

It is significant that of all the long list of names of those who have occupied the exalted position of President, at least thirty have been accompanied by military titles. It is significant of the power that has ruled the Mexican Republic. The military title is common there, and Mexico has been in the nineteenth century as much a nation of warriors as it was in the days of the Aztec Confederacy. The Spaniards coming to these shores made a mistake in calling the *Tlaca-tecuhtli* of Tenochtitlan, "an Aztec emperor," but scarcely a greater mistake than the history of the present century makes in calling the chief warrior of the nation "President of the Mexican Republic." It is only within the last few years that Mexico has given promise of a better government than that to be found under the sword.

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