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CARRANZA AND THE MEXICAN PROBLEM

If General Carranza can handle the Mexican situation himself, let him do it, is the advice of the Walla Walla Bulletin.

There has never been a time during the Mexican reign of terror when this nation would not gladly have upheld Carranza's hands if we could have been sure that he had the requisite power, that he meant to carry out the legitimate purposes of the revolution, and that he would treat the United States and other foreign governments with the proper consideration. Nearly all Carranza's troubles have been caused by his own arrogance and unreasonableness.

He shows signs now of common sense and discretion. His reply to the invitation that he join in the conference with representatives of the United States and Latin-American powers to consider the restoration of peace in Mexico has been dignified and courteous. At least he recognizes the "sincerity and noble desires" of the governments making the proposal. He is still opposed to any show of "foreign intervention"—which has not been suggested by the American powers—and is willing to confer on matters of international interest. He proposes a conference somewhere in his own territory, and maintains that there can be no question now of his right to speak for Mexico, because he controls "the greater part of the national domain."

How well Carranza controls it is open to serious question. Anarchy still is reported in many sections, and certainly northern Mexico is far from peaceful in spite of Villa's defeats.

Nevertheless, Carranza today wields more power apparently than all the other rebel chiefs together. And if he really can subdue the remaining malcontents and conduct himself as the head of a responsible government, by all means let our government recognize him as soon as the necessary assurances have been given. It would be a tremendous load off our national mind at this vexing time to be rid of Mexico.

THE WORLD'S REAL HEROES

In what does heroism consist?
Is it necessarily dying in battle or hazarding one's life in some spectacular service?

Not at all.
Earth's truest heroes are garbed in workmen's jeans, policemen's and firemen's uniforms and—this above all—the simple dress of womanhood in the home.

They are heroes who do their duty, though the world may not watch or applaud. They are heroes who keep faithfully at their tasks, though the tasks may not be significant. They are heroes who give honestly the best service they have, though it be but to hew wood or draw water.

He is a hero who dares to say no, though fools accuse him of cowardice. He is a hero who will not follow where there is danger to manhood and honor. He is a hero who proves himself firm when folly lures and appetite burns and blisters.

A true hero is the young man who, instead of giving his evenings to idleness or frivolity, devotes them to studies, preparing himself for a useful, forceful life. With many and many a fellow the victory of the drawing table over the pool table is not easily won. Many a sincere soul is wrung in the struggle of purpose with temptation.

If Carranza is willing to assume the responsibility for the future control of Mexico and the Mexicans he has certainly taken upon himself a grave responsibility. It is a task that Medero found too great and he no doubt represented the highest type of the Mexicans of the present generation, both in character and educational and business qualifications.

Grain harvest and hop and prune picking are over now. Everybody in the state will have the leisure to attend the biggest and best state fair in the history of Oregon.

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Our people are frequently and soundly berated in certain newspapers of the state for lack of enterprise in the matter of road-building and yet the Pan-American convention of road-builders, held in Oakland, California, last week, admitted that Oregon, Washington and California led the states of the Union in the matter of road construction. The truth is that paving companies and bond buyers are back of most of this noise in favor of blanket road bond issues, and it would be well for the people who pay the taxes to keep on their guard against extravagant expenditures. We all want good roads but we only want them if we can afford to pay for them as we go along.

Back in Illinois they let the law take its course and it isn't long in the taking. A man who murdered his benefactress in that state was indicted, arraigned, the evidence submitted and sentence of death imposed within six hours. That is saving time and money and giving the mob no excuse for assembling to talk over what should be done.

The state editorial association will meet in Salem November 5th and 6th. That is over a month away but preparations for the convention should be begun at once. Six weeks is none too long to make suitable arrangements for so important an event as the entertainment of the molders of public opinion of the Great State of Oregon.

A lake of oil has been discovered in Alaska so it is reported. Young John D. should quit junketing down in Colorado and get a deed to it before his monopoly is threatened. But more than likely that little matter was attended to before the press correspondent was allowed to give the story to the public.

Down in Mexico they spell a name one way and pronounce it another. Villa is pronounced Ve-ya.—Democrat. But in Washington official circles they seem to think that Dennis is about the proper noise for the rebel leader.

"Dollar Day" was a success in Eugene and Portland because of the liberal newspaper advertising done by the merchants. As a matter of fact advertising is the greatest builder of legitimate business in the world today.

That Russian army must be as slippery as an eel. Once more it seems to have slipped out of the trap so carefully laid by the kaiser's generals.

Villa began his career as an outlaw and seems likely to end it in the same way.



Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason

THE FAILURE

One fellow fails in life's great busy game, because his rags hang shapeless on his frame; his trousers bag around his spavined knees, his whiskers shelter hummingbirds and bees. His hair, unshingled, forms an ugly wreath, his shoes are brown, he doesn't clean his teeth; he always looks as though he'd been asleep in some straw stack or ancient rubbish heap. To get a job he ambles down the earth, explaining that he's long on sterling worth. "Give me a chance," all eagerly he pleads, "judge not my rags, but judge me by my deeds. I'll cut more wood, and keep more bucksaws warm, than any dude who is the mould of form." But people judge by how a man appears; they view the whiskers that conceal his ears, the tangled hair that forms a measly rug, the shirt-front stained with juice of navy plug, the coat that needs a soaking in the brook, the trouserloons that like twin corkscrews look, and they exclaim, "Get hence! Skedaddle! Shoo! We have no place for such a bo as you!" True worth may dwell in careless, slouchy chaps, but they must carry heavy handicaps.

Sensation Is Sprung At Tuesday's Session By Senator Geo. Chamberlain

Portland, Or., Sept. 22.—A sensation was sprung at the Western States Water Power conference here today when Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, in a speech, remarkable for its directness, charged that the body has been cleverly manipulated in the interests of selfish water power interests.

The senator pointed out that speakers of the program include many United States senators who signed the minority report opposing the Ferris water power bill, while he was the only one who signed the majority report.

He called attention to the fact that Senator Smoot, of Utah, Senator Jones, of Washington, Senator Works of California, and Senator Clark of Wyoming, all signers of the minority report, all were on the program and significantly asked: "Where, oh where, are the men who joined in the majority report? Do you find the author of the Ferris bill here?" "This may be all right, but to a man up a tree it looks as if it was not intended to hear all sides of this question at this conference."



A Galley o' Fun!

LIKE BALL-GAMES.
Tommy.—What yer going to Sunday school fer all the time? 'Tain't no use.
Willie.—Huh! I'm going to get a good place in the line to Heaven, and maybe I can sell it to somebody.

WHEN WOMEN VOTE.
Mere Man.—What are those little statues in front of the ballot boxes?
Poll Clerk.—Those are reproductions of the various candidates. A woman couldn't think of ordering anything, except from a pattern, you know.

BEEN LOOKING FOR HIM.
Stranger.—Officer, I'm—hic—an Elk, an Eagle, a Buffalo, and an Owl. Officer—I want you; I'm a Barnum, a Forepaugh and a Sells.

THE OFFICIAL STRAP-HOLDER.
When mother was a little girl, So young she wore her hair in curl, It happened that her father gave, Each Sunday morn, his face a shave; And when he had his lather made, And then prepared to wet his blade, He put the tools in Mother's lap, And let her hold the strap.

As years went by, it may seem strange, But Mother never seemed to change; And when my sister was at play, And I would take her doll away, Or put a can on pussy's head, Ma would invite me to the shed; And then I want you; I'd get a rap, For Mother held the strap.

And since I've grown to be a man, I go with Mother when I can, To shop and buy herself a gown, Or visit friends about the town; And when we board a crowded car, The men stay seated where they are, And e'en recline to take a nap, While Mother holds the strap.

HE SAW DAD.
Willis.—Great Scott, man! You don't mean to say you can't do anything with that son of yours who is reported to be doing such awful carousing at college?
Gillis (sadly).—I haven't the heart to say a word. You see, I was foolish enough to take him with me to the national convention of my lodge last summer.

DELICATESSEN ITEM.
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San Francisco, Sept. 23.—Dr. Frederick J. V. Skiff, director in chief of the Panama-Pacific exposition, today investigated alleged "treasonable" remarks by Walter W. Schultz, in charge of the German exhibit at the exposition, and an employee of the foreign office of the exposition.

NEIGHBORLY INFERENCE.
Stranger (to Mrs. Rooney).—What beautiful children you have, ma'am!
Mrs. Hogan (from the floor above).—That's that slob sellin', Mrs. Rooney?

NEVER.
Cashier.—But you must be identified. Isn't there someone here in the bank who knows you?
Mr. Jaggs.—Course not. 'Spose I'd come in here drunk if there was?

THE ESSENCE OF LUXURY.
"Yes, I welcome the era of high prices—one may live so much more luxuriously."
"Just how do you make that out?"
"Why, there are so many more things that one cannot afford."

A GLEAM OF HOPE.
"I hear that Bilter's daughter eloped with his chauffeur."
"Yes, and Bilter wired his forgiveness."
"What did he do that for?"
"He said he thought now there might be a chance for him to use his car."

ALWAYS.
The Cop.—Which of these houses do you live in?
Mr. Jaggs.—Take me all along the street, lemme try ev'ry door, and the only one I can't open ish mine.

STOLE \$14,000 DRAFT
Seattle, Wash., Sept. 23.—Seattle and Spokane postal inspectors were searching today for a clue to clear up the mysterious disappearance last Friday night of a mail pouch containing several thousand dollars in cash and a remittance letter containing checks and drafts worth \$14,000.

The letter was from the Columbia Valley bank, of Wenatchee, to a Seattle bank.

DR. W. A. COX

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TELEGRAPHIC TABLOIDS
Redding, Cal., Sept. 23.—Frederick A. Hoffman, stationary engineer, was premature in congratulating a doctor on curing him of heart failure. He dropped dead as he talked.
Porterville, Cal., Sept. 23.—One little mouse who caused a power house short circuit threw Tulare county towns into darkness for several hours.
New Brunswick, N. J., Sept. 23.—Wesley Gaskill, carpenter, had a fall. He missed his false teeth afterwards. Now he's wondering if he swallowed them.
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"A SHINE IN EVERY DROP"
Black Silk Stove Polish
Get a Can TODAY
criticized President Wilson for his stand on international affairs and intimated that he is influenced by the British ambassador and pro-English members of his cabinet.
The pro-Perman statements are said to have been made before a meeting of the German-American National Society recently.

APPETITE POOR? TRY HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters
It is a splendid appetizer and remedy for the Stomach.
A poor or inferior butter will make the best bread distasteful
THEREFORE ASK YOUR GROCER FOR Marion Creamery Butter "Meadow Brook"
It costs no more and you Get the Best