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ARE AMERICANS FINANCING REVOLUTION?

The indications are there is another revolution hatching in Mexico, or, to be correct, in this country for use in that war ridden republic. General Funston has been notified by the war department that such is the case, and that munitions have been and are being smuggled across the border for the use of the revolutionists.

It is to be hoped this is a mistake and that peace which has apparently forgotten that country may at last find a home there. While Villa is at least temporarily obliterated and Carranza is seemingly getting in full control, the spirit of revolution still sways the bandit class and the whole country is in terror of that element.

There has been for a long time a pretty well based suspicion that the money to finance all these Mexican revolutions came from Americans who had axes to grind.

There was a time when the mining magnates of the Pacific coast had their fingers pretty deep in this pie, and stirred up a revolution in some one or other of the Mexican states in order to get concessions from those temporarily in power, and get them in such shape that their successors had to recognize their acts or get into trouble with this country. There is a well grounded suspicion in some circles that Standard Oil and The Pearce Oil Company of England have been putting up the sinews of war, one for Carranza and the other for Villa.

Whether there is any truth in these rumors and suspicions no one knows definitely, but the ease with which any Mexican conspirator can get credit and coin in this country for any kind of a revolution gives color to the stories.

It is claimed that Standard Oil owns concessions in Mexico that are worth now $500,000,000, and which, if the United States intervened and finally took over Mexico, would be worth ten times that sum.

If this is true it would account for the trifling difficulties anyone wanting to start a revolution beyond the Rio Grand encounters, and points to the probable source of the necessary supplies.

The latest story is that a plan was perfected for the blowing up of the battleship Kentucky at Vera Cruz but a short time ago, for the sole purpose of getting this country into war with Mexico. There are no Mexicans, no matter how much they may now be fighting each other, but would bury their quarrel and unite in fighting the United States if we should invade their country, it necessarily follows that some influence outside of Mexico is behind such moves, and behind them for selfish purposes. It is natural to suppose that those who would most benefit by such a war are they who are putting up the necessary coin to bring it about.

In this connection it might be added that while there has been in some newspapers bitter criticism of the administration for not avenging the "horrible murders of Americans," that the number of such murders in the years 1913 to 1915 inclusive was 76, while during the previous three years under President Taft, and when that country was not nearly so badly demoralized the number killed was 47.

Carranza is doing good work in punishing the murderers and is demonstrating that President Wilson is following the right course in permitting the unhappy Mexicans to work out their own salvation.

It is claimed that the beet sugar factories will have to run light this year due to a shortage of beet seed. America heretofore getting its supply from Germany. Already steps are being taken to grow the seed in this country, something that should have been done years ago. Here is another industry Germany will have lost permanently when the war ends.

There is a rumor on the streets that a newspaperman was held up and robbed of $27, on the Commercial street bridge last night. The fact that puts the story in the rumor class is the statement that a newspaperman had $27 assembled on his person at one time.

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The New York republican platform is a remarkably strong one, it indorsing about everything the Wilson administration stands for. It stands for preparedness; demands the United States insist on observance of the principles and rules of international law; demands the protection of Americans in Mexico either by a responsible government or by co-operation with other American republics; demands a tariff commission and measures for the quick upbuilding of an American merchant marine and advocates farm credits. All these things President Wilson has been striving for, and about the only thing suggested in the plataform that differs from what the democrats are trying to do is the plank against the giving of independence to the Filipinos; and this the democrats are not disposed to grant at least in the near future. Taken all in all it is a splendid platform, but is stolen bodily from the democratic program.

Judge Gatens of Multnomah county is a believer in the homely adage that "sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander," and also for the other goose—if there is one. Thursday he threw a divorce cast out of court because the testimony showed tha the gentleman who brought the suit divorced his first wife for the sole purpose of marrying the one he now seeks to divorce. In that suit the present wife was named in the cross complaint as co-defendant. In the present case the wife files a cross-complaint in which she names another woman as co-defendant. Judge Gatens very properly decided that as the woman wrecked the first wife's home and usurped her place, she had no kick coming when another gave her a taste of the same medicine. The Judge remarked "that as their own loose construction of the marriage vows got them in their present condition, he would leave them there."

A dispatch from Eltopia, Washington, Thursday, told of bad conditions there owing to bridges of the Northern Pacific being washed out on each side of the town. As the original name of the town was softened into its present rather pleasing, and perfectly respectable one from the pioneer title of "Hell-to-pay," it is evident it is getting back to first principles.

It may be that Salem is to have a new railroad, but until the surveys get beyond Bush's pasture and hike out toward some place that is in need of a railroad, it will not be necessary for the commercial club or citizens generally to lose any sleep over it.

Germany has just finished building 100 submarines. Looks like Uncle Sam could turn out that many on pretty short notice, if occasion should require, if Germany can in the midst of her troubles turn them out by the hundreds.

Talking about rare days, yesterday was above the average in that line but the last day of this month will beat it for rarity. That day is rarer even than the day in June the poet asks about.

The fact that the Colonel is a grandpa again may cause his smile to broaden a trifle but it will not occupy his attention long as it has become a habit with him.

The Lusitania case has about reached the condition of Tennyson's brook, as it seems destined to flow on forever.

BAD COOKING

What is it roughens true love's course, and makes men cuss till they are hoarse, and leads to quarrels and divorce? Bad cooking. What is it ruins love's young dream, and queers the matrimonial team, and makes the married life a scream? Bad cooking. What is it comes when women prance to euchre party and to dance, and leave the home at every chance? Bad cooking. What follows when the girls grow smart, and say they're wedded to their Art, and learn some Ibsen junk by heart? Bad cooking. What happens when they play the harp as well as some imported sharp, instead of frying German carp? Bad cooking. What is it fills untimely graves, out where the boneyard bluegrass waves, with victims of the kitchen knaves? Bad cooking. What is it drives the boys from home, in glaring, noisy dens to roam, and from cold steins to blow the foam? Bad cooking. Why are the people taking pills, and medicine in flowing rills, and always paying doctors' bills? Bad cooking.

Millionaire Ryan Has Underwood to Dinner

New York, Feb. 18.—Politicians put their heads together today in an effort to decipher the meaning of Thomas F. Ryan's dinner to United States Senator Oscar Underwood last night. Ryan came up from Virginia, while Underwood came on from Washington. Guests included John D. Archbold of the Standard Oil company; Daniel Guggenheim, millionaire mining man; Chas. M. Schwab and Henry C. Frick, steel magnates; and Daniel G. Reid, tin plate king.

The banquetters denied that politics was discussed except casually, but despite this, guesses about the affair ran from a surmise that the millionaires wanted to know the contents of the next democratic platform to the suggestion that they desired to have the government armor plate and shipping bills killed.

The dinner was held at the palatial Ryan residence, two doors below where the Gary "billion dollar dinner" was given to Colonel Roosevelt.

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Fruitland News

(Capital Journal Special Service.)

Fruitland, Ore., Feb. 17.—Pruning of orchards is now on in this neighborhood.

A. D. Anderson is doing some blasting on his tract north and east of the church.

R. C. Wygant, of Salem, was here Tuesday getting names to his petition for placing his name on the nominating ballot for justice of the peace.

A. W. Schrunk and family are living in Salem at present.

There are some folks in our town and they are wondrous good. They'd throw old satan round and round and cinch him if they could. And if they got him sure and fast they'd then apply the birch and say "Now you skiddoo, you git or leave the church."

Mr. Ben Bowden has his premises well supplied with acetylene lights—in dwelling, in barn and hay mow and in chicken house. In fact all his surroundings are models of convenience.

N. J. Bowers gave two addresses at Auburn Wednesday and Thursday evenings on "Mind and Character Building."

Wednesday evening a large crowd assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams in West Fruitland. The time was spent in singing, in conversation and in games.

The next meeting will be at Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Ransom's Wednesday evening.

Mack Standifer is cutting cord wood for Henry Ladaber, and also pulling stumps with a capstan for himself.

The meeting announced to be in the church Saturday night was held up. I am told the minister in charge was opposed.

The speaker to be, Mr. White, of Salem, is said to be a Christian, though not evangelical, and this it seems cut some ice in the case. Though a man cast out devils yet follows not us why should he occupy one church asks.

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Jitneys to Change Systems in Java

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—The carabao cart companies of Java may soon have to hit the jungle trail.

The picturesque native runner's finish is also in sight.

For the jitney bus is to invade Java, and one may soon be able to run down a headhunter or two while speeding along the waterfront.

On the steamer Arakon, which sailed today, went 75 jitney buses, the first to invade the once savage country.

FASHIONS DECREE

Chicago, Feb. 18.—While the fashionable women's modes this spring will look like a cross between a barrel and a balloon, hats will look more like a two bit piece, according to the edict of the makers of the styles here.

MAIL BY AIR ROUTE

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—Birdmen will soon be asked by the local postmaster to bid on aerial postal routes in Alaska, proposed by congress.

SHE WILL SCALP HIM

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 18.—If Seu-Sa-Lat, eskimo girl, catches the man who attacked her in her hotel room last Monday night, she declares she will scalp him. This, asserts the eskimo, is the custom of her tribe. The police have the man's description and are on the lookout, hoping to arrest him and jail him for protection from the girl.

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