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Tribune Reporter, Who Heard Baker's Slurs, Repeats Facts of Fiske, Which He Says He Cited, Furnish No Support for Attack on Heroes of '76 The following article is written by The Tribune reporter who at-

tended the meeting in Jersey City on Dctober 16, at which Secretary of War Baker compared Washington's Continental army to Mexican bandits. It is intended to give a complete summary of the incident and Mr. Baker's attitude since, and is published in response to a flood of inquiries which has flowed into this office since The Tribune published its exclusive account

in a campaign speech delivered in St. Patrick's Theatre, Jersey City, on October 16, compared the Revolutionary troops under General Washington to

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by the Secretary in the matter of the character of the Continental troops

Plattsburg, N. Y., Oct. 17.—"I did not say men under Washington's command stole. There were many deserters. . . Otherwise the

The first statement of Secretary Baker was made in a defence of the Administration's Mexican policy, which concluded the Secretary's first address his present campaign tour.

parison of such men with the revolu-tionists of Maxico, whose principal pur-pose in revolt, if not lawlessness and loot, is certainly not to check such out-rages. Women Call on Friends to Join Attack on Baker (From The Tribune Bursau.) Washington, Oct. 23.-If Secretary Wilson's course in Mexican affairs.

Baker has a friend in the Washington chapter of the Legion of Loyal Women she did not appear at a special meeting of the organization at the Hotel Raleigh here to-night. When

Missouri Daughters of '12 Join in Denouncing Baker

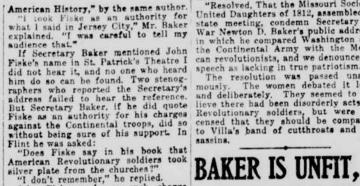
Join in Denouncing Baker IBy Telegraph to The Triburnal St. Louis, Oct. 23.—The Missouri an-nual conference of the National So-ciety of the Daughters of 1812, follow-ing the example of the Daughters of the American Revolution, adopted a resolution to-night condemning Secre-tary of War Baker for comparing the Continentals with the Mexican revolu-tionists. The resolution reads: "Resolved, That the Missouri Society, United Daughters of 1812, assembled at state meeting, condemn Secretary of War Newton D. Baker's public address, in which he compared Washington and the Continental Army with the Mexi-can revolutionists, and we denounce his speech as lacking in true patriotism."

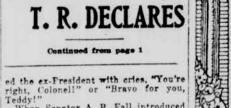
without being sure of his support. In Flint he was asked: "Does Fiske say in his book that American Revolutionary soldiers took silver plate from the churches?" "I don't remember," he replied. John Fiske made no such charge against the soldiers of Washington in either of the volumes referred to by Secretary Baker. Even more certain is it that Fiske never portrayed the troops at Valley Forge as characters in any way similar to the bandit hordes of Mexico. The great historian, on the contrary, dilates on the restraint of even the irregular bands which were active at the time and which probably would be more likely to commit ex-cesses than the regular troops. Writing of Francis Marion, whom he describes as the greatest partisan com-mander of the time, Fiske says: "Like a woman in quickness of sym-pathy, he was a knight in courtesy, truthfulness and courage. The bright-ness of his fame was never sullied by an act of crueity. 'Never shall a house be burned by one of my people,' said he, 'To distress poor women and chil-dren is what I detest." There is little basis here for com-

(From The Tribune Bursan.) Washington, Oct. 23 .- If Secretary Baker's Remarks 'Unwise,' (Prom a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.) Long Branch, N. J., Oct. 28 .- White the president, Mrs. Ada H. Weiss, put House officials were much interested in the question as to whether the chap- this morning's report that the officers

the president, Mrs. Ada H. Weiss, put the question as to whether the chap-ter approved the resolutions calling for Mr. Baker's resignation and for President Wilson's repudiation of his slur on Washington's Continentals, there was not a dissenting voice. "We have received assurances that the Grand Army of the Republic, the Confederate Veterans, the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Sons of Confederate Veterans will join the societies of it intic women in demanding the res-ignation of Mr. Baker from the Cab-inet," said Mrs. Weis. "This more will be forced to take cognizance of it. The feeling of resentment that a mem-ber of the Cabinet, in making a polit-ical speech in defence of the Adminis-tration's Metican policy, should com-pure Washington's soldiers with a lot of Maxican bandits, will, I am sure, outweigh any party attachments of The men in these organizations."

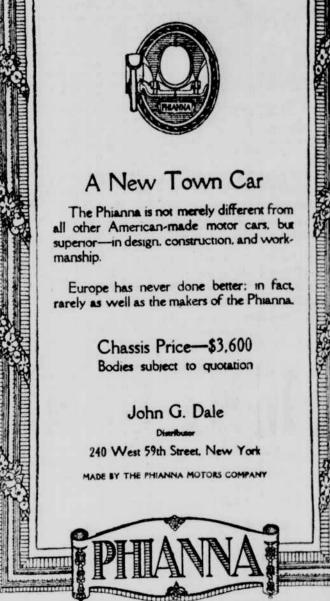
can revolutionists, and we denounce his speech as lacking in true patriotism." The resolution was passed unani-mously. The women debated it long and deliberately. They seemed to be-lieve there had been disorderly acts by Revolutionary soldiers, but were in-censed that they should be compared to Villa's band of cutthroats and as-





When Senator A. B. Fall introduced the Colonel as "the man who knows how to obtain peace with honor" one man in the crowd shouted "We want Teddy!"

Teddy!" "Yes, and you'd 'a' got him only for the standpatters at Chicago," a Roose-velt admirer answered from the roof of the Alvarado Hotel. The Colonel spoks from a platform erected on the front steps of the hotel. After his brief talk this afternoon to 100 of the leading Republicans of New



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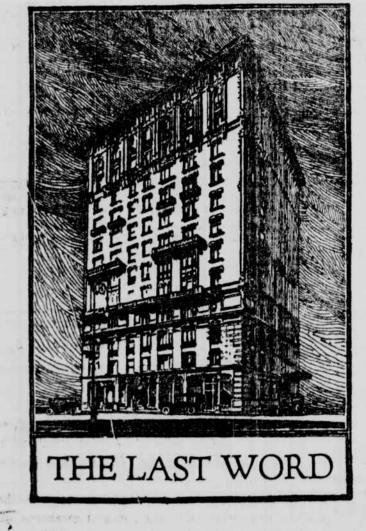
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"Forget Own History

The allusion to Mexico, upon which took notes, was taken down by a stenographer and was as follows: Some people say they cannot unlerstand the President's Mexican polcy, and I want to tell you why. They have forgotten our own history and the Declaration of Independence, and the President has not forgotten either. Why are we impatient at the Mexicans? We say they do not respect the lives We say they do not respect the lives and property of our people. Perhaps they don't. We say they do not pay their honest debts. They don't. We say they are a ragamuffin lot. We say their money is not any good. That's true. It is worth only two or three cents on the dollar. We say they do not respect Church property. That, also, is true.

not respect therein property. They also, is true. "The amazing thing is that people never respect these things in a revolu-tion. We had a revolution, and from the beginning to the end of that the conditions in this country were so like Mexico that it is perfectly astounding to read. to read.

"Washington's Soldiers Stole"

"Washington's Soldiers Stole" "Washington's soldiers in the march to Valley Forge stole everything they could hay their hands on. They stole the silver vessels from the churches and melted them up to buy things to drink. They drove ministers of the Gospel and preachers of churches out of their churches and out of the coun-try. The money of the so-called Con-federation was so worthless that when they tried to make the merchants take it the latter hid their provisions in their cellars. "The Prosident of the United States is in favor of letting the 14,000,000 peo-

"The President of the United States is in favor of letting the 14,000,000 peo-ple in Mexico, who have not had an opportunity to do so, fight out their independence the way we fought ours. Whenever you hear anybody say they cannot understand the President's Mex-ican policy, tell them to go and read the Declaration of Independence and the Golden Rule."

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Suggests No Change The partial repudiation of the first statement and the avowal that the for-going report of it as published in The Tribune was "substantially correct" came in a telephone conversation which I had with Secretary Baker, who was in Plattsburg, N. Y. Mr. Baker was asked what correction, if any, should be made in The Tribune story. He sug-gested no change. The denial at Elmira, N. Y., was made to respondent of The Associated Press, as was the denial at Detroit. The reiteration of the statement at Flint, Mich., was made to a correspondent of "The Chicago Tribune." This last ex-pression of the Secretary at Flint, Mich., is confirmatory of the speech de-livered by him at Jersey City. Up to the time of going to press no further change in his view of the character of Washington's soldiers had been re-ported. Baker Blames Plake

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The last concept, Mr. Baker explained to his interviewer at Flint, was based in information gleaned by the Secre-ary from John Fiske's "American Rev-bution" and "The Critical Period of



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