

The struggle which has been going on in Mexico for upwards of forty years, keeping that unhappy nation in a disturbed and anarchical condition, and rendering its advancement in prosperity, population or civilization an impossibility, is essentially the same, as regards the principles in conflict, as the struggle between conservatism and progress, between liberty and bondage, between justice and the rights of man on the one side, and oppression on the other; between true democracy as a practical element in government, and aristocracy; in a word, it is a battle of the man against the privileged and of a privileged few against the many.

In Mexico the vitality of the opposing forces was feeble on both sides; hence their struggle for the time being was a chronic-slowly war, strong enough to crush the other, but not strong enough to build a solid foundation—noting beyond the blind instinctive yearnings of the human heart for more freedom, more justice, more equality of things which it needed, but knew not where to find. The consciousness of the people were bound, not their bodies, as were those of our slaves. Yet notwithstanding this, the struggle to free the narrow circle of thought around them by the way of a non-progressive hierarchy, led, by so doing, they should fortify their salvation. But some did break these bonds and looked ahead freely; but very few of these had "light in their destinies," and when they came to inquire as to the degree of liberty which they desired, they were told by their creators, they had nothing to direct them or restrain them from wild licentiousness. The Bible never regulated the life of that people, it was forbidden by the priests; and it was in a great degree regulated by the fanatical liberals. One party hid the truth like a basilisk, the other hid it not at all.

This was the condition of things when Napoleon invaded the country and partially crushed the liberal party, which alone offered any resistance to his foreign legions; but although driven to the mountains and to the border, this party is by no means vanquished.

Our great struggle with slavery and aristocracy was won by the people, as his opportunity and as long as the rebellion was strong and hopeful of success, so long were Napoleon and Maximilian secure in Mexico. They and our rebels were fighting in one cause, their interests were one, and their success would have given access to the imperial power in Mexico. There was no necessity for a formal treaty of alliance between the United States and the rebels, but their mutual sympathy and support were well understood. This fact is now clear. McLaughlin, in Texas, when he would encourage his followers to hold on, against the political power, he said: "I believe this recognition is being generally made by the people of the South, and on the other hand, as soon as it became known in Mexico that Lincoln had succeeded, that moment the liberals were on the aggressive, and have already gained some signal advantages. In the North-eastern States the Republicans have made great progress, and have captured many of the most important places, among them, Saltillo, in the State of Coahuila, and Monterey, the capital of Nuevo Leon, (where General Taylor gained one of his victories) and San Antonio, in the State of Texas, the great port of blockade runners and rebel cotton speculators, is about to be wrested from the grasp of the imperialists. These under the leadership of the rebels, are preparing for permission to re-plant their gods without the payment of duty, for they know very well that they might as well fall into the hands of Napoleon as into those of the Mexicans. They will be glad to see the United States, and will receive a better life than they have ever known.

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