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As oditor of the English section of "Regeneracion," it is my duty to aid the Mexican Liberal party to the utmost of my power. In my judgment this can be done best by appealing to the revolutionary feeling latent throughout the world and at present much stimulated by the stern events Socialist party and insulted every memtranspiring in Mexico, England and elsewhere. In fact, I believe a movement so drastic as is the Mexican Revo lution can be assisted in no other way, for only those saturated with the spirit of revolt will aid or encourage it. This is not a theoretical opinion, but one founded on the rock of fact, the record showing clearly that from the mere reforming element no assistance comes and from those who play politics litcapitalist system at 'every point and intend to overthrow it long before a majority shall have been induced to vote it out of office; it is from the Direct Actionists, from the Syndicalists and from the Anarchists that help has come. I write with knowledge of the books.

"Regeneracion" itself is neither an Anarchist nor a Socialist paper; it is the organ of a set of men who ar doing their best to overthrow th money power that has reduced Mexico to slavery, and are trying to do it in the quickest and most efficacious way. Its editors believe "direct action" the way; they believe it from intimate course I am not speaking of myself) eleven long years. The facts that have developed since the overthrow of Diaz confirm them in their belief. This conviction has brought them, most un willingly, into collision with the Sowhose set program teaches

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The labor movement is essentially international, and no uprising in any country can be treated as a thing apart Mexican politicians, of the Madero reballot action which Socialists throughout the world approve. Accordingly can revolutionists, of the Magon type, adopt a different line that appeals to Anarchists and Direct Actionists. Ac cordingly they receive world-wide Anarchist and Direct Actionist support happened. * * *

It was not because we abused the Socialists-for we did not-that the Socialists opposed us. It was because we fought Madero, with whom they to attack those who do not believe in itable.

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argument was that in Mexico plutoc nores them. racy wanted time, above all else, to complete the system of slavery already The important thing, however; the ity. The instinct of solidarity is in-Debs' plea for slow processes of edu-lelse shrivels into insignificance, is this: | italist system."

ention and organization was the plea The Barabias, the Villareals and the most wolcome to the money power. I other place and efficeaeckers are urging and anno repeat the charge and call attention day and night that the revolution shall to the fact that Doba has carefully let up; that the country be given time I UU sidestepped it.

can, and this he does to support his take a Arigor hold upon the bridie, contention that without education and For this they are arging the slow procorganization no nation can successfully esses of evolution, systematic education assert its rights. Is that, I ask, the and long-continued discipline to deineof "scientific" Socialism? Has Dobs, which Dobs is playing up to them, conta, wrung from an English tyrant by might This, I repeat, is the all immen of whom not one in a hundred portant thing. could write their names. Does he suppose that the Englishmen who execut he must be prepared to meet.

oplum den of politics',"-a term penned matter in that light. by myself-and that "they attacked the ber of it, and this was long before the Socialist party or any of its leaders felt moved to say anything about the anarchy that was taking possession of their movement." When I first heard a Islmilar statement I mentioned it to Ricardo Magon, who replied, with blaz- compiled almost exclusively from the ing indignation, "Owen, it is a lie." It columns of "El Diario," "El Imparcial" brutal attack on Ricardo Magon made their original demands were granted. Rivera and Figueroa, followed. indisputable record, and Debs should The "Los Angeles Times" laments the

a bed of thorns.

That the "Appeal to Reason" was the winning votes.

to Reason' has only good will for the fire. Mexican cause," does he mean thereby had formed what I myself regard as the Mexican Liberal party, the Junta exercised greatly over renewed activan entirely natural alliance. On the and "Regeneracion"? I do not think ity on the part of the Magonistas, in phrase—the "Mexican cause"—because reports three bodies, each composed of done it and they always will. With are with the Sarabias and the Villa the South of Panasquiaro; another Direct Actionists they may form a tem. reals, the political editors of such political taste whatever, and if I notice Debs' with whom the "Appeal to Reason's" being for the use of Magonistas. article in the "Appeal to Reason" of Los Angeles correspondent has been in In the State of Tabasco, according by clarifying issues. First, therefore, I the Magons found their way into So- tion of the peons.

in which to readjust itself; which means, when you put It in plain words, Deba dwella, errencously, as I think, that plutocracy be allowed a breathing on the Ignorance of the average Mexi spell in which to recover its seat and wonder, never heard of Magna Char selously or unconsciously, with all his

Deba praises the personal characters ed Charies I, the Frenchmon who sent of the imprisoned members of the Jun-"Entered as second-class matter Louis XVI to the guillotine and over ta, and I am glad, for the praise is September 12, 1910, at the post of herow the feudal system, or that vast well deserved. But I cannot forget that See at Los Angolds, California, under host which drove the Roman Catholic, the paper in which he willes made it Church from power and established self busy calumntating Ricardo Magon. the Protestant Reformation-does he the man for whose apprehension Masuppose those men, who erected some dero has offered \$50,000. Debs calls for of the greatest landmarks of our com thanctal aid, and I am glad; for thoso mon history, were educated and or who find themselves at war with plugantzed? Has he forgotten that he tocracy could put their mency to no hlinself conducted the most formidable better use. But I sannot forget that Ulfull DIVII strike in the history of the United his paper did its utmost to edt them States with a so-called organization of from sympathy and ald by declaring at which the "regulars" sheered as a the Mexican revolution at an end, by thing of mushroom growth? If Dobs personal attack and by the studied be-Intends to argue, these are positions littling of what I myself regard as the most important movement of the age. Perhaps I should be more charitable Debs writes that "In their manifes and say that Debs recognizes the fatal toes the Mexican leaders denounced the error into which his party has been mivocates of working class political ac- lod and is trying to retrieve the situation as steeped in depravity, in 'the tion. Unfortunately I do not see the

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n the "New York Call" at a time when They are now asking for an increase of be truthful enough to acknowledge it. | fact that Mexican strikers are usually | well armed. The miners of the "Ter-Debs devotes some paragraphs to the rible" group of properties in the State Anarchists, whom he accuses of being of Durango have gone out and are said themselves corrupt politicians. I have to be displaying much resolution. not the space to enter into a compari- Strikes of miners at Guanacevi, Duson of the individual merits of those range, and of factory operatives at Rio who make up the mass of Socialists Blanco, Veracruz, and at San Lorenzo, doing so. and Anarchists. I express, however, in the same State, are also particularly the personal opinion that Socialist par- noted. The rurales at Jaltipan, Veraknowledge of their own country (of ty leadership today is usually a safe, cruz, acting under orders from the Jefe lucrative and easy profession, and Politico, attempted to break up a meetand from the hard-won experience of prominence in the Anarchist movement ing. They were disarmed by those present and put to tumultuous flight, the Jefe Politico being taken captive.

From an immense number of States first to take up the Mexican question— the appearance of new guerrilla bands an assertion Debs elaborates—is neith is reported, but in many instances they er true nor to the point. It is not true, are spoken of as lacking arms and amthat the emancipation of the people because Los Angeles Anarchists, my munition, and having no money with must be accomplished at the ballot box. self among the number, were the first which to acquire them. However, the to call mass meetings of protest, some remark that the bands occupied such live years ago. It is not to the point and such a place and provided thembecause the past is dead, and because selves with arms, ammunition and no one with any knowledge of the horses is of frequent occurrence. For movement supposes that the "Appeal to example, "El Norte," of Chihuahua, reforming type, adopt a certain line of Reason" took up the Mexican question ports the Figueroa forces as having from motives of philanthropy. It is a attacked the Hacienda de San Carlos, sensational paper, perpetually on the seized all the horses, thrown open the Madero has Socialist support. Mexi- lookout for new issues to exploint; just prison doors and recruited the prisonas Socialist mass meetings celebrate ers into their own ranks, whereupon the execution of the Chicago Anar- they passed on to another hacienda, cisco Ferrer, and others whom in actual and were joined by all the peons emlife they repudiated and would have ployed on the estate. Reports of peas-One can see that this is what would stoned to death. It is the party's establant uprisings on various properties that. happen and it is what actually has lished policy to seize every chance of abound, and one notes particularly that gaining popularity for the sake of of the Maya Indians in the South, in which henequen plantations were destroyed, whatever promised to be of When Debs writes that "the 'Appeal service expropriated and houses set on

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Lines between Revolutionists and Politicians Clearly Drawn

"The anti-re-electionists also held their convention on August 13 Their nominees are Emilio Vazquez Gomez and Jesus Flores Magon, brother of the notorious Ricardo Flores Magon, who was in jail in Los Angeles and Arizona for various crimes, and who cannot return, even now, to Mexico. Jesus Flores Magon, however, is one of the most highly respected attornoys of the Moxican bar and is quite a different person from his brother.'

The quotation is from the "Los Angeles Times" of Aug. 23, a paper that, having brains and being a most sagacious watchdog of the privileged class, is devoting great space to Mexican affairs. Naturally it hates Ricardo Magon, who is leading one of the most formidable attacks on privilege that history has recorded; and naturally it is careful to convey the impression that he is a man of many crimes, who cannot return "even now" to Mexico, despite the powerful protection of his brother. To one who knows the facts it is amusing.

Magon's "crimes"-like those of his brother, Enrique, who still lies in jail,-consist solely of having worked for the overthrow of Diaz, and of having insisted furthermore that a mere change of dictators would amount to nothing, it being necessary to give the Mexican workers economic liberty and, above all, access to the land. Those are the "crimes" for which they have suffered various long terms of imprisonment.

The brother Jesus, now candidate for vice-president of the Republic was formerly with them in that work, and also suffered imprisonment. Whereupon he saw a light, practised law, rose to wealth and power, is now Under-secretary of Justice, and is highly honored by the "Los Angeles Times." How foolish are those revolutionists who do not understand how The following summary has been easy it is to butter one's bread, and what a delicious thing is butter!

MADERO'S OFFER SPURNED

Jesus Magon took sides with Madero, and made a special journey to was, and it was a most convenient lie and "El Pais," the most conservative Los Angeles—in company with Juan Sarabia—that he might induce his at that; but I was able to expose it by Mevico City dailies. The mechanics on brothers to make peace with the new dictatorship. The brothers are of the date record, and I did so in "Rege- the Mexican railroad, in Veracruz, re- the type that does not believe in putting the hand to the plow and turning the but opposition. It is from those who neracion" of July 15, quoting from the main on strike, despite the fact that back; so they declined with indignation and their arrest, with that of

> Madero recently saw fit to order that Emilio Vasquez Gomez, who had had no connection whatever with wages. One also notes that two thou. been his right-hand man during the struggle against Diaz and had been were willing to risk their lives on the The cases of the accused members of 'Regeneracion;" when, in fact, it was sand miners went on strike in the rewarded with the post of Minister of the Interior, should be discharged edited by the wife of John Kenneth State of Mexico and attacked the stores. from office. The Anti-re-electionists, Madero's special party, rebelled, de-Furner, who trained with the Socialist Federal forces were sent to put them posed Madero from the head of their ticket and put Gomez in his place. Party. That is part of the printed and down and a bloody encounter followed. This is the party that has selected Jesus Flores Magon for vice-president.

The defection of the Anti-re-electionists was a most serious blow to Madero and he immediately ordered the leaders under arrest, as already related in this English section. According to the "Times," which writes intelligently on the subject, those leaders controlled 20,000 troops still under arms in the States of Mexico, Morelos, Guerrero, Jalisco, Michoacan, Veracruz, Tamaulipas, Sinaloa, Chiapas, Tabasco, Puebla, Tlaxcala, Durango; Oaxaca and the Territory of Tepic. It is certain that the followers of the imprisoned leaders will make it hot for Madero, and already they are

One should not rely exclusively on the press for information, and the writer recently interviewed at great length a Los Angeles visitor whom he considers a real authority on conditions in Mexico. The gentleman in question was born and raised there, but has been in England and Europe many years, having passed through several universities. For some time past he has been travelling through Mexico, trying to get the truth respecting a very complicated situation. What he thinks is this.

BY FORCE OF ARMS

Madero may be elected, because he was first in the field, seized the strategic points and is holding them with some 26,000 soldiers. He may be able, therefore, to secure his election by force and fraud, for the masses are innocent in the matter of political tricks. On the other hand, they are immensely suspicious, and-a point much emphasized and discussed in detail—particularly suspicious of the priests. The Indian is superstitious, and will go to the priest for an amulet to preserve his life, but he is not religious. He does not look to the priest for guidance. Many priests have flocked of late years from France to Mexico, and it is their universal ence him. The peasant is at heart what a scientific social student would describe as an Anarchist-Communist. Get away from the railroads and you will find what is very similar to the Russian "Mir," the municipality holding the land for the common use of the inhabitants. When an Indian wants to build a house he calls on his neighbors for assistance, which is always herited instincts, and he holds them with a grip incomparably more powerchists, the Japanese Anarchists, Fran- where they got more horses and mules ful than that of any book student. Above all, he must have land. Without it the care-free existence that is his very life-blood is impossible. needs no Debs, no Karl Marx course, no labor organizations, to teach him i

Readers of "Regeneracion," and of the daily papers even, must have lows: noted that the name of Gen. Emiliano Zapata was cropping up continually. One sees that Madero is now making desperate efforts to effect a reconciliation with Zapata, but Zapata is a hard case. He is one of Victor Berger's real "bandits," and he was a bandit before the revolution broke out; for he is one of those unforgiving Indians who have been subjected to cruel tyranny and intend to get even. At the "Regeneracion" offices we think a great deal of Zapata, because from one end of the State of Morelos to the other he has divided up the big haciendas and turned them over to the to quote their own actual words, that 'the strikes result in illegal assaults other hand, it is natural for Socialists so. I think he has used an ambiguous the States of Durango and Coahuila. It peasants, who are now in possession and busily sowing crops. This is what on the national welfare'—that 'first we should have peace'—that 'we should my informant told me, and I was so impressed that I ran to Ricardo Magon | stimulate the development of national wealth'—that 'then, when everypolitical action. They always have his sympathies and those of his party about 300 men, as in the mountains to for confirmation. He was astonished that I did not know it. PROLETARIAT IN CONTROL

at bottom always by political consid- spineless hybrid which recently has Clenegas, and yet another near Camar- guidebook as 212,000, which was that of Southern California only a few not have the opportunity of declaring even a strike—which is but a game erations. All this seems to me inev- made its appearance in Mexico under go. The Guaymas, Sonora, correspon- years ago. What would you had heard one fine morn- for children-much less of taking possession of the different industries of the stolen title of "Regeneracion." dent of "El Diario" calls attention to ing that the Southern California proletariat had dispossessed Otis, Hunt- Mexico to work them for your own benefit." These men, whom the Magons de- the passage of numerous wagons loaded ington, Hellman and the swarm of men who have done exceedinkly well in For barren controversy I have no nounce as hireling renegades, are those with arms and provisions, reported as real estate? That is the position in Morelos, and it is being duplicated in and interests is shown at work far more forcibly than it could be by many other highly revolutionary States,

August 19 it is only because I think it constant touch; and it was from those to "El Imparcial," agriculture is suf- and my informant expressed the strongest opinion that, even if Madero ways the real revolution—the bitter struggle between conservatism, which may assist the Mexican Liberal party Madero headquarters that attacks or fering severely from the insubordina- forced his election through, he could not hold the job. Madero is a vacil- cannot tear itself away from the old, and that inconoclastic radicalism which lator, and the times are unfavorable for vacillators. A strong man may yet would sweep the boards clean that the new order may have a chance of point out that Debs has evaded the clalist papers before I myself had the Commenting on the determined atti- turn up; another Diaz in the prime of life, capable of gathering to his stand- life. In the past conservatism has invariably won, for invariably it has main argument in my criticism, to slightest connection with "Regenera tude of the workers at various points and what the "Times" would call the forces of law and order, though we con- had the support of the pretended revolutionists; always pleading for delay; which the article under consideration cion." These are easily proved and ex- our Spanish reporter says: "The meek sider them the forces of special privilege and, consequently, of disorder. always checking the natural instinct of the masses; always sicklying o'er is an intended reply. The gist of that ceedingly awkward facts, but Debs ig- evolutionists will begin to see that cen- In such an event the final struggle will be between this modern Napoleon the native hue of resolution with the pale cast of timid thought. In this turies of scientific study are not reland the Mexican Liberal Party, as representing the true aspirations of the present contest stand, on the one side, the Sarabias, the Jesus Magons, the

so well advanced; and I insisted that one important thing, beside which all nate; what is destroying it is the cap apparent proof and was seemingly impartial, it impressed me greatly. By ing the Mexican Liberal Party has gathered to itself. Which will win? the way, he added that the cattle kings were suffering heavily from Indian

Revolutionists

Meeting Scores Course Adopted by Mexican Officials

Hall, Sunday last, the following resolutors of any and every foreign land. tions condominatory of the action of the "We further condomin the Mexican Mexican government in attempting to officials and detectives for their perniprocure the extradition of Gens. Pryce, clous activity in securing indictments Mosby, Reed, Laffin and others, and the against these men, together with R imprisonment of members of the Junta | F. Magon and E. F. Magon, A. L. Eigof the Mexican Liberal Party, were ueroa, Librado Rivera, A. P. Trauje,

unwarranted efforts of the bloodthirsty only. and tyrannical officials of barbarous these men because of their active parti- such as you are able to render." cipation in the recent military uprising and political revolution in Mexico, do Cook and E. E. Kirk were the speakers. hereby resolve-

ernment and officials for attempting to nue, was appointed treasurer, secure the extradition of these men on sham and perjured charges of murder, arson and other crimes pretended to have been committed in Mexico when hearing last Tuesday afternoon, denied said Mexican officials know and all the the motion to dismiss the complaint world knows that any acts they may charging Gen. Mosby, Reed and Laffin regular line of their duty.

cal regime and to give liberty and just thoe to the downtrodden, robbed and plundered people of Mexico and for no other reason whatever.

"That all their acts were of a purely political nature and not extraditable under our treaty with Mexico.

"We call upon our government and its officials to rotuse in this instance, as we have always done in the past, to grant the extradition of any person for

political offenses. "We demand that the United States shall over be in the future as it has always been in the past, a haven of refuge for all liberty-loving people who come within its borders seeking pro-At a mass mosting hold in Mammoth | tootion from the tyrants and oppress-

and F. G. Peterson for pretended vic-"We, the people of Les Angeles, in lation of the neutrality law. It is our mass meeting assembled at Mammoth solemn belief that all these charges Hall, this 20th day of August, 1911, for are based on fabricated testimony and the purpose of expressing our feeling made for the purpose of persecution of indignation, and protost against the and from motives of hate and revenge

"We urge all liberty-loving people to Mexico to secure the extradition of come to the rescue of these men and J. R. Mosby, J. Reed, D. B. Lastin, hold meetings of protest everywhere Rbys Pryce and Pedro Solls, for the and aid these deserving men with your purpose of satisfying the spirit of re-sympathy and give them such finanvenge which such officials feel toward cial assistance as they may need and

Job Harriman, A. R. Holston, W. B. (C. T. Sprading acted as chairman, and "That we condemn the Mexican Gov- George W. Downing, 4608 Central ave-

CASES AGAIN POSTPONED U. S. Commissioner Van Dyke, at the

have done were done and performed as with robbery in Lower California. The soldiers in the Liberal Army and in the case against Gen. C. Rhys-Pryce may lead to international complications, the "We declare our firm and full belief United States District attorney having in the honesty and good faith of these been notified that if Pryce is held for men and firmly believe that whatever extradition the British Ambassador, part they took in the recent war in James Bryce, will be represented at the Mexico was done solely as men who hearing before Secretary of State Knox. battlefield for the sole purpose of de- the Mexican Liberal Party Junta were stroying and overthrowing a tyranni- postponed to August 31.

depredations, and that the Indians defended such depredations on MORAL grounds; saying that for one man to own thousands of head of cattle was unnatural, and, therefore, wrong. They can argue, I am told, quite intelligently on that subject; and, reflecting on Madero's position as one of Mexico's landed grandees, I do not wonder that he dislikes Ricardo and Enrique Magon, with their bandit undesirables. Accidentally I have coupled the Berger-Roosevelt epithets, but we will let it go. Hard words break no bones and win no battles.

SCORING HIS BROTHER

Let us return to the Magons. Inasmuch as a candidate for vice-president must have his organ, a paper has been started in Mexico City with the title of "Regeneracion," and if any one who thinks Ricardo Magon would spare that paper because of his brother's interest in it he does not know Ricardo. His review appeared in our last week's issue and, after remarking that the Jesus Magon's representive was "without color, taste or smell," despite the appalling number of learned men advertised as writing for it, and after stating that its proper name should be "Degeneracion," it proceeded thus: "An honest journal should speak frankly, but this the journal in question cannot do BECAUSE ITS EXPENSES ARE DEFRAYED BY THE UNDERSECRETARY OF JUSTICE, Jesus Flores Magon." The review then glance's at the record of the men who are acting as its editors, and adds that one of them, Antonio I. Villarreal, "is worthy of being a director of a journal of the castrated."

The previous careers of the editors will not be of interest to the American public, but those who have been endeavoring to follow the course of the Socialist Party may like to know that the editor in chief is Juan Sarabia, whose brother, Manuel Sarabia, has been a voluminous contributor to radical papers since he jumped his bail in Arizona some four years ago and complaint that the peasant is not religious; that they cannot really influ- fled to France. He is the only Mexican I know who has jumped his bail, and I said at the time that his action would make it hard for other Mexicans who got into trouble with the authorities. It has.

Manuel Sarabia's arguments, repeated with excessive tediousness in various radical papers, are those of Eugene V. Debs: "Let us have peace; give the country time in which to develop its wealth; trust to the given. A house-building bee is held. This is his life; these are his in-slow processes of education and organization." They are his brother's arguments in "Regeneracion" of Mexico City, which is the paid organ of Jesus Flores Magon, formerly of the Madero faction and now candidate for vice-president on the Anti-re-electionist ticket, with a fair chance of pulling off the prize. His brother, Ricardo Flores Magon, of the Los Angeles "Regeneracion," now out on bail, makes mincemeat of their sophistry as fol-

STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER

"They come out, at this hour, in an article entitled, "Strikes and Organization," with the statement that the workers ought to be prudent; say that they ought to wait until the much-to-be-pitied rich masters have stocked their warehouses with goods they cannot sell; claim that to declare strikes under the present circumstances is to jeopardise generous enterprises that are sacrificing themselves for the welfare of the disinherited, and declare, thing is flourishing, we should call the workers out on strike.' But what they really want is a long period of 'education' and 'organization,' during Morelos is a small State, but very centrally located, being within strik- which the parasites will fill their bellies. Comrades, if you make peace porary alliance, but it will be dictated litical sheets as "El Radical" and that tivity in the neighborhood of Cuatro ing distance of the City of Mexico. Its population is given in the latest the bourgeoisie and authority will strengthen themselves, and then you will

By such a review as this I believe the play of conflicting philosophies any catalogue of the thousand and one conflicts that are rending Mexico at This seems likely to make it hard for Madero, to whom I now return; a thousand and one points. We see a nation in the throes of what is al-Debs, Bergers and other paid spokesmen of the Socialist party. On the That was my informant's opinion, and, as he backed it up with much other side stand the Ricardo and Enrique Magons, with the stalwart follow-

W, C. O.