

# Balk at Uncle Sam's Role of "Big Brother"

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**MEXICO CITY.**—Even the most pro-Yankee papers here are quoting with evident approval the attacks made in foreign papers, especially those of France, upon the "big-brotherly" ambitions of the United States at the Pan-American conference at Santiago, Chile.

The absence of Peruvian, Bolivian and Mexican delegates, the refusal of the United States to recognize Mexico, the detested Monroe Doctrine, the iron heel of the American troops grinding and oppressing the "sovereign" nations of Nicaragua, Haiti, Guatemala and San Domingo, attempted interference into the public and private affairs of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru and Bolivia, interference with Columbia in the matter of the fake revolution of Panama—all these delightful incidents and evidences of Yankee friendliness toward Latin-America are subjects for caustic comment, quoted or original.

Certainly the history of the "Big Brother" activities of the United States in reference to Mexico is one long record of imperialist schemes and designs. The United States aided the Curate Hidalgo in his revolution in 1810 against Spanish authority because Spanish domination blocked the onward march of U. S. expansive land-imperialism.

When General Santana made huge concessions of the entire Northern mining regions of Mexico to French capital, the United States fomented a revolution in Texas, recognized the American colony there as the ruling power, then picked a quarrel over the Texas boundary line and in the war of 1848 took away the entire mining region of the North including the gold of California, the iron, coal, silver and lead of Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, etc.

History will never decide the possible value to Mexico of a firmly entrenched British Imperialism as an ally against American, for Diaz's government toppled immediately in a new revolution in which the United States added the petty bourgeoisie to throw off the yoke of Diaz, till then praised by the American press for his enlightened rule, and now an object of execration as a "tyrannical autocrat."

The rest is recent history and familiar to the readers of The Worker, so it is not necessary to recount the part played by the "Big Brother," in the revolutions that followed, the recognitions and refusals to recognize, the financing of insurrections, embargoes on arms and the lifting of embargoes, troops in Juarez and troops in El Paso and troops in Vera Cruz and all the rest of it. Suffice it to say that the end is not yet, although for the moment ministers plenipotentiary are negotiating agreements in the persons of Minister of the Treasury De La Huerta and Minister of Invisible Government Thomas W. Lamont. De La Huerta has already promised Lamont to recognize the bonds of the defunct Mexican governments, which testify to loans many of which were used to put down the very revolutions that have brought the present government into power.

The only pan-Americanism that really means anything is the rival pan-Americanism that is slowly growing up in the labor movements of the two Americas, as a conscious and determined enemy of finance imperialism. And those liberals who are working for pan-Americanism may rest assured that they can only serve the objects at which they aim by hastening the day in which a workers' government in the United States will supplant the invisible government of which Thomas W. Lamont is a minister plene- or rather super-potentiary.

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