

Obregon Should Be Able Squelch Mexico Uprising

Decision of American Government to Sell Arms and Ammunition to Him Gives Him Advantage of Uncle Sam's Moral as Well as Material Support

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Washington, Dec. 31.—Decision of the United States Government to sell munitions to the Obregon government in Mexico means more than the mere help of war materials. It carries an expression of moral support which may have far-reaching consequences in Central and South America.

Although on the surface it would appear that there is a contradiction between the policy of the late President Harding in refusing to supply Government war munitions to other countries, the decision of the Coolidge administration is really in conformity with the Harding principle. Mr. Harding did not wish to use war supplies stored by the American Government "to encourage warfare."

Probably Mr. Coolidge would feel the same way if the supplies were to be used as between two warring nations both of which were on terms of peace with the United States. But the exportation of supplies to a recognized government to enable it to squelch rebellion and maintain order within its gates is a different proposition. For several months there has been an interesting discussion going on in the various foreign offices of the world and also in Geneva at the League of Nations with respect to the control of the sale of war supplies. The United States has refused to become a party to the proposed treaty largely because of an unwillingness to tie its own hands with respect to the situation in Central and South America.

The smaller countries South of the Rio Grande do not have large armaments nor have they the necessary resources with which to make arms in an emergency. The American government feels that it should always be free to supply them with whatever they may need in the way of war material. The decision of the American government itself to do the selling marks a radical departure in previous policy, however, in another respect. Heretofore all the traffic in arms has been carried on by private manufacturers who were themselves instrumental in fomenting revolts or at least in fanning the flames when once the fires of revolution were kindled. By taking into its own hands the sale of munitions, the Washington Government is able to maintain control of the situation and keep private interests from becoming entangled in a delicate problem.

While the biggest value to the Obregon administration in the episode is not the readiness of the American government to supply arms but its public announcement of sympathy with the existing government in Mexico City, the decision is not without its dangers. The de la Huerta faction is known to be much more conservative than the Obregon elements. Up to this moment, American business interests have not been involved in any sense as between de la Huerta and Obregon, the position being taken that both groups were friendly to the American investor and business man. Now however, it would not be surprising if the de la Huerta faction charged the Obregon administration with being the tool of the Washington government and if an anti-American campaign were waged by the de la Huerta group. That is always one of the arguments used in Mexican politics. There is no doubt however that when all is said and done the moral and material support of the United States government is sufficient to squelch rebellion in Mexico if the Obregon administration makes no serious blunders. In reality the decision to sell arms to the Obregon administration is a timely effort to bolster up the Obregon administration and keep Mexico from going back into the chaos of previous years.

EAST LAKE BRIEFS

East Lake, December 31.—Mrs. M. S. Jarrell of Ocean View, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Basnight.

F. M. Twiford of Fort Monroe spent the holidays with his father, M. D. Twiford.

Clay Everton and Mr. and Mrs. Earle Everton, spent the holidays with relatives.

Two very enjoyable dances were given here during the holidays.

Misses Grace Mann, Hazel Rinner, Wilma Creef and Frank Caboon will leave in a few days to attend Mantoo High School.

Herrings Block The Norway Fiords

These and Other Interesting Fish Tales Told of This Prolific Family

Washington, Jan. 1.—If newspapers maintained "fish news" reporters these men would keep the Herring well "covered" for they continually are furnishing big "stories" (which is newspaper parlance for fact, not fiction). Dispatches recently told how fiords in northern Norway have been blocked into a semi-solid state by Herring shoals.

John Oliver La Gorce, in a communication to the National Geographic Society, writes: "Huxley by cataloguing an association of Herring catchers, and if these fish be counted that are caught by fish which feed on them and in turn feed us, he probably has not missed the mark much."

Schools Number Billions
"He also reminds us that single schools covering half a dozen square miles may contain more than three billion Herring; yet many schools have been recorded that covered an area of 20 square miles."

"The Herring family includes not only the Herrings, but also the Sardines, the Alewives, the Shads, and the Menhadens."

"Distributed throughout the entire North Atlantic Ocean, the Herring, *Clupea harengus*, is probably the most important foodfish in the world."

"With so many other species in competition, the Herring has never attained the popularity on the American dinner table that it has on those of Europe, where it forms a staple diet for millions; but even in our waters it is widely taken north of Cape Cod. Most of the fish are sold fresh, either for human food or Cod bait. Immense quantities of the young ones are packed and sold as Sardines."

Ten Billion Caught Yearly
"Years ago Professor Huxley estimated that three billion Herring were being caught annually. With the growth of the fishing industry in European waters, it has been estimated that the annual catch now exceeds ten billion. A single shoal sometimes covers ten square miles and is estimated to contain at least half as many herring as the whole world catches in a year. Many such shoals are known to exist."

"The Herring, unlike most fishes, is particularly fine flavored at spawning time, and the fisheries are carried on busily during that season. Usually the Herring is taken with kill nets anchored below the surface of the waters, in which so many are sometimes enmeshed as to sink the buoys. Other forms of taking it are by means of weirs and torching. The latter is particularly resorted to when cold weather sets in. A torch is set in the bow of the boat. The fish rise to the surface as the vessel glides swiftly along, and are scooped in without

difficulties. Have Many Enemies
"The food of the Herring consists of its own particular time and ground... The number of enemies... from..."

THE OLD HOME TOWN

BY STANLEY
When school is over, boys fish at... Herring the... gather up the scraps of the fry.
"The life history of the Herring has never been completely worked out. The facts known indicate that it lives its deep water off the coasts, coming inshore to spawn. There seems to be a number of distinct races, differing as to size, spawning time and various other qualities and traits, each race swimming in a separate school and having its own particular time and ground for spawning. The number of enemies... from..."



Evening Gowns Gracefully Informal

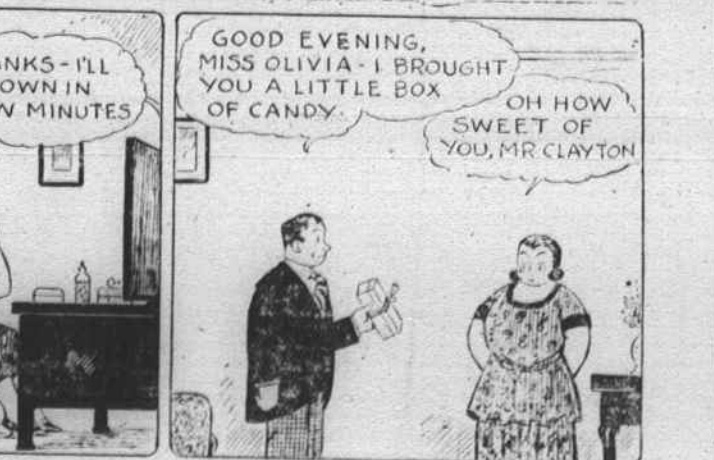


Such an unusual trimming is found on some of the new evening gowns. It consists in long ties that begin on each shoulder, loop over each other and fall nearly to the hem. Another pretty evening dress shows the rather full drape that is formed by a skirt wrapped around from the back to one side instead of from front to one side as is the usual way.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS



Booting an Opportunity



New Year's Announcement

—we were so highly gratified at the hearty response which met our three-day Shirt Sale, that we wish to thank each and every one of our customers and make the following announcement at the same time:

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