

NICARAGUA PEACE TRIUMPH FOR U. S.

POLICY IS VINDICATED

Peace Is Achieved and Pillage and Bloodshed Stopped by America's Good Offices

The end of the war in Nicaragua is a triumph for American statecraft and a blow to our ultra-liberals according to Albert H. Laidlaw, in the current issue of the National Republic. In "The Trend of World Events," always an interesting department in the National Republic, Mr. Laidlaw says:

Bloodshed Stopped
Peace in Nicaragua! Bloodshed and pillage stopped. An agreement reached for stopping the insurgents, with the help of the American representative, Henry L. Stimson, where-by the issues at stake between political parties will be settled next year by an election held under the terms of the Nicaraguan constitution, safeguarded by the presence of American marines to see that the will of the Nicaraguan people is legally expressed.

"This is the result of the American intervention in Nicaragua. It is a contribution to peace, to the maintenance of constitutional government in the Central American republic, and throughout the hemisphere.

"Yet for weeks the ultra pacifists and critics of the American government generally have been filling the air with outcry to the effect that the policy of the American government in Nicaragua was a policy of war, of imperialism, of attempted subversion of free government in Nicaragua. The present trouble, beginning with the overthrow by military force of a constitutional government elected fairly under the protection of American marines invited to the country to keep order, was inaugurated when the American marines were withdrawn. With the return of the American marines peace and order and constitutional government are restored.

Mexico's Interference

"Except for the interference of Mexico, unfriendly to the United States, there would have been no serious trouble in Nicaragua after the Nicaraguan congress constitutionally elected the present president. Yet in this military backing of the Sacasa revolutionaries, Mexico has gained the approval of American radicals and self-styled "liberals" always critical of the American government. Thru this Mexican intervention there has been heavy loss of life and property in Nicaragua. The most bitterly disappointed element in the United States now that the trouble in Nicaragua has come to a peaceful end, will be the sensational war-scare group, some members of which loudly proclaim themselves pacifists.

"If this element had been successful in frightening the American government from its firm position, they would not only have prolonged the war in Nicaragua, but they would have claimed vindication for their activities. Unfortunately for them, the government has stood firm, and its policies have reached their logical conclusion. There is a lesson in it which will not be lost upon the American people."

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Those that remain are being blown up with dynamite in order that they may be replaced by steel and concrete structures. The United States army engineers have received a report of the passing of the famous old covered bridge across the Chattahoochie river at Fort Gaines, Ga. The woodwork was taken down by contractors, but a troublesome problem arose when preparations were made to raze the massive brick as the engineers directed that they be thrown in a certain definite direction so that there would be no obstruction of the river channel.

Road builders and bridge builders, as well as those interested in navigation, have followed the engineering proposition with interest. The piers on the Chattahoochie river measured 14 by 26 feet at the base and they were 75 feet high.

A dynamite expert supervised the driving of what is known as "goopher holes" approximately half way through the base of each pier. This work had to be done by hand. Then a single hole was drilled in each corner and also into the two supporting centers, and the explosive charges were placed and primed with electric blasting caps.

When the shots were fired the big structure collapsed upon its base in such a way that practically no debris was thrown into the river channel.

NEW YORK NO LONGER DOMINATES IN MUSIC

It is no longer possible for any one city to dominate American musical education, declares Harold Milligan, head of the National Music League, in the Woman's Home Companion. In the period following the Civil War, Boston was the cultural capital of the country and music students could only climb the heights by way of that city. Later, New York was the mus-

ical autocrat and a diploma from a New York conservatory was considered a necessity.

"Today a well-rounded and adequate musical education can be obtained in any section of the country," says Mr. Milligan. "The amazing growth of musical educational institutions in the past decade seems to be continuing even more rapidly. Every American city large enough to support a good conservatory is visited every season by most of the great individual artists as well as by opera companies and orchestras.

"Almost every year a new symphony orchestra comes into being in some part of the country, and musical conditions in what used to be called the provinces are steadily improving. The tremendous advantage that New York enjoyed 20 or even 10 years ago no longer exists."

Miss Pattie H. Field of Denver is now American vice-consul at Amsterdam.

There are now 87 women scientists employed in the various government departments at Washington.

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