

The Attack on Mexico

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"QUICK action!" You never saw anything quicker. The imperialist bulls could not have been far away to start with. Mexico's new oil and land laws make them see red. The smell of oil is in their nostrils. They move ominously forward, horns lowered, ready for the charge. Poor Mexico! Unless you are some torero, you will soon be gored to death.

The brazen warning of this cartoon from the Chicago Evening Post is repeated in similar cartoons and in editorials and special articles printed in a host of different capitalist newspapers all over the United States.

The campaign against Mexico is approaching its climax. It began more than six months ago when Sheffield, the oil trust ambassador, informed President Calles that the claims of American capital would have to be "met in full." Then followed the first explosive and insulting note from Secretary of State Kellogg, inexplicable at the time to many, in which it was declared that the recognition of Mexico was "not final," that Mexico was "on trial before the civilized world."

Mexico was on trial to see whether or not she would enforce her constitution, which protects the republic against encroachments of foreign capitalists. The laws recently adopted are a step in that direction. They limit the estates of foreign landowners in Mexico and provide that no foreign oil, mining or other corporation can operate in Mexico without first agreeing to disclaim special privileges and to accept the same treatment as Mexican corporations before the law. American absentee investors, unwilling to give up privileges that enable them to bully the Mexican government by constant threats of diplomatic intervention on their behalf, declare that the new laws are retroactive. They are not. They merely carry into practice a constitutional provision that was adopted nine years ago and that was in effect when Mexico was recognized by President Wilson. That American imperialism was able to make the Mexican constitution a "scrap of paper" for nine years is an indication of the seriousness of the danger that now hangs over Mexico.

With increasingly bolder strokes, the lords of Wall Street are carving out a worldwide empire, the primary base of which is in Latin-America. The Rio Grandeto Cape Horn rail-



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(From the Chicago Evening Post, Jan. 20, 1926. A brazen boast of an American capitalist paper that the American government will attack Mexico with military force unless Mexico changes her property law to suit the American imperialist bandits.)

road, to which is to link the entire rock. On several occasions within the American continent to Wall streetlast few years American troops have with bands of steel, fixing the imprint actually invaded Mexican soil. Period of imperialist control over vast territories, has already been begun. tion" is raised here, now on pretext of Some sections of track have already destroying banditry, now with the been laid in parts of central and south excuse of revolutionary disturbances. America. Plans have been developed But it is around the headlong and unfor the long-projected U. S. to Panama concealed struggle for Mexican oil highway. For thousands of miles that the tumult has been loudest. south nearly all the territory is al- The imperialist war against Mexico ready under American imperialist is a permanent consideration of Am-control. Only Mexico stands in the erican foreign policy. Wall Street is way. Stubborn and unyielding, hold-threatening war now. Where Mexican ing firm to its national autonomy inoil is concerned one can depend spite of governmental betrayals, upon "quick action."

Mexico has won title of "the rock of American labor must be prepared to stand by Mexico. A united front

Every possible pretext has been of all oppressed elements against the seized upon for blasting thru thisexploiter of the western world!