

So it went all round. In a country where the mining deposits were limited to an area far smaller than was at first supposed, the Government, always representing the dear people, reserved alternate claims. In a country where the thermometer ran down to below zero, to cut wood for a fire without paying tribute to the public guardians was a crime. In a country to remedy which men had suffered fearful hardships, and where, in the long dark winter, delicacies and amusements became necessities, all trade in them was taxed out of existence. The guardians were strictly on the spot; they patrolled each creek and had watchful eye on every budding enterprise, for wherever they found possible revenue in sight the people had to give it a share; the guardians mounted police, whose fidelity to duty has become a proverb; the tracks mounted with soldiers, and

ernment decision to build the Plymouth Rock, and as Ingersoll aptly remarked, "Oh, that Plymouth Rock had landed on the Pilgrim Fathers!", for they sought to run everybody into their own narrow mold. When the Republic was formed the same mania for rule nationally swept all before it, and vainly did Thomas Jefferson, the greatest American statesman, struggle against the Old Party Socialist, All-Government schemes of Alexander Hamilton. British institutions, founded on the old Roman law, were copied to a dot, the political and economic arrangements which brought imperial Rome to ruin were indorsed with thoughtless enthusiasm by the utopian farmers, whose hearts were not beat with love of truth, but whose heads were in a hopeless muddle. Since then the American people have all ways looked to government for aid, the workman has shouted himself

Mexican Notes

On the other hand, Matamorás, just across the border from Brownsville, Tex., was taken by the Constitutionalists, under Gen. Blanco. The loss of the river city, however, cost one and a half hundred lives, having been four hours' stiff fighting.

Former State Senator R. F. De Valle, of Los Angeles, is said to be about to leave for Mexico, charged by President Wilson with the duty of making a special investigation of the Mexican affairs, and to understand better that recognition or non-recognition of the Huerta government will depend on his report.

Three hundred Americans, at present settled in Tamaulipas, have sent a long message to President Wilson through Consul Miller, asking for immediate information as to whether or not they obtain protection from the United States government. Their petition says, in part:

"We consider the lives of ourselves and our families in danger, and the situation has justified this petition."

Such a book, and a couple of pamphlets we intend to issue, will cost about \$300, and we have thought that some of our radicals might be willing to help us raise that sum. We will push the sale of the book and two pamphlets at all our meetings, and faithfully devote the proceeds of sales to repaying the loan; with interest at ten per cent, paying off contributors in the order of their contributions.

The only security is our record as workers in a common cause, and the only inducement to contribute is anxiety to help what possibly may prove a useful undertaking.

We solicit correspondence and shall do our utmost to answer promptly and conduct business in a business way.

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Meanwhile the education is progressing, and the ignorant Mexican has learned more in the last two years of revolutionary action, than his forefathers of the United States have in a century of politics. The Mexicans forced from such a man as Diaz are the proof.

The Mexicans had gone two conquests, the first one of which was by sword. It passed, as a swarm of cicadas passes, leaving destruction in its path but a destruction that could be remedied, for the old communal institutions of the people were left unchanged, and the Mexicans, with free access to land, wood and water, could resume their national life. But the second invasion, invited by Por-

is the commonest of crimes. Even the silk-stocking, church element is seriously alarmed, but Judge Wilbur, head of the Juvenile Court, was comforted it by laying the blame on the telephone, motorcycle and automobile, thus giving reporters an opening for "weep" stories, of which they have availed themselves with professional avidity. Naturally the six-column account given by the "Record"—a semi-demi-Socialist: organ—ends with the following broad hint:

"The probation officers say they need more money from the state to work with, but appear afraid to say so openly. One refused to make a statement touching on her original plans to increase the efficiency of the

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Says E. Trew in "The Syndicalist": "One favorite moral maxim of the capitalist is that the workmanman must first be educated before he can safely be trusted with the management of industry. He is to wait for liberty until he has become quite good and wise in slavery.. He is first to gain health in vile surroundings before he is able to profit by pure air and good food."

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