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MEXICO ON THE WAR PATH AGAIN.

There are increasing indications that Mexico will have to endure another civil war. Villa and Carranza are likely to fail in reaching an agreement and if they get together there are scores of lesser chieftains who are ready to revolt against the regular government, no matter who should head it. The trouble with the Latin-American countries is that they are incapable of self-government because the population consists of only two classes, one comprising the property owners and educated people and the other the peons, poverty stricken, ignorant and shiftless. The former class is the ruling element and their idea of government is graft and exploitation for the benefit of themselves. When one faction gets in, another tries to oust it for the purpose of securing the loot only, and not because of any patriotic concern. The peons will fight on either side, if too much exertion is not required, for a little money or the promise of loot. Endless revolution is the consequence of these deplorable conditions. Former President Diaz, with his rule of iron, having been the only leader in the history of the nation capable of maintaining a semblance of real government for any considerable time.

President Wilson is using much patience and every possible means of a peaceful nature to straighten out the tangle, and the people of this country hope he will succeed. We fear, however, that he will find that there is no real foundation on which to build a stable government in Mexico at this time, and in due course of events sterner measures may be necessary.

At the present time little attention is being paid to the trend of events in the southern republic because of the greater troubles of the world, busy just now with bigger and more serious things. Those who are watching the developments down there, however, are only hoping for the best, and really expecting a continuation of turmoil and bloodshed.

OUR UNEASY CONSCIENCES.

There is nothing more unreasonable than an over-weening conscience. The sense of "ought" which no activity appeases; the sense of shame for one's "shortcomings," no matter how "long" we come in reality; this is an element in life which often tends to evil results.

Nagging is disagreeable and generally useless, whoever does it; and to have a perennial nagger incorporated in one's system is worse than an outside one. Is it not possible to have it out with one's conscience, settle on a level of virtue one may consider attainable, and pursue the even tenor of one's way?

Here is a woman, a good deal of an invalid, fretting because she cannot write letters to deserving friends; feeling daily remorse at neglecting them. Now this is a simple matter to decide. She can or cannot write a letter a day—or two—or three. If she CAN, there is no power that can prevent her. If she CANNOT, she is not to blame.

One can ascertain one's powers by a little careful experiment, live easily up to them, and experience a profound sense of piety and peace in the fulfillment.

Either one can or one cannot. How is one to know? By trying. Try hard, try nobly, test your outside limit; then walk easily within it.

We are not to blame for not doing what we cannot. There is no great difficulty in doing what we can.

The best method of settling one's conscience is to drag it into the open, carefully define its demands, fulfill what is in one's power, and then refuse to be disturbed by any required impossibility. An undisciplined, exorbitant, irrational conscience is more distressful than a scolding mother and a teasing child.

Whatever else may be said of beer, it is always a reliable product to fall back on for raising revenue, as it can always be depended on for satisfactory results. It in some respects resembles the tariff laws, which, it is said, are the best revenue laws ever invented because under them "you can get the largest amount of feathers with the least amount of squawking from the goose."

Naturally when the Oregonian got to discussing eggs recently it became slightly addled, and just at present could not get on the market as of the "candled" variety. As a sample of its addled condition, attention is called to an editorial under the heading, "Producer and Consumer," in Wednesday's issue, in which it says it is "pleased to enlighten the puzzled Oregon City correspondent, who wants to know the exact influence of the tariff on eggs on his own prosperity." In trying to let the light of wisdom shine into the dark recesses of its correspondent's think-tank, the editor proceeds to scramble his eggs, arguments and gray matter and to place in type the most meaningless and senseless string of words ever permitted to disport themselves on the editorial page of any paper in Christendom. If the Oregon City correspondent ever untangles that lot, he will never ask another question, or at least he will not ask an answer from the Oregonian.

The weather prognostications of Father Ricard of California, who by the way is one of the world's greatest mathematicians, have proved unusually correct. He called especial attention to September 8, and the evening of the Seventh the first rain storm of the season broke with heavy precipitation and strong winds that lasted all the next day. In this connection attention is called to the outburst of Mount Lassen on the 8th, which was far the greatest of its thirty-odd eruptions. The storm along the coast on that date was one of unusual severity for the time of year.

The returns from Washington's primaries are very meager owing to the length of the ballots which contain some hundreds of names in some counties. In the matter of the justices of the supreme court, however, so far as counted, they show the candidates who are new are running ahead of the incumbents seeking re-election. This indicates the "Clam Diggers" are not familiar with the proverb that "it is better to bear the ills we have than to fly to those we know not of."

The new revenue laws will also hit the bubble wagons, as gasoline will be forced to contribute to make up deficiencies in the custom revenues. However, it will only be a cent; or perhaps two cents a gallon, which will mean only the twentieth part of a cent a mile to the autoists. Incomes will also have to stand a portion of the deficiency, but they can do it more easily than anything else.

This kicking about Russian names is all wrong. Any printer will tell you they are the handiest bunch to handle he ever ran across. Generally in dividing a word at the end of a line the division is made after a consonant. This permits cutting a Russian name in two any old place when the line is full.

Probably the next feature of the European unpleasantness will be a series of revolts of the provinces and a state of civil war. With half its population Slavs, Austria is having a hard time getting them to fight their own people, and revolts are a necessary sequence to conditions.

The question of fashions in women's dress should not figure greatly in European countries for some time to come. Anyway, whatever the style, it is pretty certain that most of the material will be mourning goods of some kind.

In England it is urged that golf links be devoted to the growing of wheat. If this is accomplished, the war will not have been utterly in vain.

THE ROUND-UP

Ezra Cross, an old soldier and veteran of the civil war, was found dead under a tree at Vancouver, Wash., Tuesday. He was an inmate of the old soldiers home at Roseburg and was out on a 15 days' furlough. He had evidently fallen from the tree, which at that point is nearly 70 feet high, and his head was completely buried in the ground.

Ashland public schools opened Monday with a corps of 31 teachers.

Aylmer Hunter, who had suffered from dropsy for a number of years, committed suicide at Cottage Grove Sunday night following a week of terrible suffering. He placed the muzzle of a revolver in his mouth and discharged it, death resulting instantly.

Memphis reports the prune yield lighter than last season but considerably heavier than was estimated a few weeks ago.

Linn county reports more than twice as many births as deaths during August. There were 30 births evenly divided as to sex and 14 deaths also even in that way.

Joe Bellers, the 17-year-old son of a well-to-do rancher, is under arrest at Pendleton on a statutory charge on the complaint of the father of two young girls, his alleged victims.

The record price was paid recently for wheat lands near Pendleton, they going at \$125 an acre.

The general store of Milo Pierson at Tea Mile, near Marshfield, was robbed Tuesday night of about one hundred dollars worth of clothing.

Pendleton is to send a special car to the Spokane fair, September 15-18. The car will have at least 90 prominent business men and they will take along with them the Roundup band.

The Portland Graded Sunday School Union will hold its first weekly meet-

ing Friday at 3 p. m. at the Central library. Mr. Cole, who has just returned from the Chicago convention, will speak.

G. L. Hurd, who recently sold out his weekly paper in Stanfield to engage in extensive hog-raising, came into Pendleton, with the carcass of a calf with two heads. Both heads were in complete working order. It saw with four eyes, breathed with four nostrils and bleated with two mouths. Both heads were alike. This shows the results of a newspaper man trying to raise hogs.

Meaning the Grand Ronde, the La Grande Observer says: "If you want to see the prettiest sight in the nation drive through the valley at the present time."

Medford Mail-Tribune: There is a decided, but as yet, uncrystallized sentiment among farmers and fruitgrowers of the valley for irrigation. Those who scoffed at irrigation when it was offered now see its value.

The news that an ample supply of cold water is likely to be found in the well across the river is very nearly as interesting to Eugene people, the Register reports, as that which is appearing on the bulletin boards.

Specifications have been prepared for street improvement at Carlton. Concrete will be used for the hard-surfacing and the pavement will be similar to that recently completed at Dayton. Williamson also has some concrete streets.

GOOD SUGGESTION TO SALEM PEOPLE

It is surprising the amount of old, foul matter the simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-I-ka, drains from the system. This remedy became famous by curing appendicitis, and sets on BOTH the upper and lower bowel so thoroughly that ONE DOSE relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation almost IMMEDIATELY. We are mighty glad we see Salem agents for Adler-I-ka. J. C. PERRY.

CHARLEY HINGES WRITES FROM LONDON

Telling of the hardships of Americans in the war zone, and of his own terrible heart-rending experience, Charles Hinges, the well-known Salem jeweler, writes Hal Patton from London. The letter was dated August 2. It follows: "Well, I am this far, but, oh! my, what a terrible experience to get here. The trip from Switzerland alone took me three days. In ordinary times it would take nine hours. I passed through thousands and thousands of ranks of soldiers. While I have not yet been close to a battle, we could hear the roar of the cannons and see smoke and dust in the distance, rolling over the mountains. "This war is a terrible thing. Beautiful places which I saw six weeks ago are in complete ruin now. Families, who two months ago were rich, are destitute now. On my way here we passed train loads of wounded soldiers, saw the trenches and breastworks in the fields. One place the fields and hills were covered with twenty to thirty thousand soldiers preparing for the last advance into Paris. "Poor Paris. Never saw such a dead place. Everything closed up; stores boarded up and not a single sign of old gay Paris. Don't even hear a piano being played. But they are certainly sure now of victory. Of course you know more of the doings of the war on both sides than we, as we only get such news as they want us to know, and while in Switzerland heard absolutely nothing. "Some Americans endured terrible hardships. I thought myself sometimes I would drop in my tracks. We had to carry our own water and food, besides lug our baggage as best we could, and so terrible warm, too. If everything goes lucky with me, I'll probably sail the last of this week. I'll be mighty glad to get on dear old U. S. soil. My regards to all. CHAS. HINGES.

The Departing Soldier

"Farewell, dear wife," the soldiers said, "my country calls, and I must go, to wear a helmet on my head, and shoot at folks I do not know. And men whose names I've never heard will go for me with gun and sword; the whole blamed business is absurd, and I am sad, and slightly lonesome. I know not what the war's about, if wise or just I do not know; I only know I'm going out to make a target for the foe. But keep a cheerful heart I beg, for I'll return to home and farm; perhaps I will be shy a leg, and maybe I'll be short an arm, but I'll come back, though battered sore, come back in flesh, or as a ghost; I may be brought upon a door, I may be shipped by parcels post; some way, some time, I shall return, my soul, as ever, fond and true, to watch you trying hard to earn a living for our famished crew. You'll have to till our barren fields, and reap the scanty crops you raise, while I am packing swords and shields, and shooting holes through unknown jays. You'll have to thrash the meagre grain, and yoke the oxen to the plow, while I'm prooting o'er the plain, a large brass helmet on my brow. I hate to leave these humble walls; our lives, dear wife, are made a wreck, but I must go where honor calls, and get a bullet in my neck."

EYES TROUBLE YOU? TRY THIS SIMPLE RECEIPT.

We all know some home remedy for our minor troubles, and by the use of these remedies many a doctor's bill is saved and doubtless many a life. How few know what to do when their eyes become tired and ache, or feel dry and inflamed from abuse and overuse! In the morning your eyes feel rough or sticky, or they trouble you when you read. What do you do? Most of us rush off and get glasses (perhaps at some cheap store where no skill is used in fitting our eyes), which we very often do not need at all. Thousands are wearing misfit or unnecessary glasses which they might better discard, and other thousands can, with a little care, probably so strengthen their eyes that glasses might never be necessary. Here is a free receipt that may be relied upon to give comfort and to help the eyes of some people; it is harmless and has the enthusiastic endorsement of thousands who have used it: 5 Grains Opton (1 tablet). 2 Ounces Water. Use as an eye wash night and morning, or oftener if possible. It makes most eyes feel fine, quickly allays irritation, brightens the eyes and sharpens the vision. Many who have used it no longer feel the need of glasses; many others have ceased to fear that they will soon be obliged to wear them. Get the Opton tablets from your nearest druggist and prepare the solution at your own home.

AMERICA DEPENDS ON GERMAN DYE-MAKERS

(The Wall-Street Journal.) The reason for the world's dependence upon Germany for its supply of dyes is explained by the remarkable growth and expansion of such pioneer companies as the Badische-Anilin & Soda-Fabrik of Germany, whose gross sales are \$70,000,000 annually. The plant has a frontage of a mile and a half on the Rhine and is the largest of its kind in the world. Some 100 of its size may be gained from considering that 158 boilers, 13 dyna-

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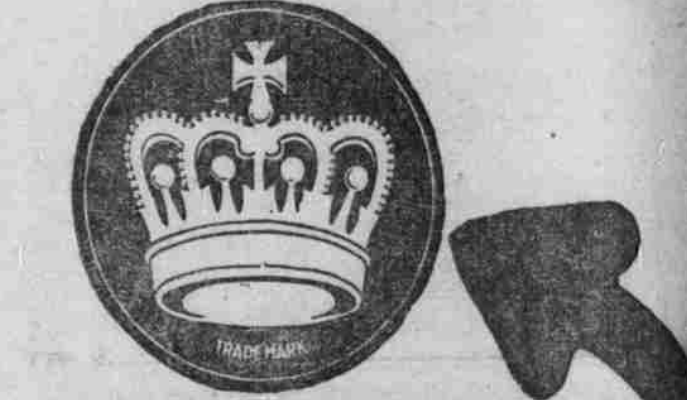
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