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OUR POLICY TOWARDS MEXICO.

The struggle in Mexico between the Liberalists and Reactionists, and the probable position which the United States will assume in the contest still continue to occupy the public mind. The policy of our Government with respect to foreign nations has for the most part been so indecisive and vacillating that little expectation is cherished of a vigorous interposition. We believe that if Great Britain instead of America had been neighbor to Mexico, the internecine strife which is decimating that wretched country would long since have been forcibly arrested. We might add that Mexico herself would probably have become in fact, if not in name, as complete an appanage of the British crown as Australia or Canada. We, it appears, prefer a policy which we style generous or magnanimous, but which others with much more plausibility, denominate feeble and injudicious. We suffer one of the finest countries in the world, lying in immediate proximity to our own, to be torn to pieces by civil feuds, drenched in fraternal blood, and menaced with the direst anarchy, and content ourselves with an empty assurance of our sympathy with one of the belligerents.

We are told that the Mexicans are disposed greatly to favor the Monroe policy. The Washington *States* thinks that a radical change has taken place in the minds of that people; that although a few years ago we were cordially hated by them, and the Monroe doctrine almost universally detested; although it was fashionable to denounce the American Union as most unscrupulous and rapacious, and to praise European intercourse and alliance, these opinions have been succeeded by others of a very different character. The *States* says:

> It was not until the Liberalists ascended to authority that the smothered growing opinion that America should rule America formally manifested its purpose. Juarez was the first President to openly assume this position. A republican by education and by principle, he desired republican alliances. Instead of casting his eyes across the Atlantic for moral or other support, in aid of his just cause, he looked exclusively to the United States. He beheld in their government, and the utterances of it which they were constantly directing their representatives to the system of rule to be observed in this hemisphere, a policy which every interest of Mexico, present and future, required should be emulated, and all his official acts and associations have been directed to its consolidation. Filling the office of Minister of Foreign Affairs with Ocampo, a statesman of high integrity and comprehensive views, he entered into his views, he then sought the services of Lerdo—a civilian distinguished alike for his firmness and his unbending integrity—as Minister of the Interior and Treasury. No higher compliment could have been paid to our government than the designation of the son-in-law of the former, Mexico himself one of the most distinguished of several practical ideas—at his times. "But in all this Lerdo quite his post for a time and comes to our country on a missionary errand—as Minister, bearing with a heart, with the principles of self-government and in every interest which is dear to its nationality. It is gratifying to us, as it is to every liberal-minded citizen of the Union, that he has been received by the President and then Cass, and entertained by the one and the other, in a manner to which he was pre-eminently entitled by his position and by his high personal worth.

Paley says progress is perpetual. It rarely seems so in the instance of Mexico. Never was any nation so constantly and persistently retrograde as she appears to be. Never was any people more extraordinarily favored by circumstances to advance. Her independence, from time to time, until it was achieved that chose was ultimately to be "one." But the darkest hour is that before the dawning of day. Progress has been rapidly measuring its way to realizable points, and at length a most difficult severe is almost as good as definitively achieved. We cannot but contemplate with an empty assurance of our sympathy with one of the belligerents.

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