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EDITORIAL

Mediation Results.

General Huerta still holds Mexico City, United States troops occupy Vera Cruz, and the Constitutionalists refuse to declare an armistice; yet, although none of the specific things demanded have been accomplished, and the Mediators threaten to throw over their undertaking, history names few more momentous international events. Here were two nations whose hearts were filled with hatred and distrust, the one covering in fear, the other swelling with contempt; war was imminent, and to some it seemed inevitable. Yet the days of mediation have been spent in getting acquainted with each other. The Mexicans are after all human beings; and the Americans—well, they are human, too. The Niagara Conference is rationalizing the Monroe Doctrine, and strengthening the cause of international arbitration. Talk in time of peace is sometimes tiresome, but in time of war it is a great pacifier. So talk on, O Mediators, talk on, till we become so well acquainted that we shall be ashamed to kill each other. Mediation a failure? As well say the Golden Rule has failed! s. c.



The Nicaragua Treaty.

The proposed Nicaragua treaty contains a clause similar to the Platt amendment, forced into the Cuban constitution, which authorizes American intervention in case of internal disorder. This is an injustice both to Nicaragua and to the United States. It is unjust to Nicaragua because no government has a moral right to confer such authority on a foreign power. The present generation of Nicaraguans have no right to surrender the independence of future generations. The treaty does not insure peace. It puts a club in the hand of any adventurer who by threats of bringing on revolution and intervention may force the Nicaraguan government to submit to unreasonable demands. It is unjust to the