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Sixty Thousand New Troops! Does That Mean Peace?

Be not deceived. The leopard cannot change his spots, and men cannot gather grapes from thorns or figs from thistles. When I read the "San Francisco Examiner" head of May 8—"60,000 men to Vera Cruz but no war on Mexico." I thrust the tongue of derision into the cheek of scorn, and I consider that every sensible person will do the same. I take no stock whatever in President Wilson's smooth declarations of friendliness to Mexico, and, much as I detest the paper, regard the "Examiner's" accompanying cartoon as hitting the nail most squarely on the head. That cartoon represents a terrified "Mexican Peace" olive branch and squawking dove in hand, seated in the skiff of "Meditation" and about to shoot Niagara. On the right Bryan is swelling the torrent with his tears. An excellent cartoon, singularly free from hypocrisy.

The leopard cannot change his spots. Recently I spoke at a large Socialist picnic, and they were congratulating themselves on the fact that public opinion had crushed the threatened intervention. Public opinion! I hit repeatedly at Socialists, and indeed at the whole labor movement, because I consider it as living in a dream; an ugly because a cowardly dream; a dream inspired by the wish being father to the thought; the dream of those who long for omelettes but shrink from breaking eggs; the dream of mice who drug themselves with the delusion that the cat can be coaxed into giving up her prey. Capitalism is a cat; a coldly-calculating beast that follows instinct blindly, hunting power and profit as part of the law of its existence. Does any one suppose that when a Mexican investment is recommended to a Wall Street board, the financiers consider its effect on the happiness and welfare of the peon? Can you imagine Standard Oil as calculating the effect of its operations on the future of the Colorado miner? Business is business, and business means dividends, as frequent and fat as possible. We attend to our business; let the workers attend to their's. If they want higher wages or shorter hours, let them get them. If they want human consideration, let them get it. We are not in the giving or even in the making, but strictly in the taking business. The leopard CANNOT change his spots.

One reads in the telegrams from Washington that "sixty thousand troops will be landed at Vera Cruz as quickly as the general staff can arrange for transports, but there will be no war on Mexico unless Huerta forces hostilities." What nauseating humbug! Put yourself in the other fellow's place and imagine, if you can, what your feelings would be if the position were reversed. Think how you would feel if Huerta landed 60,000 troops at New York, declaring all the while that there would be "no war unless Wilson forced hostilities." Consider how well-satisfied you would be with the explanation that "the military measures taken today are purely precautionary" and that "no hostilities against the United States are contemplated." It would not phase you, would it, to remember that, at the first battle out of the box, more than two hundred citizens of the United States had been slain in the streets of New York? I am writing for honest men and women; for those who have freed themselves from that most unscrupulous of all dogmas—"My country, right or wrong;" for those whose consciences have not been so blinded by patriotism that they can no longer see a lie and a hypocrisy when it hits them between the eyes, because it comes wrapped up in the Stars and Stripes, the Union Jack or whatever other national emblem they still may worship. Today we should be citizens of the world. Today we should be capable of judging things on their own merits, for steam and electricity have shrunk distance and made the whole world one. Does a Guggenheim refrain from investing in Chile because Chilean ethics are not to his liking? Does Rockefeller, of the Sunday School, hesitate to put his

dollars to work in Mexico because many Mexicans are Roman Catholics? Of course not. These gentlemen are strictly business, and to prejudices of nationality, color, race or creed they are colder than an iceberg. Where money is to be made they will go, and with those who can help them make money they will co-operate. Sentiment! Sentiment is only for the fool-workers, and unfortunately the world is stiff with them.

The workers should take pattern from their betters and apply themselves to business. It is no business of theirs to rake Wall Street chestnuts out of the fire. More than two years ago I wrote, in a widely-circulated pamphlet—"Ask me whether the United States government would like to intervene and I answer—"Will a cat drink milk?" In Mexico property interests are in the gravest peril, and the chief business of our government is to protect the interests of property. Has the situation changed? Not one whit. Our government is pouring troops into Mexico by the tens of thousands because it intends to protect the monopolists. There is nothing else to it, and there cannot be. WM. C. OWEN

STRANDED BY EVENTS.

We do not know what has become of the statement headed "Phoenix Socialists denounce the insane propaganda of Anarchists" which appeared in "The Arizona Socialist Bulletin" of April 15. It was signed by the editor, by the secretary-treasurer and three members of the State Executive committee of the Socialist Party, Arizona, and two others, and was announced as about to be submitted to Branch Phoenix and a mass meeting. But—what does it matter? How can it possibly matter? One could understand that, if the Arizona Socialists were proposing to do anything and the Anarchists were thwarting their plans, outcry might be worth the while. But the Arizona Socialists are not proposing anything so rash, and the statement itself, occupying about a column and a half, shows conclusively that the one cause for complaint is that in free discussions the "insane" Anarchists have advanced views the Socialists do not like. Hitherto one has imagined that the folly of opponents would be welcomed, since it is only when we meet the enemy and vanquish him that our own superiority shines forth. Such a man as W. J. Ghent, who has some reputation as a writer and speaker, ought to know enough to understand that elementary fact.

"In so far," runs this solemn statement, "as they have dealt with general matters, they have denounced all forms of political action, and have advocated violence and sabotage." It goes on to say that the elements criticized serve the cause of reaction, as do the Black Hundreds in Russia, that they strengthen the power of the capitalist class and that their mental ammunition is furnished by the Anarchists, between whom and Socialists there will always be war, inasmuch as "the two theories of government are diametrically opposed." If leading Socialists, such as Ghent, cannot express themselves more accurately than that we do not wonder at their being worsted eternally in the duel of debate. It is well known that Anarchy is the philosophy of life as conducted by mutual agreement; "ana," without, "arche," government.

We are assured by private correspondence that this is precisely what has been taking place in Phoenix this past winter; that the discussions have been conducted on the broad plane of an open field for all, and that the straight-from-the-shoulder proletariat has beaten the so-called scientific Socialists at their own talking game. Why not? Brag as it may, Political Socialism has not a thing with which to fill the proletarian's aching stomach but the wind of empty promises impossible of fulfillment. It is only when cornered in open debate that this truth, so fatal to the party's future, is exposed. Therefore free speech has practically disappeared from its program of activities.

The Socialist Party has castrated itself by its fear of free discussion; its virile element leaves it more and more; it can no longer give the dis-inherited what they instinctively feel a need of, for events have marched ahead with seven-leagued boots and, hobbled by its rigid creed, the party has been unable to keep pace with them. It tries most desperately, as does the Roman Catholic church, but it cannot keep up.

From an old-time member of the party; a man who has made his mark

and fills today a role far larger than is likely to fall to Mr. Ghent's lot, we have this very day received a letter in which the writer says "That fight in Colorado is worth more than all our bombast and theories. Damn it, those boys with the rifles are teaching labor a lesson that is worth while. I personally know some of those fellows who are shooting. They are Socialist Party members, and doubtless some of them voted against sabotage and violence. What damned strange things happen when men go up against the real grind! More power to them!"

No. The fulminations of "The Arizona Socialist Bulletin" do not matter in the least. The party as a whole may indorse them and it will not matter. Only facts count, and those who cannot put themselves in line with facts are doomed to remain of no account.

HUERTA UNYIELDING.

Huerta claims that the United States has violated the armistice on three points and has entered protests on the following grounds: First, that the United States has chartered additional transports for carrying troops to Vera Cruz; second, that Gen. Funston has extended his military lines outside of Vera Cruz; third, that American naval forces have seized Lobos Island, near Tampico. In reply the United States government has demanded, and obtained, the release of Vice-Consul Stillman, imprisoned at Saltillo, and, from Washington despatches dated May 11, we read that "the general staff convened at the war office and perfected plans for the mustering to the colors of 250,000 militia and reserve men."

Luigi Barzini, special correspondent of the International News Service and London Daily Telegraph, gives in the "San Francisco Examiner" a full report of an interview with Huerta in which he replied to five leading questions. He laid great emphasis on the statement that the Carranzistas were receiving from the United States not only arms and munitions of war but also men, saying: "At Torreon whole companies of Americans in the uniforms of the United States army fought with the insurgents under Villa. At Gomez Palacio, Lerdo and other positions, more than 200 bodies of Americans have been collected. I caused their blood-stained clothing, with the buttons bearing regimental numbers of the United States army, to be preserved. We found dead men whose names were undeniably Yankee. Large numbers of the wounded do not know our language. Auxiliary services, hospital trains, everything, have been supplied by the Americans to the rebels. By what right is this iniquitous interference made?"

Huerta expressed himself most vigorously. "We are in the lion's mouth," he said, "but the lion will not find it easy to eat us." And again: "Everything is of secondary importance when it comes to the principle of independence. No sacrifice is too heavy for the maintenance of that principle, and we are ready to make the final sacrifice." And yet again: "The conquest of Mexico will be a difficult task for America. It will cost a great deal more than they imagine. They may not be successful, even if the capital is taken. There will be shooting here amidst the trees of this park; in general, endless guerrilla warfare. America may lose a great deal here. She has already lost much. She has lost a reputation of political loyalty which every great nation should maintain and defend in the eyes of the world."

RANGEL-CLINE DEFENSE FUND. Collected until the 28th of last April. PATTERSON, N. J. Cigar Makers Int. Union of America No. 3, \$1; SKIDOO, CAL. Skidoo Miners Union No. 211, W. F. M., \$5; SAN DIEGO, CAL. Moving Picture Machine Operators, \$1; Bakery and Confectionery Workers Int. Union of America, Local No. 90, \$1; Painters Union, \$1; POCKSHILL, N. Y., Cigar Makers Int. Union of America, Local No. 81, \$1; CANADA, EDMONTON, ALTA., by J. W. W. Local \$2.50; GOLD ROAD, ARIZ. Snowball Miners Union, No. 124, W. F. M., \$5; JACKSONVILLE, FLA. Cigar Makers Int. Union of America, Local No. 248, \$1.20; NEW ORLEANS, LA. Cigar Makers Int. Union of America, Local No. 228, \$1; YONKERS, N. Y., Cigar Makers Int. Union of America, Local No. 236, \$5; MUSKOGON, MICH. Cigar Makers Int. Union of America, Local No. 24, \$1; OAKLAND, CAL. Tailors Industrial Union, Local No. 228, \$1. TOTAL, \$26.70. VICTOR CRAVELLO, Fin. Sec.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Receipts. April 1st, Balance, \$18.50; April 1st, from Victor Cravello, Sec., \$53.60; April 5th from H. Homelac, \$1; April 6th, from Victor Cravello, Sec., \$30; April 13th from Victor Cravello, Sec., \$18.45; April 20th from Victor Cravello, Sec., \$7; April 27th from Victor Cravello, Sec., \$26.70. Total, \$222.25. Expenses. April 1st to Victor Cravello for Postal Box \$2; April 8th to Victor Cravello, for stamps, \$150.00; April 17th to Fred Moore, attorney fees, \$150.00; April 28th to S. M. Goe for F. Moore attorney fees, \$50.00. Total \$222.00. Balance, \$32.25. R. WIRTH, Treasurer.

Denounce Invasion

Astounding, and assuredly to us most gratifying, is the roar of protest against invasion of Mexico which has come from all parts of the country. We cannot have seen a thousandth part of the articles written in condemnation of that crime, yet they have piled our tables and it is only possible to pick from them here and there.

Hearst comes in for special denunciation, and, in addition to two of the San Francisco evening dailies, "The Star" has been exceptionally trenchant in its criticisms, both by selections from Hearst's articles and exposure of the personal interests he has at stake. Here is a shrewd comment, taken from its issue of April 25: "Let it be remembered, that such editorials in the Hearst papers are written quite as much for the people of Mexico as for Americans—and more to stir up Mexican animosity against us than to stir Americans against Mexicans. They are written with the evident purpose of uniting the whole people of Mexico against us—Federalists as well as Constitutionalists—so as to make it impossible for the Wilson administration to prevent war."

Treating of the deserved ruin which has fallen on a preposterous Mexican land-grabber named W. G. Campbell, who estimated himself until recently as worth some \$4,000,000 in the form of 450,000 acres of timber land, "The Star" says: "There will be tragedy in Mexico until an end is put to that exploitation. The revolutionists are fighting to put an end to it. They are fighting for their right to use Mexican land. More power to them, and success to them! Meanwhile, let it be remembered that Hearst and Campbell have not enlisted in Huerta's army, where they belong, to save their loot."

"Organized Labor," official paper of the State and local building trades councils of California, writes in its front-page editorial of April 25: "For years the people of Mexico have been fighting to get back their land which has been stolen from them, and to be rid of peonage. The organized workers of America have been praying that their brothers in Mexico would win."

Passing North, "Justice," of Portland, Oregon, has been particularly severe, devoting columns to emphatic protest. "This is a war against liberty," it writes. It is a war to seat the capitalist robber forever on the back of the Mexican peon. It is a war in the interest of the Standard Oil Company, the mine-owning syndicates and the land-grabbers who have driven the starving peons from their homes. That is what the war is for, no matter under what holy pretexts its real purpose may be disguised."

The "Oakland World" writes: "It is to protect the titles of the Standard Oil Trust, the Copper Trust, and other big holders of stolen property in Mexico, that Wall Street has ordered its agents at Washington to

Do You Believe In Learning Things For Yourself?

Are you aware of the fact that many earnest people are trying to establish the Millennium on earth without the aid of the preacher, the lawyer or the politician?

Emma Goldman, the well known anarchist, will deliver 10 lectures from May 17th to 24th at 8 p. m.; Sunday 3 and 8 p. m. Burbank Hall, 542 S. Main St. and Walker Auditorium Bldg., 730 S. Grand Ave., 3rd Floor.

Walker Auditorium—Sunday, May 17 at 3 p. m.: "Anarchism vs. Socialism."

Sunday, May 17, at 8 p. m.: "Our Moral Censors."

Monday, May 18, at 8 p. m.: "The Individual and Society."

Burbank Hall—Tuesday, May 19, at 8 p. m.: "Beyond Good and Evil."

Wednesday, May 20, at 8 p. m.: "Revolution and Reform—Which?"

Walker Auditorium—Thursday, May 21, at 8 p. m.: "The Intellectual Proletarians."

Burbank Hall—Friday, May 22, at 8 p. m.: "The Hypocrisy of Charity."

Saturday, May 23, at 8 p. m.: "The Conflict of the Sexes."

Walker Auditorium—Sunday, May 24, at 3 p. m.: "The Place of the Church in the Labor Struggle."

Sunday, May 24, at 8 p. m.: "The Mothers' Strike."

Admission 15 and 25 cents.

intervene, to the end that Wall Street may dictate the policy of the new Constitutional government when Huerta is swept from power. All the available armed forces of the United States are being rushed into Mexico for the real purpose of preventing the common people of that unhappy country from recovering the land and vast wealth that has been stolen from them by foreign and Mexican capitalists."

Examination of despatches from New York, Philadelphia, Boston, New Haven, Indianapolis and other Eastern industrial centers show organized labor as practically a unit in opposition to war, and reveal an unexpectedly clear conception of the agrarian issue involved. The resolutions passed by the Chicago Federation of Labor were particularly strong, both in their condemnation of the commercial interests working for war and in their declaration that its effect would be to divert the attention of the public from domestic industrial problems which are pressing for solution.

Socialist locals have largely followed the example set by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party. They are apt to emphasize the Socialist demand for universal peace, and in our opinion attach too much importance to the intrigues of Standard Oil. The causes of the Mexican Revolution lie far deeper. The troubles in Colorado, coming simultaneously with the clash in Mexico, have naturally brought the name of Rockefeller much to the fore. However, between them they have forced the nation to do much-needed thinking.

..... "Land and Liberty," a twelve page revolutionary monthly, which expects soon to become a weekly. Published at the Bunkin Institute, Hayward, Cal., U. S. A. W. D. Guernsey, business manager; Wm. C. Owen, editor. Has as its motto "Slavery must go" and attacks, in particular, land monopoly and whatever makes for economic bondage. Is well printed on excellent paper, deals most uncompromisingly with all social problems and refuses to be shackled by any organization or "ism," its attitude being that institutions which are out of date and conducive to unhappiness should be swept away in the quickest manner possible. For this reason it gives much attention to the Mexican Revolution and similar upheavals, but always with the object of laying bare their fundamental causes. Subscription in the United States, one dollar a year. Elsewhere one dollar and a half. Sample copies mailed on application.

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"Never argue with a Mexican," said Gen. Winfield Scott in one of his army orders. The fact that "The Chicago Evening Post" indorses this editorially shows the length to which Jingoism is hurrying us.

BURNED AT THE STAKE!

This Horrible Crime Has Been Committed in Past Years in the South

TODAY there are 14 working men facing the gallows in Texas, charged by the capitalist officials of Texas with murder. BECAUSE they had the courage to stand up and fight for HUMAN LIBERTY

Hear the Story Told by These Speakers: ANTON JOHANNSEN, C. F. GROW, FRED H. MOORE, DR. S. G. PANDIT

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