No. 182, Saturday, March 28, 1914.

He Walks Safe VVho

"It is a haunting thought," wrote John B. Harris, in his recent book, "Dawn in Darkest Africa," "that since the '85 scramble for Africa, the civilized powers who arranged the map of the African continent, ostensitly in the interests and for the well-being of the natives, have passively allowed the premature destruction of not less than ten millions of people." The reference is to the French and Belgian Congos, which are but a very small portion of this profit-desolated world, and the thought would be one of blank despair were is not accompanied by the sister reflection that news spreads fast and that in all countries the disinherited, tutored thoroughly at last by bitter experience, are arming for self-preservation. The Mexican has led the way. The Mexican has been the first to grasp the bitter truth that exploitation, however smiling its mien and honeyed its promises, has always black murder in its heart. He, first, of all the proletarians, has stepped boldly into the open with the declaration that force must be met with force; that rifle must be faced with rifle; that human equality can only be maintained when blow can be returned for blow, on equal terms. As one of my correspondents puts it: "When the Mexican peon got his hands on a modern rifle he cared nothing for the police and sheriffs who stuck as thick as flies around a sugar barrel. The more there were of them, the better mark they made."

Shift the scene to Peru, a country in many respects akin to Mexico. The story of the atrocities attendant on the development of the rubber industry there has leaked out gradually of late, thanks mainly to the most heroic efforts of a Perunvian Socialist named Benjamin Saldana Rocca-a name we Anarchists may well afford to honor, since he has set us an example of most lofty courage. I quote from his first exposure, dated 1907, in which he wrote: "The force the pacific Indians of the Putumayo to work day and night at the extraction of rubber, without the slightest remuneration. . . The rob them of their crops, their women and their children, to satisfy the voracity, lasciviousness and avarice of themselves They and their employes. flog them inhumanly until their bones are laid bare; they give them no medical treatment, but let them die, eaten up by maggets or to serve as food for their dogs; they castrate them, cut off their ears, fingers, arms, legs; they torture them by fire, water, and by tying them up, crucified, head downwards. . . They cut them to pieces with machetes, they grasp children by the feet and dash their heads against walls and trees, until their brains fly out; they have the old people killed when they can work no longer, and, finally, to amuse themselves, practice shooting or, to celebrate the sabado de gloria (Easter rifles. They propose to maintain government, since it possesses arms Saturday), they discharge their weapons at men, women and children, or, in preference to this, they souse them with kerosene and set fire to them to enjoy their desperate agony." Without a touch of sentiment or hysteria I ask coldly if you do not KNOW ing I confess that I still find myself throw it. that these horrors were rendered possible solely by the fact that the armed commercial pirates had the weapon- 0000000000000000000 less natives entirely at their mercy. O We are requested to state that, O Am I, a friend of human freedom and O owing to certain unforeseen dif- O equality, called on to wish a similar O ficulties, mainly in connection O fate for Mexico?

guese district lying along the West 0 1. This was decided at a meet- 0 coast of Africa, tells a like story. The o ing of the Bakunin group, held o neither Huerta nor the rebels would adjacent islands of S. Thome and O in San Francisco, March 21, The O Principe are ruled by some two thou- editor of this section, who will o tempt would rally all Mexicans against sand whites, who use the native popu- o be also the editor of the new pa- o lation for the production of cocoa, oper, earnestly requests readers of coffee and cotton. Slavery of the oper, earnestly requests readers of the correspondent of the London argument is that "Huerta has no plan been boycotted by the party's official most revolting character prevails, and of dresses of those to whom the of "Times," always certain to be a picked but to hold on to power while he ring in New York State, remarks; the best-informed travellers agree that of sending of sample copies will be of man, has a high opinion of Villa's and his friends are getting rich;" that "Apparently the Socialist Party is within the last twenty-five years no o worth the while. It is the inten- o military capacity, and reports his fol- "Villa has no plan but to murder, patriotic, religious, and opposes classless than 200,000 men and women to tion to send out a large number o lowers as being better fed, clothed violate, plunder and burn;" and that strife." have been kidnapped from the main- O of such sample copies, that the O and armed than are the Federals. He "the United States' policy is limited Why not? It is a party of lawyers land to swell the island slave-gangs. O revolutionary world may have O explains that Villa does not handle to the words; 'Huerta must resign,' and preachers. The former have to Do you approve of it, and do you not O the opportunity of making up its O his men in masses; that they are perknow that it has been rendered pos- o mind at once as to whether it o mitted to operate in bodies of from is represented as "a hale, dignified, they can practice. As to the latter, sible only because the armed minority o will or will not support the new o twenty to thirty, without any set at- old-farmer type of lawyer-politician, they can neither attack religion nor has the weaponless natives at its o venture. mercy?

trymen, a pitifully small but armed Mexican minority, wield despotic sway over a Mexican population four times as large as that of the United State. Putting aside the Governor West, of Oregon, has regeois' rule, and despite its everlasting fident that war with Mexico is comsystem denounced with unsparing se- is not far distant when the United neers in the struggle to abolish chat- will restore Mexico to a settled condespite continuous attack; and in ing, and the United States upholding zine which I am using freely in this ter of time until pressure brought to magistrate of Mauritius quoted as ican citizens will become so great that saying: "The position of indentured the United States will become forced coolies when charged in the courts is to act." Governor West, of course, hopeless. Justice they get only by is an orthodox politician, and the posaccident. They are deterred from giv- sibility of restoring settled condito procure evidence. I was a machine more the land for which he hungers for sending men to prison for the con- is an idea that cannot penetrate his venience of the employers." Do you brain. suppose that England could maintain With the high-grade politicians go, her rule in India twenty-four hours if of course, the military men, and one it were not that she herself is armed finds the "Review of Reviews" for to the teeth while the natives are this month evpressing itself thus, in weaponless?

initely, and indeed no American need Mexico: "It has all along been the go abroad for illustration, since they view of the army officers that we spring up daily beneath his very nose, were soon to invade Mexico, and that The policeman is as careful of his life fighting material shipped into that as any other man, and never will country would be used eventually swing his clug on one known as going against our own soldiers and would invariably well-heeled and having a make our efforts at pacification more ter." reputation for being quick on the bloody and more protracted." trigger. Such a man, as Roosevelt In this connection the declarations remarked, may go far untouched, and of the European press, collected with I think he need not be at the trouble its invariable care by "Current Opinof speaking softly. Let him be obvi- ion," are significant. The London ously without means of offense and "Post," regarded always as in close he will be bludgeoned without mercy, touch with government circles in Engas the unemployed are bludgeoned. It land and abroad, thinks that "a situis a hard old world, and Darwin and ation may quickly be reached in which the apostles of the doctrine of indi- the use of force will be inevitable. vidual struggle-offensive as well as When such a state of things is apdefensive-lay it all over those who proached it usually happens that what prate about turning the other cheek, is called an 'unforeseen event' or an while themselves going heavily-armed 'accident' precipitates the collision.' and yelling eternally for more police It instances the Boer declaration of and soldiers. They are like that fam- war and the sinking of the Maine, and ous peace-advocate, Carnegie, who reflects that such accidents are the made scores of millions out of armor natural results of the tension of the plate; and I doubt not that Winston situation and the difficulty each side Churchill, First Lord of the British has in putting itself exactly in the Admiralty, is in the odor of sanctity other's place. Unfortunately there with his church. He wants the Brit- has not been the slightest evidence ish workingman to put up the modest hitherto that either our government sum of \$257,750,000 for this year's or that of any European Power is navy, and has emphasized his request making even the feeblest attempt to with the reflection: "The world is put itself in the disinherited peon's arming as it never armed before. All place. attempts at arresting it have been in- According to "Current Opinion" effectual."

italism, plutocracy, whatever you ington in the matter of Mexico. choose to call it, is essentially the The London "Telegraph" and the most Christianlike of all recorded Berlin "Vossische" agree in considersystems, for it has peace ever on its ing the military force at Huerta's dislips, and blows out unhesitatingly the posal as "much more powerful than brains of every foe that dares to cross many Americans suspect," saying that its path. It is not amenable to pray- his machine guns are of the best and ers, for it is an earthy God, and latest pattern, that he is paying his earthy Gods are walking arsenals, trusted troops regularly, and that his with hearts as hard as the metal of treasury is far from empty. We ourtheir cannon, and aims as precise as selves have always maintained that the sights with which they fit their delay works strongly in favor of the slavery, and to maintain it by force; foundries, has always some credit for slavery is an institution that suits abroad and can force loans and imthem very well. As for those who pose taxation. That power indeed wish to abolish it, one would be glad gives it such credit as it enjoys, and of information as to what they do pro- puts it at an enormous advantage as pose. After years of earnest search-compared with those seeking to overmost uncomfortably in the dark.

WM. C. OWEN.

Angola, which is the vast Portu- | erty" will not be out before May O

awful tragedies of ever-recurring fam- turned from a visit to the Mexicanincs, though India is a never-failing border and given his view of the situexporter of food supplies, let us re- ation in an interview dated. March 18. member that under the British bour- He is reported as saying: "I am concant of freedom, thousands and thou- ing, and I am going to advise the Nasands of natives are sold annually into tional Guard of this State to be preplantation - slavery under what is pared, for I am sure it can count upon known as the "indenture" system,-a being called out before long. The day verity nearly a century ago by Lord States will be compelled to declare Brougham, Buxton and other noted war. I cannot conceive of anything radicals of that age, who were pio- happening in the near future which tel slavery. - That system still exists, dition. With this condition prevail-"The New Review," a Socialist maga- the Monroe Doctrine, it is only a matarticle, I have found an English ex- bear by other nations and by Amering evidence themselves, and unable tions by giving the Mexican back once

connection with the lifting of the em-One could multiply examples indef- bargo on the importation of arms into

the London dailies all declare emphatically that the British foreign of-It is even so. Commercialism, cap- fice is in perfect accord with Wash-

Other leading German papers discuss the repeated attempts to federate the Northern States of Mexico, and treat this as a program which American vested interests have done their utmost to carry out. They speak with the purchase of a press, the o of President Wilson as having been o first number of "Land and Lib- o approached on the subject, but as being unwilling to become a party to the scheme. Their judgment is that consent to it, and that any such at-

Patterns After Boefs.

informed and recognize universally Lind's office." that, if war with Mexico comes, it will The third article begins with "what

prolonged controversy. Naturally most immediately, that "the dignity, 100 miles about the great valley of can tell where Creelman's sympathies Mexico, surrounding the capital," and lie. Nevertheless one cannot help regentle, stupid, thin-legged, monstrous- was an Indian, as was Benito Juarez Following which come for long ar- ment is that the Mexican Indian is an Indian who cares only for slaugh- over the constructive capacity of Diaz. ter. Indeed there follows immediately One remembers that John Kenneth the statement that "the rebel forces Turner, writing recently in "Collier's, are inspired to fight by their fierce was at some pains to show that the love of looting, burning and violating recent intellectual development in

Huerta the Sensualist.

The first of this series of articles ponderance of Indian blood. is devoted almost entirely to a char- Creelman expresses the opinion that any price."

Bryan for their dream that such a peace.". country can be coaxed into the path _To be concluded next weekof constitutional government, but the trouble is that the article does not hang together, and cannot, as we submit, stand the test of even a supervocate of imperialist expansion.

Lind Caricatured. headed "Intervention of Powers Mex- stand for."

the rule, and this we believe to be in tant Minnesota, and who adores Mr. line with up-to-date military science. Bryan, with whom he served in Con-Students of such works as Bloch's gress." It is eloquent, but of facts "Future of War" will be familiar with for the sweeping denunciations in the argument that mass fighting has which it indulges the article is singubeen rendered for ever impossible by larly naked, the one instance given the destructive capacity of modern being the levy of \$50,000 on a copper artillery, before which no mob, how- and smelting company, whose Amerer determined, can begin to stand. ican manager appeared vainly to Lind . Kitchener demonstrated this years for protection. It closes with the ago in Africa, but our revolutionists words: "Then the unhappy American still talk, and presumably think, as if manager went out and looked wistthe history of the barricades could re- fully at the squadron of American peat itself. Military men are better battle-ships lying idly in sight of Mr.

be a guerrilla war, waged against an a change since I walked and talked, enemy who will shoot from shelter less than four years ago, among the and, thanks to knowledge of the coun- flowers and trees of Chapultepec try, can pick his shelter judiciously. | Castle with Porfirio Diaz, the white-James Creelman's article in "The baired hero of modern Latin-Amer-Chicago Evening Post" have led to ica!" and the statement, following atthey favor United States intervention, power, order and security of the thirfor Creelman has been known, from ty-year-long. Diaz government are the days of the Spanish War, as one gone forever, and the great city of Hearst's most valuable tools. They spread out before the terraces of the commence with the remark that "with- now vacant castle is merely the stately in forty-eight hours I have travelled sepulchre of a dead nation." So, you that "in the villages I talked with the minding the reader that Diaz himself hatted, blanketed; barefoot Indians." before him. Creelman's entire arguticles, written apparently for the pur- incapable of progress, yet he finds pose of proving that the Mexican is himself compelled to go into raptures women. The federal forces serve Mexico-one that has permeated literthrough fear of their remorseless mas- ature and science alike-has sprung always exclusively from those who have in their veins at least a pre-

acter sketch of Huerta, whi is de- there is not the slightest probability scribed as "a sensual man, of low as- that Huerta will resign; although sociation, devoted to brandy, bull- once, at the instance of Garcia Aldape fights and degraded women. He is a and Senator Castellot, he agreed to short, squat, muscular Jalisco Indian do so, to avoid American intervention. of about 60 years, with broad shoul- He is represented, however, as having ders and thin, slightly bowed legs." changed his mind immediately. Car-We are told that "it is a brutal, sensu- ranza is described as having financed ous countenance, with no sign of in- his-movement with funds originally tellectuality," but that, nevertheless, contributed by Madero, for which "Huerta is no ordinary person, and Carranza refused, and most insultinghe impresses you instantly as a man ly, to account, when he was governor of power and a born leader." He is of Coahuita. A similar accusation painted further as one who "plays the has been made in great detail by Zapart of a simple, jovial, unpretending pata's special organ, which asserts man of the people;" as one who flirts that the man who now poses as the with waitresses "and winds up his defender of Madero was in personal carousal at the Cafe Colon, a resort revolt against him. This third letter of bullfighters, harlots and gamblers, closes with the statement that "Amerowned by one of his close friends." ican armed intervention seems un-He actually has, we are told, a presi- avoidable, and the argument that we dential office in this malodorous have intervened already, since we building, and has compelled his cab- have worked actively to prevent inet to hold several meetings there. Huerta from raising money. The sit-It is charged also that official corrup- uation in Mexico is described as "an tion is rampant. "Important business international calamity," and we are men have told me that almost every reminded that "we have 100,000 naday government concessions of all tional guardsmen available in the sorts are offered privately for sale at States to guard the Mexican frontier and nearly 50,000 troops of the rugular The article concludes with a para- army ready to begin the work of ocgraph intended to ridicule Wilson and cupying the country and restoring

THEIR TRUE COLORS.

"The New Review" for this month ficial criticism. First, the Indian is calls attention to the publication by either gentle and stupid, or he is fired the New York "Call" of an article by with a fierce love of looting, burning John R. Hobbie, Jr., "which shows and violating women. It is difficult the real grounds why certain Socialto imagine him as both. Secondly, it ists oppose the Industrial Workers of is self-apparent that Huerta has been the World." It invites special attenoccupying, and still occupies, against tion to an extract from the article in furious attack, a post of the utmost question, which runs, in part: "In its difficulty. Men who pass their time indifference to the welfare of the in continual carousing and are devo- State, the I. W. W. is truly antitees of such sexual perversities as patriotic, and on this account is an Creelman depicts, never can hold actual menace to the nation. This is down a job of that kind. Moreover, a feature of the I. W. W. that seems many photographs of Huerta have to have escaped the attention of the been published, and all convey an general public, and yet it is the point impression entirely different from that where they are most vulnerable. It communicated by Creelman's portrait- is here that they differ fundamentally ure. The camera does not lie, but from the Socialists, and that the writers often do, and Creelman has source of greatest contention between a long-stablished reputation as an ad- the two organizations arises .- This organization, in tactics and methods, is the direct opposite of everything The second article in the series is that the Socialist Party is supposed to

ico's Hope," and the head fits the Commenting on this, "The New Rearticle as the glove the hand. The view," which is also Socialist but has

tempt at co-operation, and that his who loves to talk of the smell of burne advocate the class-struggle without O Address to Har Dayal, R. F. O military organization is patterned ing brush, the cheeping of squirrels, being false to every one of the pro-