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**NEW REGIME RULES MAZATLAN**

U. S. CALIFORNIA, MAZATLAN, Mexico, Aug. 12.—(Delayed in transmission.)—On assuming command of Mazatlan today, Governor Riveros of the constitutionalist administration immediately ordered removed from the doors and windows of all German stores signs which had been placed there reading: "German property, under protection of the German cruiser Leipzig." The Leipzig has left here and is now off San Francisco.

The next act of the new governor was to levy a forced loan of \$100,000 on all foreign merchants.

In the three days fighting which accompanied the evacuation of the city by the federalists the constitutionalist loss in killed and wounded is estimated at 800. The hospital staff of the California is busy night and day caring for the wounded.

General Alvarado, in command of the constitutionalist forces in the state of Sonora, has been placed under arrest with all his staff by order of Governor Maytorena and taken to Hermosillo.

**ITALY OFFENDS AUSTRIAN ENVOY**

PARIS, Aug. 12, 4:05 a. m.—A despatch from Rome declares that the departure of the Austro-Hungarian ambassador to Italy, Kajetan Mery de Kapos-Mery, stated to be for reasons of health, was really due to the impossible situation resulting from the failure of his effort to obtain Italian support for Austria and Germany.

**BERLIN TO ASSIST STRANDED AMERICANS**

BERLIN, via Copenhagen and London, Aug. 12, 12:25 a. m.—A meeting of 500 Americans in the German capital was informed last evening that many German families were ready to take stranded Americans into their homes without cost. The first on the list of those willing to do so was Adolf Wernuth, the lord mayor, who declared he would take three Americans. The banks here are also ready to grant important credits to Americans. The president of the German Bank declared he would grant \$1,250,000 against adequate securities.

**GERMAN WARSHIPS SEEN IN BALTIC**

STOCKHOLM, via London, Aug. 13, 3:05 a. m.—Two German warships were observed off Landsort, an island in the Baltic, yesterday and today. Gotland reports that German war vessels are seen frequently cruising in that vicinity. Advertis from Finland indicate that Russians still control the Finnish Gulf. A party of Britishers suspected of espionage was arrested yesterday.

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**AMERICA'S OPPORTUNITY**

THE European war offers America a rare opportunity to secure the commerce of South America. Following as it does the era of good feeling towards the United States inaugurated among the Latin republics by President Wilson's recognition and sympathetic policies, and the completion of the Panama canal, the conflict which cuts off all trade with Europe opens the door for an American trade invasion.

A great deal of the commerce of South America is with Germany. It is the great market for German manufactures. All this commerce has ceased and it will be months, perhaps years, before it can be re-established. In the interim, Americans should be busy supplying the demands.

John Barrett of the Pan-American Union has issued an appeal to the commercial and financial interests of the United States, asking their assistance. He calls attention to the fact that South America annually imports products valued at \$961,000,000, of which \$660,000,000 come from Europe. The imports from the United States total only \$155,000,000. These imports are only ordered a month or two in advance of delivery, and speedy exhaustion of supplies will entail great hardship on the people. America must do her best to supply this enormous market.

South America suffers greatly by the war. Its exports total \$700,000,000 to Europe annually. These markets for raw products are now closed, and the ten nations are looking toward the United States for some relief. If the manufacturers of the United States can relieve the situation by increasing purchases they will help avert the threatened financial crisis.

The need of a line of steamers flying the American flag to South American ports is now most pressing. Such a line should be established at once.

The cutting off of the European money market, which financed the South American nations, makes it imperative that the financiers of the United States take their places and that American money be used in aiding these governments in the present emergency. Such aid will firmly cement the bonds between the United States and the South American countries, with resultant prosperity to both continents.

**DIFFICULTY OF SECURING WAR NEWS**

NOTWITHSTANDING unrivalled facilities for news gathering, the rigid censorship of the various governments and the cutting of cables make it almost impossible to present accurate news of the great European war. To such an extreme has the censorship been carried that even lists of dead and wounded are refused publication.

With close to four million men under arms, their whereabouts and movements are a profound secret to the general public. All news is censored by several governments and subject to indefinite delay before reaching the press associations.

There is but one direct cable line in Europe that is now in operation, and messages are subject to a minimum delay of forty-eight hours on account of the congestion on the wires. There is no communication with Germany or Austria by any routing.

What news can be secured, the public can rest assured, will be furnished by the Associated Press, the largest and most reliable of press associations. The people of Medford, through the Mail Tribune leased wire, are kept as well informed of the situation as those in any metropolis in the world.

**Fishing and Hunting With Poison**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 13.—Fishing and hunting with poison, as practiced by the natives of Brazil and other tropical American countries, is described in a communication to the National Geographic society, at Washington, D. C., by Dewey Austin Cobb.

"Brazil is certainly the lazy fisherman's paradise," he says. "It was only after two years' residence among the secretive Indians that I was reluctantly taken into their confidence sufficiently to be permitted to join them on one of their fishing excursions. We followed the stream for half a mile or so to where it spread out into a pool, perhaps fifty feet across. The men divided into two parties, one going up and the other down the stream a few rods. They then entered the stream, and, thrashing the water with their feet and with sticks, returned, driving all the fish before them into the pool."

"Meantime one of the women had grated some of the mysterious 'barbasco' roots, resembling horseradish, into about two quarts of water. This was thrown into the pool at various points. In about two minutes we began to see minute fish come to the surface, belly up, remain a few seconds and then disappear. In ten minutes all the small fry were on the surface, apparently dead, and larger and larger ones began to go through the same performance. With a long-handled scoopnet the leader nearly filled a bushel basket with fish from eight to twelve inches long in half an hour."

"Some of the fish were broiled, but I hesitated about eating them. The leader, surmising my reason, took several spoonfuls of the poisoned water and, mixing it with a dipperful of water, drank it down. It had not the slightest effect upon him. Never did I enjoy broiled fish more. To all appearance, the fish remaining in the stream, except the smaller ones, were affected by the poison only through their respiratory organs, and experienced no lasting injury."

"In hunting, the arrows, which are dipped in poison, consist of a point of wood or bone, not more than an inch long and the size of a toothpick, to which is attached a little tuft of hairy fiber of the silk cotton tree. The gun is a straight bamboo tube from five to six feet long, with a sight at one end and a funnel-shaped expansion to fit the mouth at the other. The principle is precisely the same as the schoolboy's tube for blowing putty balls. Even the most expert natives can shoot only a short distance, as compared with firearms, but their accuracy is wonderful."

Mr. Cobb gives the following description of the shooting of a deer: "A good-sized buck walked out of the corn and stopped, exposing to us its full broadside as we lay some thirty feet away. Our hunter fired. The animal gave a slight start as he felt the prick of the arrow on his flank, and turned partly around, sniffing the air for a scent, and looking around as if searching for the insect that had bitten him. Detecting nothing, he stood still and unalarmed. At the end of a minute or so his head dropped a little, as if he was sleepy. The hunter stepped out in plain sight. The deer looked at him and moved forward, not away from him, a few steps and stopped. He showed no fear, but simply curiosity."

"My companion and I rose and the three of us walked quietly within reach of him. He made no movement to run away, but watched us intently, and shifted his position a little. His movements seemed perfectly easy and natural. Absence of fear seemed the only observable change, until at the end of three minutes or more; then he laid down, not falling, but as naturally as a cow or sheep when ready for sleep. His breathing seemed easy and natural. At the end of ten minutes, though he opened his eyes when touched, his breath became shorter and slower. Eighteen minutes after he was struck by the arrow he was dead."

**The Prophecy of Tolstoy**

It is the Kaiser—actually the Kaiser—who is credited with having sought and obtained from Tolstoy his views as to the future, and the following prophecy was dictated by the noted Russian thinker to his wife, he being then near death and too feeble to write. That it acquires special interest by reason of the terrific war now convulsing Europe goes without saying. The vision is said to have been published as a leaflet, and runs as follows:

"This is a revolution of events of a universal character, which must shortly come to pass. Their spiritual outlines are now before my eyes. I see floating upon the surface of the sea of human fate the huge silhouette of a nude woman. She is—with her beauty, her poise, her smile, her jewels—a super-Venus. Nations rush madly after her, each of them eager to attract her especially. But she, like an eternal courtesan, flirts with all. In her hair ornament of diamonds and rubies is engraved her name: 'Commercialism.' As alluring and bewitching as she seems, much destruction and agony follows in her wake. Her breath, reeking of sordid transactions, her voice of metallic character like gold, and her look of greed are so much poison to the nations who fall victims to her charms."

"And behold, she has three gigantic arms with three torches of universal corruption in her hand. The first torch represents the flame of war, that the beautiful courtesan carries from city to city, and country to country. Patriotism answers with flashes of honest flame, but the end is the roar of guns and musketry."

"The second torch bears the flame of bigotry and hypocrisy. It lights the lamps only in temples and on the altars of false institutions. It carries the seed of falsity and fanaticism. It kindles the minds that are still in cradles and follows them to their graves."

"The third torch is that of the law, that dangerous foundation of all unauthentic traditions, which first does its work in the family, then sweeps

through the larger worlds of literature, art and statesmanship.

"The great conflagration will start about 1912, set by the torch of the first arm in the countries of South-eastern Europe. It will develop into a destructive calamity in 1913. In that year I see all Europe in flames and bleeding. I hear the lamentations of huge battlefields. But about the year 1915 a strange figure from the North—a new Napoleon—enters the stage of the bloody drama. He is a man of little military training, a writer or a journalist, but in his grip most of Europe will remain till 1925. The end of the great calamity will make a new political era for the old world. There will be left no empires or kingdoms, but the world will form a federation of the United States of Nations. There will remain only four great giants—the Anglo-Saxons, the Latins, the Slavs and the Mongolians."

**Town Dogs**  
 By Walt Mason

This is the season when town pups, which have no private drinking cups, too often must go dry; there are no fountains to produce three fingers of refreshing juice for howlers trotting by. Along the blazing thoroughfare they seek in vain, in their despair, for something they can drink; their blood gets heated and their jaws are dripping foam—with ample cause—their eyes turn red or pink. When some one sees a thirsty brute, he "Mad dog!" cries, the peepers shoot, the mob arrives with bricks; they chase poor Carlo through the town, and when at last they've run him down, they knock him out with sticks. Not one in fifty dogs this slain is mad or bughouse or insane, they're merely in distress; if dogs could always have a drink, the "rabies" fake would die. I think; there'd be one score the less. So let us station in the shade large tubs of wholesome lemonade for dogs which are thirsty, and they will bless us day by day, in their own friendly, doggie way, till they are wiserwurst.

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