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THE MURDER FACE AND THE NICK

The murder of sixteen American citizens in Mexico, it is estimated, will not secure the Administration from its policy of peaceful watchfulness.

Less than one year ago the Administration was temporarily averted from that policy by an incident trivial by comparison and no more insulting or humiliating to American pride.

The forces of a military chieftain—a man having in the official eyes of this country no standing other than that of plain citizen—arrested a few American sailors and escorted them publicly as prisoners through the streets of a Mexican city.

For that, America, in effect, declared war on an individual. It sent powerful fleets to Mexico, it seized and held for months a Mexican port.

The sixteen American citizens massacred the other day were shot on the order of a military chieftain no more and no less the head of a government in the eyes of this country than was Huerta. The Americans were not victims of Mexican internecine warfare.

They were not on a field of battle. They were not in a place subjected to the regular course of conflict to be hardened by the experience. They were not coming to give aid or comfort or intending to give aid or comfort to either faction in Mexico.

They were taken from a train, when bound on a peaceful mission, and slaughtered solely because they were Americans. They were not given any opportunity to deliberate affront to the American Nation.

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whole and that they be not absorbed by a few. Also our tariff policy must be so devised that domestic industry will be left up and guarded against foreign competition.

"Elites Root is unquestionably the greatest leader in the Republican party. He is the backbone of the New World, Democratic."

It is not the practice of political parties to nominate their most prominent leaders for the Presidency.

It is not in the discredit of the Republican party that Root cannot be elected. If it is true that he is one of America's greatest citizens and the greatest Republican, his weakness as a candidate is due to the opposition.

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OUR CASE AS TO THE PERLA. Those persons who habitually seek a defense for German or Austrian submarines which sink merchant ships without opportunity for those on board to escape are now trying to excuse the sinking of the Perla on the plea that she carried a gun.

It cannot be said that commerce is a household word. Indeed, it is not known to any lexicographer who is represented in Portland; but commerce is a word which is in constant use.

It would seem that the Ohio professors had done a lot of research for obscure and valuable words in the dictionary and in the glossary of dictionaries; for where else can sagana, or paluscope, or many others of equally uncertain origin and doubtful usefulness be found?

Why should big business hate Wilson more than Taft or Roosevelt? The Republican party is not a party of big business when mentioning Taft and Roosevelt, for it tells how they harried the trusts, though it tries to leave the impression that they harried all big business, good and bad.

It is very kind of one of Mr. Wilson's champions to bear testimony to Republican efforts at restraint of big business excesses, the more so as Democrats in general accuse the Republicans of being a party of big business.

insured far more by the tariff law of which Mr. Wilson was the instigator, by the seaman's bill which he approved, and by his mercantile policy.

China is currently supposed to have acquired an Emperor in the person of Yuan Shih Kai, erstwhile President of the erstwhile republic of China.

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the old law and to enforce acceptance of a new law to meet the necessities of her own case.

The only possible theory on which the sinking of the Perla can be defended is that she carried her gun forward and carried enough ammunition and small arms to make her a ship of war.

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How to Keep Well

By Dr. W. A. Evans. Questions pertinent to hygiene, sanitation and dietetics are matters of general interest, will be answered in this column.

Water's Virtues. America has a world-wide reputation as a land of food faddists. No ditch digger is so ignorant but that he is liable to develop a food fad and no manufacturer is so busy that he has no time to speculate on questions of digestion and absorption of food.

Considerable water should be consumed especially around water taken with meals. The saliva is not much of a digestive agent. It has no capacity for digesting lean or fat meat.

Reducing this conclusion to terms of the public health, the best effects from his saliva when he chews his food carefully and slowly and sips a little soup, coffee, milk, or better still, water, he can expect.

Haw found that a glass of water stimulates the gastric secretion. People who frequently eat heavy meals are commonly aware of the gain from drinking water an hour or so after meals.

It is not a good idea to eat a meal and then go to bed. The stomach is still working and the food is still being digested.

Probably Diabetic. H. R. writes: "I would appreciate very much if you would advise me regarding a man who has been suffering with diabetes for some time."

A Probable Cause. Mrs. E. writes: "My husband has an involuntary jerking of his legs, starting in the hips. It is becoming more marked all the time, particularly during the night."

On the Right Track. "Talking and screaming in my sleep is my regretful humiliation. In the hope of 1916, I am hoping for a fresh start."

High Hands in Cribbage. WILLOWS, Or., Jan. 11.—(To the Editor).—On December 19, 1915, you answered an inquiry from T. B. concerning a cribbage hand.

TRADES NOT READILY LEARNED

Assertion Made That Boys Get but Smattering in Trade Schools. PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(To the Editor).—In the Oregonian recently was an account of the death of Mrs. Hamilton who, as stated, conceived the idea of the trades schools and struck to the idea until she succeeded in their installation.

From all I can learn, these boys in the trade schools are not really learning a trade. They are only getting a smattering of the trade, and then they are out to find a job.

There ought to be an apprentice or two in every larger shop in Portland, but there will not be when a "trade" can be so easily and comfortably learned in the public schools, where the hours are short and the work is comfortable.

The real trouble lies in an inherent laziness on the part of the average modern youth. He is not willing to labor for long hours at small pay. He is "popper" and "mommer's" pet.

COMFORTABLE PLACE FOR WOMEN. No Need for Self-Supporters to Put Up With Inconveniences. PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(To the Editor).—In a recent article in the Oregonian the writer spoke of self-supporting young women occupying "cold rooms" with unclean and uncomfortable conditions.

During the past 27 years thousands of young women have found a home there, some remaining five, seven and even 10 years. It is a home.

Families of Longevity. BAKER, Or., Jan. 12.—(To the Editor).—I note in the Oregonian that Phil Skillman would like to hear if there were other families equal in size and age with his.

Number of Movie Theaters. HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 12.—(To the Editor).—Kindly publish about how many movie picture theaters there are in the United States.

Cutter of Silhouettes. PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(To the Editor).—Can you tell me who silhouettes? I have seen them in the city.

Keeping the Dollar Home. Every dollar sent out of town for a purchase enriches some one else. Every dollar spent here helps to enrich this city.

In Other Days

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of January 24, 1891. Washington, Jan. 23.—The silver mine were greatly disconcerted today over Senator Sherman's powerful argument against free coinage.

Jack Dempsey and Bob Fitzsimmons fight at New Orleans tonight at the sporting fraternity's sympathies are with Dempsey.

Odette Tyler, the actress, who is Besiege Kirkland at her home in Nashville, is considered a beauty on or off the stage.

Masonic Hall was crowded last night at the meeting of the Retail Clerks' Union, which was addressed by the following speakers: J. C. Herlow, president of the union; J. C. Herlow, president of the union; J. C. Herlow, president of the union.

Herlow, according to records in the possession of the District Attorney's office and which were introduced in the trial, with Chapin, was indebted to Mrs. Grace for at least \$2500 more than was named in the suit for recovery.

The \$3500 involved in the suit was money Mrs. Grace had invested in municipal bonds which had come to maturity. This amount was given Herlow by Mrs. Grace on the advice of her old friend, J. C. Herlow.

Picking on Defenseless. PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(To the Editor).—The ex-soldier's letter of January 12 may successfully accuse me of immaturity if it should be published.

Mr. Wilson's Forebears. HELIX, Or., Jan. 11.—(To the Editor).—Please tell me if President Wilson is of English descent and if he is Catholic.

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