

GENERAL OBREGON HAS WONDERFUL MEMORY

NOGALIES, Ariz., June 17.—General Alvaro Obregon, leader in the movement that recently overthrew the Carranza government in Mexico, has a remarkable memory according to H. Percy Meaker, an Englishman who has resided in Sinaloa for many years and who, during the recent war with Germany, acted in an executive capacity for the British government.

"One of the easiest things General Obregon does," said Meaker, "is to deal out a complete deck of playing cards to a party of seven, memorizing the cards each receives, then, beginning backward, tell each man correctly the cards he holds."

"He remembers whole columns of newspaper articles, and, many days after reading them, can repeat an entire article verbatim. He remembers accurately incidents years back. A great deal of the book 'Eight Thousand Kilometers of Campaigning' is written from his marvelous memory."

FROM THE PEOPLE

STATE INDUSTRIAL COMPENSATION INS. A FARCE?

Editor E. O.:

Will you allow me enough of the valuable space in your paper to warn the people who are unaware that the great state of Oregon is taking money every day from thousands of poor men in this state to protect them against accidents and when it comes to the showdown they give them nothing in return.

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I was hit November 7 last and laid in St. Anthony's hospital 22 days from November 7, 1919, until January 28, 1920. After being out about two months I was compelled to go back and the doctors found it was necessary to amputate my foot. I was there twenty-two days the last time. After I left the hospital I sent my doctor bill and hospital bill to the State Industrial Accident Commission, thinking of course I had insurance under the compensation act as I had paid into the fund for almost a year. First while I worked for the Simpson Auto Co., and while I was employed by Charles H. Torrance.

Both the Simpson Auto Co. and Charles H. Torrance paid to the state for me under the compensation act, each month as long as I worked for them. When I lost my foot and am also Dr. Hattery.

entitled to \$2200 to \$2500 the commission says they will not pay me a cent and have written the hospital to collect compensation insurance

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Does any one think if I had insurance in any old line accident insurance company they would have asked me to transfer to them any claim I had against the railroad company before they would settle with me?

Every man who is insured under the state industrial accident law is interested in my case.

For the simple reason they have no protection whatever, if this law is good.

For instance, the commission writes me that I am entitled to \$2200 and had I transferred my claim against the railroad company to the state they could have brought suit in my name and collected up to \$20,000 and turned it over to the accident commission and I could have done nothing—good law.

If such law is good it is about time the people who are insured under this law should know it.

You see in the Portland papers the great sum of money the commission has on hand. No wonder when they take every week a cent a day from every workman in this state and pay when they feel like it.

I have known of cases where the state agent went into shops in this city and demanded of the owners that they take out insurance under the state industrial compensation act Blue Sky Insurance.

It looks to me that this law was put on the Statute Books of Oregon to protect the big employers of labor and not the working men of the state.

As this hole they are trying to crawl through is so far from general insurance rules that have been in use for so many years seems absurd.

Now after being laid up seven months and losing my foot, and an expense of \$1400.00 if I get any money from the state Industrial Accident Commission I must collect it through the courts of this state. Great law, great protection for the working men of this state, take their money every time they can and pay them nothing when they are injured.

My honest opinion is, any man who insures his employees under the Industrial Accident Law of this state commits a crime, helps the state to take their money for insurance they can never collect unless the commission see fit to pay him.

I presume they have plenty of other holes to crawl through if they want to do so.

An Old Line Co. doing business in this state that tried to crawl out of a claim like mine would have their license canceled, but the state can apparently do things they see fit.

Yours Truly
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Who Knew.

The teacher had written 22.7 on the blackboard, and to show the effect of multiplying by 10 rubbed out the decimal point. She then turned to the class and said:

"Now, Mary, where is the decimal point?"
"On the duster, miss," replied Mary, without hesitation.—Dallas News.

Severe Test.

Flatbush—Ever have the acoustic properties of your house tested?
Bensonhurst—Why, of course. My wife is testing them every day.—Youkers Statesman.