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If our friends who favor us with manuscripts and illustrations for publication wish to have special articles returned they must in all cases send stamps for that purpose.

Through! The job is laid out for us, and the American people are going to see it through.

The events of days before yesterday and yesterday at Vera Cruz and Tampico created a new Mexican situation detached in every particular but one from the antecedent situation.

The one unfortunate exception linking present military activities with the mistakes of the period of watchful waiting is the persistence in the minds of President Wilson and Secretary Bryan of the old delusion that they have discovered in the Carranza-Villa faction a safe foundation for a future of constitutional liberty and civilized government in Mexico.

Above all other things patriotism should now hope that the same policy of adequate provision for attack which sent so large a part of our naval force to the Gulf at the very outset will attend every other branch of operations until the difficult and mighty unpleasant task is finished.

The essential want of prejudice (which doesn't prevent his continuing to play on prejudice of his time), the equal interest in fool and wise (his fools are often of the wisest), *Propero* impartial at his show; see WILLIAM, retired, plutocratic for Stratford, a proprietor, a belly on him, sitting under the New place murrain, drinking his tobacco and sipping his sack.

The Primaries. What is this talk about a proposed reference by the New York Progressives to the national executive committee of the question whether Theodore Roosevelt shall or shall not be the Progressive candidate for Governor of New York next fall?

That naming can and must be done in the Progressive primaries. Theologian Roosevelt is those Progressive primaries; likewise is he the Progressive secondaries, tertiaries, quaternaries and so on to infinity.

The Selection of General Wood for the Mexican Command. The four year term of Major-General Leonard Wood as Chief of Staff ended on April 21. His designation as commander of the troops in Mexico in the event of war had been already announced by Secretary Garrison.

At the time the only other Major-General in the country were General Worthen, 5900, who had been appointed Chief of Staff, and General Arthur Murray, an artillery officer, in charge of the Western Department, with headquarters at San Francisco.

General WILLIAM H. CARTER was in command of the Hawaiian Department, and General THOMAS H. BARRY was in command of the Philippine Department, having relieved General J. FRANKLIN BELL, who was on his way home to the United States.

In naming an officer to command an expeditionary force, such as might be called upon to invade Mexico, the President was not restricted to the grade of Major-General; but since LEONARD WOOD as head of the Staff Corps was more familiar with present army organization than any other officer and had prepared the plans for a campaign in Mexico, Mr. WILSON'S choice logically fell upon him.

All the division commanders who distinguished themselves in the Spanish war are dead or have retired from the service, and General Wood's war record compares favorably with that of other officers of his grade.

General BARRY has the Philippine and China campaigns to his credit, in both of which he served on the staff; General BELL was MACARTHUR'S indefatigable chief of scouts in the Philippine campaign and won the medal of honor for personal gallantry; General MURRAY also served in the Philippine campaign; neither General WORTHEN nor General CARTER had an opportunity to distinguish himself in the field during the Spanish war period.

General Wood's campaigns were Cuba and Mindanao; in Cuba he had the good fortune to command a brigade at San Juan, and in Mindanao he was in supreme command.

West Pointers in the army regard LEONARD WOOD as a born soldier. By intelligent devotion to duty he has lived down the envy and distrust which his rapid promotions excited.

But General Wood's value in a Mexican campaign would be more than that of soldierly ability. Both in Cuba and the Philippines he proved himself a capable administrator and a vigorous sanitarian.

Wood has no peer in the army in the triple capacity of tactician, medical man and administrator. In Mexico all his qualifications for high command would be needed.

A Warwickshire Lad. That nothing might be wanting to the legendary and mythological character which befits a demigod, or should we say a demigress and a creator of worlds? the date of the birthday is unknown and its celebration arbitrary.

He wasn't even born in his birth room, as clearances of fraudulent topography exhibit it to us. Though Dryasdusts have dug up a few unnecessary alleged new facts about him, their industry deserves no gratitude.

An appropriate SHAKESPEARE (with the short "a" as the Stratford folk seem to have called him) can be found in the fairy lore truer than any truth that has grown around him. In youth he loved to guzzle. He loved to pounce. He was an amoralist, not a feminist.

By habit of life as well as by his "moral nihilist" intuition he saw men and manners; all that rich, full breasted, swagging Elizabethan and Jacobean age, the lingering Renaissance dandy, splendor and pagan delight in pageantry, the old Tudor bright amplitude not yet narrowed and darsened by Puritanism.

SPARE. It's our hope and guess that on this day (on which he kindly consents to be born since folks will have it so) he's having a good long silence, with listening to the discourse of DR. BUSHNAG, Benedict, Mercutio, KIT MARLOW, SIR WALTER RALEIGH, SIR TOBY BELCH, Ancient Pistol, Hamlet, DAVE GARRICK and a stuttering chap (smelling of gin) named LAMB.

Mr. Bense's Rights. The presentation of the special Grand Jury which has been investigating alleged frauds in the construction of the Catskill aqueduct contains this broad and vigorous declaration:

"Any public officer who is unwilling to waive immunity from prosecution and testify freely before any legally constituted investigating body with respect to his conduct while in public office is unfit to hold office."

The individual at whom this specifically aimed is JOHN A. BENSEL, State Engineer and Surveyor, who did refuse to waive his rights as a citizen in the matter of giving testimony that might be used against him if he were prosecuted for wrongdoing in office.

It is inconceivable that this doctrine should command the support of thoughtful and informed men. It is within belief that, if grand jury inquests, legislative committee inquiries and similar investigations were inevitably conceived in good faith, dominated by public spirit and ruled by judicial distinctness, some persons might subscribe to it. They notoriously are not.

In the case of Mr. BENSEL, who, for all we know, may be a very sound and an unstained statesman, the District Attorney of New York county, a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, sought to get a true bill against a Democratic officeholder. He may have been animated solely by the public good, but his position was at least unfortunate.

The late Mayor GAYNOR held that a Grand Jury should find true bills or else remain silent. He described presentments as impudent and meaningless. Mayor GAYNOR was a wise man.

The Assured Position of Woman Suffrage. A book, a man or a "movement" not strong enough to resist, even to welcome, ridicule is too flabby to last. Woman suffrage went through a couple of generations of the cheapest sort of fear and glib: "long haired men and short lured women" and ANTI-WARD'S "woman's spear" are the types of the ancient jests.

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Eight Old Indians. The life of the naval officer is too arduous, his duties too onerous, the ships committed to his care too valuable and important for such a thing as intoxication about to be tolerated by naval officers themselves. The navy has in fact made itself temperate by its own force of character.

Distinction. Father—I told you not to fight. Tommy—But I quarrel was with Johnny and not with his people.

FOR THE HONOR OF THE NAVY. Admiral Chadwick Upholds With Authority the Maligned, Temperate Service.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN: I should like to say something on some local remarks in connection with alcoholic drinks from various people respecting the profession in which I passed nearly forty-five active years.

It is, of course, familiarly known that during the later years of the eighteenth century such drunkenness was almost more common on shore than afloat; and when more than half the peerage and the most distinguished statesmen were "habitual drunks" there was, from the moral point of view, some excuse for the many of Gardner's mesmates.

There was lately (and this is my particular reason for writing this) in one of your contemporaries an article, dealing with this subject and illustrating events at the beginning of the civil war, as if the rakings of the world's merchant service exhibited the character of the man-of-war's man, even of that period.

When we began the war with Spain, who would have thought that we would come out of it with the Philippines? Of course Mr. TAYLOR does not mean to imply that we might come out of a Mexican war with Mexico. That is a thought of which Senator ROBIN has the copyright.

Governor GEORGE W. P. HUNT of Arizona announces that one-half of the militia of his State have a general knowledge of Spanish and that many gentlemen speak it fluently. The best use that could be made of these Spanish speaking volunteers would be to distribute them among the regiments of States that do not border upon Mexico.

AN OLD "READER" POEM. The Missing Stanza of the Mexican War Dialogue Supplied.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—"S. A. R." asks for the remaining verses of "The Volunteers," stanzas three, four and five. They are:

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Many years ago when a boy listening to an elder sister recite her lesson in United States history, I was much impressed with what I understood to be the fact that at one time in the United States had made war against "Seven Old Indians" (Seminoles) in Florida.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—I had occasion to visit a public telephone in a drug store which to all appearances seemed unusually clean. The condition of the telephone booth, however, was unappreciable.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—The latest, squinted, cleanest, straightest, abtest, shrewdest public official any State has ever had is the Hon. Charles S. Whitford, District Attorney of New York county. I hereby nominate him for Governor of this Empire State. HENRY A. BRANNEN, JR.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—I had immediate neighbors in the firm of Michael Peroni & Angelo Dane. D. H. B. K. (Forty-six years to THE SUN.) New York, April 22.

TASTE. Certain Ancient Influences Affecting the Aesthetic Faculty.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—I would like to commend your article on the bad taste of those who parade in public the artistic and educational shortcomings of those now dead, who wrought and bourn as best they knew with loving hearts.

One of my earliest recollections is that of my sweet-faced mother, active in a soft gray dress distended by a huge hoop skirt, and on her head a scrap of a gray crape bonnet with rose colored strings, supported by aignon, or waterfall, as it was familiarly called.

No more beautiful sight has ever met my more sophisticated eyes in all the years since then. The brown eyes that looked out from the framing bonnet were full of unselfish love, and the hoop skirt, huge as it was, could not keep me from her embracing arms.

The Manhattan Philosopher's Opinion. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Your editorial article "Have Their Children No Mercy" is splendid, though it might more appropriately have been headed "Have Their Children No Brains?"

There is in American clubs drinking, and in many of our cities, more gratuitously than in any American man-of-war; and in the latter it is confined by law of Congress to wines and beer, distilled liquors being forbidden on board ship.

PHILADELPHIA CAR THAT STOPS WITH SAFETY ON THE NEAR SIDE. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—In regard to the matter of near side car stops, to which you refer editorially in today's SUN, it occurred to those who oppose near side stops, being aware that the same distance from the crosswalk that would be necessary if the same cars were to stop on the near side of the street.

Brooklyn, April 21. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—When I was in Kansas, some twenty years ago, a man who said he was born in Massachusetts and had not been out of Kansas City for over sixty years, having emigrated to Kansas with his parents when he was a boy.

For the Men Behind the Guns. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—The men in the United States navy are mighty good for several years to send papers, especially Sunday papers, to friends in the navy.

Hallucinated Yawp. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Did you ever hear of the man who talks continually but never acts at the same time in some strange perversion of thought that thinks that he is the other man who is doing all the talking?

A National Head. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Mr. John Mason of Stratford asks THE SUN: "Does any one ever tell you that you are a Condit Mack?"

A Difficult Question Settled. The Alliance Committee of the Single State of Women, consisting of Dr. Robert E. Lowe and Mrs. Letta Hollingsworth, reported that after much reading it had come to the conclusion that she was not.

SCHOOLS NOT FIRE TRAPS, SAYS WILSEY. Building Committee Chairman Denies Charge of Charles G. Armstrong.

Chairman Frank Wilsey of the committee on buildings of the Board of Education replied at yesterday's board meeting to the charges made by Charles G. Armstrong that the public schools of the city are fire traps.

Mr. Wilsey read the editorial in THE SUN calling upon the Board of Education to disprove the charges or admit their truth.

"Mr. Armstrong," Mr. Wilsey said in his reply, "made his attack upon the public schools in a magazine where the principal advertising is for metal doors, trim and furniture. It was a good business stroke for him to attract public attention by raising a fire alarm and then to propose a remedy by having the city buy metal doors, trim and furniture."

The board appointed a committee to confer with the Board of Estimate regarding the question of salaries for teachers.

Will Meet in Baltimore May 3 for Three Day Session. A conference of those interested in welfare work for the negro and the protection of their rights has been called by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to meet in Baltimore on Friday, May 3, 1914, to July 17, 1914.

WALDO TRIES TO CLEAR RECORD. Ex-Police Commissioner Waldo wants his police record cleared in case he decides to resume his status as an acting officer.

Doesn't Want "Removed" to Be Returned to Army Service. Ex-Police Commissioner Waldo wants his police record cleared in case he decides to resume his status as an acting officer.

GARAIX BREAKS 27 RECORDS. August Belmont's Elber Sets New Marks With Six Passengers.

August Belmont, who is conducting experiments of Paul Schmitt's new dirigible, received the following message from Mr. Schmitt yesterday.

ARTISTS REELECT OFFICERS. Kenyon Cox and W. A. Coffin Elected to Academy Council.

The officers of the National Academy of Design and of the Society of American Artists were re-elected yesterday.