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In Mexico for fifty years Porfirio Diaz had reigned, nominally as President, but in reality as an absolute monarch; and it must be confessed that the country thrived. A couple of years ago a revolution occurred; Diaz was driven out, and Madero became President. Some time later Madero was assassinated, a change of government again occurred, and Huerta, the present ruler, became President. After the confusion subsided, Huerta's government was acknowledged by all the Powers, with the exception of the United States, recognition by whom was really of the very greatest importance to Mexico. All attempts to obtain recognition have failed. Why President Wilson refuses is not definitely known. It may be that the great oil and other commercial interests, fearing trouble for themselves in Mexico if Huerta is recognized, have exerted sufficient pressure on Wilson to have him stand aloof. It may be, and this is the more probable reason, pure squeamishness on Wil-