

CURRENT HISTORY

Though a strict and effective censorship of news from war-torn Mexico prevents authentic information from coming through, a few scraps of news have made their way to this side. Each new report conflicts with some other, and it is hard to estimate correctly the exact position of both parties. It is known for certain that Adolfo de la Huerta, presidential candidate, has risen up against President Obregon, and has instituted like rebellions in various garrisons.

General Eugenic Martinez has taken up a stand at Juarez, and while he left recently to take command of a portion of the army at Torreon, he immediately returned. General Escobar also has just left Torreon with two thousand troops to fight the rebels.

At Tepic, two hundred soldiers of the garrison joined Huerta, and General Ortega, commander of the garrison was severely wounded. This revolt was led by one of the former followers of Carranza, Manuel Diquez. Popular favor seems to lean toward Huerta, and the troops, according to the rebels who are dissatisfied because of non-payment of their wages, and are ready to desert Abergon at any time. Three different armies of rebels are marching on Mexico City, among them is the twenty-fourth regiment, one of the best in the late regular army. These forces are said to be moving swiftly, and to be capturing all towns and cities on the line of march. The advance guard has already reached Limon Plaza.

According to President Obregon and his friends, however, the revolution is being kept well in hand. General Terrera is in charge of the President's forces. Obregon has been given complete authority to subdue the revolutionists, and they are "being effectively and energetically handled." Consul General Enrique Rinz was advised. Officers from all parts of the country are wiring their support and approval of his methods to the President. Large military preparations are being made by the loyal forces and all offers of the rebels have been rejected by the army commanders.

Many Mexicans are leaving the northern and interior portions of the country to go to and across the border, while those who have previously, in former trouble, found safety in America are again seeking refuge.

MR. HENRY DWIRE LECTURES ON CONSTITUTION AT HISTORY CLUB

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the central government. Thus it is dualistic. In the second place, it has a three-fold division of departments—the legislative, the executive, and the judicial.

Twenty-five hundred amendments have been proposed and out of this number only nineteen adopted. The first ten were added immediately after the ratification by the states, and comprise the Bill of Rights of the American Constitution, providing, as they do, for freedom of worship, of speech, and of the press; speedy trial by jury; freedom from excessive bond; and other such rights that concern individual liberty. Three of the Amendments relate to issues concerning slavery, others to suffrage, income tax, election of United States Senators, prohibition, etc. Several additional ones have been proposed recently and are pending adoption.

There is a prevalent idea that the makers of the constitution discovered new principles of govern-

ment. On the contrary, these same principles had been founded many years before, with the Magna Carta in 1216, and had been enlarged upon from time to time. Much of the American Constitution was influenced directly by British ideas. It differed only in the new and vital interpretation given at a time when practically all of Europe was in the throes of autocracy. A group of men in a new country, widely separated from all others, had the sheer nerve and courage to break away from the traditions of kings and monarchies, and establish for all time the principles of independence and personal liberty.

Again, the Constitution is generally taken as a matter of course, and the majority of persons seems to think that the change came easily and without a struggle. Such was not the case. There was a considerable amount of opposition and the Constitution itself was a wrangling, discordant body. Ten members refused to attend, sixteen withdrew during the session, and members went to all lengths in intense discussion of the instrument. Clinton opposed it and Martin went so far as to call it a calamity—this document that has since been recognized by Bryce and other authorities as the foremost among its kind.

The presented attitude towards the Constitution is represented by three different groups—those who do not believe in constitutional government at all, those who believe that the Constitution is perfect enough in itself to save the country from all dangers whatsoever, and those who, in their zeal for reform, actually violate the document. The proper attitude for a true American is a feeling of pride in its ideals and purpose, a constant study and application of the principles expressed

INTERESTING ADDRESS AT Y. W. C. A. MEETING CONCERNING BARNARDO HOMES

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and was found dead a week later in an empty barrel, has another destitute child, irrespective of nationality or creed, been refused admittance. Today in America there are 30,000 men and women who owe their early training and education to Dr. Barnardo's Homes, but nevertheless this is the first appeal that has ever been made in this country. Does not a world-wide work merit a world-wide appeal?

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JOKES

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Lois Lampkin (at Salemite meeting)—Hazel, will you excuse me please, for I'm going to hear Geraldine Farrar tonight?

Hazel Stephenson—Surely, Lois; you're going to hear Farrar you say?

Lois L.—Uh-huh, 'cause I'm afraid she'll die like Caruso.

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