

HUERTA ORDERED TO RETIRE IMMEDIATELY

President Wilson Sends Ultimatum to Dictator and Demands Quick Action.

Mexico City.—President Huerta must resign the presidency of Mexico without loss of time and must not leave as his successor General Aureliano Blanquet, his minister of War, or any other member of his official family or of the unofficial coterie whom he might be expected to control.

This ultimatum from Washington was conveyed to President Huerta through his private secretary, Senor Rabago by Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the American Charge d'Affaires, acting under instructions from the State Department.

Official Mexico is no longer in doubt that the Washington administration favors the rebel cause and is convinced that this is the means taken by President Wilson and Secretary Bryan to assist Carranza to win.

Changes in the military situation throughout the country included, according to reports, the advance of the rebels to attack Zacatecas, but the government believes that the garrison there is sufficiently strong to resist an attack successfully. Queretaro, capital of the state of the same name, on the main line of the National Railway, south of San Luis Potosi, is surrounded by rebels and practically in a state of siege. North of San Luis Potosi a new method has been adopted by the rebels to prevent the operation of trains. Placards addressed to employees have been posted notifying them they would be hanged if they attempted to run the trains. As a result the men are refusing to take out the trains.

Frank Fields Acquitted.

Portland.—Frank S. Fields, ex county clerk of Multnomah county, was acquitted by a jury in the circuit court of a charge of larceny of public funds. His attorneys defended him on the grounds that the money was lost through the failure on December 16, 1911, of the American Bank & Trust Company, in which part of the county funds were deposited.

WALLS CRUSH TENEMENTS

Explosion in Hartford, Conn., of Mysterious Origin, Kills Seven.

Hartford, Conn.—At least seven persons are dead or dying as the result of an explosion in Loveland's five-story brick warehouse. The walls of the building toppled on the roofs of two adjoining wooden tenement houses.

Michael Greenburg, one of the partners of the warehouse, declared to newspapermen that the building was dynamited. He refused to assign any motive for such an act.

The explosion seemed to wreck the building in a diagonal manner, one whole side—the one that fell on the adjoining house—falling down.

MEXICAN SENDS AN APPEAL TO BRYAN

Nogales, Sonora.—Through Dr. Henry Allen Tupper, of the international peace forum, who is regarded as an unofficial agent of the American secretary of state, Genevieve Carranza, head of the rebel constitutionalists of Mexico, transmitted to the United States government an official statement which suggests that President Wilson can solve the Mexican problem merely by according to the constitutionalists the right to import arms freely from the United States.

The struggle in Mexico will continue until one side or the other is beaten into helplessness, the statement asserts. It further declares that the constitutionalists are confident of wiping out Dictator Huerta and his partisans in a short time if the embargo on arms is lifted.

Carranza came here from Hermosillo, the rebel capital, with Tupper, who had been with him there for several days. The rebel chief intended at first to ask recognition from the American government, but after conference with advisers, determined to confine requests to the lifting of the ban on the shipment of arms across the border.

Indianapolis Mob Stops Street Cars. Indianapolis.—The Indianapolis Traction & Terminal company, whose men went on strike, attempted to run its cars, but gave up when notified by Superintendent of Police Hyland that the police would be unable to prevent bloodshed unless the cars were withdrawn.

Fido's Mouth "Caged."

Olympia, Wash.—The state board of health, with Governor Lister concurring, adopted a regulation requiring the muzzling of all dogs in King and Pierce counties as the only means of combatting an epidemic of rabies.

AMIALE ENEMIES.

Our Rattlesnakes Are Sociable, but Extremely Conceited.

The American rattlesnake is really one of the most human of living creatures, says Professor Manley, an English naturalist of wide repute. He is a sociable, amiable enemy. But he is also extremely conceited. He knows that he possesses a death dealing power and is consequently of the opinion that because of this he should be considered the terror of the wilderness. Other animals understand perfectly how he regards himself, the "bad man" of the region, and they recognize his terrible power. For this reason they have had to study his limitations, which he in his egotism is blind to.

The rattlesnake gets irascible on occasions, Professor Manley goes on to say. He becomes most cross when his vanity has been wounded. But he rarely bites a human being except when he is of the opinion that his own personal safety requires it. Neither does he go out hunting trouble. His social instincts lead him to seek the same comforts with which men surround themselves, and if men would only leave him alone he would not object to their company at all.

Dogs are perhaps the most dangerous enemy the haughty rattler has to face. Together with hogs they are the only species of animal that are almost entirely immune to the venom of the rattler. Oftentimes a shepherd dog will come out badly bitten and used up from his first encounter with a rattler and have to be taken care of for days by his master. Afterward, though, he becomes wiser and in due time develops into an adept at the art of killing his enemy.

The cat is by far the cleverest of all at playing with the rattler and outwitting him at his own game. He seems to be aware, too, that puss is making fun of him, and she therefore succeeds in working him up into a terrible rage. She has no trouble at all in inducing the snake to coil, and then she cautiously stretches out a forepaw in his direction. He becomes furious and strikes, but her paw is not there, for of the two the cat is infinitely the quicker.

Coyotes are much the same in their dealings with their common enemy, playing on the weaknesses of the snake for their own pleasure for long lengths of time. Horses are not nearly so clever or wise in their dealings. Of course one reared on the range will avoid a rattler as a mule avoids work, and at the dread sound of the rattles will leap and shv. Eastern horses taken west do not know so much at first, though they speedily learn.

There seems apparently no uniformity in the rattling. If the snake is in a bad humor he will rattle even when there is no sign of an enemy about. Usually, however, he will not rattle unless he is greatly concerned. — Springfield Republican.

Governor West has referred to United States District Attorney Reames of Portland for investigation, a letter received from C. A. Rold of Yountsville, Cal., in which Rold says a company called the Farm and Home company of San Francisco, is representing to him that it will locate him on a 320-acre homestead in southern Oregon for a fee of \$320.

Digging For Pipe Bowls.

Meerschaum is extracted in precisely the same way as coal. Pits from twenty-five feet to 125 feet deep are dug, and as soon as the vein is struck horizontal galleries, sometimes of considerable length, are made, though more than two galleries are seldom to be found in one pit. When taken out of the mine meerschaum is soft enough to be easily cut with a knife. It is embedded in a layer of red clay several inches thick, and in this state it is sold to the dealers. — London Globe.

Who Invented Chess?

The honor of inventing chess has been claimed by at least fourteen nations, and a variety of famous persons have been mentioned as sole inventor, ranging from Japheth and Shem to King Solomon and Aristotle. It is, however, generally agreed that Europe got the game from the Arabic, "checkmate" being a corruption of "Shah mat" ("the king is dead"). — London Chronicle.

Capacity For Worry.

"I see you're borrowing trouble again. What's the matter now?" "I was just thinking," she said, "that our little Beatrice may grow up and become a grand opera singer and have to support a husband who will not be worthy of her." "Come. Let's look over this month's bills and have something real to worry about." — Chicago Record-Herald.

SELLING FISH ALIVE.

In Copenhagen Dealers Wheel Water Tanks From House to House.

One of the unusual sights in the city of Copenhagen is the water tank on wheels, which goes from house to house to supply customers with fresh fish. The city's sewers used to empty into the sea at the nearest convenient points. Now the sewage is collected into a main trunk line and carried two kilometers out to sea before it is released. This not only puts an end to the nuisances that used to arise, but enables boats full of live fish to come close to shore and right into the town by means of the salt water canals.

In this manner at least the smaller fish are kept alive until the moment they are sold. Any number of wooden boats are pierced with holes and filled with fish. These boats just float on the surface of the water, and the living fish is taken out of them when wanted.

But as every one cannot go to the water's edge to buy fish there are the water tanks on wheels, and the live fish are brought to the doors of the people's houses. The principal fish market was built by the municipality and is let to a wholesale fish salesman.

There is no spreading the fish on slabs so that dust and dirt may settle on them. Very pretty tessellated tile tanks are filled with running water, and here the smaller fish swim about. The larger fish, such as cod and halibut, are too cumbersome to keep alive and are therefore placed in the cold storage rooms.

Not only are the fish fresh, but they are generally very well, sometimes even artistically, cooked. At Copenhagen the domestic servants' trade union has instituted a school where members of the union are taught how to be clean and neat, how to sew, to wash and starch, and, above all, how to cook. This school is open to the public, where any one can have a cheap meal, thus giving the pupils an opportunity of exercising their talents in this direction. — Newark News.

Complimenting a Maid.

Here is the story of a would be burglar told in the Manchester Guardian:

One morning a well dressed man called at a large house in one of the suburbs and asked to see the master. He was told that the master and all the family were out and would not be in till evening. Representing himself as a personal friend of the family, he asked to be allowed to write a note to be given to the master on his return. The maid admitted him to the dining room and, remaining in the room, rang the bell. "Surely," said the visitor, "you are not afraid of leaving me alone in the room?" Offering no reply, the girl asked her fellow servant who answered the bell to bring writing materials. The stranger wrote a note and departed. On the master's return in the evening the note was duly delivered to him. He opened it and read, "Your maid is no fool!"

Was Entitled to Trouble.

Lord Palmerston and Sir J. Paget, who told the story, were walking down Bond street. A man came up and saluted the statesman. "How do you do, Lord Palmerston?"

"Ah, how do? Glad to see you. How's the old complaint?" The stranger's face clouded over, and he shook his head. "No better." "Dear me! So sorry! Glad to have met you. Goodbye." "Who's your friend?" asked Sir James when the stranger had gone. "No idea." "Why, you asked him about his old complaint." "Pooh, pooh!" replied the other unconcernedly. "The old fellow's well over sixty; bound to have something the matter with him." — London Globe.

A Taste For Books.

If I were to pray for a taste which should stand me in stead under every variety of circumstances and be a source of happiness and cheerfulness to me through life and a shield against its ills, however things might go amiss and the world frown upon me, it would be a taste for reading. Give a man this taste and the means of gratifying it and you can hardly fail to make a happy man unless, indeed, you put into his hands a most perverse selection of books. — John F. W. Herschel.

Lost Golf Ball.

Tommy went home one day with a nice new golf ball. "Look at the lost ball I found on the links, father," he said. "But you are sure, Tommy," said Mr. Traddles, "that it was a lost ball?" "Oh, yes," said the boy. "I saw the man and his caddy looking for it." — London Opinion.

BLIND SPOTS IN THE BRAIN.

How and Why It Is Some Persons Go Temporarily Insane.

Everybody knows that the brain is a mass of gray matter made up of bunches of cells, each bunch representing an inclination or feeling such as bravery, reverence or love of animals.

The cells situated on the outside of each bunch are large and shapeless, but it is found that the nearer to the center they are situated, so they become smaller and more shapely. In the very center there is a core or small spot of gray matter devoid of cellular growth. This core varies in size from a pea to a pin's head.

The large unshapely cells on the outside and farthest away from the core or "blind spot" are used for the storing of impressions and for everyday thoughts, while the finer cells situated nearer to the blind spot are for more difficult thought.

As the thought becomes deeper, more delicate and subtle, so the very tiniest cells are brought into use until thought can go no further because there are no more cells to supply it. At this point the brain becomes tired, and brain fag conveys a warning that the subject should be changed.

As a rule we accept the warning given by the fatigued brain and pursue a different line of thought. But not always. There are a hundred and one emotions that will goad a person to persist in thinking on one single subject.

By concentrating on a particular line of thought all the cells, even the minutest and most recently formed, are used up. Either the cells must be refreshed by sleep or the brain must be occupied on another matter. Very often, however, some other influence, such as worry or excitement, forces the thoughts to dwell on one subject. The cells are full up, there is no accommodation for them, and the warning of the brain has been unheeded.

There is nothing for it now but to switch the thoughts into that blind core of matter. Immediately that is done a person loses control over mental and physical actions and is not a responsible being. The thoughts wander about in that little vacant spot of matter like a mouse in a trap.

As the brain is trapped, so is the body. The victim is conscious of doing things, still knows how to do them, and very often in this mental stress becomes remarkably cunning, but is not in the least responsible for his actions.

It is all according to the inherent character of the person who is afflicted with this loss of self control what exact form the complaint will take. It is in itself temporary insanity, and generally the stress is manifested in physical violence. "blind" passion, hysteria and loss of memory.

It is when a person has been goaded and urged by the little devil we call worry that the danger of committing suicide is greatest. — Pearson's Weekly.

The Retort Courteous.

A young man in a hurry went through the left side of a pair of swinging doors in the senate wing of the capitol at Washington last session and almost knocked over a senator who was about to push through the right side.

The young man apologized profusely. "I'm very sorry—I didn't know I was—I am in a great hurry." "That's all right, son," said the senator. "But let me give you a piece of advice about going through doors like these. Always go through on the right side and turn to the right. Then if you meet anybody coming through and bump into him you needn't apologize. He'll be a durned fool, and it won't be necessary. Good mornin." — Saturday Evening Post.

Peru's Peculiar Indians.

Behind the Black Cordilleras, so called because they are barren and have been without rain since 1868, lies a plateau with an elevation ranging from 12,000 to 16,000 feet, inhabited by a most peculiar tribe of Indians in Peru. A returned traveler says their chests are distended because of the altitude and asserts that they cannot live in the lower altitudes. They are stolid, but good workers, harmless, but given to drink. They do not speak Spanish, having preserved their ancient tribal language.

The Limit.

"Grandpa, does hens make their own eggs?" "Yes, indeed, they do, Teddy." "An' do they always put the yolk in the middle?" "They do, Teddy." "An' do they put the white stuff round it to keep the yeller from rubbin' off?" "Quite likely, my little boy." "An' who sews the cover on?" — London Answers.

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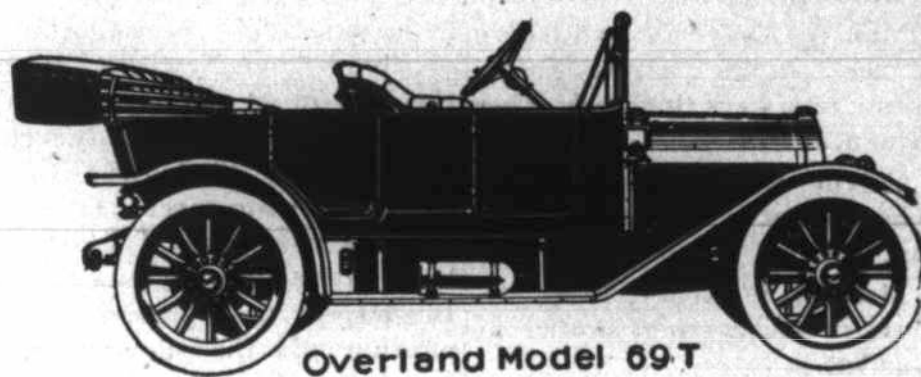
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