

When the American unconscious folks and the capitalists talk about Mexico, and the Mexicans, they do so

And, although, in this home of the "civilized" and the "free" and the "braves," our comrade Pedro Castro Treña—who the 7th inst. was sentenced to death for—had been charged with the crime of treason, he was not allowed to say a word to his lawyer to deny or to explain his alleged participation in the so-called Christmas riot; he has been tied up to a tree for three days in the middle of the night, and he has been hit with his feet in chains and these tied up to the tree's trunk, and with his handcuffed hands to his back, tightly bound to the trunk of the tree, and the upper trunk to a height above his head.

dislocate his arms, our unfortunate comrade Castorena has to keep an exhausted posture, the trunk of his body hanging forward, a state which he is unable to maintain for more than a few minutes. Besides, to such his physical tortures are added the insupportable torments of which our worthy comrade is subject, the only food he is furnished with are two thin slices of bread and a glass of water, and he is obliged to witness the cruelties and the barbaric acts of those white savages who with their criminal procedure are leaving the most savage specimens of the cannibals now in the world. These men, who are "brave" fighters, really deserve the championship of savagery, as well as that of bravery, for I am sure that if they would have to face their now

ly run for their life like the coward
they are!

That is what happens in this Land
of the "Tree" that is what certain-
ly-called civilized white men do; that
is what the brutal and criminal Au-
thority does and is good for, the very
same Authority who boasts of being
the Upholder of Law and Order and
the-keeper of the citizens' welfare.

And yet, there are still stupid peo-
ple who believe in and uphold Author-
ity!

DOWN WITH AUTHORITY!!
ENRIQUE FLORES MAGON.

UNDER THE CZAR.

The Governmental system, for re-

Before the Revolution in 1905, the number condemned to hard labour was 20,936; in 1911 it again increased to 20,442. In 1917, after the general strike, and in the spring of 1905 the first Duma assembled. The Government rallied its forces and began its reign of terror. In 1907 the number condemned to hard labour rose to 27,491; in the beginning of 1908 to 28,591; in the following year to 29,936; while in 1911 it again increased to 20,442.

This terrific increase of condemnations the official report attributes to political unrest. It would be more just to call it the wholesale revenge of a bloodthirsty despot on the Russian people for daring to wrest from him the power which he had seized by the Government's report that political unrest exists, is in itself significant. But it would be difficult to be entirely blind to the signs of the times.

When we remember that it was a triumphant general strike in 1905 which led to the granting of a Constitution, the strike figures of the year 1913 are decidedly encouraging. The present year has, in fact, constituted

total number of strikers was 47,000, of which the Petrozavodsk strikers to 105,000, and in 1912—683,000. At the beginning of October last, however, no fewer than 1,248,000 factory-hand had participated in strikes during 1913. In addition to 215,000 others employed in establishments that do not come under the law, this number has been very considerably increased, partly as the result of the popular indignation excited by the "ritual trial." On a single day in November no fewer than 100,000 workmen went on strike in St. Petersburg, and the number of such strikes for the year are issued it will probably be found that the number of strikers does not fall far short of two million.

the authorities do not scruple to violate the law (whether openly or by

to suppress them; and, further, that the majority of the strikes were of a political rather than of an industrial character. In addition to the working men, a large number of University students have organized strikes by way of protest against various manifestations of the Government's oppressive policy.

However, not only does the industrial unrest indicate that under the

widespread movement is taking place, but the middle classes also begin to voice their dissatisfaction with the postponement of all reforms promised by the Government for years. When such a moderate party as the Octobrists, supporters of the Government in and out of the Duma, begins to threaten with opposition and denounces the intolerable conditions, the Government will have to face the situation. The unrest is general; the Ministers are incapable; the one question is, when will the outbreak come, and will the nation be able to make use of the opportunity—"('Freedom,' London

Glad Mr. Lind has learned Spanish. It gives him another language to think in. ("North American.")