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Mexican territory, aside from being a trespass on the sovereignty of Mexico, is the immediate cause of the conflicts. Therefore, the withdrawal of American troops, on one hand, and the protection of the frontier on the other, are the two essential problems, the solution of which must be the directing object of the efforts of both governments.

"The Mexican government is willing to consider, in a quick and practical way, and prompted by a spirit of concord, the remedies which should be applied to the present situation.

"Several Latin-American countries have offered their friendly mediation to the Mexican government, and the that the attempt to apply two and latter has accepted it in principle. often several sets of laws to its reg-Therefore, the Mexican government ulation has produced conflicts of avonly awaits information that the thority, embarrassment in operation government of the United States would be disposed to accept this mediation for the purpose mentioned above or whether it is still of the belief that the same results may be favor such action by legislation or, if attained by means of direct negotiations between both governments.

"In the meantime, this government proposes to employ all efforts that may be at its disposal to avoid the recurrence of new incidents which may complicate and aggravate the situation. At the same time, it hopes the American government on its part may make use of all efforts to prevent also new acts of its milfrontier that might cause new complications.

"I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate to your excellency the assurance of my most distin- framed. guished consideration.

"C. AGUILAR." Secretary of Foreign Affairs. Lansing Accepts Carranza Plan for Settlement

Washington dispatch, dated July 7, says: Secretary of State Lan_ sing submitted to Mexican Ambassador-designate today the following note for transmission to the secretary of foreign relations:

"Mr. Secretary: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your courteous note transmitted to me by Senor Arredondo on tht 4th instant in which you refer to my notes of June 20 and June 25, and to assure you of the sincere gratification of my government at the frank statement of the difficulties which have unfortunately arisen in our relations along the international boundary, and the unreserved expression of the desire of your government to reach the value of their Mexican holdings. an adjustment of these difficulties on a broad and amicable basis. The which has perverted our policy for same spirit of friendship and of sol- four years. That obsession excused icitude for the continuance of cor- in some minds Mr. Wilson's and Mr. dial relations between our two coun- Bryan's costly inertia and made of tries inspires my government, which every honest claim of Americans in equally desires an immediate solu- Mexico a bugaboo. Mr. Bryan's notion of the matters of difference tion, which Mr. Wilson either shared which have long vexed both govern- or adopted, was that all Americans ments. ernment of Mexico is disposed to the United States was not bound to cating the same desire, the government of the United States is prepared immediately to exchange views as to a practical plan to remove finally and prevent a recurrence of the difficulties which have been the source of the controversy. "Accept, Mr. Secretary, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration. I am, sir, yours very sincerely. "ROBERT LANSING."

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Federal Control Urged by Hughes

[From the New York Tribune's one authority and be free from re-Washington Bureau, July 3.]

Charles E. Hughes is strongly in favor of placing all railroad regula-

tion under exclusive federal control. Lawyers around the supreme court today pointed out that the plank in the republican platform, adopted last month at Chicago, relating to this topic might well have been written by the then justice himself.

The republican plank states:

"Interstate and intrastate transportation have become so interwoven and inconvenience and expense to the public. The entire transportation system of the country has become essentially national. We therefore necessary, through an amendment to the Constitution of the United States as will result in placing it under exclusive federal control."

Point to Rate Case Decision

This idea first was pointedly set forth, lawyers here said, in the famous "Minnesota rate case" decision of the supreme court, which was written by Mr. Hughes. The plank, itary and civil authorities of the they pointed out, could not have been written "to fit the candidate" better, even if the platform committee had known who was going to be may be to permit carriers a large renominated when the plank was turn. Public policy of a state may

> from the pen of Justice Hughes in controls." that rate decision which involved the right of a state to regulate intrastate railroad passenger rates:

"The principle which determines this classification underlies the doctrine that the states can not under tution." any guise impose direct burdens upon interstate commerce. For this is but to hold that the states are not while in a measure such property permitted directly to regulate or re- performs a function of the state strain that which from its nature there is no guarantee to its owners should be under the control of the against loss."

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striction save as it is governed in the manner that the national legislature constitutionally ordains."

"Congress may lawfully exercise, and has long exrcised, exclusive power to regulate navigation and commerce by water, even navigation and commerce wholly local within a state. Such action implies no direct power to invade the state, but is necessarily incidental to the power expressly granted to congress to regulate commerce among the states."

"The power of congress over land commerce is identical with, and as complete as, its control over water commerce."

"Federal Power Hits Interference"

"It appears, therefore, to be a pure question of fact whether the state rates destroy or directly operate upon interstate commerce and interstate rates. If they do the federal power is shown to be ample to prohibit such interference."

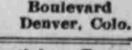
"The argument that if the state rates are reasonable in and of themselves they can not be objected to, and therefore the whole inquiry is as to their reasonableness, is fallacious. The court determines only whether rates are confiscatory and can not entertain the broad question of their reasonableness; nor can this be determined by any mathematical formula. Public policy of the nation be to permit but a small one. In Following are a few sentences such a conflict national authority

> "State power and state action must give way to whatever extent is necessary to complete an efficient national control over the subjects committed to that control by the consti-

legal rights under Mexican and unier international law.

the lives of American citizens Mexico are not worthy of our defense, they are not elsewhere.





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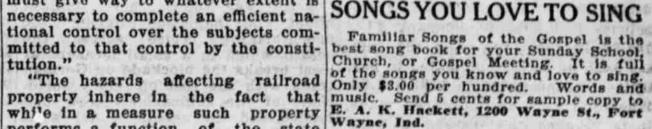
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[From The Chicago Tribune, July 7.]

In one of his addresses last week just condemnation of his policy is to the President said he has constantly give the public to believe that he was to remind himself that he is not the servant of those who wish to enhance The remark exposes the obsession in Mexico were predatory invaders

"It is especially pleasing to my whose legal rights and even whose government that the de facto gov- personal safety the government of give quick as well as practical con- defend. Any man who had property sideration in a spirit of concord to in Mexico was either refused a hearthe remedies which may be applied ing by Mr. Wilson if he attempted to to the existing conditions. Recipro- inform him as to conditions, or roundly lectured by Mr. Bryan. He was assumed to be a corrupt witness and his testimony not merely tainted with interest, but worthless.

Mr. Wilson's remark and the attitude it expresses will go a long way in the demagogy of a campaign. that of other countries. In this pro-But it covers a fallacy which it is to cess evils exist, as at home. As at be hoped no future president will ac- home, the good is very much greater any attempt to commit suicide, or by cept. Where Mr. Wilson talks about than the evil. If Mr. Wilson is openhancing the value of American in- posed to the development of a counvestments in Mexico he perpetrates a try by private capital, let him ansardonic joke and raises a question nounce himself as its enemy at home which American statesmanship can as in Mexico. If property rights unnot answer by the shallow theory der the law of the land are worthy which has governed our recent pol- of his respect here, they are in Mexicy. There is no question of enhance- ico. If foreign capital in Haiti. dicitis These are common gallstone symptoms can be fund. Send for valuable MEDICAL BOOK on FREE ment. The question has been one of Santo Domingo. Nicaragua is worthy Liver, Stemach, and Guil Troubles. FREE Callatore Remedy Co., Dept. C.59, 219 8. Dearborn St., Chinge defense, of protection of life and of our protection, it is in Mexico. If

Mr. Wilson's only defense from a preventing us from being made the instrument of a plot to enhance by war the property values of American adventurers in Mexico. But if such a device is accepted as an excuse for failure to defend Americans legitimately in Mexico and to enforce their security and property rights as other governments in similar circumstances would support their own nationals, we shall set out upon a course which will compromise our future as a self-respecting and respected people.

Americans in Mexico were there under Mexican laws. Some were poor, some well to do, some representing wealthy interests at home. Any one acquainted with Mexican conditions, which Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bryan rethe same process was going on in Mexico as in the United States namely development through private enterprise and capital principally or

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