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The School Items Assured. Agreement by the conferees upon the school extension items added by the Senate to the deficiency bill insures their enactment at this session.

It is pointed out in this connection that a considerable sum of money was saved by the delay in getting the item into appropriation form, owing to a drop in the cost of building. In a measure, but the delay was a loss. There is no economy in postponing absolutely necessary works because of the condition of the market. Especially is this true in the case of the schools, which have suffered by the lack of room far beyond any measure of saving that may have been effected.

The estimates submitted by the Commissioners were adopted almost unchanged. It was recognized at the Capitol that the needs of the school system were much greater than these figures represented, and that in submitting the estimates the Commissioners were guided by the greatest care to begin only the most urgently required works immediately. In this spirit the whole program may be carried through in the course of a few years. The hope is that there will be no halts or lapses, but that year by year these new works may be authorized on the scale now established, and that thus, in perhaps a decade, the District will have caught up with its arrears and will present a public educational system second to none in the United States in the matter of physical equipment.

One of the items in the school amendment, just adopted by the conferees, is of particular interest. It provides a sum for the purchase of a site for a branch of the Public Library in the southeast section, the building to be erected with funds supplied by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. This will be a material extension of the usefulness of this most valuable institution, which is by law established as part of the public educational system of the capital. It will enable the people of a large and growing portion of the District to enjoy direct access to the book collection which is now available to them only with difficulty.

The United States and Mexico. As to Mexico, the American case, stated yesterday, is clear, reasonable and inoffensive. It is to be hoped that President Obregon may find himself able to approve and accept the terms submitted.

American investments in Mexico are large, and were made by invitation. They were assured of protection, and for years were protected. They were an important factor in the prosperity that Mexico enjoyed until the era of rapid revolutions began.

Since then all interests, foreign and native, have suffered. Mexico has been in turmoil, banditry becoming a sort of industry. The new constitution, promulgated in 1917, did not cure matters. Rather did it increase difficulties in so far as foreign investments were concerned. The threat of confiscation which the instrument contained spread a new, and even greater, alarm.

All this government asks is that American interests in Mexico be formally assured of protection, both against any adverse procedure, on the part of the authorities and against every form of lawlessness. The demand is just, and as we view the matter from this side the Rio Grande, can be acceded to by President Obregon without any impairment of his or his government's prestige.

The recognition of the Obregon government by this government would be of great service to the former in every way, and only awaits the action proposed by Secretary Hughes. It is a good time to sign up. A new order throughout the world is taking form, and affairs in this hemisphere should be put in the best shape possible.

The inequality of fate asserts itself when Mexico is offering prayers for rain while Colorado is suffering the devastation of a cloudburst.

There might be more of an argument against the Sam Brown belt if leaving it off suggested any step, however slight, toward disarmament.

The District Water Supply. The Army bill, carrying a provision for the construction of a new conduit from Great Falls to the Dalecarlia reservoir and for the distribution of the additional water supply, yesterday came up before the Senate. Today Washington, aware that water consumption within the District last month exceeded what was pronounced to be the safe maximum capacity of the conduit sixty years ago, and that the aqueduct office is gravely concerned lest this additional load, combined with the impossibility of inspecting the overstrained main, result in a break, is anxiously awaiting action in the north wing of the Capitol.

It is needless to stress further the necessity for favorable action upon the provision in question. The facts in the case are in the possession of the Senate, and those facts establish the existence of a grave emergency and call insistently for the provision of adequate means for grappling therewith. To fail to recognize those facts would be to jeopardize the health and security of every resident of the National Capital. The Senate, far from pursuing any such course, is more likely to seek an explanation of how it happens that remedial action has not been taken long before the crisis became as acute as it is today.

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