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THE EVACUATION OF MEXICO

It is with a feeling of relief that we read the plan for the evacuation of Mexico by General Pershing.

We have been uneasy ever since this expedition entered Mexico. In the first place it was too small. It was not well planned from a military standpoint. It was not well equipped. To accomplish its object—the capture of Villa—would have required 500,000 men, well equipped with cavalry, aeroplanes, machine guns, artillery and automobiles.

We have no such army, no such equipment.

We should have but we haven't. Therefore since we are not a military power, since we have no army, nor the necessary equipment for one, and since we do not care very much whether we capture Villa or restore peace and order in Mexico—the best thing we can do is to get out of a country where we are not wanted and where the presence of a handful of American soldiers is a constant irritation and a possible cause of war.

Under the present circumstances we heartily approve of the evacuation of Mexico as a prudent and wise act.

We hope that we will not cross the Mexican border again with American troops unless we do so with the full intention of restoring order in that unfortunate country and with some realization of how difficult that job will be and how many men and how much treasure it will take.

Our \$100,000,000 jaunt of the militia to the border should give us the basis for an estimate at least.

GENERAL WHITE

Adjutant General White took a leave of absence to go to the front as captain of the boys of Troop A, Oregon cavalry. No sooner had he gone than a cabal of National Guard politicians whom he had offended because he had exposed their official delinquencies, peculations and embezzlements began to wage war on him with the aid and comfort of the partisan press. General White is an able man, a conscientious officer and a patriotic citizen. He demonstrated his ability and won credit for Oregon by the rapid mobilization of the Oregon troops at a time when we all thought we were going to war with Mexico. While he was gone the copperheads continued their work and they are still at it. Now that the governor has recalled him to present the needs of the Oregon militia to the legislature, they will try to make it appear that by going to the front he surrendered his right to hold the office of adjutant general. General White is not dependent upon the state of Oregon for a job. With his experience he could get a commission in the regular army, and he can always make as much by his pen as he can in the service of the state. But he is a soldier by instinct and profession, and the state of Oregon cannot afford to lose his services. The legislature should listen to General White's recommendations and vote to sustain the governor's military administration which has reflected credit upon the state.

If the legislature would pass the bone-dry bill, the rural credits bill and adjourn the people would have a sigh of relief.

The Portland Woman's club is 21 years of age. It's about time to stop having birthdays.

CIRCUIT JUDGES SALARIES

The editor of The Observer notices that some peanut legislator is trying to make a name for economy by introducing a bill to cut down the salaries of circuit judge from \$4000 a year to \$3600.

He is the kind of an ass that gets into the legislature and brays to the disgust of all.

There is no clamor for this law. Circuit judges in the state of Oregon command the respect of the people. They should be well paid. They give up their private practice when they take these positions.

They should be elected for life and during good behavior as the federal judges are appointed for life.

We hope there are enough sane men in the legislature to vote down this foolish bill which is contrary to all good sound public policy.

CONSOLIDATION

Representative Brownell is right when he says that the people of the state are watching the legislature and demanding economy and efficiency. The people want useless state commissions wiped out and other commissions consolidated. We will not go so far as to say that they want the boards of trustees of the state university and state agricultural college combined. They are reasonably well satisfied with the management of these two institutions. But the governor's recommendations for economy should be carried out. There are too many state officers, too many state inspectors. The way to start in economizing is to start in consolidating.

A GOOD BILL

Representative Stott has introduced a bill in the house appropriating \$33,000 to pay the members of Troop A and Battery A, now in the service on the Mexican border, at the rate of 75 cents a day from September 1 to March 1 or until the time they are called home.

The purpose of the measure is to show the boys on the border that the state of Oregon has some substantial appreciation of their service and to encourage future enlistments.

This is a worthy bill and should be passed.

The state of Oregon should show our soldiers that we are grateful for their patriotic services.

Picked Up By The Stroller

I'm looking for the man who put the "pep" in pepper.

Some one asked me what "Aesthetic dancing" was and I told her it was dancing without stepping on your partner's dress or feet.

Some one says, "A kiss without a squeeze is like a pie without cheese." A girl once told me "A kiss from a man without a mustache is like an egg without salt. I didn't wear a mustache in those days."

It's too bad to make senators and congressmen walk right up to the rack and vote on the wet and dry issue. Why can't the people leave us statesmen alone? What's the matter with 'em anyway.

Senator Milton A. Miller, U. S. collector of internal revenue, is sending out letters to all his friends and corporations and others urging them to kick in with their income taxes or go to jail. The senator didn't send me one, I'm pleased to be able to relate, although I wished he had been able to. I wouldn't mind paying the tax and I think I would be just as good a citizen if I were a plutocrat.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

Rochester (N. Y.) Evening Times—A domestic science writer advises housewives to clean silk with raw potatoes. Might better buy new silk if they wish to practice economy.

Vashon (Wash.) News—Perhaps General Pershing has been instructed to forget what he was sent after. Or possibly he has adopted the "watchful waiting" policy—waiting for Villa to call on him.

Omaha Bee—Expert calculators assert there is enough gold in the country to give each person, big and little \$17.50. Well, who is obstructing the distribution?

Paterson (N. J.) Call—Some people think that the war was brought on by the school-book trust in order to sell geographies.

Do something to help the public library along. It is one of the best moves started in Prairie for some time.—Grant County Journal.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Why Not Regulate Everything. Opposition of the Board of Governors of the Cincinnati Advertisers' Club to the Randall advertising bill pending in Congress is timely and sensible. This measure, if enacted into law will establish a precedent which quickly and easily may lead to governmental censorship of all printed matter. If it becomes unlawful to publish advertising relating to

Clean-Up and Clearance Sale. Reductions in Every Department Through the Entire Store. LADIES' DEPARTMENT: Your choice of any Ladies' Coat or Suit in the store, at \$6.49. Silk Dresses, Wool Dresses, the season's newest styles, all sizes and most all colors, at a reduction of 33 1-3 per cent. One lot of Ladies' Coats, Suits and Dresses. Your choice \$1.98. Entire stock of Skirts Reduced 25 per cent. Silk, Lawn and Crepe de Chene Waists, the latest winter styles at 1-4 off. MEN'S DEPARTMENT: Clean-Up Sale of Men's Suits and Overcoats. \$15.00 Suits and Overcoats \$10.00. \$17.50 Suits and Overcoats \$11.65. \$20.00 Suits and Overcoats \$13.35. \$25.00 Suits and Overcoats \$16.65. \$30.00 Suits and Overcoats \$20.00. One Lot Men's Suits and Overcoats. Small Sizes, values to \$22.50, your choice \$6.90. Your choice of any Boys' Suit at a Reduction of 33 1-3 per cent. Broken lines of Underwear, reduced 33 1-3 per cent. Entire Ladies' Shoe Stock at Reduced Prices. N. N. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE.

the sale of intoxicating liquors, it will be but a step to prohibit the advertising of tobacco, of underwear, of stockings or of any other commodity in which a large portion of the public is interested. It would almost appear that a law so drastic in its operation would be in contravention of the constitutional guarantees to the press. Not because the bill in question relates to advertising of alcohol, but for the broader reason that it impinges upon personal rights, members of Congress should study the measure seriously before committing themselves to its support.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The White Paper Crisis.

White paper is the newspaper's raw material. It is like the leather of the shoe manufacturer, or the lumber of the furniture factory. The newspaper takes the white paper, stamps it with ink, divides the product into packages and sells them. This blank paper is by far the biggest single item in the cost of producing a newspaper of large circulation. Consequently the unprecedented and enormous advance in the price of white paper has made an acute crisis in the publishing business.

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Adam Hood of Fairfield, S. C.

Under the title "He Has Not Died in Vain," the State of Columbia, S. C., printed last month an editorial which to our mind expresses very nobly the feeling of the true south regarding the lynching evil. It is the more worth noting because of the shallow and mawkish sophistry with which mob law is often defended in all parts of our easy-going republic. The State says:

Some day the history of Fairfield county will be written, and when it is written the story of Adam Hood, sheriff, who defended his prisoners with his life, who, wounded to death, carried in his arms the mortally stricken negro charged with a heinous crime and laid him before the bar of justice, will be told in it, and the school children of Fairfield will be taught to honor the name of this officer as symbolizing the unflinching courage of the Anglo-Saxon race and the unfaltering loyalty to laws that the people make that has made it a free race among the peoples of the earth. That the prisoner was a vile and miserable wretch accused of the most hated of crimes will the more be pointed to as illustrating the heroism of the sheriff who died in defense of the trust placed in him by his people and the

duty to them which he had undertaken to do.

To say this calls for no voice of prophecy. It is but to reason from these simple truths that are everlasting and that shall not perish unless faithfulness and honor, peace and law, and all those things which together we call civilization, shall perish too.

We set it down that no public officer who dies in the performance of duty dies in vain.—Collier's.

The famous congregational clergyman editor of the Outlook, Dr. Lyman Abbott, vigorously supports the universal military training idea in a letter to Senator Chamberlain of Oregon. Dr. Abbott says that universal training would "promote a spirit of real patriotism.—Union Republican.

Canadians Vexed.

President Wilson's peace note is commented on bitterly by Canadian press. Toronto Evening Telegram says note will do more harm to future of United States than to the allied cause, and adds that "the President has exhausted the mischief-making possibilities of his interference in Germany's game to secure peace at any cost." Toronto Globe says proposals will not be received with greater cordiality than the efforts of Von Bethmann-Holweg.—Boston News Bureau.

CHICAGO PROBES SCANDAL

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police sergeants and lieutenants and underworld gangsters, has operated with a mapped and card indexed record of brothels, dives, saloons and fly-by-night hotels, thieves, gamblers and other crooks, and that his income from his "business," which Hoynes says was run on a strict efficiency basis, has been not less than \$20,000 a year. In the spectacular midnight catch in Hoynes's carefully cast net there were brought to the surface of Tuesday morning's daylight, in addition to Chief Healey:

Tom Costello, alleged to be the man behind the police chief and himself an active collector of bribes and graft;

William A. (Billy) Skidmore, called the "King of the West Side Levee"; "Mike the Pike" Heitler, who for years has been levee king and said to operate a string of gambling joints and brothels;

Lieutenant Martin White, commander of the Lake street station. Also since arrested or to be arrested; Lieutenants Edward Grady of the West 13th street station, Lieutenant John Hartford, North Halstead street station and Sergeant John Naughton, Healey's confidential secretary.

All the warrants charge conspiracy to commit extortion, bribery, and to open disorderly houses and gambling houses.

This clique, according to Hoynes, made a business of once a week collecting bribes from brothels, thieves, gambling men and other crooks, amounting to \$1000 a week; also from saloonkeepers for not interfering with illegal liquor sales; also from policemen desiring promotion from the ranks of lieutenants desiring promotion to captaincies; also from property owners desiring tax reductions.

Hoynes charged police officers who objected to the system were intimidated by being transferred from their home sections to undesirable precincts far out in the suburbs.

Hoynes also charged the clique planned a trust to control all prison contracts at Joliet in the event Healey were appointed warden. Hoynes chose the psychological mo-

ment to trap his men. Regular collections were made, he said, Saturdays and Sundays and on Monday nights the spoils would be divided.

It was Monday night, January 8, when Costello, Heitler and Skidmore were arrested in a raid by Hoynes's men on Costello's office while the three were engaged, Hoynes says, in dividing \$1000 in bills on the table before them. Several of these bills, Hoynes says, were marked and traced "from the brothels from which they were extorted, to the table before the trio."

Hoynes also claims he has evidence showing that Costello has more than once been trailed to Healey's home.

A book taken from Lieutenant White, who was arrested at the table with Costello, Heitler and Skidmore, listed practically every resort in Chicago under the headings: "Can't be raided," "Can be raided," "Find out," "Chief's places." Hotels were listed: "Three ways," "Can be raided."

INCOME TAX MAN IS HERE

That Sweek, of the internal revenue department of the United States government, will remain in the city over tomorrow to assist any Union county citizen who wishes information in regard to the income tax law and the recent amendments to the law. Mr. Sweek is here purely in an advisory

capacity. "After March 1, those who come within the meaning of the law and who do not declare their incomes," says Mr. Sweek, "will be searched out and punished."

Notice.

Anyone desiring to purchase or lease Wallowa Lake Park write or call immediately. Good proposition for immediate acceptance. Doctor orders change of climate for my wife. J. F. Egensperger, Joseph, Ore. 1-8-13

THE WHAT-YOU-MAY COLUMN

Hats.

The hat is an ingenious contraption invented by man to give the top of his head something to do. But its usefulness doesn't stop there. A man can get a lot of fun out of his hat if he just knows how.

Some men have reduced their hats to a science. They make them pastime, exercise and employment. They take them out windy days and chase them. Or mix them up at restaurants and fight about them with strangers. And when they have nothing else to do they use them to talk through. The hat is what some men always pass and no woman ever does.

The La Grande National Bank Issues Booklet "BANKING MADE PLAIN". Educating the public in a practical knowledge of the simple methods of banking is a mission to which enterprising banks all over the country are more and more devoting themselves, and as a means of service to the community, one of the latest booklets along this line entitled "Banking Made Plain" is now being distributed by the La Grande National Bank. The booklet is noteworthy because of condensing into a small space a really remarkable amount of practical information, concisely yet readably stated, and typographically attractive. The forepart of this booklet gives in a concise manner the preliminary requirements of banking in relation to deposits, checks, and accounts. There are fifteen sub-heads under the heading "Accounts", thirty sub-heads under the heading of "Checks", fifteen sub-heads under the heading of "Deposits" and other main headings followed by various sub-titles are "Identification", "Overdrafts", "Banking by Mail" and how a "Clearing House" operates. A few of the Sub-heads will serve to indicate the nature and scope of the booklet, as follows: "How to Open an Account", "Forms of Accounts which can be Opened", "How to Balance Your Account", "Bank Statement", "Deposits for Collection", "Deposits by Mail", "Deposits of Husband and Wife", "Death of Depositor", etc. We find more good information under "Checks" such as "How to Draw a Check", "Altered Check", "Lost Check", "Undated", "Post Dated", "To Stop Payment", etc. The latter part of the booklet deals with what every borrower should know and gives a similar wealth of information and includes brief and adequate treatment of such subjects as "Notes", "Collateral", "Discounts", "Note Made by Minor", "Note Made by Married Woman", "Negotiability" and many others. Under the head of "Drafts" and "Bills of Exchange" are "Acceptance", "Acceptance for Honor", "Due Date" "Joint Drawee", "Notice", etc. Then follows "Indorsements", giving an explanation of many kinds and liability of indorsers, following this up with the important subjects of "Protest", "Collections", "Lost Paper", and some very useful "Bank Don'ts". Any one who wishes a copy need only apply at the bank where they will be distributed free.