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The way to coax T. R. back into the republican party is to give him the nomination for president. This will bring him.

Thirteen is Judge McNary's lucky number.—Salem Statesman. The Judge is infringing on the prior rights of Woodrow Wilson.

Lend A Hand, the newspaper published in the Oregon penitentiary by convicts, should have a larger circulation. Every issue is a warning against the folly of wrong doing.

Numerous papers are complaining that it costs too much to be a candidate under the primary system. As long as the cost doesn't decrease the number of candidates the country will continue to be saved.

It is true, as Mr. Taft remarks, that Mexico is an "international nuisance." But identifying a nuisance doesn't abate it. What is Mr. Taft's recipe?—McMinnville Telephone-Register. Mr. Taft handled the "nuisance" very well while he was president.

Wilson and Bryan's friendship for Carranza and Villa has been evident for some time, and it is probable that they are depending on the Constitutionalist leaders to settle the Mexican problem.—Eugene Register. Give Villa plenty of powder and shot and he will shoot his way to peace and take care of the remains.

Both friends and enemies of Theodore Roosevelt hope that he will be the progressive candidate for governor of New York this fall. His friends predict that he would be triumphantly elected making his nomination for the presidency in 1916 sure. His enemies declare that he would be badly beaten thus removing him as a political factor for all time. It is hardly thought that Roosevelt will risk a test of his popularity so early in the political game.

The Shop Opposite

By F. A. MITCHEL

"The shop opposite," said Mrs. Smith to her husband one morning while they were dressing, "has been at last taken. The sign 'To Let' has disappeared."

"Um," grunted Mr. Smith, who was tying his cravat before the mirror.

"The shop opposite has been opened as a meat and vegetable market," said Mrs. Smith to her husband a few mornings later while he was brushing his hair.

"Um," said Mr. Smith again.

"Do you know, dear," said Mrs. Smith on a third occasion, "that the shop opposite is kept by a very pretty lady-like woman? She has such a sad face."

"Why do you take so much interest in the shop opposite?" asked Mr. Smith.

"I admit that at first it was through curiosity, but now it is from a different motive. This sad-faced woman is doing a very good business. She is selling much cheaper than the other stores, but delivers no goods. Every purchaser must carry home what he has bought."

"I don't yet see the motive you spoke of."

"I haven't got to it yet. What puzzles me is that, though there are many purchases, there are few buyers. I have been able to count only seven persons going into the store today, but some of them have gone in eight or ten times."

"You don't call that curiosity, do you?"

"No."

"What is it?"

"Interest."

"Um," said Mr. Smith, and he went downstairs to breakfast.

That was the beginning of what became to Mrs. Smith a mystery, but in which Mr. Smith took no interest whatever. If his wife told him that one little pale-faced boy took out twenty packages during the day he simply remarked that the shopowner had probably hired him to make deliveries. Probably she would set up a wagon after awhile.

"I tell you, dear," said Mrs. Smith one morning, when the shop opposite had been running several weeks, "there's something peculiar about that business. I never see any of the neighbors trading there. I've watched the persons who go in there and they are nearly all under twenty years of age. I know every one of them. There's a young fellow about eighteen, a girl about sixteen, a—"

"Surely, my dear, you were right when you said your motive was interest, not curiosity," said Mr. Smith ironically.

"I shall not say anything more to you about that shop, but you'll find out."

"I am quite content to await developments."

Two days after this announcement Mrs. Smith said to her husband:

"I was looking out the window yesterday and saw that pale-faced boy coming out with so many bundles he couldn't carry them. He dropped one of them on the sidewalk, the paper broke, and what do you suppose came out on the flags?"

"What?"

"Oh, I forgot. I wasn't to say anything more about the shop opposite, was I?"

"I suppose it was flour."

"No, it wasn't."

"Sugar?"

"No. You needn't ask any more. I shall not gratify your curiosity."

"Interest, you mean." And Mr. Smith left his wife with a slight show of impatience.

One morning Mrs. Smith got out of bed and, going to the window, uttered an exclamation of surprise.

"What is it, dear?" asked her husband.

"The shop opposite is closed, and a policeman is standing before the door."

"Well?"

"I do hope that poor woman hasn't got into trouble."

There was a brief silence, after which Mr. Smith asked his wife to tell him what had come out of the bundle that had dropped on the sidewalk.

"Dirt," she said.

"Dirt?"

"Yes, nothing but dirt."

Mr. Smith arose, dressed and went down to breakfast. His wife begged him to go across the street and ask the policeman what had happened, but he declined to go till after he had breakfasted. Then he sallied forth, talked awhile with the officer and returned.

"Well?" asked his wife.

"Your interest in the shop opposite had a foundation after all. You know the jail is on the other street, and it backs up against the shop. Last night a prisoner escaped through a tunnel leading from the shop to his cell. His wife kept the shop, his oldest son dug the tunnel, and his children carried away the earth in paper bags."

"Perhaps," replied Mrs. Smith, "when I tell you hereafter that something is going on in the neighborhood you'll be here too."

"I don't see why they keep these stupid men in the police force when they can get women. One woman for such a service is worth a hundred men."

"My dear," said Mrs. Smith a year later, "the man who escaped through the tunnel is innocent. The real criminal has confessed."

BLOCKADE OF PORT ORDERED BY HUERTA

Sends Two Gunboats to Tampico to Head off Munitions for Mexican Rebels.

Washington.—A new crisis in the Mexican situation was brought about by President Huerta ordering gunboats to blockade the port of Tampico and to seize a cargo of ammunition en route there for rebels aboard the Antilla, from New York, flying the Cuban flag. Huerta notified the powers of his intention to blockade the port and that he proposed to seize the cargo consigned to the belligerents against his sovereignty as a contraband of war.

The purpose of the United States to suppress the attempt to blockade and prevent interference with the Antilla was indicated when Secretary Daniels issued an official statement announcing that while no new orders had been given Admiral Badger, there had been no change in the policy of the government in reference to the desire that the port of Tampico shall be open to all commerce.

That an attempt to carry out the Huerta blockade decree will be made was verified by Admiral Badger in a report to the navy department from Vera Cruz. He advised that the Mexican gunboats Zaragoza and Bravo, which left Puerto Mexico had passed Vera Cruz and were steaming toward Tampico.

Huerta Orders Blockade of Tampico. Mexico City.—The foreign office sent a note to the legations notifying them that the port of Tampico had been blockaded by order of President Huerta. The United States government was also notified through the Spanish minister at Washington.

VERA CRUZ PRICES SOAR

Funston May Open Army Food Market to Restore Normal Costs.

Vera Cruz.—Brigadier-General Funston announced that he contemplated appointing a commission of Mexican residents and American army officers to investigate the increased cost of living in Vera Cruz since the occupation.

Complaints have reached the general that wholesale dealers and importers have been squeezing the retail dealers and hotelkeepers. Several importers are known to have considerable stocks on hand, but they are forcing up the prices.

It is said General Funston may seek permission to sell army subsistence to restore normal prices.

Deputies Guard John D.

Tarrytown, N. Y.—To guard against molestation of John D. Rockefeller and his son at Pocantico Hills, thought to be possible due to strike developments in Colorado, 16 deputies from the White Plains county jail were placed on the Rockefeller estate.

PRESIDENT BELITTLES HASTY WAR SPIRIT

Annapolis, Md.—President Wilson aroused special interest in closing his address to the naval academy graduating class by his declaration that the young men of the navy should be ready to fight for the public welfare, "and not merely on the drop of a hat or upon some slight punctilio." In view of the "flag incident" at Vera Cruz and its subsequent disappearance from the discussion of Mexican affairs, this reference to punctilio as falling short of being a casus belli was noted with smiles and knowing nods.

The president also told the young midshipmen that the boys down at Vera Cruz would leave as their most lasting impression on the people of Mexico the fact of their self-control, not the way they fought.

A great crowd of 6,000 persons, of all ages, sexes and relatives and friends of the graduates, filled the armory.

Indictments Found Against Plumbers.

Des Moines.—Indictments were returned against 26 officials and members of the National Association of Master Plumbers and officials of state organizations in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa by the federal grand jury. The indictments charge conspiracy in restraint of trade in violation of the Sherman antitrust law. It is specifically alleged that the National Association of Master Plumbers has been operating in violation of law ever since its organization in 1884.

10,000 Workmen Strike.

Pittsburg.—Ten thousand workmen employed by the Westinghouse interests in the plant of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing company, the Westinghouse Machine company and the Pittsburg Meier company, struck.

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Administration Trust Program Bills Passed, Are Now Up to Senate.

Washington.—All three bills on the administration trust legislation programme passed the house and were sent to the senate for action.

Opposition melted when the final test came, and the voting went through quickly. The Covington interstate trade commission bill was passed without a record vote; the Clayton omnibus anti-trust measure received 275 votes to 54 against it, and the vote on the Rayburn railroad capitalization bill was 352 to 12.

The Covington trade commission bill would create a commission with broad inquisitorial powers over corporations engaged in interstate commerce.

Bureau of Corporations Abolished.

After abolishing the bureau of corporations and the positions of commissioner and assistant commissioner of corporations, the bill would turn over the organization and powers of the bureau to the new commission. It then provides that all corporations with a capital of not less than \$5,000,000, except those now subject to the interstate commerce commission, shall submit annual reports, "records of its organization, bondholders and stockholders and financial condition" to the commission. The commission may also designate corporations having a capitalization of less than \$5,000,000 from whom it desires reports. It may call for special reports, in addition to the regular annual statements required by the bill, and would provide a penalty of \$100 a day for delay in filing reports.

Senate May Segregate Bills.

The senate interstate commerce committee voted to report out only the trade commission measure of the trust bills. The action was construed by many as an indication of limitation of the administration's programme at the present session of congress.

There was no record vote. In a general discussion some senators opposed the motion and others declared themselves opposed to the bill at the present time. Chairman Newlands said the committee later might take up supplemental legislation and issued this statement:

"The committee determined to segregate the trade commission from the supplemental legislation and authorized me to present an amendment in the nature of a substitute for my original bill for a trade commission. The committee concluded to name the trade commission the federal trade commission, instead of the interstate trade commission, in order to clearly distinguish it from the interstate commerce commission."

Mellen's Story of Sacrifice Denied.

Charles S. Mellen's recent testimony that he, as president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, allowed himself to be indicted in the Grand Trunk case to shield the late J. Pierpont Morgan, was flatly denied before the interstate commerce commission by Lewis Cass Ledyard, of New York, who was a director of the New Haven at the time.

"I want to say in the most unqualified terms," Mr. Ledyard asserted, "that Mr. Mellen did not offer himself as a vicarious sacrifice for Mr. Morgan."

There are indications that the inquiry into the affairs of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad by the interstate commerce commission will be completed this week.

National Capital Breivites.

The house will be engaged this week with the \$107,000,000 sundry civil appropriation bill.

President Wilson requests that, for sentimental reasons, the Lincoln memorial highway pass through Washington.

Few senators expect debate on the trade commission bill to end in less than two months. At present the prospects for adjournment before the middle of August, or even later, are not bright.

President Wilson went through the evidence on which the Indianapolis dynamiters were convicted. A million laboring men have petitioned him to extend executive clemency.

Narratives of the bravery of enlisted men of the navy and marine corps during the fighting at Vera Cruz on April 21 and 22 were included in Rear Admiral Fletcher's report of the Mexican port's seizure, made public by the navy department.

Two measures are to be pressed as quickly as the appropriation bill is out of the way. They are the Moon postoffice bill, providing for railway mail pay readjustments and opening up the assistant postmasterships throughout the country to competitive examinations, and the general dam bill, which is before the house for action on a moment's notice.

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