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THE PRESIDENT VINDICATED.

Now that practically all Europe has been plunged into war over a pretext that must be considered trifling—indeed absolutely contemptible in view of the untold human misery involved—it is to be hoped that fair-minded Americans will begin to estimate more at their true value the wisdom and justice of that policy of watchful waiting which has proved so successful in President Wilson's handling of the Mexican question. The United States had far more provocation for intervention in Mexico than Austria-Hungary had for its truculent attitude toward Serbia. Huerta proved himself a peculiarly exasperating person, with much more ability and a greater command of resources than were at first credited to him, and there can be no doubt that a war of invasion, and possibly even of permanent occupation, would have proved popular with a large part of the American public. After the landing at Vera Cruz nothing would have been easier than to find a pretext for such a warlike policy.

It is infinitely to the credit of President Wilson and his advisers that notwithstanding the sneers and jeers of the empty headed, the malevolent and the selfish interests that desired to exploit Mexico for the benefit of their own pockets, he refused to take advantage of the weakness of a sister republic, but adhered firmly to a line of action that was high-minded and patriotic. Contrasted with the bullying arrogance of Austria-Hungary, which has set all Europe aflame, the president's course has shown the highest statesmanship, and his country has benefited immensely by his patience and tact. This fact is now generally recognized by intelligent republicans. The Boston Herald, a loyal standpat organ, after praising the president for resisting the clamor to attack Mexico and comparing his course with that of the authorities in Vienna under less provocation, says:

"But the president exercised a staying and a steadying hand. We did not go in. We have saved ourselves the horrors of war, and the long legacy of hate throughout Latin America, which would surely have followed. If the example of our own president could find imitators among the crowned heads of Europe it would be a blessing to humanity."—Philadelphia Record.

According to Ray Stannard Baker, in an article just published, the United States government spends 63 cents of every dollar it collects for war. Of the 37 cents left from each dollar after taking out the cost of war, 5 cents, the next largest single sum, goes for improving rivers and harbors. Four cents goes for the encouragement of agriculture and forestry, 3 cents for building the Panama canal, 1 1-2 cents for care of the Indians, 1 cent for maintaining

the United States congress, half a cent for assisting the laboring classes, and the rest for miscellaneous expenses.

The present little "unpleasantness" is doing much to develop an American merchant marine, an industry that we are sadly in need of, and it has been proposed for congress to buy or lease the European steamship lines and make a merchant marine at once, as it is dangerous for them to sail under any flag but the "Stars and Stripes." The trade between Europe and South America is all cut off and will now turn toward us in large quantities. This European outburst is already teaching South America that our statesmanship is much preferable to the European brand, and will undoubtedly lead those countries to cultivate a much more intimate acquaintance with us than heretofore. Our conduct of the Mexican situation has also made a profound impression on them.

Peace loving citizens of this country will now rise and tender a vote of thanks to Columbus for having discovered America.

Thirty-four million dollars ought to move a pretty big crop, but Secretary McAdoo says he will furnish more if it is needed.

Every time the war wind blows in any part of the universe you can see the bristles rise on Japan.

Now is the time for the United States to attend to its own business.

Are there no A. B. C. mediators in Europe?

ORDINANCE NO. 160

An ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 155 of the Town of Nyssa, Malheur county, Oregon, which was passed and approved on the 1st day of June, 1914, and which was entitled:

"An Ordinance Providing for the Construction and Laying of Sidewalks or Footways and Cross-Walks on First street, in Nyssa, Oregon."

The People of Nyssa Ordain:

Section 1. That Section 1 and Section 4 of said ordinance No. 155 of said Town of Nyssa be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows, to-wit:

Section 1. That all owners or holders of real estate bordering on or abutting the west side of First street in Nyssa, Oregon, between the north line of Emison Avenue and the north line of Lot 1 in Block Eight (8), in Nyssa, Oregon, are hereby required to grade and pave a sidewalk or footway, within ninety days after the passage and approval of this ordinance, in front of, next to, and bordering and abutting their respective lots, that is to say: Lots one (1) and twenty-two (22) in Block two (2); Lots one and 22 in Block five (5) and lots A and B in the north one-half of Block Eight (8) abutting on First Street; all in the Original Townsite of Nyssa, Oregon, as shown on the Revised General Map of Nyssa, Oregon; and said sidewalk or footway shall be constructed and laid as hereinafter specified.

Section 4. Upon this foundation or sub-grade will be laid a bed of concrete three and one-half (3 1/2) inches in thickness, to be made as follows, to-wit: one part of the best English Portland Cement, or cement equally as good, and two parts of clean, coarse, sharp sand shall be thoroughly mixed dry, and to this will be added five parts of clean gravel of suitable dimensions, or broken stone, not to exceed in either case one and one-half (1 1/2) inches in largest dimensions, thoroughly cleaned from dirt and all thoroughly mixed dry; water shall then be added and the

whole thoroughly mixed into mortar.

The mortar shall then be spread and at once thoroughly compacted and the upper surface shall be made parallel with the surface of the completed walk. The mortar and concrete shall be mixed in no greater quantities than shall be required for immediate use, and none remaining unused until having set shall again be mixed or used in any way. The whole operation of mixing and laying each batch of concrete shall be performed as expeditiously as possible, and shall be under the supervision of the City Engineer.

Upon this base the wearing surface will be laid one inch in thickness, composed of one part of the best Portland cement, or cement equally as good, and one part of sand. The sand shall be sharp and silicious and free from all aluminous or other foreign substances. The wearing surface shall be laid upon the concrete base while the latter is still soft and adhesive, and must be thoroughly worked and brought to a roughened surface and must be thoroughly protected from the action of the sun, wind and rain until thoroughly set.

Said pavements, sidewalks, or footways shall be constructed and laid in sections not to exceed five (5) feet in length, with a sand joint of one-fourth (1/4) inch in width between the sections, said sand joints to be accurately spaced and at right angles with the line of the walk. The wearing surface shall be creased in two and one-half (2 1/2) foot squares and each second crease shall be directly over the joint in the concrete and extend completely through the same, and all joints shall be thoroughly creased.

Section 2. Inasmuch as preparations are now being made for the construction of sidewalks on First street in Nyssa, Oregon, it is determined that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of the Town of Nyssa, Oregon, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall take effect, and be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council and approval of the Mayor, and legal publication.

Passed by the Common Council by unanimous vote and consent this 18th day of August, 1914.

Approved this 18th day of August, 1914. H. T. Francis, Mayor.
Attest: B. F. Farmer, Recorder.

Artistically Speaking.
The Mexican word "hombre" (meaning man) is pronounced "umber." Therefore, a sunburnt man is "burnt umber." This complexion, combined with a vandyke beard and a regular Mexican yellow streak ought to make an effective color scheme.

Monarch of American Trees.
The last tree in the United States is said to be the "Mother of the Forest," a giant redwood in the Calaveras big tree grove in California. It is supposed to contain 1,319 board feet of lumber.

Portuguese Cosmetic.
Women of the Portuguese province of Mozambique, in Africa, make a white cosmetic by grinding a certain kind of wood in water. They assert it removes wrinkles and prevents eruptive blemishes.

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IN this vicinity the fruit picking season is just starting. Soon there will be a small army of pickers, packers and teamsters working at this important harvest. These people have special needs in almost every commercial line. Work clothes, gloves, camping supplies, groceries, etc. Later much of their earnings will be spent for winter clothing. Merchants here would do well to advertise along these lines. Also it should be borne in mind that school will soon open, and the children must be outfitted.

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