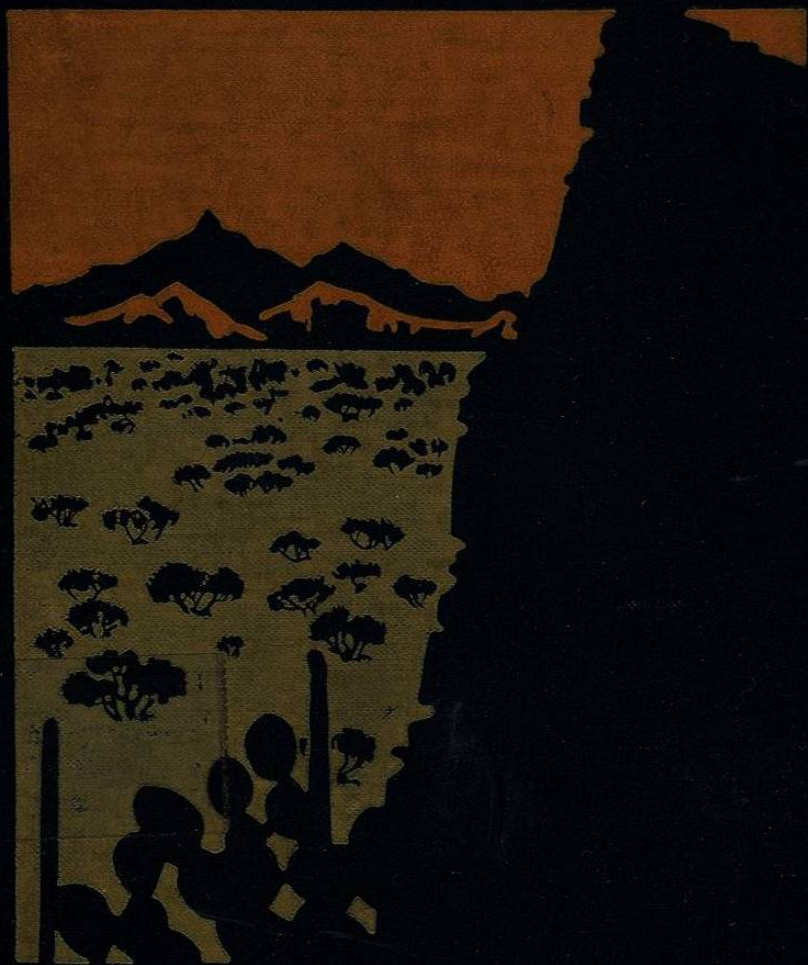


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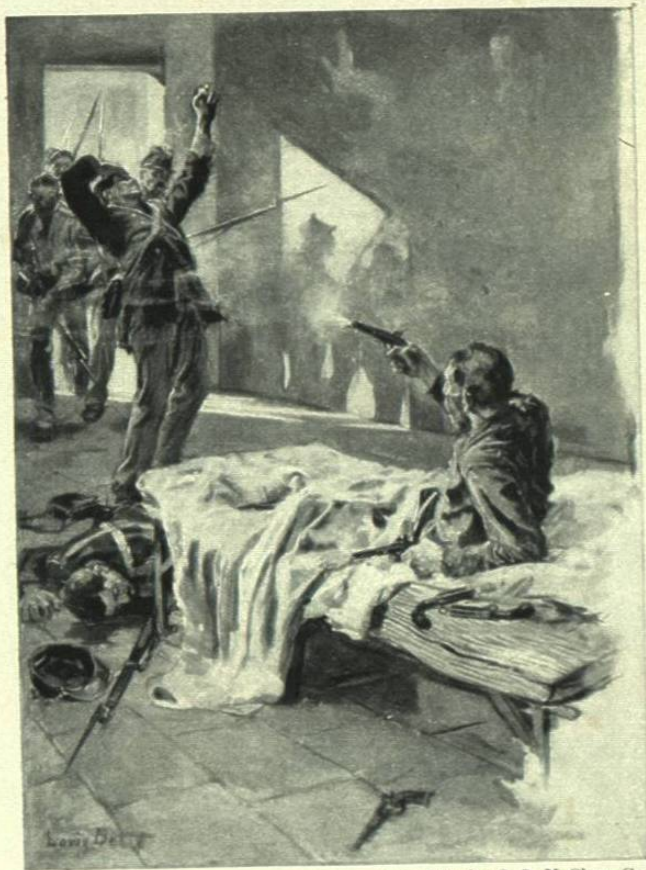


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PREFACE

So far as I know there is no book devoted entirely and specifically to the subject of this monograph, unless it be Jay's Review, referred to below, which has long been out of print. We have general histories in which the subject is treated at more or less length; and special histories, as of Texas or of the Mexican War, or of Slavery, in great number; as well as many biographies of the principal actors in the transactions hereinafter described. But there is no book with which I am acquainted which begins with the Treaty of 1819 and closes with the Compromise of 1850.

Of the four most memorable periods in our

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national history, including (1) the Revolution and the foundation of the Government, (2) the Conquest of the Southwest, (3) the Civil War, and (4) the new complexion put upon our relations with the rest of the world by the Spanish-American War and its immediate results, of which we are still a part, with the future not quite determined, the one here under discussion was not the least interesting or important. I hope, therefore, amid the many books on American history a place and a welcome may be found for this one.

In the preparation of this essay I have ransacked a vast number of books and documents, published and unpublished. In notes in the body of the work I have taken care to give references to the authorities for statements about which there is liable to be any question or dispute. A complete bibliography of the period would include so great a num-

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ber of titles that it would be out of place in a book of this kind. I may, however, call attention especially to several publications of great value, in addition to the widely known general histories.

First and foremost of these is The American Statesmen Series, perhaps the noblest in plan, and the ablest in results, of all the different series of books dealing with American history which have yet appeared. Another series of great importance, especially to the student of military matters, is The Great Commanders Series. For Texas affairs a monumental, if little known, work in two immense volumes, entitled A Comprehensive History of Texas from 1685 to 1897, edited by Dudley G. Wooten and published by William H. Scarff at Dallas in 1898, is indispensable. It contains a wealth of reminiscence, personal memorabilia, and valuable documents and papers, besides sev-

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eral histories of Texas not otherwise available. I have found it of great service.

To these I may add William Jay's unique and invaluable Review of the Causes and Consequences of the Mexican War, Alfred M. Williams' Sam Houston and the War of Independence in Texas, General Cadmus M. Wilcox's History of the Mexican War, and The Messages and Papers of the Presidents of the United States, as being helpful and interesting. In conclusion, I take advantage of this opportunity to acknowledge valuable assistance, in searching records and verifying quotations and calculations, from my son, Cyrus Townsend Brady, Jr.

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