

among the people at a low price the big estates throughout the Republic.

The *insurrectos* in the field, according to a dispatch of the 16th from El Paso, assert that before any proposals for a termination of the Mexican insurrection will be entered into by the *insurrectos*, Diaz must agree to declare null his election of 1910, and must agree to submit to a new election under the terms for a free ballot allowed by the Constitution of 1857. He must agree to grant all the political reforms demanded. The *insurrectos* must not be required to surrender their arms until peace is assured. Francisco I. Madero, as provisional President of the revolutionary government, and Abraham Gonzales as provisional secretary of state, have issued a decree through their confidential agency at Washington guaranteeing protection to the lives and interests of all foreigners now resident in Mexico.

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The fighting of battles and the beleaguering of cities has continued during the week.

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#### **An Appeal From the Mexican Liberals.**

An open letter to Samuel Gompers, as president of the American Federation of Labor, was given out on the 11th from the headquarters of the Junta of the Mexican Liberal party at Los Angeles, in which the party, appealing in behalf of "a cause as just and holy as ever history recorded," says:

It is time that the workingmen of the United States speak out, and it is for you to give the word, promptly and decisively. The slavery against which we are fighting is the slavery your American Federation of Labor was organized to fight. The chains that the money power has fastened on us are the chains against which you fret. Our cause is your cause, but yours in its extremest, most pitiable and, therefore, most irresistible form.

We are in revolt against unspeakably atrocious slavery, forced on us and supported by the American money power. The Standard Oil Co., the Guggenheims, the Southern Pacific Railway, the Sugar Trust—all that Wall Street autocracy against which you and the great masses of your nation are making such vigorous protest—are the powers against which we of Mexico are in revolt. They have dispossessed us of our lands and rendered us homeless by the hundreds of thousands; they have left us the choice of exile or imprisonment in such hells as the Valle Nacional. To support this Wall Street Inferno American soldiers are being called to arms. Already by the tens of thousands they are being sent to our borders, that they may aid in stamping out the last spark of that freedom which is supposed to be the basis of your Republic.

It is time for effective protest, and it is you who can make it most effectively. The issue is clear, unmistakable, beyond evasion. We repeat that our cause is your cause, and we call on you to give it voice—promptly, clearly and decisively.

The appeal is signed in behalf of the Junta by Richard Flores Magon.

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#### **The British Move for Peace.**

At a meeting of the progressive members of the British House of Commons, irrespective of party, held on the 15th, resolutions approving Sir Edward Grey's plea for the abolition of war (p. 250) were adopted.

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#### **Russia and China.**

Professor Paul Milukoff (vol. x, p. 1091), leader of the Constitutional Democrats in the Russian Douma (vol. xiii, p. 1189), in a brilliant speech in the Douma on the 15th, attacked the ministry for their lack of diplomacy and stability in the management of the foreign relations of Russia. He criticized especially the "jumps" of Russia's attitude toward China (p. 251). The government, he declared, should have avoided the sudden, excessive and insistent demand. China was no longer a mere ethnographic mass, and the Russian attitude toward the new China should be marked with good will and not by haughtiness.

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China's reply to the Russian ultimatum dealing with the treaty of 1881, reported last week (p. 251), was received at St. Petersburg on the 20th. The dispatches state that the reply complies with the demands for the opening of consulates and the establishment of free trade in certain districts, but leaves the limitation of monopolies as a subject for future negotiations. The response is said to be considered on the whole as satisfactory to Russia.

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#### **Russia Changes Her Premier.**

Peter A. Stolypin (vol. ix, p. 511; vol. xiii, p. 445), Premier of Russia and minister of the interior, resigned on the 20th. His action is reported as being due to the rejection by the Council of the Empire (the upper house of the Russian parliament) of the Zemstvo bill for self-government in the nine western provinces of Russia. V. N. Kokovsoff, minister of finance in Mr. Stolypin's cabinet, is to be the new Premier.

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#### **College Debates on the Single Tax.**

Details of the annual triangular debates (p. 255) between Brown University at Providence (R. I.) and Williams and Dartmouth Colleges at Williamstown (Mass.) and Hanover (N. H.), respectively, which came off on the 2nd and had the single tax for the subject of debate, are now available. The subject was formulated as follows:

Resolved, that in American municipalities a tax on the rental value of land (exclusive of improve-