

# The Herald

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## MORE WATER WANTED

The proposition of bonding the city of Monmouth for the purpose of securing a water supply is coming up for settlement and should receive careful consideration by the tax payers of the city and those who are not tax payers, as well, as all are interested in the health of the community as well as in protection from fire.

There will soon be a large addition to our population and water is an absolute necessity as there are conveniences which cannot be had without such supply. For instance, the sewerage conditions are not what they ought to be, and without water we cannot have septic tanks, and with increased population comes an increase of chances for epidemic of disease, unless sanitary conditions are brought about.

Of course the school district has bonded, and some may contend that the expense will be too great, but this should not necessarily be so, as the water system should soon be self-sustaining if not so from the first, and we are sure that a scourge of typhoid fever, if it visited our city would be much more costly than to expend a few dollars each for protection from its ravages.

Wells, which are the recipients of surface water, are a source of danger, and the more thickly the city becomes settled the greater is the danger from the use of surface water, and the more urgent becomes the necessity for a pure supply.

Take, for instance, cities that have been visited by typhoid fever, which came as a result of bad water, and how much better it would have been for those who were sick if the expense could have gone into a water fund, not counting the lives that were lost.

When we take all sides into consideration we are inclined to think it will be much cheaper to put in the system than to take the chances of both disease and fire, neither of which show any mercy when once they fasten upon an object upon which they can prey.

Plenty of good, pure water, properly applied, will overcome these dangers.

The Kaiser will mobilize 1,000,000 men shortly and put them through a course of sprouts in near-war. A sort of Teutonic invitation to the rest of Europe to feel of the Kaiser's military biceps.—Telegram.

## Signs of Peace.

So far as one may judge from the outside, there are substantial signs of peace in Mexico. That point has been reached where the rebel leaders and the representatives of the federal government confer together, and it is not often that peace negotiations proceed thus far and then are

given up altogether.

It appears also from the information given out in the dispatches, that the rebels demands are not arbitrary or unreasonable, and that the question of Diaz' personal participation in the reorganized government is not going to upset all negotiations. The arrangement as proposed will strip Diaz of power, and Diaz, stripped of power will resign. No one expects otherwise.

To good friends of democratic government everywhere, it will be more than gratifying if the trouble in Mexico can be brought to an end, and betterment of the people follow as a result without a calamity of long continued war, or anarchic cataclysm of disorder that at one time seemed imminent. There are philosophers who reason that war is one of the essential evils out of which progress springs, but if that is so, the Mexican trouble seems to have gone far enough to set progress a-springing, and it is all the better that war should be discontinued. It will be better for the people of Mexico; and it will be better for the people of this country and better for the world at large.

If peace negotiations are successful and reforms follow, as we have good reasons to think they will, Mexico will soon forge to the front as it has never done before. There now seems to be an awakening to the quality of true democracy down there, and with that the history of the real Mexico is but just begun.—Telegram

## Invent Torpedo for an Aeroplane

Berlin, May 1.—Details of the new aerial torpedo, on which the Krupp firm has taken out American patents, show that the weapon is primarily designed for carrying on long distance "war in the air."

Its principal feature is the absence of recoil, which has been the obstacle to the installation of regular guns or artillery on a delicately balanced aeroplane or balloon.

The new weapon is self propelling, and can be fired from a dirigible or aeroplane against a hostile balloon, without disturbing the machine from which it is projected. Experiments have been carried on since November, 1909. Ranges of 5000 yards, with a torpedo carrying a six-pound load of explosives, were attained in the early stages of experiments.

The torpedo, which acted on the principle of the ordinary sky-rocket, is composed of two portions, the explosive head and a rear chamber containing a slow-burning powder charge, the gases from which issue through tubes at the rear and drive the projectile through the air.

The launching device, operated by a light powder charge, is fired by electricity, and this gives the torpedo its original start and direction, the burning powder charge then maintaining the flight at a constantly increasing speed. The gas tubes are set at an angle, giving the torpedo a spin like that of a rifle bullet to steady its flight.

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