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WAR SEEMS INEVITABLE

Evidently the Mexican situation is somewhat over ripe and is ready for picking. One of Carranza's generals, Alfredo Ricault, in command at Matamoros, the Mexican town opposite Brownsville, Texas, has issued his ultimatum to General James Parker in command at Brownsville. He notifies him that unless the Anderson punitive expedition which recently crossed the border in pursuit of raiders, was withdrawn that he would attack it.

If he keeps his word he will spill a very large kettle of Mexican frijoles, otherwise beans. It looks as though war was certain within a few days, for the Mexicans are daily getting more arrogant, and this last "ultimatum" is about the limit.

It is an announcement that hereafter American troops cannot pursue bandits who raid American ranches, across the border. As the Carranza forces make no effort to either stop these raids or arrest or hinder the raiders after their return, it amounts to a notification that the Mexican government stands behind and indorses the raiding of this country by its ragamuffin bandits.

At the same time the United States wisely refrains from striking the first blow and if war comes the Mexicans will have no one but themselves to blame for the trouble.

It will be some job to finally quiet Mexico, not because she is strong which she isn't, but on account of her wide area of wild mountain country, an ideal location for guerrilla warfare, which may be kept up some time. As for conquering the regular armies that is a bagatelle, for they are little more than a mob.

Should war come it is probable the first move will be to blockade all Mexican ports, thus shutting the country off from any possible source of war supplies, and as there are no munition plants worthy of the name the supply of ammunition will soon be exhausted.

It is pitiful to contemplate the misery that will be brought upon the ignorant peons, already almost in a starving condition, and who absolutely ignorant of the strength of the United States are led to believe by their superiors that they can easily conquer this country and that the "gringos" will not fight.

There is no hope of reaching any peace in that hot bed of anarchy, for that is what Mexico of today is. There is no real government, and no hopes of there being one unless the United States takes charge, puts an end to banditry, and helps the people to help themselves by again establishing a real government. This being the case the sooner the job is begun the quicker it will be ended.

The progressives who stood so heroically back of Roosevelt at Chicago, and who were so cold-bloodedly betrayed by him, will not be greatly encouraged to return to the republican fold when they see the man who betrayed them welcomed into and made much of by Hughes and his campaign managers. Perkins, the "Angel" of the progressives, it now appears, was "pussy-footing" all the time, with the intent to along with Roosevelt, betray his friends, for he too is the honored friend of the republican leaders. Self respecting progressives will hesitate long before admitting they are a commodity owned by Roosevelt, that can be sold and delivered to whomsoever he chooses.

Portland having lost a thousand cords of wood comes to the front with the statement that she has lost 800 gallons of gasoline. This indicates that Portland is a good loser, or a least a large sized one. However gasoline is coming down in price, and if the city can stave off the certainty of loss for a few weeks she will not be so heavy a loser when the loss is brought home to her.

At Eltopia, Washington, Saturday, the mercury climbed to 106. This was the record for the recent warm spell. As the original name of the place was "Hell to pay", it would seem those who named it guessed right the first time.

INDULGING HIS CURIOSITY

Uncle Sam has a great deal of curiosity. No sooner was the steamer Bear wrecked than a dozen or more officials got busy in order to discover who and what was to blame for the wreck. No doubt there will be a series of enlightening statements from these petty officials, each finding a sufficient reason, and legitimate excuse for it.

One will perhaps discover the Bear was too close to the shore, and point out that had she staid further out she would not have struck the rocks. Another will find the shore protruded too far into the ocean and demonstrate that had the shore been straight, and had not stuck a point of rocks out so far in the way of shipping that the Bear would not have struck them.

One has already blamed it on the fog which lured the vessel in toward the shore; and another will discover that the compass was not working right perhaps and so the man at the wheel was steering southwest when he should have steered south by east.

Still another will learnedly demonstrate that the rocks were too close to the surface of the water, and that had they been covered 30 feet or more the Bear would have passed over them unharmed. He may also point out that the ocean was too shallow, or suggest the Bear drew too much water, and that had she been of only fifteen feet draft instead of 25 she would not have struck.

These are only suggestions of what may be found to be the cause of the wreck, but they illustrate the universal rule in such cases which is that the officials discover nothing, or at least fail to make any real discovery public.

The fact that the Bear was far out of her course will cut no ice with the probers. Since striking, the waves have caused a shoal around the vessel, and at low tide one can walk dry shod from the shore to the boat. From this it is presumed that had she not struck the rocks she would have gone ashore anyway at some point near.

Mrs. Madeline Astor, widow of John Jacob Astor the fourth, is to marry again, this time William K. Dick, of Brooklyn, vice president of the Manufacturer's Trust Company. By her marriage she forfeits the income from \$5,000,000 which was left her by John Jacob so long as she remained his widow. As her husband to be is several times a millionaire and she has \$8,000,000 the price Astor paid for her in a prenuptial arrangement, and on top of this her young son has \$3,000,000 in his own right she is not likely to suffer any material hardship on account of giving up her income as stated.

Dr. J. Francis Drake was elected school director for the term of five years at the election held in Portland Saturday, by practically double the vote of his three opponents. Portland has been making ducks and drakes of its schools for so long that it has evidently become a habit.

It seems that torn ligament in the Roosevelt throat which he said was caused by being thrown from a horse some years ago, is now pronounced a slight attack of pleurisy. It looks very much as though it was caused by the elephant stepping on him at Chicago.

A dispatch says Mr. Hughes will soon leave Washington until March 4, 1917. From this it appears he is going to do the nice thing and attend the Wilson inauguration.



THE ROSEBUSH

The bush whereon the blushing rose, when things are favorable, grows, is looking sick and blue; to keep the bush from going dead, I give it arsenate of lead, and London purple, too. I wash the stem with kerosene, and dope the leaves with Paris green, and other compounds weird; and as I use the poisoned dope, I feel the shriveling of hope, and tears stream down my beard. And as I toil I wonder why the lovely things must always die, without a good excuse; the jimson and the mullein thrive, the cockleburrs are still alive—you cannot cook their goose. A Keats will perish in his youth, while some old cross-roads bard, forsooth, will live two hundred years; a horse dies early, as a rule, but for a century the mule will wag its misfit ears. The cow that gives all kinds of milk, whose butter-fat is fine as silk, will seek the railway track, and there she'll stand and chew her gums, until a locomotive comes, and telescopes her back. With thoughts like these I stand and spray my dying rosebush every day, and know it's all in vain, for everything that's lovely dies, and man can only swat the flies in sorrow and in pain.

LUATHERANS CONSOLIDATE
St. Paul, Minn., June 17.—Ratified by representatives of the three churches affected, plans for the consolidation of the United Norwegian Lutheran church of America, the Synod and the Norwegian Lutheran church, went forward to completion today. Meetings at Minneapolis, Fargo, N. D., and Red Wing, Minn., of the three bodies, had ratified the consolidation.

STATE NEWS

Deschutes Valley Tribune: The deposit of silica near Culver covers a large area, and this is located only about three miles from the railroad station. Tests have shown that it is very pure. The deposit is located so that it may be easily mined and a large quantity could be turned out daily by a small force of men. In the refining process it is probable that much gold would be obtained, as tests have shown that it contains quite an amount of free gold. When a small chunk of it is pulverized and panned out, many colors are obtained. From the tests made thus far, the indications are that the gold would at least pay for the mining, milling and handling, and the fact that the deposit lies so near the railroad adds greatly to its commercial value.

Canyon City, Ore.: District Game Warden Hazelton recently received five dozen frogs of the edible variety from Idaho and has placed them in the waters of Grant county. Last summer several dozen were distributed in the streams of Baker and Grant counties, and Mr. Hazelton says they survived the hard winter. Mr. Hazelton is very much interested in the edible frog and its introduction into Oregon. He says that he has received a hundred letters from different sections of the state seeking information about frogs, and that in a few years "frogs' legs" will be a common thing upon the tables of the citizens of Oregon.

Astorian: The members of the crew on the government dredge Chinook, operating at the mouth of the river, are living high these days. While the dredge was at work several days ago, a 31-pound Royal Chinook salmon was drawn through the suction pipe, landing in the spillway without having suffered any damage en route. The salmon had no more than arrived aboard the vessel when it was removed from the spillway and dispatched to the gallery, where the chef prepared it for dinner. The men frequently have feeds of crab, flounders, tom cod, sole and other sea food, secured by the suction pipe method.

Baker Herald: As the first step in reorganization articles of incorporation of the Red Boy Mining and Development company have been filed with the secretary of state, and while definite plans for the future of the property have not been announced, P. A. Harman, who represents Ray, Xie and the other owners, states that future operation is perfected, is a probability. The property was recently bought in at sheriff's sale at Canyon City by the Baker Loan and Trust company, trustee for the bondholders.

Rogue River Courier: Manager Alex Nibley, who will have charge of the local sugar factory for the Utah-Idaho company, arrived from Salt Lake City on No. 15 this afternoon, and is now at the head of the company affairs in this district. Mr. Nibley speaks most optimistically of the outlook for the company, and says that its plans will go forward rapidly and that the plant will be ready by September 1.

Telegram: On the interest shown by Portland business and professional men in the military and construction camp at American lake August 14, September 9, depends in part the future of the Columbia river as a military base. Col. H. C. Cabell told the Chamber of Commerce committee in charge of the local arrangements for the camp, this afternoon. The committee met in the Oregon building to form preliminary plans for arousing interest in the camp.

Beacon County Courier: Reports from every portion of this county where prizes are given to any extent indicate that there will be one of the largest crops of recent years, and it will only be a question of proper handling and capacity of drivers to warrant the largest cash returns in many seasons. It is stated that land is already bidding for this crop on a very substantial basis, strong enough to assure a most splendid return.

Cos Bay Times: In Portland a great deal is being said about the halibut that is shipped from there to eastern points. Every train that goes from Cos Bay to Eugene these days is carrying fish caught off this coast. They are shipped out by express, many boxes daily, for the supply of the Willamette valley. One boat last week brought in four and one-half tons of the halibut in two trips.

OPEN FORUM

IMPOLITE PRIVILEGES
During the time of doing a little shopping and while waiting to be served a young man picked up a bunch of asparagus, handled it, laid it down, picked up another and another. Two young ladies did the same. Should people indiscriminately handle the vegetables, fruits and other edibles on sale at the shops?

At the bakery an elderly lady picked up doughnuts, cookies and cakes and laid them down—perhaps she would slip her child for the same act. Would you buy meat of a butcher who would pet a dog and rub him and without washing his hands handle the meat he would serve to you?
If you serve your visitor at your house vegetables, bread, cake or pie, would you pick it up with your fingers and hand it over?
Would it not be well for customers and passersby to keep hands off and be as polite at the grocers, bakers and butchers as at home?

How People Lose Their Money

By keeping it about the house, where it may be destroyed by fire, or stolen.
By carrying it on the person, where it is liable to loss, theft or impulsive spending.
By concealing it in insecure places where it may decay, or fall into the hands of thieves.
By loaning it to people who don't repay.
By investing it in enterprises which have insufficient capital or poor management.
By speculating—a game few know how to play, and in which the best posted often lose their all.
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2,000 Attended Pioneer Picnic in Waldo Hills

Fully 2,000 people attended the annual picnic of the Waldo Hills Pioneer association held last Saturday at the home of Mrs. John A. Hunt, this being the tenth annual meeting of the association. George S. Downing president of the association presided, assisted by Joseph J. Hunt. Many Salem people were present, including such stand-by pioneers as Judge P. H. D'Arcy, Judge J. C. Moreland, Judge William Galloway and Mrs. Edith Torley Wetherell.

RAILROADS READY

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orders troops moved, they will be ready to transport them. The way will immediately be cleared for the movement of troop trains and already engines and cars sufficient to handle the thousands of men are available.

The problem of transporting supplies may be more complicated. The eastern roads are just emerging from a serious freight congestion. Managers believe sufficient cars will be available to handle the additional business caused by the demands that will come from the government for troop supplies.

"The railroads are prepared to move troops just as quickly as they are assembled," was the statement of officials of both the Pennsylvania and New York Central railroads.

Plenty of Rolling Stock
There is plenty of passenger rolling stock available for almost instant use," it was said at the New York Central. "Trains could be made up just as speedily as called for. They would in all likelihood be given the preference over every other train and could be sent across the country in record time."

Hundreds of cars which before 1914 were used to handle the traffic in immigrants westward are now on the sidetracks. There are more than enough to handle every man Uncle Sam wants moved.

"The Pennsylvania railroad," said an official, "can assemble troop trains within one hour of the time orders are received. They will be given preference over all other trains. Every piece of our rolling stock would be available for troop use."

Playgrounds Will Be Ready Next Week

Within a week, the children's playgrounds, located just north of the Oregon School for the Blind, will be ready with play ground equipment. At a meeting of the committee having in charge this playground movement, Miss Elizabeth Schultz who has had considerable experience in play ground work, and Clinton Ostrander, of the Y. M. C. A. were elected as managers of the playgrounds.

The Salem playground association, organized about five years ago, is co-operating with the committee and placing on the grounds its swings, slides, bars and other play ground apparatus. The playgrounds association has about 75 members with George E. Rodgers, president.

Next week Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner will send a part of his working force to clear the grounds. A stairway from church street will be constructed in a few days by W. S. Low street commissioner. Dr. O. B. Miles has made a careful analysis of the water and declares it is entirely fit for bathing. The official date for the opening of the bath is August 1st.

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