting legislation that would oust the Rothschild interests from the Tampico oil belt; and furnished Madero with several means to win the power.

When Madero was killed and Huerta came into power, the Rothschild were again in favor, although until today no legislation at all about the oil fields has been passed in the Mexican Congress.

The Revolutionary party is opposed to American or British exploitation of the oil fields.

THE BENTON CASE

British capitalists ought to be blamed for their part in enslaving the Mexican people, and if the workers of Great Britain and her Dominions and Colonies are in sympathy with their brothers of Mexico now in rebellion, they should stand against any intervention of the British Government in the affairs of Mexico, taking one pretext or the other, as one day might happen with the Benton case.

We will not discuss here if William S. Benton was killed in a quarrel with Francisco Villa, or if Major Rodolfo Fierro stabbed him in revenge for his insults to Villa. What we will point out to every English, Scotch, Irish, Welsh or British workingman, is that William S. Benton was one of the enslavers of the Mexican proletariat. During 25 years he robbed the Mexicans, and in that way he made a fortune of 1,000,000 pesos. He had mines, cattle, lands, farms, houses, etc., all products of the workers. He was as guilty as Diaz and Madero were, and all and every one of the Mexican exploiters. For that, he received his punishment at the hands of the workers, and no doubt was condemned to death for his robberies of the Mexican people.