

OUR MEXICAN POLICY BASED ON HUMANITY

How the President Has Upheld
a Small Nation's Right to
Control Its Affairs.

RESISTED WAR PRESSURE

Determined That America's Sister Re-
public Shall Be Permitted to Work
Out Its Problem of Freedom
and Self-Government.

"President Wilson's faith in democracy, and the unselfishness of the United States in international dealings, have been strikingly expressed in his Mexican policy.

"The President's demand for Mexico is—Justice."

The larger phases of the relations of the United States with Mexico during President Wilson's Administration as well as an interesting and complete narrative of events are presented authoritatively in the Mexican chapter of the Democratic National Text Book, from which these quotations are made:

"Two considerations have animated the President in the formulation of his Mexican policy and have compelled his adherence to it throughout his Administration, namely:

"The firm conviction that all nations, both the weak and the powerful, have the inviolable right to control their internal affairs.

"The belief, established upon the history of the world, that Mexico will never become a peaceful and law-abiding neighbor of the United States until she has been permitted to achieve a permanent and basic settlement of her troubles without outside interference.....

"The Mexican problem in its present form has existed for the American Government ever since our frontier was extended to the Rio Grande. When the people maintained the peace it was because they were forced to do so, and not because justice reigned in the land. Thus it was that the history of Mexico, like the history of every aspiring people, pressed upon President Wilson's consideration the truth that no permanent good relations could exist between this great Northern Republic and the one immediately South of us until she had been left free to put her house in order, however painful that process might be and whatever the demands it might make upon the forbearance of the United States."

"There was a powerful pressure for war—a terrible war—by a well-armed powerful nation against an unarmed, bankrupt people exhausted by five years of civil strife, but who still retained enough of patriotic feeling to unify them against an invader. It was the old, old question whether the United States should impose a peace on Mexico; whether, for the sake of the interests of a few of its citizens, it should permanently suppress Mexico's preaching toward freedom and self-government."

An additional shipment of grass seed for the flood sufferers of western North Carolina has been received, according to State Demonstration Agent C. R. Hudson, from the United States Department of Agriculture. The shipment consists of twelve thousand five hundred pounds. Other shipments have been received heretofore aggregating twenty-seven thousand pounds.

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Smashing German Lines British Make Great Gains.

London, Sept. 15.—Smashing the German line on a front of six miles north of the Somme in France the British forces have made probably the most notable advance since the Anglo-French offensive began July 1.

Three towns, two woods and the possession of nearly all the high ground between Combles and the Pozieres-Bapaume road fell to the British. Not only did the Germans lose these points but the British drive imperils the Combles and Thierval positions, at either end of the British front. The gaining of the high ground north of Combles gives the British command of the approaches to Bapaume.

The advance on the northern end of the front was for a distance of two miles. Courcellette, east of Thierval and north of the Pozieres-Bapaume road, and Martinpuich, south of the road, fell into the hands of General Haig's men. Farther south they took Flers and High wood, making secure their possession of Ginchy. The Boulevard wood, north of Combles, also was lost to the Germans.

The Germans under Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, fought stubbornly to hold their ground, and the fighting was severe all along the line. More than 2,300 prisoners were taken by the British.

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MANY PERSONS ARE INJURED

Reports from Indiana Show That 140
Persons Lost Their Lives in Fires
Last Year in That State.

In connection with the loss of life by fire in Indiana there is also given a record of injuries, showing that 140 persons were injured by fire in Indiana last year. Of these, 47 were due to gasoline explosions, 28 to kerosene explosions, 24 were injured while putting out fires, in 11 instances women's dresses came in contact with fire, six were due to fireworks, six children played with matches and four children played with fire and were injured, six were due to lodging and dwelling house fires, four to gas explosions, three to lightning, and one to a film explosion. With the possible exception of the three injured by lightning, all of these casualties were preventable.—Fire Protection.

GASOLINE.

Underground storage of gasoline not only protects the hazards, but it is a measure of economy. The present high cost of gasoline is of vital interest to automobile owners; storage tanks placed underground not only safeguard the hazards, but prevent waste from evaporation.

Gasoline should not be kept in the home in any receptacle except an approved safety can. From the careless use of gasoline in open cans, bottles, etc., there has resulted the death of fourteen adults and one child during the year. Kerosene likewise caused the death of eleven adults and six children. Approved safety cans in the home where the use of inflammable liquids is necessary, will eliminate the deplorable loss of life in this manner. One hundred and ninety-nine (199) orders requiring consumers to procure safety cans were issued.—Fire Marshal W. E. Langley,

A delegation from western North Carolina was in Washington this week to urge the Secretary of Agriculture to place a substantial amount of the Federal good roads money in the western part of the State to complete roads which have already been built by the several counties.

Virtually complete returns from the South Carolina Democratic primary of Tuesday make certain the renomination of Gov. Richard I. Manning over former Gov. Cole L. Blease by a majority approaching 5,000.

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The round trip fare from Morganton to Jacksonville is \$8.50; Sarasota, \$11.50; St. Petersburg and Tampa, \$11.00.

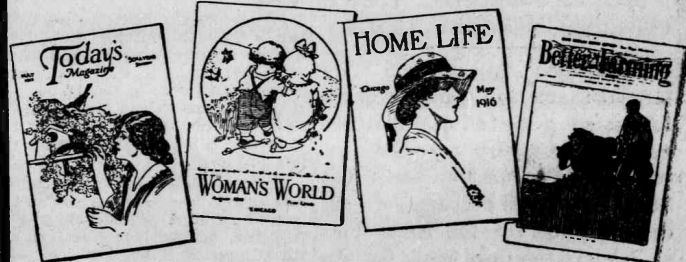
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