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A MONOPOLY SALE

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has given out the news of their intention to dispose of their anthracite coal lands and separate the coal trade from their carrying business, which if really done should bring good results.

The Portland Telegram is rather suspicious of the genuineness of the sale and gives editorial expression as follows:

"It looks good and it sounds good, that announcement about the intention of the Pennsylvania Railway management to sell its coal land holdings. On the surface it is a concession to a new declaration of economic independence in the anthracite coal country, with the benefits to be extended to coal consumers up and down the Atlantic Coast, and back West so far as the Mississippi Valley.

"But much will depend on whether the sale shall be honest or not. There is the suspicion that this sign of regeneration and change of heart may be of the same stripe and pattern as Standard Oil dissolution, long since become famous as a dissolution that didn't dissolve. This suspicion may be unjust, and the man who is looking for signs of genuine improvement in extortionate combines like that of the anthracite coal trust hopes that it is.

"There will be doubt, however, very considerable and serious doubt which will persist until the result begins to show in the price that consumers pay for coal. There is no probability that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will deliberately deceive according to the letter in this matter; but coal road ownership has evolved a concentration of coal properties and activities during these later years; and the roads and railroad managers and coal operators know that there is little or no chance for competition on that account. For the roads to sell their holdings now is a far different matter than it would have been to have sold them before the small operators were strangled and thrown out of the game. It is a case of perfect monopoly in the anthracite region, a monopoly that has done its work and that under pretense can now afford to comply with any regulation that the law demands. Whether or not it is actually within the spirit of the commodity clause of the Sherman law is quite another matter."

A western judge has decided that a man is the owner of his wife's clothes. If her new bonnet costs too much to suit him he can wear it himself.—Los Angeles Express.

America's Responsibility In The Matter Of International Peace

Sir Edward Grey recently made some very significant statements in regard to Anglo-American friendship and international peace. In a speech of welcome to Mr. Walter Hines Page he said: "If Mr. Page comes to us with proposals arising from the desire of his government to find some way of making more remote the appeal to blind force between nations he will find in this country and from the British Government a ready response. Of all great Powers in the world the United States is most fortunately placed for taking such an initiative. It is beyond the reach of menace or aggression from any neighbor on the American continent. The idea of menace or aggression on land towards the United States is both physically impossible and intellectually unthinkable. And on either side they enjoy the protection not of a channel but of an ocean. And, after all, with all those natural advantages they have also, we know, the capacity and the resources, if they desired it, to create both a military and a naval force greater than anything the world has ever seen. Now if, from such a quarter, peace proposals come, they come beyond the suspicion of having been inspired by any feeling of pusillanimity, by any national necessity, or by any desire to secure an advantage in disarming or placing at a disadvantage any other nation who can injure them. In other words, if there are to be proposals to make war between other nations more remote, it is from the United States most certainly that these proposals could be made in the world at large with full dignity and with a good faith which is beyond suspicion. One thought more. Great as is the friendly feeling between the United States and Great Britain today, it is a friendly feeling which I trust will still grow and develop; but to whatever degree it develops and however strong it becomes, I believe it is their wish, and I am sure that it is ours, that that friendly feeling between the two countries, though it may serve as an example to all nations, should never be a menace to any."

The Right Line On Huerta

It is growing more and more evident as the days pass, that Senor Huerta is not the popular idol in Mexico that Ambassador Wilson would have had us think upon his return from that country. For example, by reason of the persistence of President Wilson, Huerta has been eliminated as an active Presidential possibility in Mexico, and no popular upheaval has resulted. Huerta named the candidate that he would like to see elected, and the Liberal Party, which heretofore has been supporting him, would have none of his selection. Upon later developments an independent candidate steps into the field and the control of the situation seems to be further from Huerta than ever. In American political parlance we are justified in the conclusion that Huerta is a candidate for the

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Most Americans believed when Henry Lane Wilson made his wordy and vehement appeal for Huerta that he was bolstering a tottering cause, merely leading a forlorn hope toward the capture of American recognition, and that the President's and not the Ambassador's conception and presentation of the true situation was the correct one.

It begins to look as if the Mexican election would sound "taps" for Senor Huerta, and if that shall prove to be the fact the Mexican situation may be relieved of some of its complexities and perplexities. Just what new entanglements may arise, no one can prophesy; nor does it appear clear, to the average individual just what policy will be inaugurated at Washington that shall attempt to do anything or even to suggest anything constructively in the case of Mexico. There will at least be gratification in the one single achievement, namely, that a high moral principle has prevailed in international diplomacy; and that the United States as a Nation has even greater reason to respect itself than it had before this principle was made the basis of President Wilson's attitude in Mexican affairs.—Portland Telegram.

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SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County.

Violet E. Stone, Plaintiff

vs.

Lester E. Stone, Defendant

To Lester E. Stone the above named defendant. IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the third day of November, 1913, and in default thereof the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in the complaint, to-wit:—for a dissolution of the marriage contract existing between you and the plaintiff and for the costs and disbursements of this suit and that the plaintiff be allowed to assume her maiden name of Violet E. Conkey.

This summons is ordered to be published in the Monmouth HERALD, a weekly newspaper published in Polk County, State of Oregon, for six full weeks, by order of Hon. J. B. Teal, County Judge of Polk County, Oregon, made the 8th day of September, 1913, and said order fixes on or before November 3, 1913, as the time in which you must appear and answer.

G. O. HOLMAN,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

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