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WAR WITH MEXICO

War with Mexico is a serious matter. There is no doubt as to the final outcome, yet it would mean the loss of thousands of our soldier boys, a long drawn out guerrilla warfare, untold hardships of a campaign over deserts and mountains, yet there will be no lack of recruits; and the voice of the "mollycoddle killer" is no longer heard.

If war must come it is to be hoped that Wilson will forsake his "Weary Waiting" policies and push the war to a finish. He will find no lack of support, for however men differ politically, they are loyal to the flag and will join hands in its defense.

Although the idea has been ridiculed, there is little doubt that Mexico has been edged up to commit overt acts; for of a certainty she alone could not hope to hold out against the United States. Whether Japan has sinister designs upon this country will probably become known later. Her head was badly swelled by whipping Russia and her success in China against Germany. It is also known that a prominent Japanese was guest of honor and visited all important cities, manufacturing plants; studying "American methods," it was said. It is very probable that the Japanese government has very complete drawings of our coast and interior fortifications. There is such a thing as being too friendly.

MEXICO.

Nobody feels about this affair in Mexico as though it were a defensive war. Nobody is very proud of the Mexican war of 1848 or the motives which actuated us in fighting it. Outside of the military end of it, it is not a very pleasant page to read. Territorial aggrandizement, pure and simple, was at the bottom of it. The South wanted more slave territory to offset the steadily growing free territory in the North, and the Mexican war was the natural outcome of it. Grant was not proud of the part we played in Mexico, though he was in that war, and at the close of the Civil war American troops under Sheridan were rushed to the border to drive out the Austrian invader, Emperor Maximilian. Fortunately the Mexicans themselves settled the matter by capturing Maximilian and executing him at Queretaro.

We have not managed things well in our relations with Mexico in the last three years, maybe longer. Through our own ineptitude we may have sinned away the day of grace and be forced by conditions largely of our own making into a war of pacification that will carry with it thousands of human lives and billions of money, that may end in giving Mexico the man on horseback, with our full consent. How much closer would we then be to a betterment of conditions in Mexico? Not very much, perhaps, but the outcome in that respect is one that time alone can disclose.

We are confronted with an awkward impasse in Mexico. We went in there to get a bandit named Villa. For one reason or another we didn't get him, mainly, perhaps, because the Carranzistas were a hindrance, rather than a help to us. But the fact remains we didn't get him, and now we are invited to vacate and get back to our side of the international line. The dilemma is serious, and we are very likely, in the face of a national election, to be governed more by exped-

ency than by right in trying to settle it. As things have gone, it is hard to see how we can recede from our position. The only apparent thing to save the situation is a backdown or concession on the part of Carranza, and whether he can do that remains to be seen. There is no doubt strong pressure will be exerted in that direction and he may be forced to yield to it, which would temporarily avoid the crash.—Evening Telegram.

CALL TO ARMS.

The call to arms was sounded Sunday night and members of the state militia were disturbed in their Sunday evening devotions and hurried off to the armory at Dallas to await further orders. Rufus and 'Pug' Ferguson, Albert Bancroft and Archie Montgomery were among those called from Falls City.

There is much speculation as to what has happened to disturb Wilson's Watchful Waiting, especially so soon after the St. Louis convention. That there has been anything recently that would justify a mobilization of troops on the border more than there has been during the past two years is not apparent. Plundering and murdering American citizens has been a favorite pastime and the administration has apparently been indifferent to the sportive Mexican bandit. Even raids across the border only partly aroused the administration from its lethargy giving Villa ample time to escape to the mountain fastness where the half-hearted efforts to dislodge him have accomplished nothing.

If the administration did not intend to uphold and protect her citizens in Mexico against the persecutions and indignities of the outlaw element, there should have been at least a safe retreat afforded them that they might have been able to save as much of their property as possible. The blaring of trumpets and parade of the military at this stage of the game seems rather incongruous with former tactics of the great peace advocate and sender of notes. It is possible to take a great inoffensive pup and so tease and tantalize it that it will become vicious and unsafe and in the interest of public safety the pup must be killed. So it has been with Mexico. As an ignorant race, inoffensive in a measure, they have been robbed, starved and oppressed until in the interest of public safety and public interests it will be necessary to kill them. Had they been treated fairly and humanely in years gone by, the guerilla warfare that has been carried on for a number of years would have been prevented. It looks as if it had gone too far now to correct the mistake with peaceful methods.

BAPTISM

On the above subject a sermon will be preached by Rev. W. J. Warren in the M. E. Church, Sunday at 8 P. M. The sermon will deal chiefly with the scriptural mode of Baptism. Also if water baptism is essential.

RECITAL.

On Tuesday evening eighteen of Miss Hammond's pupils gave a recital at the home of Mrs. D. Grant. Miss Mildred Grant helped with the program. After the musicale Mrs. Grant served ice cream and cake to the guests. There were forty present.

Road District No. 21 expended \$1,597.82 last month. More good roads.

BOLD CAR THIEVES

Tricks of the Clever Crooks That Steal Automobiles.

DARING IN THEIR METHODS.

One of Their Pet Schemes is to Disguise Themselves as Repairers and Openly Tow the Car Away—Ordinary Safeguards Are a Joke to Them.

The man who steals an automobile is one of the cleverest mechanics in the country. He knows every make of car from the steering wheel to the tires, and there is scarcely any precaution taken by the owner of the car to safeguard his property that the automobile thief cannot beat.

Some car owners fondly imagine that when they chain the wheel of their car with a fairly thick steel chain they have made it impossible for any crook to move the auto from its anchorage. The simplicity of this safeguard must cause hilarity among the motorcar crooks, for the ordinary steel chain can be cut in a second with the appliances that the motor thieves carry in their outfit.

But most car owners consider they have made the car immovable by merely locking the switch box. It will interest them to know that the car thieves can beat this precaution very easily. The clever mechanic who makes a business of stealing cars can cross wires so as to cause ignition and move the engine without bothering with the switch box at all. A method that is kindergarten to the car thief is to connect wires from the dry cell battery direct to the ignition coil, thus starting the motor without difficulty.

Some cars have devices by which the gasoline supply can be locked, and this is regarded by some owners as placing a hopeless barrier in the way of the thief who would run off with the standing car. For how can a car be moved when the supply of gasoline is shut off? Nothing easier. The motorcar thief carries with him his own supply of gasoline in a flask. With this gasoline the automobile thief can negotiate a good run with the car by connecting his flask of gasoline direct to the carburetor. Feeding the gasoline to the carburetor through a rubber hose, the automobile thief can send the car sufficiently far to enable him to put the gasoline tank and the car in regular commission and speed where he will to safety and a sale.

But the commonest and therefore the safest trick of the automobile thief requires no expert mechanical knowledge. It simply requires nerve, which these thieves possess to an unusual degree. This trick is the old one of driving up in an auto that looks like a garage repair wagon, hitching a rope to the car that is to be stolen and towing it away. The thieves dress for the part in oil soaked overalls. When they have selected the car to be stolen, picking one that is in a side street and not likely to be under the eye of a policeman who may have been tipped to watch the car, the thieves come up to the scene in their old car, looking like the ordinary crew sent for from the garage to repair a car that is in trouble or isn't working as well as its fastidious owner would wish.

They alight from their own car and make a great pretense of examining the car that they intend to spirit away. They remove the hood and scrutinize the motor. They get out a kit of tools and tinker for awhile with some part of the machinery. If any one should happen to be watching them or looking on from a neighboring window all the men do has the appearance of natural work by honest workmen from the repair shop. Presently the men hold a consultation, pointing to some part of the motor machinery, and apparently come to the conclusion that the car cannot be started with the tools at their command. Then they hitch a rope to the car and tow it away at the end of their own car. Could anything be more simple?

How can you beat such a game as this? Carrying away part of the machinery does not prevent the thieves from towing the car away. One sure way to prevent robbery is to have the car watched. The policeman on that patrol will keep an eye on it if you are only going to make a visit to some office building and coming back in a short time. But if you keep your car in the street the entire day no one can watch it. You are simply taking a chance with the car thieves.

There are other ways of making the path of the motorcar crook as steep and difficult as possible. One motorist believes he has solved the thief problem by having a slot cut in the clutch pedal shaft. Through this he passes a bar which he locks. So far his car has not been stolen. Another way is to remove the rotor. This makes it very difficult for any thief to steal the car, for he would have to carry a number of rotors to be sure of having one that would fit that particular motor.—Philadelphia North American.

Judge J. L. Collins Pioneer of Polk Dead

Respected Citizen of Polk County
Passes at Ripe Old Age

Dallas, Or., June 21.—Judge James L. Collins, a resident of Polk county for 69 years, died at his home in Dallas last night, of infirmities incident to old age. He was 83 May 9 last.

Judge Collins was born in Warren county, Mo., and crossed the plains with his father, Smith Collins, and family, when he was 13. They left Kansas City in the spring of 1846 in a big wagon train, the first to come into Oregon by the "south road," or "Applegate's cutoff." Much of the trail, particularly through southern Oregon, had to be cut as they came.

The party had its first encounter with Indians in Humboldt valley, northern California. The Indians stole some of the emigrants' cattle. This happened again in the Umpqua valley on the way to the Willamette. The white men gave chase, and one of them was killed.

The Collins family got as far as the site of the present city of Eugene in December, 1846. The weather turned bad, and it was decided to leave young James Collins and a man to care for the stock until spring. The rest of the Collins family went on to Polk county and settled on a claim on the Little Luckiamute river. Not long after they left the camp at Eugene the man left with James became ill, and a little later a crippled man came along and made his abode with them.

It was a hard winter for the young immigrant, with two helpless men and himself to provide for and the cattle to look after. For three months all the food he and the men had was killed with his rifle.

He drove the cattle on north in the spring and joined the family. At that time Oregon City was the nearest trading point.

Largely self educated, Judge Collins taught school as a young man, studying law in his spare time. He was admitted to the bar at the first term of circuit court held in Polk county after Oregon became a state in 1859, by Judge R. L. Boies.

Judge Collins became a resident of Dallas in 1861, and continued to practice law there up to about six years ago. He was appointed county judge of Polk county in 1869 by Governor Woods, to fill a vacancy.

Among his effects is the first law library ever brought to Oregon. He bought it from Judge Nesmith when the latter was elected to the United States senate.

Judge Collins was married in 1861 to Miss Mary Whiteaker, who died in 1865, leaving one child. Two years later he was married to Miss Mary E. Kimes. To this union there were born 10 children of whom the following, with the mother, are living: Mrs. E. Watts, Hillsboro; Mrs. J. L. Billups, Portland; Miss Nellie Collins, Jerome, Ariz.; Mrs. J. U. Nanney, Benson, Ariz.; Frank W. Collins, Thane, Alaska; Miss Ednelle Collins, Dallas, and Dean Collins, Portland.

Funeral services will be held in Dallas tomorrow at 1 o'clock. The body will be taken to Portland for cremation, and the ashes will be returned to Dallas for interment in the family burial plot.

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