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MAY MEAN WAR WITH MEXICO

Carranza's note to the United States, saying that Villista's bandits are scattered and Villa's power broken and suggesting that it is now time for American troops to withdraw from Mexican territory, is liable to cause trouble.

That the bandits are more or less scattered is true, but they are like a flock of quail surprised by a hunter, ready to assemble again "on call."

General Funston says the border troubles will not be ended until Villa is either captured or killed, and this seems to be the opinion of the administration as well as the country at large. To withdraw now would leave us just where we started, for in a week Villa and his gang would be back on the border again, and the whole business would have to be begun anew.

Carranza would no doubt like to have the American troops dispose of Villa, but he would rather hold onto his job, and he fears he may lose this if the troops remain longer. He realizes he cannot capture Villa, but his job with Villa attached is better than to lose it entirely.

His request is not a demand, but it will eventually result in this. The result will be that we must either withdraw our troops and let Villa chase them back to the border as a coyote does a dog to his owners camp, or it means war with Mexico. It will probably be the latter, for we cannot turn back until the work we started to do is finished. However a war with all Mexico could probably be ended sooner than a fine toothed comb search for Villa.

LET THE HEN DO IT

The cost of the feed for one hen, especially on a farm, is not great, yet the eggs laid by a hen of average ability in the laying line, will furnish the family the Capital Journal daily, delivered at the home.

The market report alone is worth more than the paper would cost, and besides the good wife and family would find it a pleasing visitor, telling all the gossip and news of the valley neighborhoods, with the marriages, births and deaths, the social events and happenings, and besides this keeping all informed about the doings of the great world. No family can afford to be without it. Try it for six months and you will never again be without it. You don't have to dig to pay for it, if you will just put one of your hens on the job of keeping you supplied with the Capital Journal. She will attend to it.

The Turks are now putting up a stubborn resistance to the Russians in Mesopotamia, but are not able to stop their advance, though delaying it. Indications are that it will be but a short time until the fighting along the Russian lines will begin with a desperate attempt on the part of the czar's armies to drive the Germans back. If Russia has supplied herself with munitions as she is reported to have done there will be some real fighting before long that will require strong reinforcements from the Germans at Verdun or from new levies at home. It is possible if Ford gets busy he may have the armies "out of the trenches by Christmas."

A complaint has been filed in Justice Websters court by an official of the Dairy and Food Commissioner charging someone with having in his possession "the dead body of a deceased cow, which is adulterated food, and that said party had offered this adulterated food for sale." All this is contrary to the peace and dignity of the state and also in violation of the law, or so it is alleged. One thing alone is plain about the charge and that is that the cow is superlatively dead. What she was adulterated with is not stated.

It is announced the Southern Pacific will spend \$100,000 on its yards at Eugene. This is a matter on which Eugene can be congratulated. Now if the same company will remove the old cow shed serving as a depot here since Ben Holladay came round the Horn with a bull team, Salem can also be in the line for congratulations.

A headline in a Portland paper reads: "Rate of interest reduced by banks." This is cheering news on the face of it, but as it means the banks will pay less for money on deposit it does not listen so well to the depositor. The rate is reduced from four to three per cent on deposits of six months and three and a half per cent on deposits for a longer term. With the present plethora of money it is probably all the banks can afford to pay, and keep even.

It pays to advertise. Scarce a year has passed since Oregon let the world know she could raise the very best quality of flax, and a few days ago it was reported that Sir Francis Webster, a noted flax spinner of Abroth, Scotland, had purchased a big ranch near Medford. Chances are he will be utilizing some of the vast water powers of that section before long to set the spindles at work on the Willamette valley product.

Multnomah county records show the importation of malt and spirituous liquors is on the increase. During March 6,600 affidavits were issued by the county clerk. Each shipment means either two quarts of whiskey or 24 quarts of beer. It is estimated that of these 6,000 were for whiskey or brandy. As compared with February the imports nearly doubled, there being 3,317 affidavits issued in that month and in January 784.

A dodo is an extinct bird and judged from the imaginary pictures of him drawn from the skeletons, clothed with flesh and feathers by the artists, as they imagine the old aviator to have been, it is just as well that he is. In modern time we only see his name hyphenated on bills and there it adds to the size of them without increasing their beauty.

The forty million dollar river and harbor bill has passed the house all right. The Oregon delegation was divided in its vote, Sinnott and McArthur claiming there was too much "pork" in it voted against it, and Hawley for it. The latter claimed it was necessary to accept the pork addition in order to get what was really needed.

The Germans have gained steadily in their attacks on Verdun but these gains are so slight compared to what must be made to really accomplish anything, that they may be classed as unimportant. The smash still goes on but it is much like a switch engine which is busy all the time but never gets anywhere.

Evidently Marshfield is in the habit of getting some mail. When Uncle Sam commenced sending the mails over the Willamette-Pacific road the first trains were delayed, some of them for nearly two hours on account of the heavy mails. Probably some Capital Journals were in that bunch.

Now comes a Greek officer who was on the Sussex when she was sunk and makes the assertion that she was not sunk by a torpedo but struck a mine—possibly one of British make. This story comes from Berlin and was probably uncensored.

The returns so far are not highly encouraging to the Colonel, but he is optimistic as to the success of anything the Colonel undertakes. It is necessarily right and must win.

The proverb says "when the blind lead the blind both will fall in the ditch," but when blindfold justice tackled the blind-pig in Portland both of them steered clear of the jail.

The Commercial Club should prove especially attractive to democrats for there is an election in it every day or so and besides plenty of offices to go round.

It is now officially stated that Villa is wounded in the leg, but this is only "Mexican officialy."

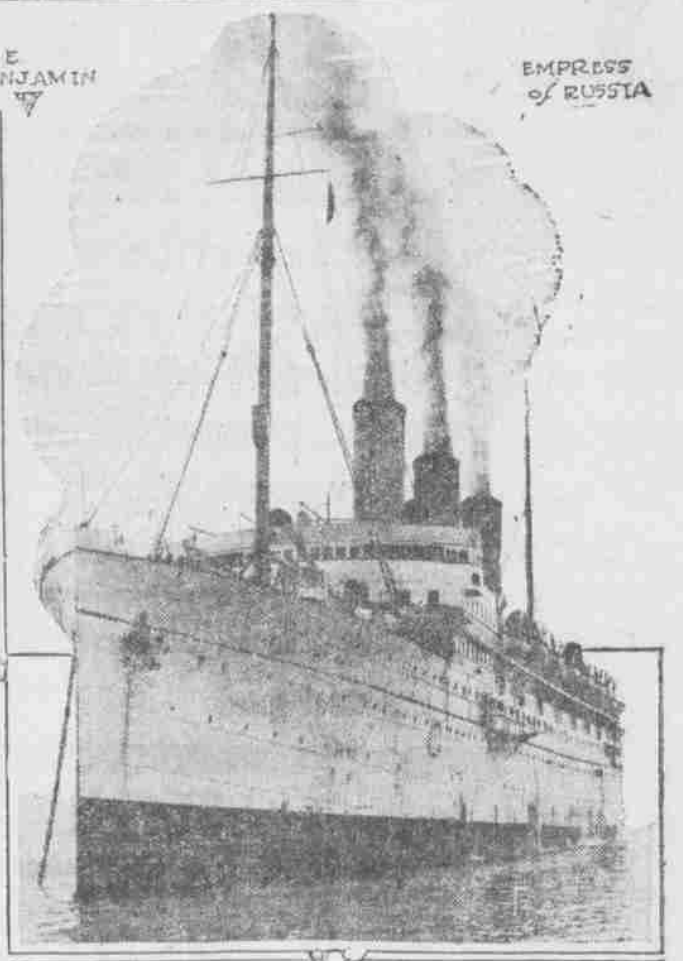


GARDENING

I do not like to dig and till the garden—it's too hard a chore; I'd rather take a dollar bill and buy my onions at the store. When first the vernal breezes blow, men feel desire to hew the soil, and with their spades and rakes they go, and sing and chortle as they toil. But vernal breezes soon expire; the sizzling wind of summer blows, and sets the toiler's beard afire, and tans his neck and bakes his nose. And as he sweats 'neath burning skies, and gives the noxious weeds a whack, a million ants and bugs and flies crawl up his legs and bite his back. And then he hates his sawed-off farm, he growls enough for seven gents; his cauliflowerers lose all their charm, his string beans look like twenty cents. Oh, I have gardened in the past, but does not last; it is an evanescent thing. I do not like the rake and hoe, I will not ply them any more; when I want turnips I will go and buy the blamed things at the store.



YANKEE PUTS PEKING ON MAP



By a new arrangement made through C. E. Benjamin, known to every railway man in the United States as "Ben," between the Canadian Pacific and six Oriental railways, namely, the Imperial Government Railways of Japan, the Railway Bureau of the Government of Chosen, the South Manchuria Railway Company, the Peking-Mukden Line, the Tientsin-Pukow Line, and the Shanghai-Nanking Line, it is now possible for the ordinary traveler to include in his tour Peking and other cities of Eastern China, which have hitherto been extremely difficult of access. The conflicting interests of these railways have been reconciled so that one through ticket covers the whole journey from Yokohama through Japan and Korea to Mukden, thence to Peking, Nanking and Shanghai. The Forbidden City is now no longer concealed from the gaze of the foreigner, and its truly

imperial splendor of marble palaces until recently released by the British Admiralty, were used to good advantage as fast auxiliary cruisers and commerce destroyers, having four 6-inch guns and six 4.7-inch guns mounted fore and aft and named by Royal Naval Reserve men. They have a sea-going speed of 20 knots and are the fastest liners on the Pacific. Vancouver, British Columbia, is their western port.

LECTURE ON RUSSIA RUSSIAN



Lieutenant Swartzkopinski

Next Monday evening the people of Salem will have an opportunity of seeing and also hearing a man who was formerly an officer and body guard to the Czar of Russia. His name is Lieutenant Swartzkopinski. Had it not been for his liberal as well as humane views, he might now be doing his work in the Russian army. But it so happens that he was one of the guards that refused to fire on helpless people when ordered, during the riots known as "Bloody Monday," in St. Petersburg several years ago, and for disobeying orders, was sent to Siberia. In his lecture he will tell of his experience in walking 2000 miles to his Siberian prison, of his escape and how he managed to get out of Siberia, after hiding 90 days in the wilderness. The lecture is free, but a silver offering will be taken. The lecture will be given at the First Congregational church Monday evening.

MILITIA GETTING READY

Austin, Texas, April 13.—The militia hospital corps equipment was taken from its store rooms here today and prepared for service. The adjutant general's department is most busy. Officers believe the Texas militia will soon be called out to patrol the border.

Eighteen Ships On Ways at San Francisco

San Francisco, April 13.—With 18 ships already on the ways, the Union Iron Works of San Francisco today signed a contract with the Standard Oil company for the construction of three more oil tankers at a cost of \$4,500,000. Ten tankers had previously been ordered by the oil company. The new vessels are to be of the same design and about the same capacity as the 10 now under construction. They are to be delivered early next year, according to the contract. The Standard Oil company at the present time has 60 tankers either actually being built or fully outlined in plans and designs and awaiting only the making of contracts. The vessels are on the ways of shipyards all over the United States. It was reported that an agent of Standard Oil negotiated with the Union Iron Works for the building of nine tankers, but would only place three contracts here, at \$1,500,000 each.

Steamers Will Cost \$950,000 Apiece

Portland, Or., April 13.—The two new steamers to be constructed in Portland at a cost of \$950,000 apiece, will be delivered to Lauritz Kloster, of Stavanger, Norway, in ten and twelve months respectively. It was announced today that Kloster has purchased them from Hinneberg and Johnson, New York ship builders, who contracted with the Willamette Iron Works and Northwest Steel company for their construction. The steamers will register 8,500 tons each. Kloster already owns the small steamers Freda, Gemma, Lora and Mathilda.

HOWARD CANCELS JOBS

Chicago, April 13.—Joe Howard, the vaudeville singer whose wife committed suicide in Omaha, has canceled the remainder of his Omaha theatrical engagement and is coming here to attend the funeral tomorrow, it was learned today.

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