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TRYING TO AVOID INTERVENTION.

SENATOR JONES, in his address at the Tacoma Commercial Club on Tuesday, voiced the sentiment of the American people in his expression of hope that President Wilson may succeed in his persistent, honest, patriotic effort to avoid intervention and save the Mexican people from themselves. The question, as Senator Jones says, is far above partisanship. It is a national question, a home question and, as he says, no man should favor armed intervention unless he is willing to go into the army or send his son to war.

Present conditions in Mexico are rapidly becoming intolerable and the breaking point must soon be reached, unless Mexican sentiment prevails over Huerta's apparent determination to plunge his country into war. The people's share of responsibility in the matter must be borne by the president and it is gratifying to know that the people of the entire nation, with happily few exceptions, are massed solidly behind the president. He has been remarkably patient in his efforts and, whatever may be the final resort, the president's policy involves no selfish purpose and covers no ambitious design.

There is no secret of President Wilson's opposition to Huerta. He has simply sought to preserve safety and self-government on the western hemisphere, in compliance with the Monroe doctrine, and has sought and is seeking peace and stability in Mexico, not for the benefit of the United States, but for the benefit of Mexico and her place in the world of nations. The president has refused to recognize murder and assassination as a means of overthrowing governments. He has made no attempt to change plans or customs or forms of gov-

ernment in Mexico, but has undertaken to stand between the people of the torn and mutilated republic and the man who would usurp the reins of government for his personal aggrandizement and the enrichment of his coterie of paid followers. He has sought to defeat despotism and to restore constitutional government to an enslaved people.

It is impossible to learn accurately what is happening in Mexico, but it is certain that same caution which has marked the president's course to this time is still being observed. Something must have been done by President Wilson to ascertain the extent of the success of the constitutional revolutionists. Something must have been done to attain a proper estimate of Carranza, the revolutionary leader. Something must have been thought out as to the advisability of letting Carranza import arms. Furthermore, we have a very well-defined suspicion that something may have been done toward "feeling out" the attitude of the great South American republics on the subject of a peaceful joint intervention.

The main thing for most of us to do is to continue to remember that President Wilson wants peace instead of war and that there are several protective devices between that dread eventuality and explosive stories from the capital of Mexico.

The president's course has been wise and conservative and consistent. If the worst comes and intervention is unavoidable, we can go into Mexico with clean hands.—Tacoma Tribune.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP AND SOCIALISM.

AS THE GREAT AMERICAN CONSUMER any rights which any combination of men with capital enough to control any process or product, is bound to respect? It would seem not, and that whatever such a combination decrees, that has to "go as it lays." As a people we have probably more laws and less results than any nation in the world. While boasting our freedom, we are the veriest slaves to any and all who want to plunder us, and we seem to like it. One of our troubles is that we have too much law, that, like the Monroe doctrine, is always bobbing up to compel us to do something we do not want to do, or to leave undone something we want to do.

Recently the following news item appeared among the dispatches from the east:

"A syndicate of Manhattan cold storage speculators has sold to a wholesale grocery house here 140,000 cases of cold storage eggs at a net profit of \$75,000. Since the grocer made the purchase several days ago, his eggs have gone up enough to guarantee him a net profit of \$180,000 at the latest market quotations. The eggs originally cost the speculators 15 cents a dozen. * * * The speculation dealt with only one week's normal consumption of eggs in New York City."

Here is a case where one product alone, and only enough of that to make one week's supply for the city of New York, was sold at prices that netted a profit of \$225,000 in a few days. This transaction was made possible because the cold storage companies have capital enough that they can assemble a vast store of any commodity, on which later they can collect unholy profits. The small capitalist cannot do this, and so the field is left open for the big fellows to control, and to cinch the consumer as much and as hard as they please. The perfecting of the cold storage system should have been a boon to humanity, and would be if properly safe-guarded. To do this would compel the classing of cold storage companies as public utilities, and fixing some limit of profit which they were allowed to make. At the same time it must be conceded that the main cinch in the case in point was not due directly to the cold storage company, which got only \$75,000 profits, for the grocer "in a few days" made a profit of \$180,000. It would seem from this that not only should the company be controlled, but the grocer, also; and as this cannot be done under our present system of government, that it could only be effected by government ownership and operation. Thus day after day the big fellows teach Socialism, and teach it with the advantages of magnificent illustrations. Within the last few years the people have been doing considerable thinking, and they have about reached the conclusion that there is no need of their submitting to being robbed by every man or company that gets into a position to hold them up with a gun, in the shape of aggregated wealth, processes and patents. Neither do they longer care for or fear political bugaboos. Socialism no longer scares them, by its name, and if it will relieve them from some of the unjust things from which they now suffer, they will adopt Socialism as quickly as any

other form of government. Another thing this case illustrates is that these unholy prices never by any possibility benefit the producer. He is in the same class as the consumer to the extent that the big corporations, that have the power, rob him just as cheerfully as they do the consumer. With cold-blooded robbery at both ends of the deal, the manipulators wax fat, but they are not like Jehu, for they do not kick. Even that part of the deal is turned over to the two sufferers, the producer who gets half what his product is worth, and the consumer who pays double what the corporation that finally corners the product pays the other middlemen for it.

New York sets a new record in the matter of speeding. At a funeral Wednesday the chauffeur of the leading auto coach was arrested for speeding. When hearses exceed the speed limit what are the other speed fiends doing?

There was an exhibition of voting machines at the court house Thursday. These machines, we understand, cost about \$900 each and if adopted by the state would cost several million dollars. The saving in the cost of elections is made to appear large on paper, but we fancy that is about the only place in which they would make any material showing. With our present population Oregon has little or no use for voting machines. Another feature of the voting machine is that the voter has to be educated up to its use. The only persons to be benefited by the state adopting voting machines, would be the manufacturers of the machines.

The lawmaker who had that voting machine bill passed did a good thing by failing to provide any money which could be used in paying for the machines, and so kept the fad from getting a hold in the state for a few years, at least.

The railroad commission has given the Salem Water Company some four months in which to make a showing, and so far not a bit of information has been furnished it. Is the commission a joke or does it mean business? If the former it might as well understand that the people of Salem are not in a mood for joking. If it has the power it should compel the water company to make a showing. If it has not the power to do this, then it had better let the fact be known, so that this long-suffering community can take some other method for obtaining relief.

Anyway, the Workmen's commission can get ready for business by the time the law goes into effect, as it will have more than seven months for study and preparation. It may be necessary, however, to have another try at the supreme court to settle some other things in connection with the work.

The sale of the Salem sewer bonds is a gratifying bit of news for those who have paid their assessments, and who will in the near future get their money back. Anyway, it encourages one in the hope that even the railroad commission will sometime get a move on and compel the water company to present its case. As it is now the people feel they are being charged excessive rates for their water and they blame the railroad commission for it.

Attorney John McNary made a strong address before the state bar association at Portland Tuesday. Among other things suggested by him was the taking of the pardoning power from the governor. He takes the position that the trial jury has better means of knowing the guilt or innocence of a person, and that the governor should not have the right to overrule its decision. There is good logic in that, but would not the same reasoning apply to the decisions of the lower courts and cut off the supervision of the supreme court from many criminal cases?

PASTOR OF LOS ANGELES BUILDS MODERN CHURCH

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Los Angeles, Nov. 21.—A Los Angeles clergyman, Rev. Charles C. Seecaman, to be specific, declares that a church cannot attract Twentieth century men by Tenth century methods. So he is having a church built with 900 rooms and which will contain halls, gymnasium

and baths, billiard rooms and other comforts heretofore found only in the tents of the ungodly.

Pastor Seecaman is from Missouri, which fact seems to fit very nicely into his general scheme of showing the other churches something.

The Thanksgiving turkey is beginning to feel fine, and to think this is a fine world.

BIG EATERS GET KIDNEY TROUBLE

Take a Glass of Salts Before Breakfast if Your Back Hurts or Bladder Bothers You.

The American men and women must guard constantly against kidney trouble because we eat too much and all our food is rich. Our blood is filled with filter acid which the kidneys strive to filter out, they weaken from overwork, become sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and the result is kidney trouble, bladder weakness and a general decline in health.

When your kidneys feel like lumps of lead; your back hurts if the urine is cloudy, full of sediment or you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night; if you suffer with sick headache, or you have rheumatism when the weather is bad, get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoon in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys; to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

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