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PROCLAMATION ON THE MEXICAN WAR

By the Socialist Party of America

Again we are being lashed into war by those who profit from war.

Capitalist drums are beating, trumpets blaring and forces recruiting.

All this that the nation may be goaded into war and the workers made to consent to shoot and be shot.

For centuries the resources of Mexico have lain dormant. Of late that country has been touched by the magic wand of capitalism and the same development is taking place there that always takes place when modern capitalism clashes with backward feudalism.

Ninety per cent of her population is still landless and propertyless. For hundreds of years her people have struggled against almost insurmountable difficulties to overthrow tyrants who have ruled and ruined men.

For hundreds of years the Mexican people have been in a state of continuous revolt because the great majority are in a condition of peonage. Robbed of their land in an agricultural country, the change from the Spanish rule to an independent republic avails the Mexican people little or nothing. So long as peonage remains, revolt must follow revolt.

In vain did the Mexican people elevate Madero to the presidency. Their hope that he would recognize their need and restore the land to the people was not fulfilled. They are still fighting to win Mexico for the Mexicans.

In Sonora, Durango and Chihuahua, where the revolutionists are in control, the people are taking possession of the land. Now, when the revolutionists believe that victory is in sight, the great American republic controlled by sinister capitalist interests and without a declaration of war, lands an armed force on Mexican soil. No nation in modern times has ever begun hostilities upon a pretext so shallow as the flag incident at Tampico.

The war will inevitably unite all factions in Mexico against the invaders of their country. Their resistance to the forces of the United States must fail, yet it will cost thousands of lives through bullet, bayonet and disease.

In order to subdue Mexico, the American army must march across that country like Sherman marched to the sea. Our army will leave behind a path of desolation, ruined homes and health.

And finally, when American arms have triumphed, who will be the winners? The Mexican people will not win. The German, English and American capitalists, backed by our army, will exploit Mexico and the Mexican peon as capitalism always exploits the working people everywhere.

Moreover, the effect of the war on our own country will be deplorable.

War strengthens every force hurtful to civilization, every force hurtful to labor. While war lasts there will be no social legislation. Enough money will be used up in dealing death to human beings to provide old age pensions, accident, sickness and unemployment insurance for every worker in America for a generation.

Every piratical power will seize this opportunity to prey upon our people. Exploiting capitalism will meet every attack by wrapping the American flag around its plunder.

Remember that the capitalist class in Colorado, destroying with machine guns American workers struggling for better conditions, is the very same class that seeks to rule Mexico.

The Socialist party is opposed, as a matter of principle, to every war of aggression. We believe that there is but one justification for war, and that is to fight for freedom. Our freedom has not been assailed by the Mexicans. There is no reason why American workingmen should leave their homes and families to have their bodies mangled on Mexican battlefields.

In the name of two million American Socialists, in the name of thirty million Socialists throughout the world, in the name of humanity and civilization, we protest against the war with Mexico.

BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

Victor Berger.
Adolph Germer.
Geo. H. Goebel.
James H. Maurer.
J. Stitt Wilson.

Attest: Walter Lanferseik,
Executive Secretary.

EX-MAYOR EMIL SEIDEL, LATE SOCIALIST MAYOR OF MILWAUKEE, WILL SPEAK IN PEOPLE'S THEATRE MAY 28, 8:00 P. M.



JACK KENTON.

"PATRIOTISM: THE LAST REFUGE OF THE SCOUNDREL."—DR. SAMUEL JOHNSON Author of the First English Dictionary

EXPOSING THE WAR GAME "MURDER IS MURDER."

Workers of America, Let Not the Profit Mongers Use You for Claws and Teeth!

Mrs. Andrew D. White—"Does an American gentleman shoot the man who insults him? Not usually in this generation, much less his wife and family. Shall we destroy many innocent Mexicans by bombarding Tampico because an official bandit insults our flag? Nothing he can do, only what we can do, can dishonor the American flag and nation."

E. D. Mead, peace advocate—"The talk of war upon such petty pretexts, with which Washington and the country have been so suddenly deluged, is disproportionate and monstrous to the point of grotesqueness. Compare these trivial affronts to the indignities suffered by England when the Russians fired on her fishermen at the Dogger bank, killing several of them and sinking their boats."

Norman Angell, author of the anti-war book, "The Great Illusion."—"It required three years' fighting for 400,000 British soldiers to subdue 100,000 poverty-stricken Boers at a cost of \$1,250,000,000. These same figures would apply if the United States ever attempted to subjugate the Mexicans. English politics has been paralyzed for years by the problem of Irish subjugation. American politics would likewise be twisted if this country attempted to conquer Mexico."

The National Honor.

Ernest Untermann—"The national honor follows the pork barrel.

"The national honor never wined during all the fifty years since the Civil War, when both Republicans and Democrats repudiated annually every pledge made to the wage-worker and small farmer.

"The national honor was not tainted by the outrages committed with the connivance of Republicans and Democrats against the workers in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, West Virginia, Michigan, Colorado and California.

"The national honor grinned with delight when a militia general in Michigan tore the Stars and Stripes from the hands of a working girl and trampled the emblem of the nation into the mud.

"The national honor remained spotless when Sherman Bell shouted: 'To hell with the constitution,' or when New York's chief of police announced that 'the club is mightier than the constitution.'

"But when the English oil trust in Mexico began to back Huerta, when the oil wells of the American trust were threatened, when Hearst's big ranches in Mexico, when Colonel Greene's mines in Cananea were in danger of falling into the hands of the Mexican people, the national honor was insulted by the convenient arrest of a few marines and nothing would purify the flag but an armed invasion of Mexico—and the customs revenues of Vera Cruz."

MEDIATION! FOR WHAT?

Now they are trying "Mediation"—anything and everything to rescue from the fire the foreign investor's chestnuts and impose on the rebellious Mexican peasant a good, strong government which shall take care of him.

That is precisely what he does not want. He wants to be in a position where he can take care of himself, and for that he wants possession of the land.

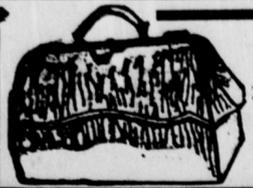
Consider who those new interveners are. The Argentine minister, described as "a diplomat of wide experience; an international lawyer." The Brazilian ambassador, a "trained diplomat." The Chilean envoy, "for some years Chilean minister at Mexico City." Frock-coated, uniform-bespangled idlers, who have as much in common with the tolling peasant as the lamb has with the famished wolf.

Not by any such hocus-pocus can this fundamental question of the right to a free and equal seat at nature's overflowing banquet-table be settled.

As for good government! We have had our bellyful of it in these United States. Its name is Roosevelt—the hardest taskmaster the disinherited could have. Woodrow Wilson is his logical successor.—Wm. C. Owen in Regeneration.

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CHALLENGE FOR DEBATE CAUSE OF SOCIALISTS BEING SENT TO PRISON

Challenge for Debate During Religious Services Sends Them to Workhouse.

New York, May 13.—Bouck White, a clergyman, author and Socialist, and Milo Woolman, a writer, each Harvard graduates, were sentenced to Blackwell's island workhouse today by a police court magistrate for their participation in disorderly scenes enacted last Sunday morning at the Calvary Baptist church, of which John D. Rockefeller and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., are attendants.

White and Woolman were two of the group which invaded the church during the services to make a public request of the pastor for a debate on the Colorado situation.

Each was sentenced to six months. Emanuel Lopez was sentenced to 10 days and five others, including Woolman's wife, were placed on 6 months' probation.

SOCIALISTS ARE OPPOSED TO A WAR WITH MEXICO

Ask for Reimbursement for Damage to Quarters at Seattle Potlatch Riots.

Chicago, Ill., May 13.—War with Mexico was protested against tonight in resolutions adopted by the national committee of the Socialist party meeting here. The resolutions also asked reimbursement for damage to party quarters at Seattle said to have been done by the United States sailors after the alleged attacks in speeches on the army and navy.

Action on a resolution so worded as to virtually place the party on record for prohibition, according to the opposition, was deferred after a heated debate, subject to being referred to a committee. Victor Berger, former congressman from Milwaukee, narrowly escaped defeat as a candidate for a member of the executive committee.

ORGANIZATION NEWS

SOCIALISTS OF CEDONIA ORGANIZE A LOCAL.

Renewed Enthusiasm Throughout the State.

From all parts of the Evergreen State come reports of renewed enthusiasm and awakening class-consciousness. And the spirit of revolt rife within the working-class ranks is not mere diffused, unorganized discontent. The spirit of unrest among those who toil and own not is directed toward intelligent organization.

The boys who know have had a good rest—some of them. Now they're back on the job, educating their fellow workers and organizing into locals for the work of the fall campaign.

The Reds of Cedonia, for example, have passed from the mere propaganda stage of development into the organization work of the party. From now on there will be some systematic organization work done in their part of Stevens county.

Comrade E. H. James has been elected secretary, and he is backed up by a bunch of Red card men and women who are in earnest! Congratulations, comrades, and welcome into the ranks of organized Socialists.

SOCIALISTS OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY HOLD A BIG CONVENTION.

Representatives from every Socialist local in Snohomish county met in convention Sunday afternoon at the party headquarters on California street. The meeting was marked by a spirit of earnestness and enthusiasm seldom seen even among social crusaders.

After transacting the usual business incident to such gatherings, the members adjourned to meet again in two weeks, when a full county ticket will be made up. A general mass meeting of all Socialists in Snohomish county will be called to meet with the delegates a week from Sunday to assist in the work of nominating men and women for the various offices to be filled in the approaching election.



MILWAUKEE'S FIRST SOCIALIST MAYOR TO SPEAK.

Emil Sidel to Speak in Liberty Hall on May 28.

Perhaps no person has taken such an active part in municipal government as Emil Sidel, former Socialist mayor of Milwaukee, who together with the Socialists of Milwaukee gave that city the best working-class administration it has had. An administration in municipal affairs that was noted for the absence of graft and corruption. Once elected mayor by the Socialists of Milwaukee and in spite of the tremendous opposition of the combined parties, their press and organization Sidel ran highest in the recent Milwaukee primaries and came within a few thousand votes of election—a wonderful battle for working-class supremacy in a municipal government, retarded temporarily by prejudice and ignorance on the part of the working-class. Comrade Sidel was also the Socialist candidate for vice-president in the recent national election. A speaker of great earnestness and intensity, a Socialist who comes from a city where our party has had control, he is well qualified to speak upon the world-wide question of Socialism. Hear him, May 28, in the People's Theatre. Admission 10 cents.

CHALLENGE ALL COMERS!

"You talk about playing ball," said Rastus as he gave out a little more ragtime with his polishing cloth—chit-i-cho! chit-i-cho!—hear it? "Yes, sir, you want to see real ball playing just come around and gaze on the Colored Giants while they speed up that little sphere. Go some? Well, you don't see no planet after that sphere leaves the pitcher's hand. You all got to bring around a moving-picture machine to follow that ball's perambulations."

"Think you could beat the Everett High school team, Rastus?" we timidly inquired.

"Let me tell you somethin', mister," replied the chiropeid artist. "The Colored Giants stand ready to meet all comers, white or black, and we don't care whay dey come from."

And there you are. If you think they can't play ball, why get out a team and show it to them.

ORGANIZED LABOR'S ENEMY DOES FIRST GOOD ACT OF HIS LIFE.

C. W. Post shot himself last Saturday.

So far as we can learn this is about the best act of his life.

The world has no use for a man who sets his face against progress.

Post insisted that labor had no "say so" in regard to its own rights and duties. He believed in absolute industrial despotism—on the part of the masters.

Post blew his contemptible head off. Amen!

MORAL: "Always speak well of the dead"—if they deserve it.

NOT THAT YOU CARE, BUT FOR THE KIDS.

Here y'are, ever-y-y bodle-e-e-e-e, here y'are. The South American ant-eater is about to eat his uncle! Step closer-r-r-r-r now, step closer-r-r-r-r!

All of which is by the way of saying that soon again there will come the smell of the sawdust ring. The circus is coming, with all its romance and all its attractiveness. On Wednesday, May 27, there will arrive the Sells-Floto Circus and Buffalo Bill (himself) which will exhibit in this city for two performances, afternoon and evening.

One of the important features of the circus in this city is the personal appearance of Col. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill), who will present a new spectacle entitled, "Warpath," in which Indians, cowboys, ropers and riders will appear. And in addition to this the circus itself is larger this year than ever before.

Naturally there will be a parade the morning of the show, with all the cages open, with the clowns tumbling about through the line of march, with the Vocalina and Berni's Giant Serenadum, the greatest in the world, playing themselves hoarse.

And the great two-mile-long spectacle will follow the leadership of Buffalo Bill himself as a special honor to this city.

The price for the show this year is to remain the same as ever, 25 cents, with a seating capacity for 14,000 persons.

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Seattle, Fifth Ward Local—Meets every Friday at 8 p. m., 2012 Westlake Ave. Neta Wells, secretary.

Local Everett No. 1—Meets every Sunday evening, 8 o'clock, at the Socialist party headquarters, 1612 California St., Everett, Wash. Peter Husby, Secy.

Granite Falls—Meets every Friday night at 8 o'clock in Miller Bldg. Julia Herman, Rec. and Cor. Secy.

Hillyard—Meets every Thursday night at 446 Sanson Ave. J. C. Harkness, Secy-Treas., Box 307, Hillyard.

Mountain View—Business meeting the second Wednesday in each month at the homes of the members. Propaganda meeting the fourth Sunday in each month at the Mountain View school house. D. C. Buchanan, Cor. Secy.

Local Port Angeles No. 1—Meets every Sunday at headquarters at 2 p. m. Fred Goos, Secy.

Prosser Local, S. P.—Meets at the office of S. H. Massey, attorney, opposite postoffice, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p. m. John C. Mathews, Local Secy., Box 2.

Sedro-Woolley—Meets Tuesday evening twice monthly. Geo. Sherman, Cor.-Secy. Box 457, Sedro-Woolley, Wash.

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EXPERT ESTIMATES COST OF WAR WITH MEXICO AT \$2,000,000 EVERY DAY.

Asked for an opinion as to the probable money cost of a war with Mexico, Congressman James Hay, chairman of the military committee of the U. S. house of representatives, answered that this would, of course, depend upon the number of men called out, and this no one knows.

"We have a standing army, the full strength of which is 100,000. The cost of its maintenance, in time of peace, is \$100,000,000 a year.

"Supposing that the president calls for 250,000 volunteers—the cost of maintenance of this army—pay, subsistence, transportation, animals—will be at least \$500,000,000 a year.

"These figures are conservative. I give them as an absolute minimum. The cost of an army of the size named may prove to be a great deal more than I have estimated.

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BRUTALITY OF CAPITALIST SCHOOL BOARD.

Shown in Resolutions Adopted at Trafton April 26, 1914.

At a mass meeting of more than a hundred and fifty residents of School District No. 301, Snohomish county, Washington, held at Trafton school house on April 26, 1914, after full discussion the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

In the good year 1913, the present president of the school board of district No. 301 introduced a resolution into a public meeting of the patrons, teachers and directors of this district, declaring that our schools must be free from both political and religious partisanship.

It is customary where non-partisanship is the rule, to proportion appointments very closely to the vote cast by the several parties, giving the minority a representation about proportioned to the vote it cast—as, for example, in case of election boards, federal and state commissions and the like.

Sometimes, in the interest of non-partisanship, the majority has been known to reverse this rule. As an instance, we point with pride to the fact that under the administration of a Socialist majority on the school board the distribution of teachers was much more generous to their opponents; for he it remembered, out of twenty-six teachers employed then only five were Socialists.

The present board is actuated by absolutely opposite views. It apparently believes that "non-partisanship" means the entire exclusion of one party from participation in the school management. Therefore, under the efficient leadership of the authoress of those magnanimous (?) "non-partisan" resolutions the present school board has acted upon a plain and undisguised determination not to give the minority party any—not even the least—representation upon the faculty of our schools.

Sinclair and his wife have both been refused re-employment. Yet their school work, notwithstanding the interruptions which these "non-partisans" forced upon them, has been absolutely successful according to the testimony of their patrons; and even George Lancaester has admitted it both publicly and privately.

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In the matter of the Estate of John Lykins, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Charles C. Bishop, Administrator of the Estate of John Lykins, deceased, has filed in this court for settlement his final account as such administrator, together with his petition for final distribution of said estate, and that the hearing of said account should be held on the 23rd day of May, 1914, at ten o'clock A.M. of said day, at the court room of Department No. 2 of said court, in the City of Everett, County of Snohomish, and State of Washington, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, and why distribution of said estate should not thereupon be immediately made to the persons entitled thereto without further notice of proceedings.

SHERWOOD & MANSFIELD, Attorneys for Administrator, 309-10-11 Colby Building, Everett, Washington.

Resolved, that we profess we are in no way surprised; for 'twas ever thus" through all the ages, and 'twill ever be in this wise just as long as the class struggle continues.

Resolved, that we now have no recourse save our own class solidarity and such show of that strength and courage which our union of purpose makes. We recommend a "petition in boots"—a general gathering of the members of our class in this district for the purpose of presenting our grievance to the superintendent and also to the board IF WE CAN EVER CATCH THEM IN SESSION!

Resolved, that in any event we renew our allegiance to the noble cause for which these teachers suffer and extend to them our hearty hands as sympathetic comrades.

Resolved, that the attitude of the town of Arlington, in so far as it supports this hypocritical and partisan policy, and particularly in the case of the McKees, a policy which is inevitably oppressive toward the rural districts which are members of this consolidated district, shows bad faith and an extremely selfish and ungenerous disposition. Such oppression is not good or conducive to peace and harmony.

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COMRADE J. M. SALTER WILL SOON BE OUT AFTER SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Wants to Lay Foundation for Socialist Success in November.

Comrade J. M. Salter was a visitor to the Washington Socialist last Saturday. He was in fine fighting trim. Next week his position as principal of the Sylvania schools will be a thing of the past. They who "don't want any politics in the schools" have decided that any teacher who admits that he is a Socialist shall be excluded from the teaching force of this Bull Moose county. If you are not a Republican or a Democrat or a Bull Mooseer you needn't come around. They who hold the reins of political power in this county are determined that nothing but capitalist politics shall be taught in the schools.

So comrades, Mr. and Mrs. Salter are to be deprived of the right to earn a living in their chosen profession in this county from now on.

Do you wonder that Jim is in dead earnest about going out after subscriptions for The Washington Socialist? He knows that the only way to undermine a social and economic system which is bolstered up and glossed over with fraud, lies, hypocrisy and brute force is to attack it with truth, honesty, sincerity and the strength that comes from working in absolute harmony with the laws of progress and the demands of justice.

Look out for Salter! He'll sell you a subscription card if you don't watch out!

WILLIE HEARST'S PRIVATE WAR FOR PELF.

The New York Evening Journal, Hearst's paper, less than two weeks ago printed a drawing showing a dead American sailor and under it these words: "He did not die to put Villa or Carranza in the place of Huerta—but to place the American flag in place of the Mexican flag and to extend our boundary south." And, editorially, the same issue says: "What is Mexico now, will be the United States then," (when the "war" is over), "and the work will not have to be done over again." And then there is this comment: "The day is not far distant when Mexicans and Americans will unite in rejoicing that the war is over, the boundary line wiped out and Mexico made a part of this country."

Says Willie Hearst:

"The United States and the men enlisting and the ships on their way are going to war with a country, for the conquest of a country, and for the annexation and permanent pacification of that country.

"This war is real, it will be final; the men that have lost their lives and that will lose their lives will not be killed merely to put one Mexican brigand above another.

"They will give up their lives gladly, knowing that they are ending a rule of terror, and of torture, and at the same time adding to the greatness and territory of their country and to the permanent welfare and happiness of the land that is to be conquered."

Wouldn't it be more sensible for the workers of this country to conquer and pacify and acquire the United States first?

EXPOSURE OF FALSE CLAIMS OF PROHIBITION PARTY IS BEING READ WITH INTEREST.

The fourth article dealing with the false claims of the Prohibition party is omitted on account of lack of space. These discussions will be continued for several weeks longer—in fact, for as many weeks as may be found necessary to prove that the claims of our political opponents are based upon garbled statistics, often on mere bald assertions, and always on an utter lack of understanding of either the biological or the economic factors involved in the study of the causes and cure of poverty, crime, insanity, and drunkenness.

At bottom we are not dealing merely with "the open saloon" question, but with the disease of inebriety, and the economic and social conditions which give rise to the desire for strong drink. The Socialist would remove the CAUSES; the Prohibitionists deal only with EFFECTS.

"Drinking is a cultivated habit," says ex-Governor Patterson in his anti-saloon speech. Abolish the saloon and society becomes regenerated. Alcoholism disappears. "Our boys" are saved. ARE THEY?

In future articles we propose to go to the very bottom of this drink question, and before the series shall have been concluded, we feel that every real Socialist will see that the subject has not been discussed in the Washington Socialist without good reason, nor without good results.

Many persons in Everett who have heretofore paid no attention to this paper are now looking forward to each week's issue, many backing up their aroused interest with a yearly subscription.

DOES THE NATION MOURN?

During the year 1913, twelve coal miners were killed every working day of the year!

And there were no "impressive ceremonies" over their graves.

Two thousand seven hundred and eighty-five martyrs to capitalism's greed! That was the toll out of 728,355 wage-slave martyrs who went down into the bowels of the earth to bring up coal for the monarchs of Wall street and Broadway.

And the nation will not mourn.

There will be no spectacular procession, led by the president and the members of his cabinet. No flags will hang at half-mast, in honor of these victims of capitalism. Why not?

Because their services were involuntary.

They were FORCED into the mines, on pain of death by starvation, or by freezing.

But how is it with those who die in "defense of the nation's honor"—whatever that is, or wherever it is?

Ah, that is different. THEY must be CAJOLED into VOLUNTARY servitude in the army or navy. Fifteen dollars a month and the loss of every vestige of personal freedom or independence is hardly strong enough bait to catch your individualistic citizen of these United States. So they catch the young and vain with a spectacular blare of trumpets and an upward semblance of respect, to the tune of Chopin's funeral march.

But there will be no spectacular ceremonies by the government over the graves of the hundreds of miners entombed in the West Virginia mines, nor over the charred remains of the women and children of stricken Ludlow.

Patriotism, like charity, should begin at home.

CALIFORNIA'S TRIBUTE TO THE GRIM GOD MAMMON.

During the first three months of the year 1914, almost ten thousand workers were injured or killed in the industries of California. There were 120 workers killed outright within this ninety-day period, and 300 permanently disabled. One-half of those killed left one or more persons dependent upon them.

According to the Industrial Accident Commission, more than one-half of these accidents could have been prevented by the installation of safety devices.

But "safety first" cost money, and men are cheap.

THE MEXICAN DIFFICULTY.

The Mexican difficulty now under way is a three-cornered fight. At one point of the triangle is Huerta and his following, at another point is President Wilson and at the third angle are the big land and oil interests with their special agents in congress. The last named are the most formidable opponents the president has.

A few well-known families in the United States own millions of acres of land in Mexico and big oil companies have cast oil concessions. If the United States were to take Mexico, these lands which were gotten as a grant from old Diaz, or purchased for ten or fifteen cents an acre, would increase greatly in value. If they should go to only twenty-five dollars per acre, that would be an increase of 25,000 per cent. Why shouldn't they want the United States to grab Mexico?

These interests have as powerful press influence as any in this country. When Huerta made his way to power by the murder of Madero, they urged his recognition by this government because Huerta would have allowed the exploitation of the Mexican people without molestation.

Scheme of Predatory Interests.

When President Wilson refused to recognize Huerta, the interests, fearing the government might fall into progressive hands, started desperate measures to have the United States make war on Mexico. It was the intention to have Uncle Sam get in there and then keep him there forever.

President Wilson has had a clear insight into the game that was being played, so he started a counter policy. While he remained officially neutral as far as the rebels were concerned, it is very plain that he wanted Carranza to overcome Huerta and establish a government.

This has alarmed the big land interests and their organs of publicity and agents in congress have hurled every malediction against the president that they could command, in the hope of stirring the people to war.

Huerta, seeing his power about to crumble before the attacks of Villa, began desperate measures to save himself and the foreign land owners backing him. If he could induce our government to fight, he might unite all Mexico behind him and in the end Mexico would be governed by Huerta or the United States, either of which events would be favorable to the big land interests.

Why Huerta Committed Unfriendly Acts.

That he might bring this situation about, Huerta committed a series of unfriendly acts toward this government which culminated in the arrest of an American marine at Tampico. For this act Admiral Mayo demanded that Huerta salute the flag as an apology. I really believe that the president would have preferred to overlook that incident but the event became too prominent and public opinion, instigated by the press, might have been turned against the president.

He took up the matter with congress and in a special message asked for authority to enforce certain demands against "Huerta and his followers" so as not to arouse the antagonism of Carranza and his followers. In this plan lay the only hope for an early solution of the problem. Tools of Big Business Seize Their Opportunity.

The house passed a resolution embodying his wishes almost unanimously and sent it to the senate. This was the supreme opportunity the land interests had long been looking for. Quick as a flash, like a spider after its prey, Senator Lodge introduced a substitute demanding that an apology and reparation be demanded of the whole Mexican people. Senator Root was selected as floor leader and made a powerful plea for the resolution. It failed to carry but the mischief had been done. It gave opportunity for the bold declaration by some members of congress that if the Stars and Stripes were ever placed over the capital of Mexico they would never be withdrawn.

This is all the interests wanted. Such talk in congress would make it very difficult to deal with Carranza and would almost insure a war ending in the annexation of Mexico. If Huerta had had his own representatives in the senate, they would have done exactly as Senators Root, Lodge and the old guard did. It is not necessary for any one to deny their patriotism. It is only necessary to point out that the president was fighting Huerta and those senators' actions coincided exactly with the wishes of Huerta.

Traitors in Congress More to Be Feared Than Huerta.

To one observant of public affairs, it is clear that it is not Huerta whom the president fears but certain members of congress. It is not the enemy on the other side of the Rio Grande that worries him but it is the enemy on this side posing in the guise of lofty patriotism. The president is wearing deep furrows into his countenance scheming plans of peace but

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