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CLAIMS AGAINST MEXICO.

Mexico will be in desperate financial straits when the day comes for settling claims for damages to property owned by foreigners. This will also be the most troublesome phase of the case as far as it involves the Monroe doctrine, for the immunity from foreign occupation enjoyed by Mexico and other Latin-American republics carries with it certain obligations. The United States will be held responsible for the collection of such damages, and can scarcely avoid it and uphold the Monroe doctrine at the same time.

The obligations which accompany the maintenance of the territorial integrity of all the republics on this continent have never been clearly defined or acknowledged by this country, but they exist and must be met. Mexico has been a favorite field for foreign investors for many years and Americans have much at stake and have sustained heavy losses as it is. Claims for these losses will be made as a matter of course. This will bring the international issue arising out of the Monroe doctrine to a crisis.

If this country enforces payment of the claims of its own citizens it cannot neglect to secure the same measure of justice for those of other nationalities without letting the Monroe doctrine go by the board. It cannot say to other nations that they shall take no steps to secure payment of what is justly due without incurring the obligation to see that such payment is made. The matter may never reach that stage, and will not if Mexico is able and willing to pay. The Monroe doctrine is a tower of strength in which all the rest of the Western Hemisphere can take refuge, but it is not appreciated at its full worth by some of those who receive its protection.

England, France and Germany are the principal claimants for protection and damages, and they seem to be in a position to make out a strong case against the United States. They will probably take the ground that the Monroe doctrine restrains them from landing troops or taking any other steps to protect the property of their citizens. Armed intervention by this country, if only to the extent necessary to protect the property of foreigners and its own citizens, would precipitate serious trouble at once. The task of upholding the Monroe doctrine has not appeared so serious when applied to the case of a small and weak country or island; but Mexico is big and populous, and its topography makes it almost impregnable if the people unite to repel invasion. Armed intervention in its affairs would be a frightful calamity for all concerned.

The problem of enforcing the Monroe doctrine in so far as it involves making other republics do justice to foreigners is more formidable than its hands-off features as applied to European powers. Just where taxation ends and confiscation begins has never been settled, and the latitude allowed in levying war and emergency taxes may cover many claims for sequestration of property and money. If the Mexican revolution, or series of revolutions, lasts very long the situation will become intolerable. It is hard to predict the end when it is remembered that one of the Cuban revolutions smoldered for a quarter of a century.

NATURE AND THE POET.

How seldom it is that we, in our every-day life, stop to consider the beauties of Nature; yet she is ever calling to us, but in a voice understood by only the few who have studied and communed with her. The daily necessities of life call forth our efforts in pursuits that lead us away from the better side of our existence; for there are two parts to Creation—man and nature—useless, one without the other. Would there have been such a display of beauties, so minute in detail, so wonderful in all, had there been no human being to glorify them? Could man have existed through all the ages without the tender sympathies of nature to touch his oft-times hardened spirit and recall him to the purity of which she is an example?

Between man and nature there is one strong tie—the poems and songs of those who interpret her for their less understanding fellowmen, whose

voices arouse our sympathy and recall us to the paths of beauty from which we have strayed.

It is the child of nature, the poet, who appreciating her various moods, is capable of transforming them into a language which all may comprehend and of awakening in the less responsive heart a desire to learn more of the beautiful, which it has failed to perceive.

Many have observed the outward manifestations of nature. They watch the change of the seasons with interest. They behold the trees blossom forth in the spring and listen to the birds which gladden the hours with their song. They travel from city to city, from ocean to ocean, over rolling plains, beside picturesque rivers, gazing on the heights of mountains which tower in grandeur to the clouds above. They behold the waterfall, tumbling from its rocky crest to the dashing stream below. They follow it through the canyons, "rock-ribbed and ancient as the sun," through "vales stretching in pensive quietness between," and finally they behold the ever rolling sea, which Byron has addressed with these magnificent lines:

Roll on, thou deep and dark blue ocean, roll!
Ten thousand fleets sweep over thee in vain.

Man marks the earth with ruin, his control stops with the shore.

The ocean will still roll on and generation after generation will come and go, but it is the voice of the poet, the true lover of nature, that will live through all the ages; for his view of life is from a higher standpoint than that upon which the masses tread. To him the most humble flower is as wonderful as the majestic mountains which others look upon with awe while they crush the modest poppy under foot. His imagination soars to the heights of truth to which the view of the multitude is obstructed by their indifferent ideas.

He pictures to the mind's eye scenes in far-away lands and leads the imagination through byways that otherwise would have been undiscovered. He makes the sounds of ancient battles ring in the ears of his readers; but his tenderest mission is the bringing of man and nature into closer relationship. As the world goes on, these two are brought together and for the universal good, because he who holds in his heart a love for nature, can have no room for the vice and hatred which is the result of the constant struggle in the daily affairs of life.

OUR COMBINES FROM AFAR.

While we are trying to suppress all combines within the limits of this country, enterprising Americans are finding fields for similar organizations in far-off lands. Some benighted foreigners envy the prosperity of the United States which they attribute, in part at least, to our great corporations and consolidations of capital. They seek results and do not fear increasing wealth and trade even if two or more concerns are rolled into one to facilitate business.

In British India the jute trade is growing in importance very fast, and labor troubles in the famous burlap mills of Scotland seem to give the Calcutta mills a chance to improve their position. At this psychological moment an American organization steps into the ring, and of his plans the Calcutta correspondent of a Bombay paper says:

"Among the distinguished visitors in Calcutta just now is Mr. Parks, of American combine fame, who has come to India to put the jute mills on a paying basis, and who has since his arrival in the country been always ready to welcome anybody interested in the jute trade, and to discuss with him the pros and cons. He has carefully noted all that each one has had to say, and on Wednesday last he met the members of the Jute Mill association and others interested in the trade, in the rooms of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, some 70 or 80 men, of highly representative character, being present. He dealt in his speech with the various combinations of which he was the creative and controlling spirit in the states, and all of which proved successful. He explained that the difficulties with all of them, though of a different nature and degree from those which face the jute mill trade, were quite as real, and appeared equally insurmountable to those in the particular trade, but were readily overcome when approached in the scientific manner which characterizes the industrial organizer across the Atlantic. The meeting as a body seemed prepared to take him at his word, though it is not altogether easy for those accustomed to the free-lance character of the mill association to picture them a docile crew adhering rigidly to the rules of the combine and obeying the behests of the moving spirit. Considerable acclamation greeted the conclusion of Mr. Parks' speech and a committee was appointed to confer with him, and to put him on the right lines. The verdict of the meeting generally was that it was by no means a forlorn hope, and that the trade is now awaiting the application of the general principles of American combines, to the special conditions of the jute trade."

It seems odd to read of people who do not use the word "combine" as a term of reproach. Apparently the eminently respectable paper from which this extract is taken, thinks it can do this Mr. Parks no greater honor than to say he is an organizer of combines, and that the general principles of American combines are righteous.

Dante, when he wrote the Divine Comedy, probably derived a good deal of amusement from the trick of putting the political leaders of his time in the Inferno, fitting them, with the care of an expert tailor, with appropriate punishments. What a lot of fun he would have had with T. R. had that gentleman lived in the Florence of Dante's time! Probably fitting the doughy colossus with a gag would be the most fish-like punishment the Florentine could have devised.—Oakland Tribune.

Ex-President Roosevelt is said to keep a file handy to hit on whenever he thinks of those New York state primaries.

Senator La Follette's interpretation of the Golden Rule seems to be, Do unto others as they have done unto you.

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