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EDITORIAL

A Glorious Victory.

Huerta's resignation was not needed to justify the policy of watchful waiting. No good reason for any other policy at any time existed. But his hold on office prolonged conditions in Mexico, which have been held up to the American people by designing interests as provocation for war. Now that he has gone peace in Mexico can not be far off, and there is ground for hope that when order has been established it will not be the kind that prevailed in Warsaw. In passing, Huerta honored President Wilson with his abuse. And, in spite of the Vera Cruz affair, to President Wilson belongs the glory of having accomplished more for Mexico and for honest foreign interests in Mexico, through some months of patience than could have been obtained through a bloody conquest. It is something new in the history, of the world. Theorists have long claimed that aggressive warfare is not the most effective way to secure a righteous object. A practical demonstration of the correctness of this theory has now been furnished. There will probably occur perplexing situations in the future for which hotheads will urge war as the solution. But the peaceful ending of the Mexican incident will always serve as a convincing illustration of the needlessness of an aggressive policy. The American people may well be proud of this achievement.



Watchful Waiting Wins.

Seldom has a specific state policy been crowned with such complete success as has the President's Mexican policy. So exalted were his ideals, and so far-flung his appeals to the human conscience. that many who sympathized with his purpose questioned his judgment, and few of his most ardent admirers expected to see such signal success. To have failed would have cost him the respect of no reasonable person, for all accorded him honesty of purpose; but to succeed, and succeed in such measure, is to raise international relations to a new plane.