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Be sure you are right;  
Be sure you have rights;  
Then stand for and by them.  

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The Mexican Question.

The Mexican question is one of great importance, not only to the United States but to the world at large. It has aroused the interest of every true American. What has caused the United States to be directly implicated in this affair? American interests in Mexico have caused the United States to be connected with this revolution. The United States is concerned for the safety of her citizens in that war-distracted country.

Many think that the principal cause of Mexico's unfavorable attitude toward the United States is the refusal of President Wilson to recognize the Huerta Government in a diplomatic way. Their theory may be true; for the President in an address said, "We can have no sympathy with those who seek to seize the power of government to advance their own personal interests and ambitions."

Many censure the President for his policy; others praise him for it. It is quite true, as he says, that the government of Mexico has been seized unjustly and by those who are unfit to rule. But other nations recognized the new administration in Mexico, why did not the United States? This is the one point that is receiving so much comment from European Nations.

Mr. Asquith, the British Prime Minister, says, "That all governments should be recognized no matter whence their source." This same idea is advanced in an address of Franklin Pierce to Congress on May 15th, 1856.

Many friendly propositions were offered the Huertan Government by President Wilson in lieu of diplomatic recognition. The Huertan administration refused these offers. This, according to America's foremost statesmen and thinkers, is the direct cause of Mexico's unfriendly attitude towards the United States.