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Movement of American Troops

Señor Limantour's Views

Mexico Needs No Aid in Keeping the Peace

New York.—Mexico needs no aid in keeping peace or protecting foreign interests within her borders in the opinion of José Ives Limantour, Mexican minister of finance, who arrived here tonight from Europe after placing more than \$50,000,000 of his country's bonds in Paris. As to the outcome of the insurgent struggle, he added the Federal Government was sure of ultimate success.

"The sending of American troops to the American border has nothing to do with affairs in our country," Señor Limantour said. "Of course the presence of a large body of soldiers might have a good moral effect upon the insurgents, but the United States troop certainly are not going across the border to fight."

As one of the most influential men in Mexico, Señor Limantour's arrival here was interpreted as a signal for a series of conferences with prominent Mexicans, including Señor de la Barra, the Mexican ambassador, and Colonel Porfirio Díaz, Jr., son of President Díaz.

Señor de la Barra reached the city early in the day, under the impression that the Kron Prinz Wilhelm, on which Señor Limantour arrived, would dock in the morning, and hurried back to Washington this afternoon. If Colonel Díaz was in New York tonight he could not be found, and Señor Limantour denied that he was to have a conference with him.

"It is reported, señor, that if the United States does not act immediately to protect the rights of foreigners, some other power will. Is this true?" he was asked.

"It is to laugh," he replied. "This talk of Mexico requiring the aid of a foreign power to do this. The Mexican Government does not recognize a state of war; it recognizes that only individuals are causing trouble. It will deal with these individuals just as the United States would deal with persons who are disorderly. These individuals must lay down their arms and then the government will deal with them. There are certain questions of reform which should be studied, which the government is now studying, but these reforms must be accomplished as a matter of government policy, and not as the result of any agreement with the insurgents. There can be no agreement with them."

Señor Limantour was accompanied by his wife, who has been undergoing medical treatment at Paris since August.

They will go to Havana in a few days and thence to Yucatan, to spend a short time with friends. They expect to be in the Mexican capital as soon thereafter as possible.

Speaking of his mission to Paris, Señor Limantour said that Mexico was not in need of money now, because success had crowned his mission to dispose of an issue of 4 per cent conversion bonds bearing 5 per cent interest. The issue was for \$110,000,000, or thereabouts, he said, and he

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had disposed of about half of this amount.

"You see, your sensational Mexican news here did not do our credit any harm," he declared.

"It is said, however, Señor that the Mexican censor used the blue pencil freely," was suggested.

"There is no such thing as a censor in Mexico," he answered. "You can tell the man who told you that he is a liar."

Of proposed reforms in Mexico, which he outlined in an interview in Paris not long ago, he said that for many years the government had been giving profound study to the more general distribution land, involving the parcelling of large estates among the inhabitants.

The government would welcome suggestions and do anything it could to effect this reform, he said, not because it was one of the insurgent's demands, but because it was the government's policy.

Señor Limantour said there was no doubt as to the outcome between the government and the insurgents. The insurgents would be subdued, he said, but he could not place a limit on the time necessary to bring this about. The insurgents had in their knowledge of the country and the mountain passes an immeasurable advantage over the federals. But he could not base any estimate upon personal observation, he said, as he knew of the situation only through friends, many of whom had written to him in Paris.

For himself, Señor Limantour denied a report that he intended to resign from President Díaz's cabinet and one that he might reconsider his determination not to seek presidential honors. He declined at the last election to run against Díaz, and he had no ambition to become president. He did not want to enter politics. The office of the minister of finance should be as far removed from politics as possible, he thought.

C. Romero, the Mexican consul general; Manuel A. Esteva, vice-consul, and J. P. Bennett, vice-president of the National Railways of Mexico, met Señor Limantour at the docks. He and his wife were accompanied to their hotel Edward Thalman, a son of Ernest Thalman, the banker, whose automobile was awaiting the boat's arrival in Hoboken.

New Road in South America

Washington.—Construction of another link in the proposed Pan-American transcontinental railroad has begun in Uruguay, according to advices received by the State Department from the American Minister Montevideo. This part of the road is known as the Darazo Trinidad branch. It will run from Darazo, which is in the center of a rich agricultural district of Uruguay, to Colonia, on the River Plate, and from there about 30 miles to San Luis, in the provinces of Rivera, on the Brazilian frontier. From that point the road will continue to Bages, Brazil, which already is connected with the railroad that eventually will reach Rio Janeiro. It forms part of the large scheme of railway development of that continent. The work in Uruguay is being directed by American engineers, and considerable quantities of material for use in its construction have been purchased in the United States.

Mormon Missionaries in Europe

Salt Lake City.—Referring to a London cablegram in which it was stated that Home Secretary Churchill, in the House of Commons, said that exhaustive investigation would be made of a charge that Mormon missionaries were actively engaged in inducing girls to emigrate to Utah, President Joseph F. Smith, of the church, said:

"We would heartily welcome such an investigation on the part of the British Government. I sincerely hope that Secretary Churchill will carry the investigation to the end. It will do the church a vast amount of good, and will set false charges at rest."

Alarmist Reports Published in the English Newspapers

London.—The English papers print alarmist reports from America that 20,000 troops are being mobilized to be thrown on the Mexican border and that washups are being kept ready for emergencies. They hint that unless the United States protects American and foreign interests in Mexico England will be appealed to and complications will ensue. They discount the official statement that the troops are being mobilized for maneuvers on a grand scale.

"The Morning Post" says that if the United States intervenes in Mexico it will open a fresh chapter in American history, and intimates that if the Americans step in it will be difficult to step out.

The paper accepts as a fact the report that Great Britain has intimated to the United States that as American tradition is averse to intervention by European powers, it is incumbent upon the United States to take such action as shall render British action unnecessary. The paper says:

"This seems to be the logical corollary of the recent development of the Monroe doctrine and its tacit acceptance by the European powers. Should the United States feel justified in sending an army to Mexico it is hardly likely to be in the power of the American Government to limit the consequences of its intervention."

Assessed Heavy Damages

Mrs. Elisabeth Horne Must Pay for Alleged Fraud

London.—Mrs. Elisabeth Horne, the well-known spiritualist and preacher of the ancient theory that the earth is flat, was assessed £17,500 damages in the King's Bench division of the High Court of Justice for fraudulent representations regarding alleged concessions in Madagascar.

According to the allegations, Mrs. Horne's victims were many. She collected in the neighborhood of \$150,000 on the pretense that she had a concession in Madagascar that would yield gold and diamonds to the value of \$50,000,000.

The prosecutor in the present case is the owner of a livery stable in a suburban town. He was so impressed with the stories told by the defendant that he regarded her as the "uncrowned queen of Madagascar." It is expected that other suits will be pressed.

Mr. Horne is about 64 years of age and the daughter of the late Dr. Cowie, bishop of Auckland, New Zealand.

A Lesson Learned

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One Round Sufficient

An amusing encounter took place yesterday morning between two men, one the office man employed at the office of the Resident Engineer of the United Fruit Company and the other an engineer.

The encounter was short, sharp and decisive and it did not take the bele noir much time to do up the white "un" who, at the commencement of the round spirited "wine".

The unexpected match was the outcome of an attempt to coerce a faithful employee, who while acting on the right principle of decency and trust suffered the indignity of a severe punch. This engineer went to the office and asked the young man several questions that he (the office man) thought should be asked some where else, and questions that called for answers that a subordinate should not give. The office man politely refused giving the information required; but instead of being satisfied he persisted to "draw out" the young man. The man not caring to waste any more of his employer's time and probably disgusted of the man's mean action closed the office door; this roused the engineer's ire, and he with clenched fist dealt the man a blow in his face, landing between the nose and cheek, leaving a nasty spot. The office man was not slow to respond, he straightened himself up and like a well trained prize ring man went for his adversary and to get away with him landed a well aimed blow on his nose, thus claiming "first blood." Body blows were exchanged by both men and at the finish it was the popular decision that the office man proved the better of the two.

A Disgraceful Meeting

Darkness Still Prevails

It is a truism that now-a-days there are hundreds of religious sects scattered all over the world, and even in little Limon where there are no less than 6 or eight pseudo gospel pounders. They all in their own way and creed serve their God. These have a form of godliness but not according to knowledge; but the worse of these are a lot of people called Cabo Miel or Revivalists.

These dark people [as the Prophet Isaiah says: darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people] are in the habit of assembling in available open yards and there indulgence in singing tunes with words to them that is enough to make an angel swear were it possible.

On Tuesday night last one of these monster meetings was held in an open yard between sixth street and avenue four. About 250 to 300 people of the unwashed kind, headed by a "mial man"

called zacheus assembled and in a sort of unknown tongue commenced yelling at the top of their voice, after indulging in this till they became "tired a few of the more "strong willed" ones standing up, went off in a sort of a tance and for a considerable time kept up a loud groaning. This they claim to be seized by a holy spirit and while in this state they are said to be possessed of healing powers. And through the powers of these spirits acting in them they are able to heal any of their sick members.

The scene and noise was so disgraceful that the landlord at great risk of his life went into the crowd and blew out a large torch light they used. Himself and another respectable friend he had with him were the recipients of a shower of abuse. So dark and benighted was this man called Zacheus, that hails from Cienegueta, that he went down on his belly on the earth and called upon his unknow spirits to avenge the landlord for disturbing him. When they left the yard they stood on the street and there fired the rest of their volleys.

Local and

Foreign notes

Pope Plus X. places ban on the "barem" skirt. The "Osevatore Romano," the Vatican's organ, says that pope has "strongly disapproves of the barem skirt because it is calculated to diminish the wearer's self-respect and to abolish sex distinction." The paper says wearer of the skirt will be excluded from all catholic church.

On Washington birthday President Taft is the guest of Alexandria, Va., Lodge of Masons, who pay tribute to Washington, their fellow Mason; and contemplate erection of a suitable Masomo memorial to Washington in the form of a temple where a hall will be set apart forever under control of the several grand jurisdictions.

The U. F. Coy's line of Manister is expected here to-day from Manchester.

A garden party was held on Thursday and Friday last at Guacomo, under the auspices of the Baptist denomination. Owing to continued rain on the first day the attendance was small, the next day's gathering was all that could be desired.

We learn that the Revd. Walter Cooper preached his farewell sermon on Sunday last at Guacomo and leaves the republic with the intention not to return.

Canadian Parliament formerly declares political loyalty to Great Britain. The declaration was made as an answer to allegations that reciprocity with the United States will result in annexation.

Quite a novel and amusing story reached our representative car while he was doing his rounds yesterday, the story runs thus: a woman that now resides in seventh street and is favored with an offspring, the father of whom lived in conjunction with her for some time, but owing to several misunderstandings between them they recently separated. The woman a few days after had the pleasure of seeing her child half filled, and as if to make matters look unchanged re-christened the child, giving it the name of her new "husband." The late father heard of the change and at once appeared to the Judge for advice. The woman was called a asked by the judge on whose authority she re-christened the child. She said the father of the child gave no support for it, and as her present "gentleman" bore the expense of herself and the child she did it. She was told that she had no right to do so. We understand that the father of the child is going to prosecute the mother for this rash act.

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