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HAPPENINGS 69 YEARS AGO.

(By Count de G. —)

The Treaty of Peace With Mexico.
 Editorial from the Lafayette States-
 man of March 25, 1848:
 "The treaty of peace between the
 United States and Mexico has been
 ratified by the Senate, and an armis-
 tice entered into between our troops
 and their enemy. If peace can be ob-
 tained and its permanence secured,
 it is an object worthy the labor of the
 statesman as well as the philanthropist;
 for so grave are the evils of war,
 and so severely are they felt even by
 the conquerors, that neither territory
 nor fame can offer any adequate com-
 pensation. Still when a resort to arms
 has been forced upon a nation, and
 life and treasure have been lavishly
 expended in seeking redress for
 wrongs, victory should not prove a
 barren acquisition. Yet the treaty now
 ratified, virtually places upon us the
 expenses of the war, and, while it sur-
 renders three-fourths of the country
 in our possession, stipulates that we
 shall pay for what we retain. If it se-
 cures reciprocity in trade between
 Mexico and the United States, the
 right of way across the Isthmus of Tu-
 xtepec, or religious toleration, only
 to our own citizens in that coun-
 try, it might merit commendation, not-
 withstanding it was made under such
 circumstances as almost to be a bur-
 lesque upon negotiation. It is indeed
 divested of some of the odious fea-
 tures which it originally bore, but still
 it promises to be fruitless, even if
 ratified in Mexico, in all save peace.
 It was said when the territory of our
 enemy was occupied, and bloody battles
 after battle fought, that we aimed "to
 conquer a peace;" we have failed to
 conquer, but, under the auspices of an
 English arbiter, have bought a ques-
 tionable peace at a most enormous
 price—the best blood and the treasure
 of the nation. Its generosity towards
 a fallen foe is, however, one redeeming
 trait, and shows that just of domina-
 tion did not instigate the war. It re-
 lieves us from further expenditure of
 blood and of treasure, save the pay-
 ment for territory which opens to us
 the ports of the Pacific; yet it fails
 to give what our position led us to ex-
 pect, and enabled us reasonably to de-
 mand.
 "Liberal to Mexico as are its provi-
 sions, will it be ratified by her? and
 if ratified, can it be maintained un-
 broken? It is difficult to know with
 any degree of certainty the popular
 sentiment of the Mexicans. They, more
 than any other people, are influenced
 by their leading politicians, and, con-
 sequently, are as changeable as the

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wind. Their politicians are now ob-
 stinately silent, or studiously avoid
 any decided expression of opinion in
 regard to the important measure upon
 which the government must soon act.
 An attempt seems generally made to
 avoid responsibility, the governors of
 States declining any action and refer-
 ring the matter back to congress, and
 the representatives of congress fail-
 ing to attend the legislative sittings.
 The president, Pena y Pena, and his
 cabinet, alone, have boldly committed
 themselves for peace; while a few
 military chieftains, looking to Santa
 Anna to lead them, fiercely clamor for
 a continuance of war. To secure peace,
 as well as to conduct war successfully,
 union of feeling and the co-operation
 of all parties are essential.
 (To Be Concluded Tomorrow.)

To Increase Attendance of Immigrants in Night Schools.

Washington, Sept. 4. — On Septem-
 ber 1 the United States Bureau of Ed-
 ucation in the Department of the In-
 terior began its nation-wide campaign
 to induce 3,000,000 non-English-speak-
 ing immigrants to attend night school
 and learn the language of America.
 The Commissioner of Education has
 designated men dealing with the im-
 migrant's problems from every angle
 to serve on a National Committee of
 One Hundred to further the purposes
 of the campaign. This action is the re-
 sult of resolutions adopted by two Amer-
 icanization conferences held during the
 recent meetings of the National
 Education Association in Detroit and
 in New York, at which times it was
 decided that the removal of the inabil-
 ity of the foreign-born residents to
 speak English could be hastened by
 concerted effort and co-operation of
 all interested agencies and individu-
 als working intensively on a nation-
 wide basis prior to an immediately
 subsequent to the opening of evening
 schools in October.
 Letters of appointment have been
 sent to representative industrial lead-
 ers, educators, labor and immigration
 officials, State officials, editors, offi-
 cers of patriotic, civic and racial or-
 ganizations and public spirited citi-
 zens in every section of the United
 States. The function of the committee
 will be to co-operate with the Bureau
 in enlisting the active interest of
 school superintendents, chambers of
 commerce, commercial organizations,
 industrial establishments, labor unions
 and private organizations.
 For the purpose of enlisting native
 and foreign-born American citizens in
 the "America First" campaign, an en-
 rollment blank headed "Sign this card
 and join the Americanization commit-
 tee" will be used. Thousands of these
 cards, asking each signer for his per-
 sonal help, will be disseminated in
 States and cities where immigrants re-
 side. Through the active assistance se-
 cured in this manner, the Bureau ex-
 pects to be able to reach thousands of
 immigrants which it could reach in no
 other way. Co-operating sub-commit-
 tees will be appointed in the principal
 immigrant communities.

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