

ROOSEVELT TALKS OF MEXICO.

**We Want Prosperity, Order, Justice,
and Independence for Her.**

EL PASO, Texas, March 15.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt spoke briefly on the attitude of the United States toward Mexico at a breakfast given by the Toltec Club this morning.

"Permanently the welfare of one community will depend upon the welfare of other communities, and so it is among the groups of States," he said. "When you make one community prosperous you benefit the communities with which it does business. It is exactly the same among communities as it is among individuals. So it is among nations.

"It is a help to the United States to have every other country in the western hemisphere a prosperous country. You here who do business along the border know. I don't have to tell you this—you know it yourselves far better than I do that it is an interruption to your business, a check to your prosperity, to have turmoil and trouble in the adjacent republic. You know that a disaster to them reflects itself upon us, upon you along the border.

"I am particularly pleased to see here this morning the Mayor and Collector of Customs of the Mexican city which is your immediate neighbor. I am sure I utter the sentiment of every American when I say that all the United States wishes to see in Mexico is prosperity; that we wish to see it have the prosperity that means material well-being, industrial success, coupled with order, justice, and independence. Our interests, the interests of the American Republic of the United States on this continent, are bound up with the welfare of all other nations on the continent.

"We wish well to Canada, we wish well to Mexico, we wish well to every other country in the western hemisphere, and we ask them to do nothing for us except to do justice to themselves by securing their prosperity, securing their independence through the practice of the great fundamental principles of civilization—order and justice."

When Col. Roosevelt arrived in El Paso this morning he was greeted by a reception committee from the Chamber of Commerce and taken to the Toltec Club. A motor trip around the city followed, the Colonel receiving many cheers as he passed along the streets, and at Cleveland Square, where a big gathering had collected, the former President spoke.

Col. Roosevelt boarded a special car at 10 o'clock to continue his journey to Albuquerque, N. M., where Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel Roosevelt, and Miss Landon, a friend of Miss Roosevelt, will join the party.

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