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Great moral  
persuasive restraint

U.S. Gov't.

Germany will not  
have fought  
Monroe Doct.

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Assistant Secretary.

MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

War with Mexico -

"A Picnic"

"Over in 3 months"  
Big Profit

Germany said that

Means

more Taxes, more  
kisses, more blind,  
more.

Assistant Secretary.

### THE MEXICAN BOGY AGAIN.

To the Editor of The World:

Our neighbor Mexico is busy again, and our various junker news organs are elaborating on the killings of a few Americans.

I have noticed that every once in a while this sort of anti-Mexican verbiage is scattered about for American absorption. Everything seems to indicate that we shall eventually go down and "clean up." If Mexico needs to be fumigated I would suggest that our investors with interests in Mexico proceed forthwith to organize an army and "self-determine" these refractory Latins.

As for me or those who have no interests at stake in Mexico, I am in favor of waving the flag with my comrades and cheering those investors while they march away for oil and glory.

I am sure these gentlemen would find a trip into Mexico quite an adventure. It would break the monotony of social functions and incidentally present to them a different point of view of life. I have no doubt they would enjoy being burned by the sun, poisoned by the swamp water and blinded by sand storms. Then the "greasers" would keep them pretty busy dodging bullets. It would be quite an experience.

I am in favor of cleaning up any country so long as I can parade about in the Union League Club while the boys are doing the cleaning.

It is freely expressed in university circles by professors that the flag follows the investment. I should like to see the investor follow the investment with the flag.

The majority of soldiers have learned that it is very foolish to fight other people's battles, and I am sure they will not be carried away with any silly patriotism this time.

FRANCIS J. GALVIN,  
Ex-soldier 27th Division,  
New York, May 6.

### Crying for War on Mexico.

To the Editor of The World:

American imperialists and patrioteers are already renewing their cry for war upon Mexico, and soon a specific casus belli will be seized upon and "cleaning up Mexico" will attain the moral status of a crusade. If the people of this country had acquired the feeling that universal military training would give them, the feeling that millions of trained potential soldiers awaited their call, they would find it less easy to listen to the war-reasoning dispassionately and less easy to consider it properly before decision.

The Spanish War, good or bad, shows how the press can make a war; and it won't do to distinguish compulsory training from service, for, as Gen. Wood himself has pointed out, once we are in war every man is always liable to service. Universal training, which we don't need for defense, would not be preparatory against war but merely preparatory to war.

ARTHUR M. REED,  
Cambridge, May 11.

## Matter, but

### Women Swimmers in Trials Here in July

The try-outs for the Women's American Olympic Swimming Team will take place at Manhattan Beach on July 11 and 12.

Try-outs will be held at the New York Women's S. A. the owners of the Manhattan Beach Bath have placed at the disposal of the A. A. U. their new racing lagoon, that it may be used to hold the trials. It will also help raise the summer sports and other mermaids to the 1920 Olympic meet at Antwerp.

It is the plan to run off the 100 metre swimming and springboards fancy diving trials on one day and the 300 metre swimming and high diving events on the other, featuring six as well as meet additional important fixtures, such as national and metropolitan championships for women, as the foremost mermaids of all districts will be on hand the two carnivals will be the best ever held here.

Aquatic fans will have an excellent opportunity to witness the great competition, for cement walks have been constructed around the lagoon, in full view of every part of the course, and they offer comfortable accommodation for thousands of spectators. It is the hope of the Manhattan Beach owners that the spectators will cover the cost of sending the whole contingent of American girl swimmers to Belgium.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 12.—The Brown University lawn tennis team won all six matches in its contest with the Tufts College team here to-day.

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Rosen's speech to Joint Council  
T R.

League brought about war.  
Any blow at liberty is blow at  
Barbary pirates.

Right of a man to rule.

Trade follows the flag -

Justice

Weak against the strong -

It was weak - France helped.

Not to hold + require

Good helping standing that others may stand  
D where we have  
res.

Harding - middle of phonograph

*For President*  
JAMES M. COX

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GRAND CENTRAL PALACE  
NEW YORK

*For Vice-President*  
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT



Germany said the war would be  
Germany would be richer because  
And Germany today!

War with Mexico means:--

Millions more in taxes.

Millions more in the graft of the Spanish-Am.

More embalmed beef scandals.

More dead boys.

More cripples.

More blind.

More Liberty Loans.

More Red Cross drives.

More heartache.

More mourning.

Still higher cost of living.

The Republicans opposed the League of Nations because it would prevent them from  
grabbing Mexico.

Hearst opposed the League of Nations, and Hearst has for years been urging war with  
Mexico, just as he urged war with Spain.

The Republicans will be quiet about Mexico until after election, and then they will  
be heard from.

That is why they pussyfooted on Mexico in their platform after having abused Presi-  
dent Wilson and the Democratic party for seven years for not having invaded Mexi-  
co. The Democratic party will protect and defend American interests, but it will not  
wantonly shed blood or make war on a neighboring people for the benefit of mine  
owners.