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WHY THEY HATE THE AMERICANS.

Every once in a while the American public, the greater part of which is so busy earning a living that it has little or no interest in foreign affairs, reads with a feeling akin to amazement of "anti-American" demonstrations in some of the countries that lie to the south of us.

Now the average American conceives himself to be a rather inoffensive, peace-loving person and when, for instance, he reads in his newspaper that students in Mexico City are carrying banners in which are inscribed the motto, "Death to the Yankees" he is mildly surprised. If he has followed the national relations with Mexico even casually he realizes

that for the last three or four years this government has figuratively stayed up nights figuring out ways to avoid hurting the feelings of Mexicans. Knowing that his country has no desire to add to its troubles by stealing Mexican territory he is at a loss to understand why it should be so hated and suspected, not by Mexico alone, but by practically every country on this hemisphere south of the Rio Grande.

Conscious as he is of the good faith of his government the average citizen at the same time has a keen realization of what it might do if it tried. He knows that it does not have to stand the insults of these comic opera republics if it wants to strike back with its army and navy. To him the spectacle of Mexico or any other country of the hot tamale belt defying the great republic is ludicrous.

The truth is that the stay-at-home citizen does not realize that the grabbing money interests have made themselves as unpopular abroad as they have at home. In Central and South America many mining, timber and agricultural concessions have been cornered by rich Americans. If, when they got a foothold, they minded their own business and kept out of the private affairs of the countries in which they are we would have little trouble. Instead of doing this, however they interfere there as they interfere here. The result is that a few wealthy adventurers serve not only to discredit the Americans who do tend strictly to their own affairs in foreign lands, but also cast a suspicion on the good faith of the whole nation.

Not all of our trouble with Central and South America is due to this cause, but part of it undoubtedly is. Friction has been caused by the calm attitude of superiority which so many administrations have assumed toward

the Latin-Americans. It has seemed to those southerners as though we imagined we had a corner on all the good government and civilization in the world. Naturally they don't like it.

Another cause lies in the fact that we have been over-imperious and over-orient by turns. We have veered from one policy to another instead of adopting one steady course and adhering to it.

Mexico has offered a peculiarly troublesome and puzzling problem only because it is so near to us and because it has been so torn by discussion the last few years. The hostile attitude toward the United States shown there is, however, not peculiar to it, but is the common attitude of Latin-America. It is high time for us either to lick somebody as an example to the others to make a definite and consistent attempt to make friends with our southern neighbors

DECALOGUE FOR INFANTILE HEALTH.

The Brooklyn Civic league which has been waging a campaign against the house fly, has drawn up a set of commandments for babies' health, each commandment being amplified and explained for the benefit of mothers. The commandments are as follows:

- Do not give your baby impure milk.
- Do not give your baby ice water.
- Keep the flies off the baby's food, and do not give it anything to eat on which the flies have feasted, unless it has first been boiled.
- Do not dress your baby too warmly.
- Bathe your baby a few times each day.
- Do not keep your baby in the kitchen.
- Do not allow your baby to lie directly in the sun.
- Do not give your baby any tea, coffee, or alcoholic drinks.
- Do not give your baby any pacifiers.
- Do not give your child any soothing syrups.

A BABEL OF WORDS.

The English language continues to make headway. It is now spoken by at least 160,000,000 persons the world over, as against the German language which is spoken by 130,000,000, the Russian spoken by 100,000,000, the French by 70,000,000, the Spanish and the Italian by 50,000,000 each and the Portuguese by 25,000,000.

Undoubtedly, if accurate statistics could be collected, the number of persons who can read, write and speak English in addition to their own native tongues, would really exceed the number of those who speak any other language in addition to their own. The Americans and the English are the world's greatest travelers, and in catering to these travelers the peoples of other countries have felt obliged to learn the English.

Our own language according to the latest dictionaries, now contains about half a million words. It is growing at the rate of 5,000 words a year. It is interesting to know that an author-

ity credits Theodore Roosevelt with being one of the men who has enlarged the language. However, the colonel is outranked by Sir Ernest Shackleton, the explorer. It is through writers who penetrate into new fields, making words used by hitherto unknown peoples part of our own language, that enlarge the dictionary more than others.

Any person who sets out to learn all the languages and sublanguages of the world will have a gigantic task on his hands, for it is estimated that these number at least 3,500. This task, however, would appear to be hardly less arduous than that of a person who sought to learn all of the 500,000 words which now constitute our own English tongue.

The integrity of the tobacco trust is now being questioned. In all fairness to the trust, it never claimed that the electric cigar came under the pure food law.

The Rochester, Pa., council will decide what women shall wear in that town. If the members are all married men it's safe to bet it's something cheap.

Lack of pride in not covering his bean with a toupee is a source of much physical comfort to the bald-headed man in hot weather.

A WORD OF THANKS.

La Grande, Aug. 1.—To the Editor, La Grande Evening Observer: Will you kindly grant us the privilege through your columns, of expressing to the people of La Grande our most grateful thanks for their sympathy and generous work given during the fire on our plant, Sunday night, July 27th, especially the unselfish work that was furnished by the citizens, firemen and our employees. If it had not been for such assistance we certainly could not have saved our saw mill, larns, shaving vault, machine and blacksmith shop, planing mill, box factory and dry sheds, notwithstanding organization and preparedness. Words cannot express our feeling towards our employees. To a man they showed their loyalty in all ways; they were on duty many hours without a murmur, going from one post to another as circumstances demanded. While we know that they feel that the company appreciates beyond measure their hard work and self denials, we cannot let it pass without so expressing it.

One learns in their hour of trials and disaster their friends, as selfishness and strife is pushed aside, and we become one great family.

Again thanking one and all for their generous work, we remain,

Yours very truly,
The George Palmer Lumber Co.,
By George Palmer, President

NOTICE TO QUALIFIED VOTERS.

The New Commission Charter is now ready for distribution—and all qualified voters desiring a copy can secure one by applying at the office of the City Recorder.

LEE WARNICK,
City Recorder.
Adv. 7-29 St

National Tennis Title Today.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 1.—Society turned out in force today to witness the first day's play in the competitions for the national singles and doubles championships which are being played on the Newport Tennis club courts under the auspices of the National Lawn Tennis association.

Challenge Issued to La Grande.

John Weller, chairman of the athletic committee of the Baker Y. M. C. A., has issued a challenge to the La Grande Y. M. C. A. for a relay race between teams representing the two institutions some time in October. It proposes that each team be composed of 20 runners but makes no further suggestions except for a meeting of representatives of each city to perfect plans in case the Union county town proposes to entertain the challenge.—Baker Democrat.

Campers Return.

J. T. Williamson and a group of six boys have returned from a few days outing on Mt. Emily. The youngsters had a delightful time with Mr. Williamson as "chaperone." They report huckleberries plentiful but ripening and that it will require more sunshine to prepare the fields for the next year.

Frencholan Denounced.

Paris, Aug. 1.—Bitter denunciation of the French government's failure to prevent the French banks from lending money to Mexico, was voiced in the chamber of deputies by Deputy Perrissou. "The savings of the public," he said, "are prejudiced by lending money to an unstable government."

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