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THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1917.

KILL FLIES AND SAVE LIVES.

Kill at once every fly you can find and burn his body.

Observers say that there are many reasons to believe there will be more flies this season than for a number of years.

The killing of just one fly now means there will be billions and trillions less next summer.

Clean up your own premises; see and insist that your neighbors do likewise.

Especially clean "out-of-the-way-places," and every nook and cranny.

Flies will not go where there is nothing to eat, and their principal diet is too filthy to mention.

The fly is the tie that binds the unhealthy to the healthy.

RAILROAD SHOWS PATRIOTISM.

That the railroads of the country will demonstrate their importance and value to the country in time of war, under their present organization, is the view of President William Sproule of the Southern Pacific company, who has just made a tour of the company's lines from the Mexican border to Portland.

President Wilson's message to the American people, said Sproule, so aptly referred to the railroads as the arteries of the nation's life, saying that upon the men who run them rests the immense responsibility of seeing that those arteries suffer no obstruction of any kind, no inefficiency or slackened power. Am-

erican railroads accept this responsibility.

The President's message indicates that production and proper distribution of the country's resources constitute the most important task now confronting the nation as a necessary feature of the problems of war. It is the duty and desire of every man in the railroad business to make the transportation machine even more efficient for war than it has already proved itself in time of peace.

The usefulness of the railroads can be realized to the full without material changes in the organization, which is flexible already, as shown by the ease with which the Pacific Coast roads handled the armies that visited the Panama-Pacific exposition.

In war times the important place of the carriers in industrial life becomes conspicuous. The railroad man who helps to keep the train running in the time of his country's need, and can do that better than he can do anything else for the nation is helping to fight his country's battle as well as his brother who goes to the front. Each in his place is doing his part, his training and experience are necessary in his present position. A man can be taught more quickly to handle a rifle than he can be taught to repair a locomotive or run a train. It is not improbable that the government will hold it as important that the transportation service keep its ranks intact as the military and naval services be brought up to a war footing.

"In any event, what the railroadmen are to do will be determined by the desire of the government. They stand responsive to the needs of the country, ready to serve in whatever manner may be best. The railroad service will not be found to be a comfortable place for slackers.

A WORKING COMMITTEE IS WHAT WE NEED HERE.

Designed to bring together all the hundreds of organizations so that they will co-operate in unison and harmony to produce the greatest possible benefits and results, the Oregon Patriotic Service League has been formed. It is the first time that a thorough organization has been undertaken in Oregon to handle the subject of preparedness in a big way and in a manner that will be fair and just to all. In the past various societies have worked independently, duplicating work and wasting effort and not always finding a generous response from the public.

By means of the Oregon Patriotic Service League everyone can do his "bit." All the societies, clubs and other organi-

zations in Portland are part of the O. F. S. L. Each has a representative who serves as a vice-president and is a member of the advisory board. The system enables the league to come in direct contact with thousands of citizens.

All any community has to do is to have representatives of the local societies get together and form a working agreement, if a community wishes to do its full share toward standing behind the President. To attain the highest efficiency, each community in the state should have a branch of the league, and the services of every worker is volunteered.

There are two main fields of endeavor which the league has undertaken. The first is to give every citizen an opportunity to make that personal sacrifice which he owes his country; the duty which citizens may perform by volunteering their services and material possessions. The second field is assisting in recruiting; making provisions for those left behind by the enlisted men; seeing that employers keep jobs open for the boys to answer the call to the colors; provide comforts for men at the front; to mobilize the resources of the state; urge the cultivation of gardens and farms; assist in providing farmers with help; provide a home guard and assist the government in any manner possible.

The foregoing summary of the activities of the league embraces every avenue of endeavor which would develop in war or preparation for war. Under the scope of the program there is something which every man, woman and child in Oregon can do for the nation in the way of patriotic service.

By all citizens of the state being affiliated with some branch of the league there will be no opportunity for irresponsible individuals to impose on the patriotic impulse of the people by the formation of mushroom organizations. The big idea of the Oregon Patriotic Service League is to bring the people of Oregon to the point where all will work for the common good that the best possible results can be obtained. The league is the clearing house for any and all information which anyone may want.

IMAGINATION.

A wise imagination is one of the best aids for living, and in no way is it likely to be more useful than in anticipating regrets. All regrets may be avoided if only we will think ahead far enough and dearly enough. "If I had only known!" we cry. But we might have known.

A Call.

The Playwright—Ah, the audience is calling for the author!

The House Manager—I hear 'em, but you can get out through the alley, and I'll hold 'em back while you beat it.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

The Obliging Postman



An Episode Of Mexico

By F. A. MITCHEL

During the presidency of Diaz of the republic of Mexico I went there with a stock of goods and opened a store in the state of Durango. For awhile I did very well. Mexico had long been at peace with herself, foreign capital had come in to develop the country, and it looked as though her prosperity would continue.

The first wreck of my hopes was the revolution that displaced Diaz and placed Madero at the head of the Mexican government. But this was nothing to the accession of Huerta and the turmoil during his administration and fall. The Mexican people, especially those who supported Huerta, believing that their troubles came largely from the refusal of the United States government to recognize him as president of Mexico, turned more bitter than ever against Americans.

I had made a number of friends among Mexicans and was permitted to continue my business without molestation. This was all very well so long as I remained in the location of my home and business. But I was fond of sketching, and I intended as soon as I could get out of Mexico with my capital to go north and study art. The Sierra Madre mountains are not far from my home, and I desired to take as many sketches as possible away with me of the fine landscapes there.

One evening after sketching during the day I went to a house devoted to the entertainment of strangers to pass the night. The place corresponded to the old American tavern of former days. It was not especially clean, and the persons it contained were of a low grade.

About 10 o'clock at night I was sitting in the dining room reading a newspaper. I had gone there for the purpose, since a lamp swung over the table gave the only light that enabled me to read comfortably. I was seated directly under it, with my back to an open door, when, hearing a faint creak of a floor board in my rear, I raised my eyes from my paper. They lighted on a shadow cast on a wall before me. The shadow was not cast by the light over my head, but by one back of the object that produced it. It was not very distinct, but sufficiently so for me to distinguish it as the shadow of a man. The head covering was plainly a sombrero. The owner and shoulders came next. The left arm was lowered, and since the shadow of the right arm was simply a lump I surmised that it was raised and pointed in my direction.

It required only a fraction of a second for me to see in this shadow what is called in art a foreshortened arm. I believed also that the hand contained a weapon. That it was a pistol and not a knife was evident, since it, too, was foreshortened. Had it been a knife it would have been held in a different grip, which would have produced a shadow. I would have seen some evidence of a blade. In short, a man was standing in a passage behind me and about to shoot me. Expecting to be immediately killed, I was paralyzed. I had not even the power to duck under the table. Naturally my eyes were

glued to the evidence of my danger. Suddenly I saw an increase of the area of the shadow. On either side, just below the shoulders, a protuberance appeared momentarily, then merged into the main bulk. The right arm was lowered and hung at an angle with the body. Now I could see that it was an arm and there was a shadow of what it was plain was a pistol barrel.

When we are in danger our faculties become greatly sharpened. I question if they do not become rather instinct. I reasoned out the change in this wise: Some one had come up behind the man who was about to kill me and throw a pair of arms about him. What should I do now? I always carried a revolver on my sketching tours, but it was at my hip, under my coat. If I turned now to defend myself while my enemy's weapon was lowered I might be too late, whereas if I sat still, pretending to be ignorant of what was going on behind me, I might be saved.

This consideration flashed through my brain within a fraction of a second. I had scarcely conceded it when I saw the shadow of the arm drawn up to its former position. Evidently the man who had been interrupted was intending to proceed as before the interruption.

Then there was a commotion in the outline of the shadow. I judged it to express a struggle between two persons. The right arm shadow appeared and was grasped near the wrist by a hand.

Now was my time to act. I made four moves instantaneously—I drew my pistol, I rose, I turned, and I covered my enemy.

A Mexican stood before me struggling with a woman, who maintained a firm grip of his right wrist. At my movement both stood still.

"Drop that weapon," I said.

The man replied by an effort to wrench his wrist from the woman. I tried to quiet him by putting a bullet a few inches from his head, but he continued to struggle, and the woman held on. In another moment I saw his hand with the pistol in it extended on his right. I put a ball in the hand, and the pistol dropped on the floor. Darting forward, I picked it up.

"Gringo!" hissed the man.

I asked him why he wished to kill me, and he said that he hated gringos. This was the only reason he gave. I had been saved from being murdered by the woman who kept the house.

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