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Why Not Clean Up Mexico Now?

With the German war pretty well cleaned up, the United States is beginning to turn its attention once more to Mexico. The situation there appears increasingly bad. German propaganda went on unrebutted and unrestrained, until the recent recall of the infamous German minister, Baron von Eckhardt, at the request of our government. Carranza has continued his old policy of flouting the United States, disregarding the rights of Americans and their property and fanning the flames of popular prejudice against all things American.

This time there may be no fooling. It is announced at Washington from official sources that Uncle Sam is ready to deal with any eventuality. Cavalry regiments are strung along the border. There are thousands of marines at Galveston and Guantanamo. There are large forces of infantry in the Texas cantonments. Seasoned troops are returning from France all the time, and by no means all of them are being demobilized. The general staff has long had complete plans prepared for the advance of an American army across the Mexican frontier. There is an ample fleet of warships and transports that are ready for service.

It behooves old Carranza and his gang to walk warily. Having failed to learn from experience, however, they can hardly be expected to show any sudden access of wisdom at this late stage of the game.

A new revolution is said to be imminent in Mexico, holding out hope of better conditions. Either the launching of such a revolution or the commission of further unfriendly acts by Carranza or his people might result in American intervention and a general cleaning up of political, economic and hygienic conditions in Mexico.

Most Americans would welcome such a conclusion, if it proves to be really necessary. The job could presumably be done now without having our motives misconstrued by Latin-America. There is no desire to work any injustice on the Mexican people, to deprive them of any of their rights or territory or wealth. But there is a strong desire to get rid of a troublesome situation of long standing. It is intolerable that a great nation that brought the German empire to its knees should continue having its rights ignored and its self-respect flouted by so backward and negligible a country as Mexico.

The Millions and Millions of Dead.

Officially the French have not stated their losses, but M. Lucien Volin, the Socialist deputy, puts the number of killed alone at 1,400,000, which is probably from 300,000 to 400,000 below the actual figures for those who died from all causes. Unofficially also Germany's dead have been given as 2,000,000. The latest official reports for the British armies were 609,000 dead, and to date the Americans killed and dead from wounds and disease in Pershing's forces exceed 60,000. Over 4,000,000 dead from this four armies would be a very conservative estimate.

Russia's losses were appalling; they run into the millions. For Italy the figures are high, but are not yet definitely known. With Austria, Hungary, Turkey, Bulgaria, Serbia, Roumania, Belgium, Portugal and Greece still to be added, it would not be far wrong to assume that the total number of killed and dead in all

the armies in the great war will reach at least 10,000,000.

It can never be accurately reckoned how many more millions of men, women and children perished from privation and sickness due to war conditions. Of Armenians alone massacred by the Turks or condemned to starvation the estimate exceed 7,500,000. It will never be known with reasonable certainty how great was the slaughter in all the countries visited by war, or how many victims outside the armies succumbed to hunger, exposure and sickness. The greatest plague ever known in the history of the world has swept the earth, and it was man's deliberate doing.

Be Careful—Flu May Come Again.

A very timely suggestion is offered by the Portland Journal regarding the caution people should use in their diet for the flu may see fit to make a return visit to this county. The Journal says:

Medical men are pretty well agreed that the second year of an epidemic like the influenza is more dangerous than the first. The germs seem to accumulate virulence for a second assault during the interval of quiet after their first.

While it is by no means certain that the plague will sweep over the country again it may do so. No precautions against it should be relaxed. Everybody should take care of his health for his own sake and for the sake of the public. No colds should be caught by carelessness, there should be no coughing and sneezing in public and no spitting on the street. It is a good time to remember the ounce of prevention which is worth tons of cure. A serious menace to the public health just at this moment is the over-eating in which many people permit themselves to indulge since the war restrictions have been relaxed.

The cannon have stopped killing men in Europe, so why on earth should we not stop killing ourselves at home by stuffing our stomachs with unnecessary food? Over-eating weakens the constitution and opens the body's fortress to the onset of influenza. If we must err let it be on the side of abstinence. Nobody is ever made ill by eating too little of his own choice.

Planning Temple of Peace for All Future Time.

Balfour, the British statesman, said when the armistice was signed: "Our work and sacrifice will be in vain if the two English-speaking peoples do not set out to build a temple of humanity that no future generations will ever see destroyed."

Now that President Wilson is in England, the time is ripe to perfect the plans for that temple. Let us hope that the president and premier are making the most of it.

The temple of peace is already planned in the hearts of the American and British people. It is only a question whether, as President Wilson lately remarked, the statesmen who will sit at the peace conference have enough "wisdom and purpose" to make the popular will effective.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Anyhow, you don't smell mothballs as much as you used to before the girls got the habit of wearing their furs all summer.

One would think more of the government admonition not to waste fuel if he could get hold of a little fuel to conserve.

Now, some fool suggests that all the women of the country be classified according to age. Doesn't he know it can't be done?

The news from the western front contains the mellifluous village name of Sauchy-Cauchy. It sounds like an oriental dance.

We can almost imagine the consternation that will reign among the Huns when Ty Cobb starts running wild on the bases over there.

The boat-rocking idiot has not been so much in evidence this season. Perhaps it is because he has been caught in the hunt for slackers.

Another fool notion that has to be pounded out of the Hun head is that he could start a war and then quit when he wanted to.

Union church services are a logical result of a shortage of coal. It might be a good thing to hold union poker club sessions this winter, too.

A recent army order prohibits the use of bugle calls on the battlefield. Show this paragraph to the kid who keeps you awake by practicing.

Exercise will keep one warm and conserve fuel, but not exercise of the imagination. For countless periods has that there is coal in the basement bin.

In spite of all the strutting that has been directed against them at home, the De Witts and their kind seem to be getting their share of strafing the Germans at the front.

MOTORS SPEED THEM TO FRONT



Motor trucks by the tens of thousands have made the great war different from any other in adding mobility to the opposing armies. Where preparation for battles in previous years required days, hours are now necessary. Since taxicabs won the first battle of the Marne, gasoline and rubber have been increasing factors.

Some of the American troops in recent battles, perhaps those shown above in a momentary halt in a French village, have traveled thirty hours with hardly a stop for rest.

THE BIVOUAC OF THE DEAD

(The following poem is dedicated to our boys who gave their lives for humanity and who are buried in France. Composed and copyrighted by George D. Perry.)

The muffled drums and roll has beat
The soldiers' last tattoo.
No more on life's parade shall meet
That brave and fallen few,
On fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And glory guards with solemn
The bivouac of the dead.

No rumor of the foe's advance
Now swells upon the wind,
Nor troubled thought at midnight
haunts
Of loved ones left behind.
No vision of the morrow's strife
The warriors dream alarms,
No braying horn, no screaming file
At dawn shall call to arms.

Their shivering swords are red with
rust,
Their plumed heads are bowed,
Their haughty banner, trailed in
dust
Is now their martial shroud,
And plenteous funeral tears have
washed
The red stains from each brow,
And the proud forms by battle
gashed
Are free from anguish now.

The "neighing troop, the flashing
blade,
The bugle's stirring blast,
The charge, the dreadful cannonade,
The din and shout are passed,
Nor war's wild notes, nor Glory's
peal,
Shall thrill with fierce delight,
Those breasts that never more shall
feel
The rapture of the fight.

Like the fierce northern hurricane,
That sweeps the great plateau,
Flashed with the triumph yet to
gain.

Came down the serried foe,
Who heard the thunder of the fray
Break o'er the field beneath,
Knew well the watch word of that
day.

Was "Victory or Death."
Beneath their parent turf they rest,
Far from the glory field,
Borne to a Spartan mother's breast,
On many a bloody shield,
The sunshine of their native sky,
Smiles sadly on them here,
And kindred eyes and hearts watch by
The hero's sepulchre.

Rest on, embalmed and sainted
dead,
Dear is the blood you gave,
No lustrous footsteps here shall
tread

The herbage of your grave,
Nor shall your glory be forgot,
White Fame, her record keeps,
Or Honor points the hallowed spot
Where Valor proudly sleeps.

You marble minstrel's voiceful stone,
In deathless song shall tell,
When many a vanished year hath
flown,
The story of how you fell,
Nor wreck, nor change, nor win-
ter's blight,
Nor time's remorseless doom,
Can dim one ray of holy light,
That glids your glorious tomb,
GEO. D. PERRY.

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That in Austria smoking is to be restricted to 25 cigarettes or ten cigars a week?

That an onion poultice beats all others for easing neuralgic or rheumatic pains, sore throats, etc.?

That an volatile, a teaspoonful to a quart of water, sometimes revives window plants that apparently are dead?

ABOUT FATS

The fat of plants is contained in the seeds.

At least a third of the body's food should be fat.

Cocoa is the only popular beverage which has "fat."

Body fat is of three kinds—stearine, palmitin and oleine.

Fats yield glycerin, an essential component of high explosives.

A loin of mutton has more fat nutriment than any other joint.

In human bodies the fat is in the bone, marrow and adipose tissue.

British home-grown meat is the second richest in fat, American being first.

Next!

Next to the poet who is always wanting a loan is the chap who is always offering to lend you money when you don't want it.

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