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## LATIN AMERICA STEPPING UP.

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**T**HE international circular from Argentina, published in these columns<sup>1</sup> in the course of the week; the article on the Mexican proletariat,<sup>2</sup> which appears in to-day's issue; the war talk against Nicaragua, together with the facts that are beginning to leak out concerning this affair, and all of which point to bourgeois manoeuvres that radiate from bourgeois financial centers in this country and Europe;—these and many more instances that are crowding to the fore denote the rapid stepping up of Latin America within the swirl of the International Capitalist cyclone, and, along therewith, the certainly speedy and active share of the Latin American proletariat in the International Movement of Labor.

As was to be expected, the advent of Latin America in the full-orbed International Movement—Capitalist, as well as its reflex Socialist,—is being inaugurated with fire and sword, a fire kindled and a sword wielded, as everywhere, by Capital.

In Argentina, a Chief of Police inaugurates the reign of full-fledged capitalism with a massacre of workingmen celebrating the International Day of peace and good will on earth—May Day.

In Mexico, a President in perpetuity, originally graduated as a leader of capitalism by leading the republican forces of his country against Maximilian and overthrowing the attempt to introduce feudalism in the land, now exhibits himself stripped of the sentiments of human freedom, that animated him when fighting monarchy, and preserving now only the instincts of his class, drowns the glorious remembrances of his fifty years ago victories around Queretaro in the blood of the Mexican proletariat shed at Rio Blanco, Orizaba and Cananea.

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<sup>1</sup> [To be appended.]

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In Nicaragua, an Estrada is rising on the ruins of his country's independence obedient to the demands of Capital abroad, which is seeking "investment," and thereby is, without its knowledge, taking the first necessary steps to drill the Nicaragua division of the International Socialist Army.

In Argentina, Mexico and Nicaragua it is the forces of International Capitalism that are pressing themselves forward; hence, in Nicaragua, Mexico and Argentina are seen to-day in several stages of formation the proletarian organizations, which, struggling for the footing that history demands they shall gain, appeal to their International Brotherhood abroad for moral and all other assistance in their power—an appeal that is hearkened, accompanied with applause at their advent.

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