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ed to the Mexican government and
there was much talk of our interfer-
ing in Mexico at that time, but Mr. "foolish stories.
Madero became president in
November, 1911. It seems that he
was endeavoring to give the people was endeavoring to give the people
a constitutional government and was a constitutional government and was
working for the advancement of the
Wer working for the advancement of the
Mexican people. But he was much too slow for the Mexican peon, who
hoped, like the reconstruction negro, immediately to come into possession of "40 acres and a mule." Madero
was also lenient with his political was also lenient with his political
opponents. He did not have them stood up against a wall and shot as
had been the usual custom in Mexico had been the usual custom in Mexico.
Hence the Mexicans despised him as a weakling, and otganized insurrec-
tion after insurrection against him. tion after insurrection against him.
On February 17, 1913. as a result On February 17, 1913. as a result
of an insurrection in Mexico City, he of an insurreet by his commander-in-
was betrayed
chief, Victoriano Huerta, and thrown chier, Victoriano Fuerta, a2, he was
into prison. On February
shot and killed "while attempting to sho $\stackrel{\text { esca }}{T}$ This was during the time when Mr
Taft was president. Taft was president. American citi
zens had already beguń to suffer ${ }^{\text {in }}$ zens had already begun to suffer in
Mexico. Many Mormon colonists Nrom the United States living in the province of Sonora fled from their
farms and sought refuge in this coun-
ith farms and sought refuge in this coun-
try. It became repeatedly neessary
to give the Mexicans warning not to fight near the American border. Con
gress authorized the president to prohibit the shipment of arms int Mexico, but Mr. Taft made an excep tion in
ment.
After the death of Madero, Huerta Taft had not yet given his government the recognition of this country
ment
when we was succeid when he was succeeded by President
Wilson on March 4, 1912. Mr. WilNilson on March 4. 1912. Mr. Wil
son soon made it plain that his government sloculd never recognize
Huerta as head of the Mexican re public. The fact is that Mr. Wilson
pused his position as president of the used his position as president of the
United States to drive Huerta out of Mexico. Mr. Wilson talked agains
Huerta, as at Mobile; he favored the Carranza party by withdrawing the
emmargo on arms, and sent our navy
and army to occupy Vera Cruz. The and army to occupy vera Cruz. The
immediate effect was to prevent the
landinz of a sthpment of arms and
ammunition from Germany for Hoammunition from Germany for H0-
erta. The ultimate effect after a few
months of wrangling in the "A.B..."
conference at Niagara was to favor conference at Nefore this Mr. Wiso
Crranza. Bas
had sent Governor Lind as a special
 was Huerta's own eiimination. As
ill be recalled, Mr. L.ind's mission
lid not meet with success. The final failed and left the country and the
constitutionalists under Carranza
and Vala held undisputed authority in the northern states of Mexico Almost immediately Villa
4uarrele? wit: Carranza aid more Mexico was in turmoil. VIl
joined with Zapata, a bandit leade rom southern Mexico, and in com-
non they made war on Carranza
Ir. Wison offered his good ofices to
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$\qquad$ With true political sense he faine
favor with the Mexican people by re fusal to comply with Mr. Wilson'
request. In the puzzling situation
that followed Mr. Wilson recognize him as head of the de facto govern-
hent of Mexico, seming to hope ment of Mexico, seming to hope that
in this way the Mexican trouble would cease. merican arms wer every kind of favor was shown to
Carranza. With the help thus given Carranza was able to maintain b position. But gratrude is not one
of his qualities. He does not recog-
nize the great value of President Wilson's friendly turns to him. On
the other hand, he has many times the other hand, he has many tim
talked pompously and sharp to Pre
ident Wilson. He scold ident Wilson. He scoldsd him when
he complained to Villa instead of himself about the murde: of Benton,
the British subject; he sent Mr Wilson a sharp note when our fleet went to Vera Cruz; he first treated
the "A. B. C." conference with disdain and then sent his representa-
tives there and delivered the pltima tives there and delivered the ultim
tum which was adopted; he refuse as has been said, to agre to Mr. Win-
son's plans for peace among the three chieftains; he protested and had his
protest allowed whenourtroops first protest allowed whenourtroops first entered Mexico in pursuit of Villa.
He is now demanding that American roops be withdrawn rom Mexico.
But Mr. Wilson is no longer yield-
ing. And herein lies the present crisis. Carranza is either unwilling
or unable to keep Mexican bandits or unable to keep Mexican bandits
out of this country, and is unwilling out of this country, and is unwilling
that United States troops should take effective measures against them. This bring us to the reasons and
objects of intervention, if intervenobjects of inter
tion must come.
 the border ar against these bandit
ralds. For six years now we have raids. For six years now we have
maintained an army of 20,000 to 35 ,maintained an army oxican border at
000 men along the Mexit great expense. But even so we have ot been able to prevent raids across
he border. We have been thwarted
竍 the border. We have been thwarted
alinosi constantly. For the lagt year there have been numerous raids, es-
pecially along the $1, \% \% \mathrm{r}$ Rio frinto, but the most serious was villa's raid last spring on Columbus, New
Mexico. Since tcan there have been Mexico. Since tican there have been
three other serious raids, followei in each instance by a "punitive expedition" of United States troops into
Mexico. In every case the bandits Lave made good their escape. In n)
case :lave Carranza's forces co-operatcd with us in our efforts to capture not go on indefinitely. If Mexico cannot stop it then the United States must, even if it takes a war to do it.
It can be stopped only by the United It can be stopped only by the United
States taking posession of the Mexican territory
policing it.
policing it.'
Another $r$
Another reason for $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { intervention } \\ \text { is to establish a stable }\end{array}\right)$ and secure government such as it appears the
Mexicans cannot Mexicans cannot establish for them-
selves. This government would selves. This government would
give security to foreigners, to foreign capital and industrial enter-
pries. It would secure the billions of dollars invested in that country by American citizens against waste by
revolutionary leaders for their selfish purposes. If American troops take
possession of Mexico we may be sure that they will never come out untin
the rights of American capital in that
country are thought to be safe from country are thought to be safe from
aggression. Nobody cares much for Mexican territory, but all want o
and peace and security there. and peace and security there.
Another reason for intervention that the only hope for final peace in Mexico is a kind of Americanization
of that country politically. The United States must guarantee peaceful elections in that country. It must
teach its people that reforms can teach its people that reforms can
come by the ballot rather than by ome by the ballot rather than by
bayenets. Once there, it will be our duty to stay until the Mexican people have learned this great lesson of
democracy, and show that they are able to govern themselves.

Old Grump-"Why doesn't Ethel
marry that young idiot? I'm getting tired of his coming here so much."
His Wife "I blie His wife-"I believe I'd prefer to
have him come here-if she marries

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