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## WILSON ON THE DEFENSIVE

NOTWITHSTANDING his resolution not to take part in the campaign on the stump, President Wilson is doing everything in his power to present his side of the case as often as he can without appearing to beg the question. Today, at his notification meeting, the president was driven to reply to the strictures heaped on his head by a censorious public in dealing with the Mexican situation. Up to date Mr. Wilson has not shown remarkable aptitude for facing the interrogatories of the nation with anything like a satisfactory and convincing frankness. He deals in figures of speech and flowers of eloquence that signify nothing more than empty words. While supposed to be dealing with the Mexican situation in the concrete, Mr. Wilson essays to regard it as an abstract problem that cannot be understood by the plain people and one that awaits for the dissecting knife of the political surgeon to articulate. For instance, he explains his preference for other cutthroats over Huerta in the following illuminating sentence: "The men who overcame him and drove him out represent at least the fierce passion of reconstruction which lies at the very heart of liberty; and, so long as they represent, however imperfectly, such a struggle for deliverance, I am ready to serve their ends when I can."

This is certainly a lofty ideal, such an ideal as the beaten and bruised consort of a wifebeater must entertain for the masterpiece of manhood who lords it over her and subjects her to every indignity and brutality that brute force can devise. In the next sentence Mr. Wilson goes on to say: "I will refuse to extend the hand of welcome to any one who obtains power in a sister republic by treachery and violence." Bear this in mind and then study the records of Villa and Carranza, and ask what the gentleman in the White House means by throwing platitudes to his de facto president of the Republic of Mexico, who is nothing more than an educated bandit, compared with whom President Castro, of Venezuela, was a prince of the church. If Mr. Wilson is looking for personal purity in his Mexican allies, he has shown rather peculiar fancies ever since he succeeded in throwing Huerta off the throne. If he is genuine in his admiration for Carranza how is he going to explain the conduct of the bewhiskered warrior statesman in cancelling all treaty obligations with subjects or citizens, of foreign powers and serving notice on the United States that Mexico would not be responsible for any personal injuries or property damage to the people of other nations. If Mr. Wilson chooses to officiate as chief apologist for Carranza he might as well explain if he is a silent partner to the infamy of confiscating all church property and assuming spiritual control of his country. If that is the sort of liberty Mr. Wilson stands for he should come out in the open and express himself in a manner that cannot be misunderstood rather than be treated as the tool and confederate of the First Chief of Mexico. Again, the president of the United States adds: "Some of the leaders of the revolution may often have been mistaken, and violent and selfish, but the revolution itself was inevitable AND IS RIGHT."

How any man of the most ordinary education can express the conviction that anarchy such as daily presented across the Rio Grande is righteous is sufficient to tax the credulity of the public and lead to the suspicion that the speaker is a fit subject for an alienist.

## WISDOM OF EXPERIENCE

ONE of the paradoxes of the present day is the presence of a couple of prizefighters and their myrmidons entrenched at Colorado Springs, the most fashionable center of Colorado. There was a time not so long ago that the mention of a prizefight or even the more euphemistic boxing match would have thrown that town into hysterics. Of all the places in the United States where the caste lines are drawn more sharply than anywhere else it is this same Colorado Springs which for twenty years stood as a sort of oasis on the western desert where the thirsty tourist could not slake his drouth with a pull from a public bottle unless the contents were not more harmful than ginger ale or other soft drinks. Of course, the fortified soda fountain did a land office business and the law permitted the lean and bibulous lungers to contract for the delivery of potions in quarts and gallons. The sight of a thirst parlor dealing out liquor by the glass was a sight that would have called forth spasms from any of the virtuous colonists who engaged in the earnest pastime of establishing a city of homes by excluding the presence of family disturbance.

The story goes that in the vealy and wooly days of the Centennial state, when the balmy qualities of the mountain atmosphere began to be recognized for their healing qualities in certain species of tuberculosis, Pike's Peak became the rendezvous for a lot of remittance men, mostly of British ancestry, whose thoughtful progenitors granted them a liberal allowance providing they established their homes at the foot of Pike's Peak, where the air was commonly credited with possessing strong remedial properties. To advance the movement and possibly as a safeguard, the worthy forebears of these scions of aristocracy decreed that the townsites must forever remain free from the contaminating influence of saloons. These gentlemen maintained full wine cellars and enjoyed themselves to the full bent of their inclinations and, owing to that fact, it is generally believed the temperance clause was inserted in the charter of Colorado Springs more for the purpose of excluding the common and debasing drunk and letting the gentlemen have it their own way in their homes and clubs. However that may be, Colorado Springs has always had the reputation of being a sort of pre-sanctified vestibule of Paradise, but the development of this week would prove in a most convincing way that the citizens of that burg have a goodly allotment of red molecules remaining in their systems to entitle them to the praise of furnishing a most fitting setting for a championship fight.

Ten years ago, when the Gans-Nelson affair was staged on

## CLOSING OUT.



—Bronstrup in San Francisco Chronicle.

the deserts of southern Nevada, some of the Colorado newspapers indulged in most invidious comment of the fact and urged people to remain away, since an affair conducted under such auspices could not be on the level and that the only object of holding a milling tournament away from the crowded centers was for no other purpose than to draw a crowd of sports with plethoric purses, whose wealth would be depleted before they would be allowed to steal away back to the haunts of civilization.

Colorado Springs has overcome its scruples against gentlemanly sports and it is certain that those who have the good fortune to attend will be well rewarded with an exhibition that will do justice to the Hundred Million Dollar City at the foot of Pike's Peak.

## WILSON ESSAYS WEAK DEFENSE OF HIS MEXICAN POLICIES IN ACCEPTING THE NOMINATION

(By Associated Press.)

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Sept. 2.—President Wilson formally accepted his renomination here this afternoon with an address recounting the legislative record of the Democratic party, a vigorous defense of his Mexican policy, his dealings with the European belligerents and an outline of his view of America's obligations for the future.

With the members of the notification committee headed by Senator James grouped about him at Shadow Lawn, the summer White House, the president declared the Republican party was "just the party that cannot meet the new conditions of a new age" and that the day of Little Americanism when "methods of 'protection' and industrial nursing were the chief study of our provincial statesmen" was past and gone.

"We can no longer indulge our traditional provincialism," said the president. "We are to play a leading part in the world drama whether we wish to or not. We shall lend, not borrow; act for ourselves, not imitate or follow; organize and initiate, not peep about merely to see where we may get in."

Speaking of his diplomatic negotiations with the European belligerents, the president followed a declaration that while property rights might be vindicated by claims for damages, the loss of life and the fundamental rights of humanity never could be, with this statement:

"The record is clear and consistent throughout and stands distinct and definite for anyone to judge who wishes to know the truth about it." Immediately afterward he said:

"I am the candidate of a party, but I am above all things else an American citizen. I neither seek the favor nor fear the displeasure of that small alien element amongst us which puts loyalty to any foreign power before loyalty to the United States."

Regarding his Mexican policy the president reiterated that the people of Mexico were struggling "blindly it may be—and as yet ineffectually" to free themselves from alien interests, "some of them Americans, pressing for things they could never have got in their own country," and that he would do everything in his power to prevent anyone standing in their way.

"It is hard doctrine," said he, "only for those who wish to get something for themselves out of Mexico." At another point, the president said:

"Mistakes I have no doubt made in this perplexing business, but not in purpose or object." He declared at another point:

"I am more interested in the fortunes of oppressed men and pitiful women and children than in any property rights whatever."

At the outset of his references to the legislative achievements of his party the president enumerated the laws placed on the statute books relating to business, including tariff revision, anti-trust laws, revision of the banking and currency system, rural credits, rehabilitation of the merchant marine and creation of the Federal Trade commission.

"What other party has understood the task so well or executed it so intelligently and energetically?" he asked. "What other party has attempted it at all? The Republican leaders apparently know of no means of assisting business but protection. How to stimulate it and put it upon a new footing of energy and enterprise they have not suggested."

At the conclusion of his review of the party record the president declared:

"This extraordinary recital must sound like a platform, a list of sanguine promises; but it is not. It is a record of promises made four years ago and now actually redeemed in constructive legislation." Then, later, he said: "We have in four years come very near to carrying out the platform of the Progressive party as well as our own; for we are also progressives."

The president's address was some 5000 words long, one of the most lengthy he has delivered on any occasion since taking office.

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