

# DOLLAR DIPLOMACY A SUCCESS, TAFT TELLS CONGRESS

It's Business Against Bullets,  
and Influence Is Proved,  
He Says in Message.

HE ASKS FULL BACKING.

Wants Nation's Foreign Pol-  
icies Lifted Above Partisan Ba-  
sis—Warning to Europe.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—A note of warning to European powers which of indirect means continue to discriminate against American trade; a strong appeal to the Congress to uplift the foreign policies of America above mere questions of partisanship; a vindication of the diplomacy of the Administration, which is characterized as that of "dollars versus bullets"; a pride in the enormous expansion of American trade as a result of the foreign policies of the Administration and an appeal for joint action by Congress and the Executive to open new markets for American industries—these are the more striking features of President Taft's fourth annual message sent to Congress to-day.

The message is the first of a series of such communications which he will make to Congress in the early days of the session, and deals entirely with the foreign relations of the United States. Beginning with the usual reference to the existing good relations with the great powers, the President adds that "these have been strengthened by a greater insistence upon justice to American citizens or interests, wherever it may have been denied, and a stronger emphasis of the need of mutuality in commercial and other relations."

**FLAT TARIFFS OUT OF DATE  
SAYS THE PRESIDENT.**

For the first time in its history, says the President, the State Department has obtained substantially the most favored nation treatment from all of the countries of the world. Therefore, he says that it is only natural that competitive countries should view with some concern the expansion of our commerce. Hence the warning, "if in some instances the measures taken by them to meet it are not entirely equitable a remedy should be found."

To take and the President strongly recommends the enactment of the bill recommended by Secretary Knox last October permitting the Government, instead of imposing the full maximum rates of duty against the competing countries to apply a graduated scale of duties up to that maximum of 25 per cent.

"Flat tariffs are out of date," says the President. "Nations no longer accord equal tariff treatment to all other nations irrespective of the treatment from them received. It is very necessary that the American Government should be equipped with weapons of negotiation and adapted to modern economic conditions."

The State Department, "an archaic and inadequate machine" at the beginning of this administration, the President says, has become a new organization, with highly specialized bureaus and experts dealing with every phase of American trade and diplomacy. Holding that the essence of this organized service is found in the merit system, which President Cleveland is credited with having introduced, President Taft makes a strong appeal to Congress to make this machine permanent by giving the force of statutory law to the executive orders governing admission to and promotion in the diplomatic and consular services.

To show that these appointments are already largely non-partisan, the President points to the fact that three of the present Ambassadors are hold-overs; that of the ten he has appointed five were by promotion from the rank of Minister; that of the thirty Ministers appointed eleven were promotions, and that in the consular service no less than 55 per cent of the consuls appointed by him were from the Fourth-grade States.

"The diplomacy of the present Administration has sought to respond to modern ideas of commercial intercourse," says President Taft. "This policy has been characterized as substance dollars for bullets. It is one appeals alike to idealistic humanitarian sentiments, to the dictates of policy and strategy and to legitimate commercial aims."

The President adds that "because

modern diplomacy is commercial there has been a disposition in some quarters to attribute to it none but materialistic aims."

**STATE DEPARTMENT BLOCKED  
IN NICARAGUA.**

"How strikingly erroneous is such an impression may be seen from a study of the results by which the diplomacy of the United States can be judged," says the President.

He mentions the arbitration treaties with France and Great Britain, which failed of confirmation in the Senate; the successful tripartite mediation of the Argentine Republic, Brazil, and the United States, between Peru and Ecuador; the arbitration of the Panama-Costa Rica boundary dispute; the intervention between Hayti and the Dominican Republic on the verge of war, the suppression of the Nicaraguan war, the halting of internecine strife in Honduras, the adjustment of the celebrated Taona-Arica dispute between Peru and Chile, and the adjustment of the Peruvian-Bolivian boundary issues.

In consequence of these things, says the President, there has been a general easing of international tension on the west coast of South America. He also adds that the diplomacy of the United States is active in seeking to assuage the remaining ill feeling between this country and Columbia.

President Taft makes the direct charge that the events recorded in Nicaragua recently, the useless loss of life and property, "might have been averted had the Department of State, through approval of the loan convention by the Senate, been permitted to carry out its new well developed policy."

**STICKS TO NON-INTERVENTION  
POLICY ON MEXICO.**

"In Central America the aim has been to help such countries as Nicaragua and Honduras to help themselves," says President Taft.

While they are the immediate beneficiaries, the profit to the United States is two fold, he adds. The Monroe Doctrine is more vital in the neighborhood of the Panama Canal, and such countries should be relieved of the jeopardy of heavy foreign debts likely to provoke international complications.

The financial rehabilitation of these countries by American bankers and the protection of their customs houses from being the prey of the would-be dictators, says the President, would remove the menace of foreign creditors and revolutionary disorder. Furthermore, the United States would profit largely in a business way through the development of the great natural resources of Central America.

Taking up some of the details of the President's diplomatic work, the President refers with expressions of pride to China, where, "the policy of encouraging financial investment to enable that country to help itself has had the result of giving new life and practical application to the open-door policy."

The consistent purpose has been to encourage the use of American capital in the reforms to which that country is pledged by treaty with the United States and other powers. There has been a vigorous assertion, also, he says, of the equal right of the United States to a voice in all questions pertaining to Chinese loans and developments.

Comending the successful results of the application of the new neutrality laws to Mexico and other troubled countries the President suggests that means be found in addition to prevent the professional revolutionists from making American ports "foot" for revolutionary intrigues. He reiterates his determination to adhere in the case of Mexico to the "patient policy of non-intervention, steadfast recognition of constituted authority, and the exertion of every effort to protect American interests."

There is merely only reference to the Chinese revolution; to the San Domingo troubles, the rebellion in Cuba and the Balkan war developments, in which it is said the United States is not involved.

The message concludes with an earnest appeal to Congress to co-operate with the Executive in its efforts to apply the old principles of diplomacy which have governed the country, the momentous new situations of to-day, when America finds itself at the threshold of her middle age as a nation.

"too mature to continue its foreign relations those temporary expedients natural to a people to win domestic affairs are the sole concern"

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