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THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION.

PRESIDENT WILSON has proved himself the man of the hour. Called out of bed after midnight and informed that a large shipment of arms and ammunition was about to be landed at Vera Cruz, and that it would be used undoubtedly by Dictator Huerta to maintain his position against this country, he was put to the supreme test. His course, to be decided without time for deliberation, would make history. Congress was still quibbling over his request for authority to enforce the demands upon Huerta—the destiny of the nation hung in the balance, the lives and interests of the American people were in his keeping.

The secretary of state and secretary of war were both asking the same question over the telephone: "What shall we do?"

The answer came back from the president without an instant's hesitation, if we may believe the press dispatches.

"Seize the Vera Cruz customs house at once!"

The president went back to bed and the secretaries to their desks, but the words had been spoken that put a nation's fleet in action. Half an hour after the orders of the president had been repeated by wireless to the American admiral the marines were landing on Mexican soil with fixed determination to put them into execution. The arms and ammunition were not landed, and never will be on Mexican soil.

When the president came into office he inherited a complicated Mexican problem. He did not understand it because he had no means of making a personal investigation any more than another American citizen might have done, but he took immediate steps to get at the bottom facts by sending his personal representatives to the scene, men in whose discretion and judgment he could rely implicitly. Former Governor Lind was the instrument he used to fathom the situation at Mexico City, and he calmly accepted the criticisms and witticisms directed at his "watchful, waiting policy" until the investigation was completed. Governor Lind has returned to the capitol and his report is in the president's hands. Action has followed promptly and with decision.

Few will doubt but the president has a plan of action carefully prepared, as has been the case in all matters of legislation. He knows what he wants to do and what he believes should be done and will swerve neither to the right nor the left in carrying it through. His order to occupy Vera Cruz was like the signal gun that awakes a sleeping army on the morn of battle.

Such men as Wilson, though they may be shining targets for the shafts of criticism, are the men whose features are stamped on the pages of history. They act and the nation follows. Right or wrong, their leadership is absolute, although it may be left to future generations, when passion and partisan rancor has abated, to set the standard of their real greatness, in the light of subsequent events.

England has caught the exposition fever, so long prevalent in America, and London purposes to give a show, opening in May, which will be some show. Here are some of the features proposed, as set forth by the press agent: "Five million dollars' worth of American art (fully insured against suffragettes); the longest scenic railway in the world; more than 100 buildings crammed with exhibits showing the century's progress in science, industry, literature, improvements in the comforts of life, and betterment of the conditions of working men and women; a garden of 75,000 English trees; a magnificent working model of the Panama canal, and a reproduction of the room in which the historic treaty of Ghent was signed."

An organization favoring free tolls for the Panama canal for American coastwise ships has been formed in New York under the high-sounding name of "the committee for the preservation of American rights in the Panama canal." It has an active press bureau and is flood-

ing the newspaper offices with matter that is inspired no doubt by the shipping trust, which is, of course, to pay the expense bills. 'Twas ever thus when a monopoly tries to work its schemes through—the theory that all the people may be fooled all the time is the basis of its campaign.

The first cry that is put up by some official who sees his favorite and especial public teat about to be pulled out of his mouth is: "It don't cost the state anything, the office is self supporting." They seldom say the office is necessary, or one that is beneficial to the state, but just fall back on the proposition that it is not costing the taxpayers anything, as they collect their salaries and sometimes more in fees that are paid by individuals. Whenever an official puts up that kind of a defense the thing to do is to treat him as though he was a fly and swat him.

The high cost of living will have to hurry if it keeps pace with the high price of breach of promise suits. A California woman has demanded \$1,500,000 as relief to her lacerated heart and salve to her injured feelings. She must have had a bad case of original puppy love to have felt that badly about it.

If Carranza and Villa will use a little good judgment and wait for Uncle Sam to dispose of Huerta all they will have to do is to run for office when an election is called. If they take the other course and play Huerta's game they will run for their lives before long instead of for office.

The house must have wept over the death of the mileage graft, especially as it was compelled to pass death sentence on it, much as a son would be compelled to condemn his father to death knowing the old man to be a generous provider, and he was cutting off his own sustenance.

General Coxe is pointing the wrong way with his army since he is headed away from Mexico. He should run his mule on a turn table and get him headed toward the Rio Grande.

Considering what a handsome flag is it, Huerta, as a polite Don, should not find it difficult to salute.

An Iowa man is offering to sell his backbone. He is not a politician or he would have none to sell.

THE ROUND UP.

The post office at Ukiah, Umatilla county, is swamped with mail, due to the popularity of the parcels post.

None of the local physicians of St. Johns will accept the position of city physician at the salary, which is \$100 a year.

Yamhill county prohibitionists met at McMinnville Wednesday and placed a ticket in the field. Some of the officers, however, were left without a candidate.

Newport has passed a drastic ordinance against outsiders peddling and running temporary businesses in that place. A heavy license will be collected, and this, it is thought, will hold the business in the hands of local people.

Catlow Valley item in Burns Times-Herald: "We are soon to have a new postoffice at Ragtown to be known as Pioneer, with Frank Warner as postmaster."

A plan gotten up by a candidate for the legislature from Hood River county for the creating of the "City of Willits," which was to include most of the lower half of Hood River valley, was defeated at an election Tuesday by a vote of 733 against 29 for. This would indicate that as legislative timber the author would be a splendid specimen to leave at home.

There was quite a heavy frost at Hood River Tuesday night, but the extent of the damage can not yet be learned. It is thought to be light.

Captain Marcus Buchanan, an old resident of Lake county, died at his

Old Maids

All girls should marry when they can. There's naught more useful than a man. A husband has some faults, no doubt, and yet he's good to have about; and she who doesn't get a mate will wish she had one, soon or late. That girl is off her base, I fear, who plans to have a high career, sidesteps vows and wedding rings to follow after abstract things. I know so many ancient maids who in professions, arts or trades have tried to cut a manlike swath, and old age finds them in the broom. A loneliness, as of the tomb, enchants the spinsters in its gloom; the jim crow honors their love when they'd sell at seven cents a ton. Their sun is sinking in the West; and they, unloved and unrequited, must envy, as they bleakly roam, the girl with husband, hearth and home. Get married, then, Jimmie dear; don't fiddle with a cheap career. Select a man who's true and good, whose head is not composed of wood, a man who's sound in wind and limb, then round him up and marry him. Oh, rush him to the altar rail, nor heed his protest or his wail. "This is," you'll say, when he's been won, "the best day's work I've ever done."

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home April 19. He was a veteran of the civil war.

Miss Jennie Benson of Portland,

We Should Ask South America to Help Us Restore Order In Mexico

By ZANE GREY, Novelist

WEB are confronted in Mexico with a nation of more than twelve million—some say they are as many as fifteen million—of whom nine-tenths are no more civilized than our own red men on the plains. Seven-tenths of the Mexican people are of pure Indian blood, two-tenths, say, are of mixed Spanish and Indian descent, and the small remainder are of pure Spanish blood. I should like to emphasize the OVERWHELMING PREPONDERANCE OF INDIANS IN THE POPULATION, for if we forgot them we are apt to think of the Mexicans as a people with whom the nations can deal as they might deal with Germans, Englishmen or Frenchmen. And such a thing, of course, is impossible.

WE OWE IT TO OUR SENSE OF DEGENCY AND JUSTICE TO PUT AN END TO THE CARNIVAL OF PLUNDER, BUTCHERY AND OUTRAGE THAT HAS MADE MEXICO A HELL ON EARTH DURING THE LAST YEAR. AND IN ORDER THAT THERE MAY BE NO COMPLAINT OR GROUND OF COMPLAINT ON THE PART OF OUR SOUTH AMERICAN NEIGHBORS THAT WE ARE SEEKING TERRITORY OR WEALTH IN THE AFFLICTED COUNTRY WE OUGHT TO ASK THEM TO JOIN US IN RESTORING ORDER IN MEXICO—YES, AND IN MAINTAINING ORDER. FOR IT IS CERTAIN THAT THE MOMENT THE STRONG HAND OF THE LAW IS WITHDRAWN REVOLUTION AND RIOT WILL BEGIN AGAIN.

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principal of the Florence schools for three years, has been elected school supervisor of the Sinslaw district. It is a very hard district to travel over, being mountainous and the schools widely scattered. Some of them can only be reached by walking the trails.

Cottage Grove will turn out to work the roads next Tuesday, and the cry will be "Everybody's doin' it."

McMinnville used Friday as good roads day and every candidate was asked to get in and throw dirt. Useless to say there were all there.

Bids for clearing and grading the Clatsop county portion of the Columbia highway were opened at Astoria Wednesday, and were found so high that they will all probably be rejected.

Waldport voted on the recall of Frank L. Baker, city councilman, Thursday, but results are not yet known.

Peter Riley, a resident of Oregon for 45 years, died at his home in Albany Wednesday. He was 68 years old.

A lodge of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen has been organized at Marshfield with 18 charter members.

Work began Wednesday at Echo on the long-talked-of Echo-Coyote cutoff, with Twohy brothers in charge.

"The commercial club," says the Port Orford Tribune, "will soon commence the work of arranging for the 1914 Agate carnival. The carnival will probably be held at Agate Beach, where it is believed it can be made an even more enjoyable affair than it has been in the past."

J. C. Robertson, living five miles south of Falls City, will on May 1 start a hydro-electric plant of his own installing, which will supply him and his neighbors with light and power. "The water for power," says the Falls City News, "comes from mountain streams that have heretofore been considered too insignificant to be given names."

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Senator Chamberlain having notified the governor that it was the intent of the secretary of war to keep the Coast Artillery at home to guard the coast, if it should from any cause be found necessary, has taken the matter up with the senator and hopes to have some arrangement made that will permit the Guard to go to the front. "The boys have been faithful and have worked hard," said the governor, "and it is hardly fair to them to keep them at home when to a man they want to get on the firing line."

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THE PUBLIC EAR.

It's no use to stand on the street corner and tell your story to the passerby, they won't listen; it's no use to call a mass meeting, they won't come. But there is a place where thousands upon thousands of business-like people are assembled, always alertly ready to hear your message and that place is the Journal Want Ad Column.

There's where you can catch the public ear and remember that if you want to buy, or sell, something there are inevitably lots of folks who want to sell, or buy, that very thing. The only problem that remains is to get buyer and seller together and this problem is solved surely, quickly and cheaply by means of a Journal Want Ad—try one.

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