

OBSERVATIONS

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| The following reveals the building programs of the |
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was signed. Figures include ships laid down and alwas signed. Fig:
ready financed:
Type Ship
Light Cruisers
Destroyer Leaders
Destroer
Destroyers
Submarines, all classe
Gunboosts
Gunboats
Mine sweepers.
Submarine Tenders .
A moment's study of the above table clearly indi-
cates why the United States called the conference at G
(Reprinted from The Independent, Boston) THE United States is not the only North American breath to talk down Presidential precedent. In Mexico,
General Obregon, borrowing a page from the book of General Obregon, borrowing a page from the book of
the Coolidge third-termists, is running for President the Coolidge third-termists, is running far to be hon-
again. Thus an established code bids fair to
ored in the breach not only in the United States, but ored in the breach not only in the United States, but
in Mexico as well. The contentions put forward by Obregon's ad-
herents bear ${ }^{\text {a a striking resemblance to those with }}$ herents bear a striking resemblance to those with
which the Coolidge camp followers seek to sooth which the coolidge camp rowowers seek thision of
doubters on this side of the border. A provis.
the Mexican constitution prohibits a President from the Mexican constitution prohibits a President from
succeeding himself. This commandment implies that succeeding spirit of the country is opposed to two terms for the spirit of the coun they be nonsuccessive. Obregon,
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therefore is faced by stiff opposition from the antitherefore, is faced by stiff opposition from the anti-
re-electionist groups which have nominated two can-re-electionist groups which have nominated two can-
didates. Nothing daunted, however, his trusted lieudidates. Nothing daunted, howe their troubled country needs General Obregon; would it not be tragic if they were deprived of his great powers of leadership merely
to honor an implied policy and a worn-out precedent? to honor an implied policy and a worn-out preceden
Where have we heard those words before? Where have we he constitutional hurdles lie between Coolidge and another term. At the same time, the existence of the constitutional restriction in Mexico in-
dicates that North Americans generally are opposed dicates that North Americans generall ong a period.
to continuing one man in office for too lon The same considerations which fathered the American precedent and have kept it alive for a century and a
quarter prompted the restrictive mandate in Mexico's quarter prompted the restrictive mandexican inhibition
constitution. The authors of the Mesin knew, as successive American generations have known, that a chief executive, if continued in office too long, can utilize his patronage trowel to fashion a vast po-
litical structure inimical to the spirit and intent of litical structure
democracy.
The lems. However the choice between Obregon and tradition is decided, Americans must answer their own
consciences with regard to Mr. Coolidge. Are his consciences with regard to honored tradition must be shattered in order to secure them?
(Reprinted from The Independent, Boston) PITY the poor movie stars whose salaries have been
sent to the studio cutting rooms. With the bare cost of existence as a cinema idol soaring to unknown heights, we cannot see how the darlings can possibly
struggle along if their incomes are lopped from ten struggle along if their incomes are lopped from th
to twenty-five per cent. Consider just a few of the to twenty-five per cent. Consider just a war. Divorce has gone up 192 per cent, if we remem-
ber the statistics aright. The mean (sic) alimony ber the statistics aright. The mean (sic) alimony
paid by luminaries of the screen has passed all bounds of reason. It is estimated that these two increases alone affect 93.8 per cent of all picture stars. Personal press agents now actually demand $\$ 50$ a week.
Rambling slope-side mansions in "Beverly Hills, once Rambling slope-side mansions in "Beverly Hills, once
obtainable at $\$ 35,000$, today bring $\$ 100,000$. Japanese obtainable at $\$ 35,000$, today bring $\$ 100,000$. Japanese
servants, utterly indispensable, insist on receiving $\$ 100$ a month, and when one has four of them
Really the price of these necessities has become so high that some of the feminine stars are almost
unable to waintain a titled husband around the house, unable to mraintain a titled husband around the house,
even temporarily. What in the world are heartless even temporarily. What in the world.
producers thinking of-cutting salaries!


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