ALL EXPLOITATION IN MEXICO IS NOT VICIOUS, DESPITE MR. WILSON'S SPEECHES

(By H. S. H.)

WE are hearing a great deal just now of the "exploiters of Mexico," a term which, it seems, is being applied generally to Americans and other foreigners who have invested their money, time and labor in the southern republic. President Wilson, in discussing Mexican affairs, has taken occasion to refer frequently to the "exploiters," declaring in his Detroit speech he would not aid those who would "exploit" Mexico.

In so doing, the president implies that all exploitation is bad and thereby casts an odious reflection upon all Americans, good and bad alike, who have invested in Mexico. His announcement indicates the president is unwilling to assist those conscientious Americans who, in all good faith and in all fair dealing have contributed so largely to the upbuilding of Mexico, just as he is unwilling to protect another class of exploiters, the parasitic, concession-hunting, bribing class. There are both classes of Americans with Mexican investments, just as there are two kinds of exploitation, benevolent and vicious. The president in his public addresses, however, is prone not to differentiate if, in truth, he recognizes any difference. His utterances might be assumed to verify the assertion so often ascribed to him by political opponents who say the president's attitude means: "If you go into Mexico, you go at your own peril; your government and your flag are not availing for your protection."

Probably the president would not subscribe to such an interpretation of his beliefs, though Mexicans have taken it for granted, as many of our citizens who have sought protection under British and German flags in times of danger can testify.

It is not true that the millions of dollars of American capital invested in Mexico have, in the main, injured Mexico. On the contrary, in the main, they have tremendously benefited Mexico, both government and people, causing towns to be built where there were no towns and furnishing employment to many thousands of Mexicans who needed employment.

This tendency of the president's to condemn in wholesale fashion those who have invested in Mexico is not, unhappily, confined to Mr. Wilson. It is seen cropping out in a recently issued statement of the unofficial peace conference held under the auspices of the American Union Against Militarism, which, after a single session in El Paso, transferred its deliberations to Washington.

This statement, which bears the signature of Moorfield Storey, a Boston lawyer; Dr. David Starr Jordan, chancellor emeritus of Stanford university; Paul U. Kellogg, editor of "The Survey"; Modesto C. Rolland, an engineer of Yucatan; Dr. Atl, editor of "Accion Mundial" of Mexico City, and Luis Manuel Rojas, director of the national library, Mexico City, reads as follows:

"We believe that the American people should understand the sources of the Mexican revolution, the purposes which have guided it, the nature and causes of the disorders and crimes which have been incidentally associated with it, and the efforts of the de facto government to reduce disorder and to prevent atrocities.

"We believe that the American people should also learn that the Mexican people are not an aggregate of irresponsible bands but rather, that Mexico has within herself all the elements of regeneration; that new institutions, free schools, land adjustments, cooperative municipalities, temperance legislation, encouragement to industry and thrift are springing up like fresh grass after a prairie fire.

"In more than half of the states and in more than half the territory of the remaining states, law and order reign, notably in the states of Yucatan, Jalisco, Michoacan, Veracruz, Sonora, Colima, Queretaro, Aguascalientes, Tabasco, and the territories of Baja California and Tepic. The new land statutes of Yucatan have been planned very carefully and the number of schools in that state is about 2400 today against 200 of two years ago.

"It is to be remembered that the Mexican revolution is in many regards parallel with the French revolution, and that it was originally directed against similar social and political abuses; a proletariat without hope, practically confined to the land which was held in enormous estates obtained by various forms of privileges; a church with many faithful priests, no doubt, but as a whole keeping the people in ignorance and wielding great political and financial power,—in a word, the evils which follow tyrannical and corrupt government.

"Besides all this, Mexico—one of the richest lands in the world in natural resources—has been burdened by concessions of all kinds, oils, mining, fisheries, railways, obtained by means which will not bear the light of day, so that its wealth and its opportunities have largely been sold to foreigners whose only interest in Mexico is the interest of exploiters.

"In this connection the American people should be reminded that there is no warrant in international law nor in morals for the idea that it is the duty of any nation to assert by force of arms the privileges of its citizens domiciled in a foreign country. Our treaties guarantee them equal treatment with the actual citizen of the country in which they dwell or carry on business, but they do not involve the making of war for the benefit of individuals without regard to the conditions under which they may find themselves in trouble. The idea that military force must be at the service of exploiters is one which has borne serious consequences.

"In short, we should remember that revolutions never move backward, and that regime of Porfirio Diaz is now as impossible for Mexico as that of Louis XV would be for the France of today."

In this statements is seen the same grouping of American investors in one pernicious class, as in the assertion "Its (Mexico's) wealth and its opportunities have largely been sold to foreigners whose only interest in Mexico is the interest of the exploiters."

A third utterance of precisely the same kind is that of senator LaFollette on the floor of the senate Thursday when he said:

"I sincerely hope that the standard bearer of the Republican party in the coming campaign will not feel himself constrained to take the position that it is the duty of the government to put the flag of the United States behind investors in Mexico.

"President Wilson declared in his Detroit speech that he would not stand for that principle and that he would not become the collection agency of investors in Mexico.

"The American people, if an issue is made between the Republican candidate and Mr. Wilson on that proposition, will stand overwhelmingly by the president."

This whole attitude, as shown in the quotations above, is wrong, exceedingly wrong. It is not necessary to consider the United States as a collecting agent for American investors in Mexico any more than in Germany or in England. The fact stands that it is no more right to condemn American investors in Mexico as a class and throw them outside the pale of the respectful consideration of their government than to apply the same treatment to American investors in Canada or Argentina.

With no reference whatever to outstanding questions between the United States and Mexico, a citizen of the United States is entitled to the protection of his government at home and abroad, on land and at sea. The principle applies in Germany, Turkey and England. It should apply everywhere in equal measure.

To speak of the American investor in a foreign country as a pariah who should be barred by the people of that foreign country and given no protection by the United States is to tread close to the confines of demagogy.

Theorizing is the president's long suit. Theorizing has its place, an important place; but a public man shows lack of grasp of affairs who does not provide his theorizing with the proper premise of fact.

The Yuma man who has raised a 40 pound beet has certainly demonstrated what a fine agricultural region can do. Other Yuma farmers are also raising splendid grapes, peaches, oranges and cantaloupes.

Husky Susan of the kitchen, with a certain aim and an uncertain temper, is one idea of "a dangerous girl."

Short Snatches From Everywhere

To be comfortable a girl's shoes must be of the latest style.—Toledo Blade.

As a rule, no one cares to hear our honest opinion on any subject.—New York American.

Miladi says when two live as cheaply as one, one of them lives on leftovers.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Just as we begin to speak of permanent peace, those South American countries have to start a row.—Shreveport Times.

Miladi says in the language of the flowers orchids mean that a fool and his money are soon parted.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

If you have formed a beautiful mental picture of the cheerful giver don't spoil it by passing around the hat.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Is it any wonder that John D. Rockefeller can see prosperity on all sides? We all could if we had his money.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Reputation for wisdom has been gained through impressive silence, but apparently only a few people care to be considered wise.—New York World.

Having conquered the slides in the Panama canal, Gen. George W. Goethals would like to slide out of the canal business.—Temple (Texas) Telegram.

If this Mexico border campaign had been pulled off in the wintertime you could not drive lots of those northern fellows back home after it was all over.—Palestine Herald.

President Wilson has signed the rural credits bill, but ranchers will find it just as hard to get money out of the bank as ever unless the security is right.—Los Angeles Times.

That Villa was in El Paso seems to have been a mistake. It is not such a mistake as Villa would be likely to make in the circumstances existing.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Rider Haggard, the novelist, sees another great war coming between the British and the Teutons. Is the present struggle merely a preliminary or is the author of "She" again seeing things?—San Francisco Chronicle.

Dog Days Give Man Foretaste of Sinner's Fate Hot Season Is Great Boon To the Corn Raisers

By HOWARD L. RANN.

THE dog days are a period which is given to the human race every summer in order that man may have a foretaste of what is in store for the sinner. This period continues for 40 days and nights, starting with July 2 and ending with August 11, by which time everybody is reduced to repentance and the wearing of sheer tissue underclothes.

The annual visitation of the dog days is due entirely to the action of Sirius, the dog star, which encourages the sun to produce more heat than at any other time of the year. If there were some way to suppress Sirius by act of congress and prevent him from inciting the sun to murder, more people would remain at home during July and August, instead of cantering off to some $30 a day summer resort and idling away precious hours which could be used in canning fruit. There probably is some good reason why Sirius should be allowed to bob up during the touring season and destroy the happiness and inner tubes of inoffensive people, but science has never discovered what it is.

Before condemning the dog days, however, we should remember that without them the corn crop would be a bigger failure than the manufacture of shower baths in Mexico. The intense brand of perpetual motion heat produced by the sun during the dog days may be discomfiting to the man who wear the half inch wool union suit winter and summer, but it is a great boon to the corn crop, causing it to rise to the height of 11 feet and sprout long ears of unshelled corn which can be fed to the young and ardent pig with perfect safety. Last year the supply of dog days ran short, and as a result the corn crop proved a greater disappointment than the Republican vote in Alabama.

The dog days furnish an excellent excuse for the tired business man to leave home and recuperate in some lonely spot, far from woman, where he can fish in solitude and not be interrupted by dressmakers' bills. On this account there are some women who would prefer to have the dog days come oftener and stay longer, thus reducing dish washing to a minimum.

One of the sad contradictions in life is to come north in the summer to escape the heat and run into a series of dog days that would wring perspiration out of a cigar store Indian. This teaches us that dog days are all alike when they get real dogged.

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Sirius, the dog star, encourages the sun to produce more heat.

Abe Martin

In ever' town ther's a feller who never works a lick, 'cept t' run a pop corn stand on circus day. Th' feller who marries for money, like th' feller who raises a garden, never figures in his labor.

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Dr. Adam Miller, Ilion, N. Y., who is now past 97 years of age, has been practicing medicine for 72 years.

Douglas Millionaire Soldier Has Two Autos; Militiaman Kicks At Two Bits For Shave

"DOUGLAS has a great many militiamen from New Jersey and among them is a millionaire," said Oscar K. Goll, secretary of the chamber of commerce and mines at Douglas, Ariz. "This millionaire is a private and a distinctive individual around camp on account of his wealth. He brought to the camp with him from Patterson, his home, two fine automobiles. To handle the handsome machines he keeps in his employ two chauffeurs."

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"It is deplorable that prices should be boosted when a body of militiamen come to El Paso," said H. Stuart Tuck of troop A, First Massachusetts cavalry. "I have been 'stung' by the barber shops in your city more than once. I have paid as much as 25 cents for nothing but a shave at a barber shop. When I first entered this place they charged me 15 cents, but the price has gone up. Several of the militiamen in my camp are complaining of this treatment."

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"Residents of the district near the dam of the Rio Grande by Hart's mill are considerably annoyed lately by numbers of boys who go swimming in the river near there," said G. D. Reid. "The city is not like it used to be when the boys could go in swimming there and think that they were a long way out of town. Now there is a clear view of the river bank from the porches of many homes and it is annoying to see the boys come down in crowds and stripping off their clothes, go in swimming without bathing suits. The swimming hole, I understand, is a good one, but the boys should be stopped from swimming there if they are without suits."

"El Paso is certainly in the heat of this political business, judging from many of the speeches and large crowds that have attended the City and County Democratic club meeting," said R. O. Duncan, of Los Angeles. "I do not believe that I have seen a more hotly contested campaign."

FIVE MEXICANS FINED $14; CHARGED WITH DISTURBANCE

Fines aggregating $14 were given to five Mexicans to serve out in the city jail Friday morning in police court. All of the men were arraigned on charges of disturbing the peace and pleaded guilty to the charge. They were arrested late Thursday night in the southern part of the city, after they had repeatedly refused to go home, according to the officers making the arrest.

Gibraltar is the smallest British possession and measures less than two square miles.

JAMES A. CRINCHAN LOSES WATCH AT D. Q. M. DEPOT

A gold watch owned by James A. Crinchan was stolen from the district quartermaster's depot at Stanton and Mills streets Thursday afternoon. The watch was considered especially valuable by its owner, and the city detective department has been furnished with the case number and a description of it, in order that if it is pawned it will be possible to recover it.

Clinton Cyester, a motorman, has traveled nearly 1,000,000 miles on Dayton street car lines.

TOURING CAR STRIKES BIKE; E. J. LEWIS ESCAPES INJURY

E. J. Lewis had a close escape from serious injury Thursday afternoon when the bicycle which he was riding was struck by a large touring car driven by Nat Davis, a negro, at Overland and El Paso streets.

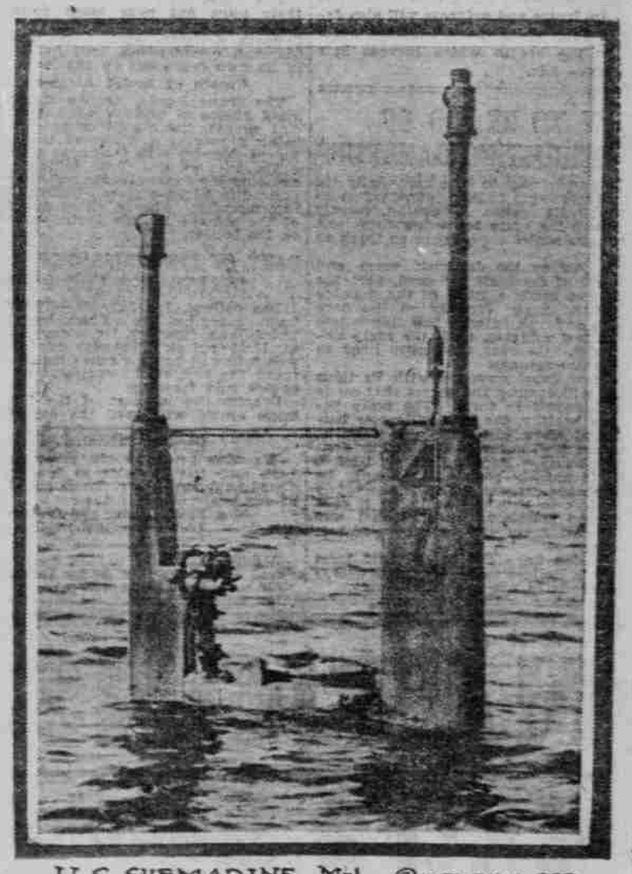
Davis was released after his arrest by patrolmen Joe Moody and William Cromer on his promise to make good the damage done to the bicycle.

Lewis was thrown to the pavement, but escaped injury.

A. E. Chapman has been appointed official fly catcher in Redlands, Cal.

John D. Rockefeller celebrated his 77th birthday by playing golf.

LARGEST SUBMARINE STANDS STIFF TEST



U. S. SUBMARINE M-1. ©INTL FILM SER.

Above is a picture of the U. S. submarine M-1, the largest submarine of our navy. She was photographed while being put through an exciting trip at Provincetown, Mass.

She can travel 5000 miles without a stop, 1000 more than was covered by the "Deutschland."

LETTERS to THE HERALD

(All communications must bear the signature of the writer, but the name will be withheld if requested.)

SUGGESTS SOLDIERS' LOAN FUND

Editor El Paso Herald:

Apropos of the question mentioned in The Herald as the paramount question in the Michigan camp—"When is pay day?" and referred to in the same article as "a serious matter with the enlisted men."

People of El Paso have been clamoring for a chance to help the soldiers in some manner and the chamber of commerce has gone so far as to appoint a committee looking to the formation and financing of soldiers amusement centers.

The statement referring to the financial condition of the troops recently brought here, offers El Paso her chance to be of service, in a way that will be appreciated, and will redound to El Paso's benefit to a greater extent than any I have seen suggested.

Let the banks or business men put up a fund, to be loaned to the soldiers, through a committee appointed by the chamber of commerce.

This offers no great difficulties, as the loans could be made through the company commanders and could be repaid by the men on their first pay day.

The Michigan troops are not alone in their financial embarrassment. The condition is general.

I was told by a sergeant of the 10th Pennsylvania that he did not think there was $5 in cash among the enlisted men in the entire regiment. He further said that the entire Pennsylvania division was practically in the same shape. These men all have pay coming from their respective states, aside from pay from the national government.

If you think there is merit in my idea, won't you please suggest it to those able to launch it?

John W. Clarkson.

POULTRY RAISERS PLAN FOR EXHIBIT AT FALL CONGRESS

At a large and enthusiastic meeting of the El Paso poultry association, held Thursday night in Dr. H. B. Homan's office in this city, plans were discussed for making the poultry exhibit at the coming farmers' congress one of the features of the show.

The meetings of the association are being attended by a larger majority of members than ever before, and a great amount of interest is being shown. New members are joining the association rapidly, the total membership now being nearly 100.

In the absence from the city of secretary J. L. Wilson, Jack Egan was elected secretary. He will act in that capacity until Mr. Wilson's return.

Steps were also taken to advertise the fall show extensively throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico.

J. H. JEFFERS, CATTLEMAN, BADLY CUT BY WIRE FENCE

Alamogordo, N. M., July 21.—James H. Jeffers, well known cattleman in southern New Mexico, was seriously injured at his Figure 2 ranch near the Texas boundary when a horse he was riding ran into a barbed wire fence, according to report brought here by Albert Sanders, of Orange.

One of Jeffers' legs was almost cut off by the barbs. Jeffers, suffering from loss of blood, was taken to the HX ranch.

ROLLED AWAY A BEER KEG; TWO MEXICAN BOYS JAILED

Because they heard they could get 50 cents for an empty beer keg, two Mexican boys, giving the names of Santiago Gonzales and Jesus Diaz Thursday night attempted to take one from a saloon on South Santa Fe street and roll it to their home. Patrolman M. Brooks saw them rolling the empty keg down the street, and placed them under arrest on a charge of petty theft. They are being held for Mrs. Emma Webster, county probation officer.

SUSPECTED TIRE THIEF DROPS TIRE AND VANSHES

A suspected tire thief escaped from 1216 Texas street early Friday morning after he had attempted to sell a dilapidated tire at that place. According to a report to the police efforts were made to hold him until the arrival of officers from the station, but becoming suspicious he fled, leaving the tire, which has been turned over to the city detective department.

No thefts of tires have been reported to the police for some time.

LET'S ALL HAVE MASCOTS

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Harvest Time

A RISE and work, spellbinding neighbor! The farmers call for men to labor A thousand miles of wheat is standing, the strength of harvesters demand g. The farmers shriek for husky fellows, who're sound in wind and limb nd bellows, to toil behind the clanging reaper—get busy, then, O dreamer, steer! Alas, you will not lift a finger! Around the village pump you linger; to best toil you are not partial; you'd rather roast the statesman Marshall, or prove hat Woodrow Wilson's record in politics is gravely checkered, or show that Hugs is misbehaving by his antipathy to shaving, than go forth where the harvest ges, and gather in a prince's wages. The wheat is spoiling, say the grangers; eosed to multiplying dangers, because there are not men to reap it, and in the ocks and windrows heap it. It surely seems a crime and pity that every villag town and city, must have its string of idle talkers when fields of wheat are ding shockers. Go forth and drill along the stubble, and ease the farmer's id of trouble!

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