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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Most of the men who abuse President Wilson for not declaring war on Mexico are too old to enlist.

The United States department of agriculture reports that 43 carloads of strawberries were shipped out of Oregon this year, as against 24 cars out of California.

The county fair is the Chautauqua of the farmer, orchardist and stock grower and the city folks are the spectators. Do your duty to the department to which you belong.

Cats, rats and dogs are said to carry the germs of infantile paralysis, so if baby must play with kitty, see that the latter is kept away from filth and other cats which may not be clean.

The average value of farm land in the United States has increased at the rate of \$2 per acre per year for the past ten years and is now \$45.55 per acre, according to the agricultural department reports.

The business world is made up of two classes of men—those who are on time and those who have the best reasons for being late. The man who meets his engagements at 9:01 misses the chance that is there at 9:00. The man who misses his train gives the large order to the other fellow. The man who leaves the office at 5:59 misses the great opportunity that comes at 6:00. The opportunity always goes to the man who is on time. Paste it in your hat; write it on your calendar pad; carve it on your desk; emblazon it over the door—be on time.

"SOMEWHERE"

Europe's war cloud is casting its shadow even across the seas. Here is a heart breaking tale from Los Angeles. Little Jimmie St. Dizer, 15 years old, was called home from school to his mother's bedside. A few moments after his arrival she passed away.

"Mamma is dead. I don't want to live any more. I want to die with her," Jimmie sobbed. An hour later they found him dead; he had taken poison.

Jimmie's father is "somewhere in France."

You other little Jimmies, aren't you glad your name is Smith or Brown or Jones, and that you have a president who keeps your daddies out of war?—Portland News.

PEACE IN MEXICO, OR PIECES OF MEXICO

Laying aside for the time being the phrases "our national peril," "the life of the nation at stake," and other similar tommyrot, the jingo editors have gone back to their former jargon—the abuse of Mexico and Mexicans, says the Omaha Daily News (independent). Hearst and his fellow land-and-mine-grabbers in Mexico, and the munitions makers, who have made huge and bloody profits out of Europe's war and want another home-made war that will sweep up more profits on a tide of blood, have given their editors a new cue.

The public is to be told, over and over again, and with infinite variations, that the Mexicans are "steeped in ignorance," that they

are "lazy" and "half-naked," that they "prefer to roam as bandit raiders to staying peacefully at home," that they "would rather raise hell than beans."

The fact of a civil war that has lasted three years is cited as proof positive that we, under Providence, must go down and machine-gun the fear of God into their hearts and drop dynamite and love of their fellow-men upon their heads from war aeroplanes.

Carranza, having been president for two years and having failed to end civil war, is a "fraud" and "imposter," "impotent," a "joke president," the head of a "straw government" and so on, and so on and so on.

And yet, in the seven years' war which freed the American colonies from British rule the struggle often descended to guerilla warfare, and it has been held up to us as the highest proof of unquenchable patriotism that George Washington held the ragged remnant of his army together for the winter at Valley Forge when he was all but deserted by the weak and infant (straw if you please) government of the American colonies.

To this day England's complaint is that our forefathers fought from cover, in Indian style, and we were then, in the eyes of respectable Europe, ragged bandits who preferred to roam the woods and plains and to fight rather than to work. The men of '76 were outlaws and traitors by royal decree.

After four score years of independence and organized government, we ourselves plunged into a civil war which wasted a far greater proportion of the life and property of the north and south than has yet been sacrificed by the warring nations of Europe. And because Lincoln could not end that civil war in two years—or three—will history be permitted to tag him with even a fraction of the epithets heaped upon Carranza?

Not that we even suggest comparison of Carranza with Lincoln—but none the less, having in mind the variation due to race, environment and circumstances, Mexico is now going through much the same purgatory that America did in 1776 and in 1861, except that Mexico is getting hers in one dose instead of two.

The American colonists saw their government (the English parliament and king) giving away empires of lands, forests, mines, trading concessions and the resources of a virgin continent to royal favorites like Lord Baltimore and the Penns and to trading and exploiting companies (the forerunners of modern, impersonal corporations).

The war of the American revolution was fought to free land and opportunity to the colonists.

The American civil war was fought to free men.

The Mexican peons are fighting for those two things today.

Who shall blame a peon for being "lazy" when he has no plot of ground of all those millions of acres, whereon he can work.

Who shall say he ought to stay at home when "home" is a cane stalk shack whose poor shelter he holds only at the will of a native

nabob or a foreign ranch boss or mine manager?

We believe that history teaches us that peace in Mexico would come naturally and remain forever if each industrious Mexican had a chance to own a piece of Mexico and was free to work it.

Mexico cannot be "pacified" by shooting peons or holding them in terror of our guns. Peace cannot come to Mexico so long as the birthright of the Mexicans is in the loot bags of their masters.

And let us remember that the last time we went to war under the alleged auspices of divine providence we "benevolently assimilated" the Phillipine Islands. Remember that we have had national indigestion ever since. Remember that after eighteen years we have not got the little brown brother a bit further along the road than is the Mexican peon. Remember we have tried shooting, water-curing and bribing without avail.

If we would see peace in Mexico, let us permit the Mexicans to retake Mexico for themselves.

It will hurt Hearst and his kind; it will sell no munitions.

But Mexicans, free to till Mexico's soil and work her mines FOR THEMSELVES will bring an end to laziness, bushwhacking, slothfulness, ignorance and physical and mental filth. It will end those things in Mexico as surely as it has ended them in Switzerland or in New Zealand.

SIGNS OF PROSPERITY

Roseburg—Forty men at work on telephone line to Myrtle Point.

Shelburn—New road to Santiam River and ferry being built.

Myrtle Creek—New bridge across Umpqua opened to traffic.

Suttles Lake irrigation project, of Jefferson County, bonds being sold to irrigate 12,000 acres. Water to be stored in Blue and Suttles Lakes, 25 miles distant from center of project.

Income taxes collected in Oregon for year just closed \$118,437, as against \$123,306 for year previous.

Marshfield—State will supervise expenditure of good roads bond issue of Coos County of \$362,000.

Cottage Grove—O. P. & E. Ry. erecting gasoline storage warehouse.

Coos Bay bar survey shows depth of channel 27 feet low tide 600 feet wide. Willamina to have new M. E. Church. American Soda Products company of San Francisco installing plant north-east of Paisley to refine alkali.

Echo—O. W. R. & N. company will build 2100 foot passing track here.

Hood River—Apple confection products factory to be built.

Coquille—Burned creamery to be rebuilt.

Newport to build concrete seawall 710 feet long.

Baker—Rich strikes reported in Conner Creek mines.

Cottage Grove—Standard Oil company permitted to install station here.

Grants Pass will have sugar beet silo to feed 150 head cattle.

Stayton—Black Eagle Mines develop \$200 per ton ore.

Marshfield—Contract let for radio station.

Burns—Crane is new terminus of railroad into Harney Valley.

Springfield to have new skating rink built.

Estacada to hard surface main business street.

Iron Ore deposit located 14 miles from Cottage Grove.

Portland woolen mills has bought and is moving Ellensburg woolen mill here.

Congressman Sinnott of Eastern Oregon promoting jack-rabbit hat industry.

Monmouth plans civic improvements to build model school city.

The Dalles—Libby canning plant lets contract for subway track under railroad.

Portland—Strikers on O. W. R. & N. tunnel return to work.

Available for a naval base, mouth of Columbia River channel will be 40 ft. deep at low water and 700 ft. wide by August 1st.

Sumpter—Ribbon mine shipping out much ore.

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Said Romeo, "Will you wed me?
My heart is Tempest tossed,
I'm in a sorry pickle,
I fear Love's Labor Lost."

Then Juliet blushed and answered,
Said she, "Pray do not make
So Much Ado About Nothing,
I'll marry for your sake.

"We'll set the time and place now,
If that will suit you best;
It shall be As You Like It
And you may name each guest."

On Twelfth Night they were married;
It was a stately show,
Where all of Shakespeare's people
Were walking to and fro.

Two Gentlemen of Verona
Waited on the groom;
The Merry Wives of Windsor
Made music in the room.

The Merchant of Venice was usher
To these guests so fine and gay,
While Hamlet, Prince of Denmark,
Gave the fair bride away.

Great Julius Caesar lead the van
With plumes and banner bright;
King Lear and Macbeth arm in arm,
A truly royal sight.

Anthony and Cleopatra,
With jewels' flash and gleam,
Made of the stately pageant
A Midsummer Night's Dream.

But the swarthy Moor, Othello,
Suddenly changed the scene
Into a Comedy of Errors
With his wit so sharp and keen:

When he joked the blushing Romeo
About Taming of the Shrew;
But they gave him Measure for Measure;
Without any more ado.

A threatening Tempest rose then,
But King Henry broke its spell
By telling a merry Winter's Tale;
And All's Well that Ends Well!

—Home Friend Magazine.

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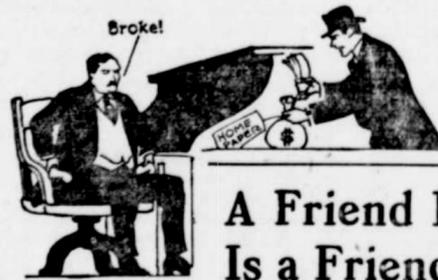
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J. N. WOOD, Pastor.

The attendance at the Christian Endeavor lawn party at the Bishop home last Friday night was not what it would have been had the weather been warmer, but those who went had a good time.

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