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A SONG OF PROGRESS.

(By Frank L. Stanton.)

How fast the old world moves along,
With science as its guide!
(John! fire up the carriage—I am going for a ride!)
In darkest space it leaves a rare, illuminated path,
(Bring in six yards of lightning for a quick electric bath!)
How various its inventions! They dazzle sense and sight!
(John! cable there to London for a dinner Wednesday night!)
How swift the march of science—though pessimists may laugh;
(Here's Mollie's picture painted by the new tentantograph!)
It's "Forward! March!" forever—on the great progressive plan!
(I see that they've put life in that electrocuted man!)
It's "Forward! March!" forever—in spite of bolts and bars;
(I think I'll strike that airship for a trip around the stars!)
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WHAT DAWNS FOR MEXICO?

CARRANZA'S rule, as president of Mexico, is ended, if reports from that land of turmoil are true. The long period of revolution, of factionalism and of bandit outrages, which broke out acutely with the end of Diaz' regime, may be at an end also. The Mexicans say that it is. Should peace again reign in Mexico, people of the North American continent will breathe easier.

The rule of Carranza in Mexico has been a stormy one. Time and again American citizens and American property have been attacked by Mexicans and the punitive expedition of General Pershing into the heart of Mexico before the war with Germany is still fresh in American minds. The American state department has been occupied more with correspondence with Mexico in the last five years than with any nation not actually in state of war with the United States.

Mexico's revolutionists, who have succeeded in aligning to their cause most of northern Mexico and now have captured President Carranza, believe that they are to be Mexico what the revolutionary forces in the colonies were to America. They declare they are for a united and representative government of the peoples of Mexico, they declare for law and order and say they want the good will and the financial assistance of Americans in developing their country.

Since the Carranza government was, after considerable investigation by this nation, recognized in Mexico last year as the official Mexican government, it probably will be some time before the government of the revolution in Mexico is officially recognized, if at all. Amalgamation of the many factions in Mexico will be a difficult task for the new order in power. A strong leader must be found to bring Mexico through.

The assurance that Francisco Villa will cease to be a menace, now that Carranza has been deposed, is welcome, if correct. Villa, together with others of his ilk, has been a deep thorn in the side of the United States border section and a leader of his type is no one to bring order out of chaos. Carranza and Villa, two leaders of quite different type, are on the shelf. The United States, and, incidentally, the rest of the world, will look on with a touch of interest while the evolution takes place.

CONCERNING SPECULATION IN WHEAT

OFFICERS and directors of the Chicago board of trade have under consideration the question whether to permit the resumption of speculative trading in wheat after the United States food administration goes out of commission at the end of this month, or to continue the restrictions that have been in force since this country entered the war. Some interests on the board demand a resumption of free speculative trading for the commissions it would bring. Others, among them James A. Patten and many of the older members, favor keeping the wheat pit closed against speculation another year. This, they say, is demanded by every important consideration, particularly the liability of a crop shortage, the high cost of living, the feeling of nervousness in industry and finance and the general unrest throughout the world. They fear that if the restrictions were removed entirely there would be wild gambling in grain that would lead to unwarranted prices and that the board of trade would have to shoulder the blame, even though outsiders did the gambling.

Those who favor the return of unrestricted speculation hold that the law of supply and demand would regulate the price of wheat. It does not entirely, however, even in normal times and it would be still less effective under present conditions. For, however much the figures of the experts differ as to present and prospective stocks of wheat, it is certain that a very large proportion of the existing grain is controlled by the government or by large interests in the trade in such a way that free speculative trading is an important factor in a really free market on the board of trade and with the existing supplies of the grain controlled and out of his reach the short seller would be powerless to combat what seemed an unwarranted rise in the price. There would be a "buyers' market, in which it would be easy to advance prices beyond reason, and the conservative members of the board fear that it would be done.

The question is vital. The public temper is not such that it will tolerate much more speculation and profiteering in foodstuffs. There is universal resentment because of the profiteering in sugar, but the profiteers are hard to ferret out. It would be different with the board of trade if speculation there raised beyond the limits of reason the price of wheat and consequently the price of bread. The board of trade is a tangible thing, an organization at which the anger of the people could strike in many ways through their administrative and legislative representatives.—Chicago News.

BOOK ON PRISONS COMES FROM PRESS

SALEM, May 11.—"The American Prison System," a book of 242 pages which is sold by penitentiaries of fields to be the most comprehensive presentation of the subject ever published has just come from the press. Jesse P. Webb, a "lifer" in the Oregon state penitentiary here, is the author of the remarkable book, which is based on the writer's "inside" experiences behind the walls of the Oregon prison under 12 different warden.

Webb not only wrote the book but, with the help of another convict, a printer like himself, printed and bound the entire edition of 2,000 copies in the small job printing plant which is maintained at the penitentiary. The cover design, a credit to any publication, is the product of another prisoner, Jan Dimont.

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BALLOT TITLE IS AS FOLLOWS:

302 X Yes
303 No
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—Relayed to the people by the Legislature.
LIMITATION OF FOUR PER CENT STATE INDEBTEDNESS FOR PERMANENT ROADS.—Purpose: To amend Section 7 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon so as to permit the creation of bonds and liabilities including previous debts and liabilities for the purpose of building and maintaining permanent roads to the extent of four per cent of the assessed valuation of all the property in the State of Oregon, instead of two per cent as now provided by law.

NO PROPERTY TAX—NO DIRECT TAX
NO INCREASE IN AUTO LICENSE FEES
NO INCREASE OF GASOLINE TAX

Keep these three facts in mind. The present auto license fees and gasoline tax will pay both the principal and interest on all the bonds under this amendment, and will yield an annual surplus besides for other state highway work. No additional taxation of any kind.

FEDERAL FUNDS MUST BE MATCHED

Oregon must have sufficient Highway Funds to match Federal apportionments or Oregon cannot get the benefit of Federal money for Oregon Roads. Increasing this constitutional limit is a necessity. Unless limit is increased, either state roads cannot be completed for many, many years, or must be financed by direct property taxation. This measure averts direct property tax for state highways and makes early completion possible. Let's get the roads built now.

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