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EDITORIALS

The political situation seems more favorable in Mexico than it has been for several months past. General Villa, who is everywhere regarded as the strongest personality among the Mexican public men, is now in the City of Mexico, where he proposes to keep the peace and allow business to go on undisturbed. He has troops enough under his command if he chooses to use them for this purpose alone. He seems to have made terms with Zapata, who has been a thorn in the side of every other aspirant to political power. He is probably afraid of Villa, who would certainly not hesitate to exterminate his adherents if he could not capture their leader. Carranza vacated Mexico City before Villa entered it, and has established himself elsewhere. There are indications of a willingness on his part to make terms with those already in the capital, and this would likely end the civil war.

prolonged truce, which the course of events may easily convert into a lasting peace. In favor of such a solution the whole moral influence of the United States would be cast, and that influence would certainly be more potent now than when the American army was in possession of Vera Cruz. The Mexicans, with their other peculiarities, are a proud people, and they resent the idea of appearing before the world as coerced by foreign power in the management of their own affairs. —Globe.

Villa has announced his intention to support for the provisional presidency the nominee of the late convention, pending the holding of a general election to enable the people of Mexico to make a free choice of an actual president. If Carranza falls in with this policy this will bring about a



ous creeds are unknown. It present each nation is battling for its own autonomy and is not concerning itself about some fantastic combination that may eventuate in the remote future. Present systems of government have been too long established and are too firmly entrenched to even consider the possibility of a change.

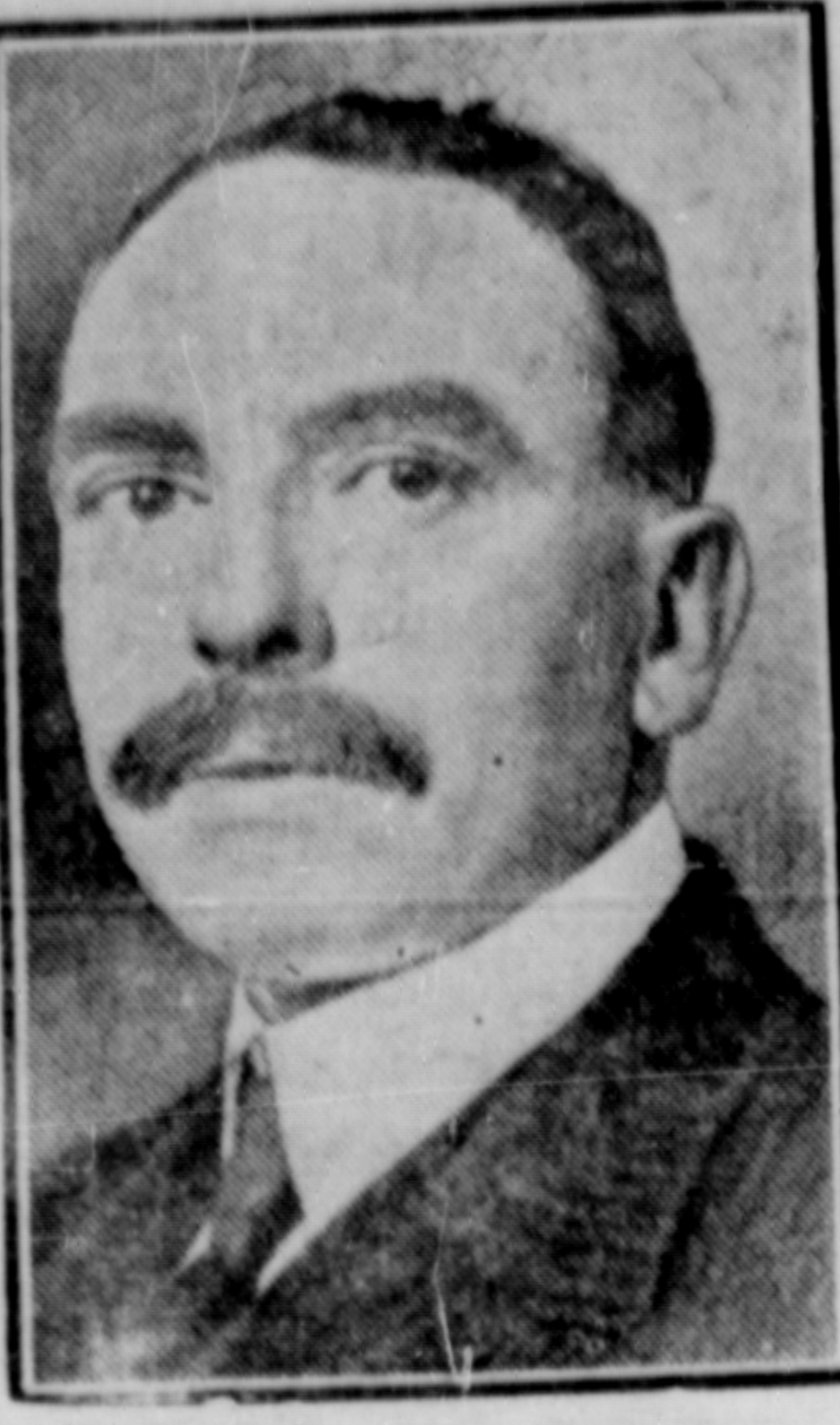
In respect to the British empire, with the most democratic and representative government on the globe, it would be a distinct loss to merge its history, traditions and firm-based freedom in heterogenous combination that would be alien in sympathy and ambition. Let well enough alone—Ex. well enough alone.

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Mr. H. M. Passmore—Newly appointed secretary to Hon. Finlay Macdirmid, Minister of Public Works for Ontario.

LIBERALISM GAVE CANADA SUCCESS
Freedom of Speech and Thought Is Given Only Under Liberal Aegis—All Reforms Come Through Evolution.

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—As a means of relieving many of the evils of poverty, Mr. Ralph Smith, in an address at the Globe theatre on Sunday evening, "Will Liberalism Relieve Poverty?" commended the promulgation and practice of Liberal principles; he considered that the eleven years he was a member at Ottawa and while the Liberal party was in power formed an epoch of prosperity in this country.

He believed that the prosperity of British Columbia, was due to the opening up of the vast lands of the prairies and the giving of them free to the people for cultivation, thereby opening up vast markets for the products of the province, which hitherto could find no market in Canada and only a limited market in the United States.

Liberalism was a big principle and was not restricted to a mere political term, but meant the removal and destruction of tyranny and freedom for the people. It meant the removal of despotism and obstruction to the progress of the people.

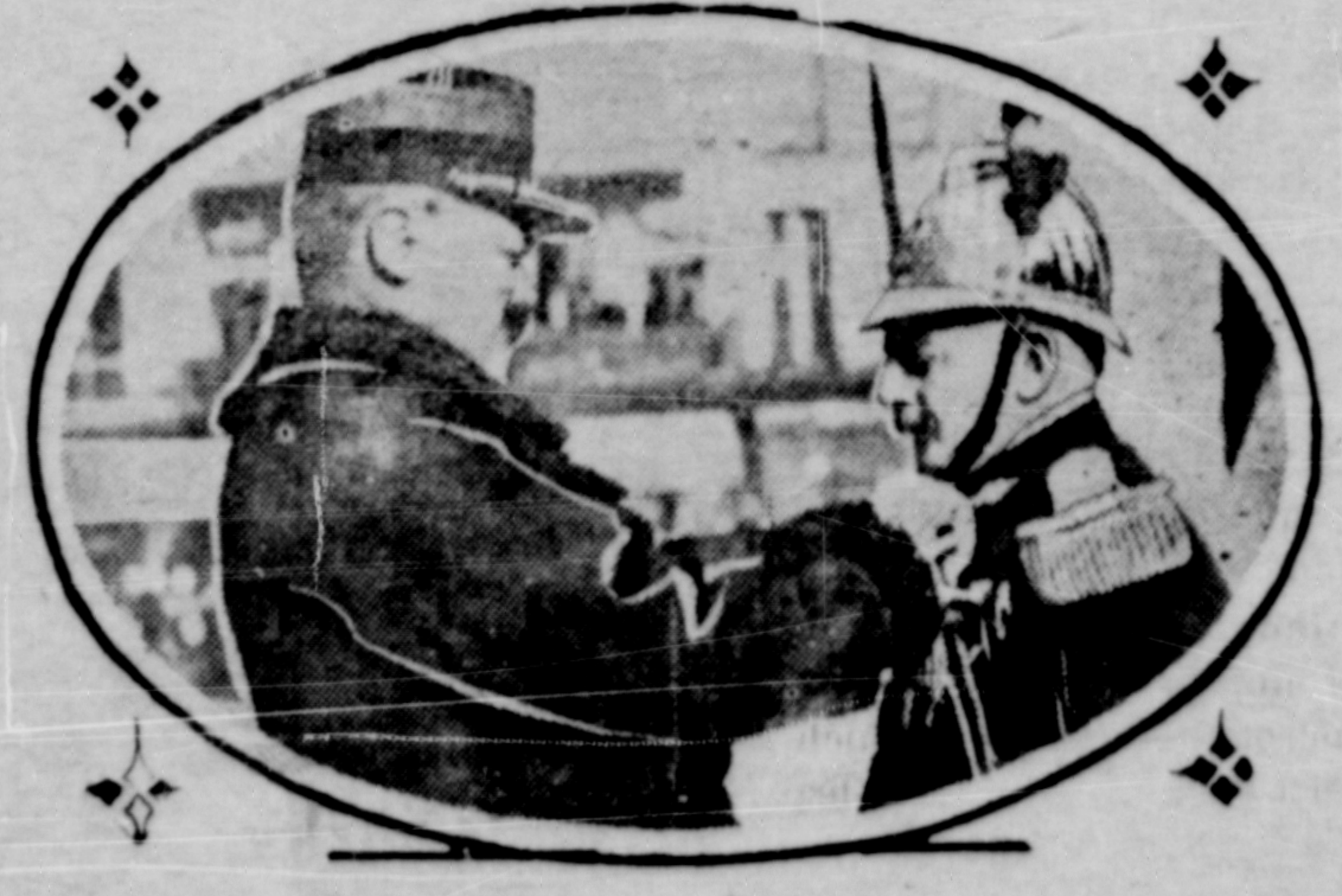
He showed how the great reforms of England, the cradle and upholder of freedom for the people, were won by and through Liberal principles, giving to that

country prosperity and liberty such as no other country enjoys, with all its poverty, distress and inequalities. The speaker claimed that the Liberal party exemplified personal freedom, as all its adherents were allowed perfect freedom of thought, whereas, men under the Tory banner were deprived of that privilege and were in fear of being boycotted and punished if they gave free expression to their thoughts. The principles of liberty which were carried out and practised only by the Liberal party, had by its introduction of reform and freedom given to the world its great prosperity and as it had done in the past, so it would do in the future. Great reforms of the world would only be obtained by evolution and he declared that nothing had been gained and nothing could be gained except evolution, pointing out that the great natural laws demonstrated this very forcibly and were a safeguard to unwise action and consequent great loss. All had to make sacrifices and it was only by sacrifice they could right the present wrongs.

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