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TWO FORMER PRESIDENTS

THE TWO LIVING former presidents of the United States take widely differing paths in discussing the difficulties which beset their country in its efforts to stay out of war.

Former President Taft supports President Wilson, says that his foreign policy is the best that could have been contrived; holds against intervention in Mexico, and declares that our mission there is ended when the forces of Villa are finally dispersed, and he himself killed or rendered helpless for evil.

But Col. Roosevelt is a critic of the administration; a most unreasonable and unreasoning one. He complains that the government is not firm in its foreign policy; complains that it is. He finds fault because there is not more preparedness, boasting the while that he and the young men of his family are willing to go to war, if there is one, as if there were not millions of Americans ready to do the same thing, but not willing to boast of it.

Of the note to Germany Col. Roosevelt says, "Fourteen months ago we notified Germany that if she did whatever she has since done and continued to do we would hold her to strict accountability. Now, fourteen months afterward, we say that we were serious. If Germany now does as we wish, it will, as I have said before, be proof positive that Germany would have promptly yielded if fourteen months ago we had so acted that Germany knew we meant what we said; and in such case, therefore, rulers at Washington will have been proved responsible for the blood of the thousands of peaceful men, women and children who have been killed."

How does Mr. Roosevelt know what Germany would have done 14 months ago? How does anybody know? Much water has gone over the wheel in fourteen months, and many things have happened. Some suppose Germany and every other European nation to be nearer exhaustion now. Some suppose that there has been time to know that the submarine policy is not entirely fruitful. Mr. Roosevelt talks with the cocksureness of a little boy, whose education has scarce begun, not with the caution of a grown man who has been of affairs.

Every modern mind which has favored arbitration has favored delay as the great aid to peace. Some noted observers have gone so far as to suppose that a week or two of further delay, not to mention fourteen months might have saved Europe from the fight.

Two things are clear. One is that neither Mr. Roosevelt nor anybody else knows what Germany would have done fourteen months ago. The other is that the people of the United States have placed the conduct of foreign affairs in the hands of President Wilson. Upon him is the duty of determining what is to be done. To him the people look for the best way.

Former President Taft takes the patriotic view. He supports the government, in a time of crisis, when it needs support. But Former President Roosevelt keeps the air quivering with his scolding, himself a nuisance, if not a positive menace to the peace of the country.

THE DEFEAT OF BRYAN

THE DEFEAT of Bryan may be attributed to several causes, chief of which, probably, was his advocacy of prohibition. Besides this he had arrayed himself against the president at a time when nearly every American feels that national unity is necessary to the safety of the country. As if this were not burden enough to carry, he was supporting his brother for the gubernatorial nomination, thus offending the prejudice against nepotism.

His peace advocacy probably had little to do with the result, except in so far as it represented hostility to the president. Henry Ford, who was even more ardent a peace advocate, scored a victory without effort.

Mr. Bryan has ceased to dominate the Democratic party. He will, nevertheless, be an influential member of the personal following throughout the country is largely because of his courage, his ideals and his services to the American proletariat.

TALLEST MAN IN THE WORLD

HUGO, THE "tallest man in the world," is dead at 47. He stood eight feet four inches, and wore a finger ring that would let a half dollar through. In death as in life his unusual stature was not an unmixed benefit. The regular size caskets were as much too small as regular size shoes, shirts and beds had been. Hugo was not a symmetrical giant, like our own Captain Augur, but an ungainly awkward fellow. His girth was undoubtedly due to one of those obscure disturbances which nature sets up in the glands that control growth. Thus he was from the beginning doomed to die an early death. Forty-seven is a great age for a giant.

70th Anniversary of the War Between the U. S. and Mexico

It was just three-score-and-ten years ago today, on April 24, 1846, that the first blood was shed in the war between the United States and Mexico which resulted in the addition to the former of a vast and valuable expanse of territory. The anniversary of the conflict is of unusual interest at this time, when the troops of the United States are again on Mexican soil.

The verdict of history on Uncle Sam's Mexican exploit of seventy years ago is not altogether to his credit. No less an authority than General Grant, a veteran of the Mexican invasion, asserted, that it was "the most unjust war ever waged by a powerful nation against a weak one."

It is to be said for Uncle Sam, however, that he had been patient and long-suffering in his relations with his turbulent neighbors. Mexico had been embroiled in civil war from the beginning of the republic in 1824. Most of Mexico's statesmen and military leaders were unscrupulous, and they had not hesitated to replenish their empty coffers by plundering American ships in the Gulf of Mexico and confiscating the property and goods of Americans who had settled in Mexico. The claims of Americans against Mexico amounted to \$6,000,000 at the outbreak of the war.

The annexation of Texas by the United States was the immediate cause of the rupture between the two countries. The Texans had vanquished their Mexican masters and set up an independent republic, which had won recognition from Great Britain and France as well as by the United States. The Mexicans strove to reconquer their lost province, but this dream was blasted when the Lone Star state was admitted to the Union.

In 1845 President Polk sent an army under General Zachary Taylor to protect the Texas-Mexican border, and early the following year he encamped near the Rio Grande. President Herrera sought to prevent war, but the Mexicans were eager for conflict, and elected General Paredes to the presidency. The new chief executive sent General Ampudia with a large force to drive the Americans beyond the Nueces. Ampudia delivered an ultimatum to Taylor, giving him twenty-four hours to break camp and retire from the border; otherwise, the Mexican general wrote, "arms and arms alone must decide the question." Taylor refused, and when Ampudia hesitated about making good his boast Gen. Arista was placed in command of the Mexicans. The Mexican army was strong reinforced, and Taylor's position became critical. On April 24, 1846, a reconnoitering party under Capt. Thornton was surprised by the Mexicans on the Texas side of the Rio Grande, and Lieutenant Mason was killed. On the same day the Mexican leader informed Taylor that he "considered hostilities commenced and should prosecute them."

When asked to make a settlement both men refused saying that it was not their fault. Mr. Kenny jumped in his car and followed the other machine to Bridgeport where Leceque was finally apprehended by Doorman William Taylor of the third precinct station on State street near the precinct. Nufer and Leceque were taken before Lieutenant George Coley on complaint of Kenny. Both men were discharged by the lieutenant because the accident happened outside of Bridgeport and it was out of jurisdiction of the local police.

Mr. Kenny is the son of the late Michael Kenny, who held the office of director of public works in Bridgeport.

The Stratford Women's Suffrage association will hold a rummage sale in the town hall, Tuesday, April 25. The sale will begin at 2 o'clock and will continue until 5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mullins of 1331 Howard avenue welcomed an eight pound baby girl, Eleanor Mary, born on Good Friday. Baby and mother are doing well. Mrs. Mullins was Miss Mary Craig before her marriage.

The outing at Far Mill River which was to have been held Wednesday by the Nature Study class of the Bridgeport Art League has been postponed until Wednesday of next week because of the concert of the Wednesday Afternoon Musical club, which is scheduled for this week.

Two huge balls, the Shakespearean dance, given by the Bridgeport Centre of the Drama League of America, and the Elks' annual Charity Ball, both this evening, will break the monotony of Lent in Bridgeport. The Shakespearean dance will begin at 10 o'clock but most of the feature dances and singing will be reserved until after 12 o'clock, when supper is being served in the main dining room. It is expected that the affair will be one of the largest and most unique ever given in the city.

Hundreds of persons are planning to attend the Elks' ball, held as usual, at the Casino, on State street, and there is every indication that it will prove the most successful and brilliant ever given by this organization.

Miss Margaret Rourke of 59 Vine street and Miss Minnie Broughal of 246 West avenue, left yesterday afternoon to attend the American Nurses' association convention in New Orleans. On their way to the southern city they will visit at the Luray Caverns and the Natural Bridge in Virginia. They expect to be away about two weeks, returning by the Pacific Steamboat Co. line.

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Wash Fabrics of Daintiest Character



One of the joys of springtime is the gathering of pretty wash frocks, and every woman wants plenty. There is nothing that gives one quite such a sense of being immaculately attired as to wear a perfectly fresh linen,ingham, dimity, or other cotton gown. This season the gaiety and daintiness of coloring is beyond description.

- Imitation Linens, and very good imitations, they are masquerading as true flax, pink, blue and tan, 36 inches, 39 cts \$1.00
- Black and White Novelty Pique, very stylish, 50 cts
- Beach Cloth, woven stripes, blue, green and black on white, 50 cts
- Imported Shepherd Checks, like suitings, 48 inches, 39 cts
- Gabardines, white ground with narrow black stripes, very good for separate skirts, 59 cts
- Medici Soie, a narrow striped voile with a silk line, in pink, blue, green, heliotrope, black and white, 50 cts
- Flowered Marquisette, striped effects in pink, green and yellow, with pink and yellow flowers, 35 cts
- Voiles in colored grounds, flowered designs in pink, light and old blue, and white, 69 cts
- Satin-stripe Voile, pink and blue, 40 inches, 85 cts
- Imported Embroidered Voile, very distinctive patterns and of exquisite quality, 40 inches, 98 cts
- French Crepe, light blue, old blue, pink, lavender, gray and a delicate apricot, 36 inches, 35 cts
- Imported Japanese Crepe, blue, pink, gray and navy, 27 inches, 29 cts
- Corduroy Crepe, maize, blue, green, lavender, apricot and rose, 59 cts
- Flowered Cretones.

For beach frocks, garden smocks and skirts, lovely designs in pink, blue, lavender and yellow, 29 and 39 cts
 Wash Dress Goods Section, main floor.

Headwear for Motoring

Comfort is the first consideration when it comes to motor apparel. With a close fitting hat of little weight, and a swathing of veil to keep out dust, one may fly the landscape with enjoyment.

- A Motor Hat of straw and faille, in old rose or black is very pretty and practical \$4.00
- Rose Silk Hat with veil attached, \$5.50
- Women Silk and straw combination, \$4.50
- caps of silk, \$1.00
- Chiffon Veil all colors, and many of these are washable so that one always feels safely clean, 65c, \$1.00, \$1.50 to \$3.50
 Center aisle, main floor.

Now that the fairy woman has let the cuckoo out of the basket to start spring in earnest, and we have emanated from the lenten days, thoughts turn to new clothes and new things for the home, and summer affairs in general.

A new material which looks like silk crash is in regular and even stripes about an inch wide. The colors are tan with navy and old blue, old rose and golden brown. It washes perfectly and will make into stunning sports skirts or coats. 75 cts.

The Sports Hat is nothing if not eccentric. It is in awning stripe or some coarse art fabric that looks oriental and bizarre; it of queer straw, wide brimmed and low crowned; it is of flowered, cretonne or chintz—and always bewitching.

A Ruff of Maline or Ostrich feathers is always a welcome addition to the summer wardrobe, for it is immensely becoming and is frequently required on chilly days. Late styles are in white and black combinations, white and brown, and plain brown, tan, black and white. Not expensive.

A new Fireside Chair has a high back and arms, and very deep wings. Its occupant will be ensconced in the deepest privacy and very comfortable. The style is called "Lafayette." \$21.00

A companion to the Lafayette Chair is a Chaise Longue upholstered in the same material, a dark tapestry of pleasing design. There is the same high back and deep wings. A most luxurious piece. \$37.50

An English Hall Chair, Charles II. period has a high carved back of solid mahogany with twisted posts. The center panel is topped by a Prince of Wales cluster of three feathers, elaborately carved. The seat is covered with medieval tapestry. This chair will serve nicely for desk use. \$24.00

A Boston Rocker which is a true Back Bay specimen has a frame of solid mahogany with S-scroll arms, and the covering is of old gold and black striped velour. \$43.00

Some new ornaments for the shelf, cabinet or table, are of black English porcelain and very unique. There is an elephant pushing a log of teakwood, "Elephants a-pilin' leak in the sludgy, squdgy creek," \$2.00

A parrot, dark, solemn, dignified, \$1.25
 A Kingfisher, ready to dive, \$1.50
 In the basement.

Baby Carriages
 Approved Models of fine appearance

Rattan Carriages which are constructed according to the ideas of hygienic and scientific folk, correct as to adjustment of gears, tops and springs, nicely upholstered interiors,

- \$15.00 to \$18.00
- Brown Wicker Sulkeys Oriole Go-Baskets
- two wheels, no tops, very Brown rattan, and when light and takes little room, not in actual use these fold up compactly for carrying, \$9.00 to \$13.00

Rattan Carriages, white or French gray with linings of French cretonne or neutral tinted corduroy, \$39.00 to \$35.00
 Fourth floor.

"Woodege" Jardinieres and Fern Bowls

Those in search of something different in the way of a jardiniere will doubtless be pleased with these new ones of wood. They appear to be cut from the section of a log and are hollowed and metal lined. With a somewhat rustic look, though nicely finished they are very appropriate for all growing plants and vines. The shallower ones are right for fern bowls for table use and the larger jars, with or without pedestals are for porches, loggias or living rooms.

In the Basement.

For the Kitchen

- Egg Beaters and Cream Whips. Glass jars with heavy tin covers, which contain dashers for whipping cream or eggs very quickly. Fifteen seconds, which means a good deal sometimes, 10 cts
- Potato Ricer. A V-shaped cup of heavy tin with steel frame, very useful for ricing potatoes, crushing fruit or beef, 25 cts
- Milk Bottle Holders. Made of galvanized iron and designed to fasten on the outside of the house to await the milkman. The bottles are thereby kept safely out of harm's way, 10 cts
 Basement.



The Vudors are ready and hot weather is sure to come
 Grex Rugs and other furniture for the outdoor living room is arriving each day. Come and see even if not ready to buy, for it takes a little thought and time to arrange things.
 On the third floor.

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It was not until after there had been several other clashes that Congress declared, on May 11th, that "by the act of the republic of Mexico, a state of war exists between that government and the United States." After a series of victorious campaigns, culminating in the capture by Gen. Scott of the City of Mexico, the Mexicans sued for peace. By the treaty of peace Mexico ceded to the United States a vast territory including California, New Mexico, all of Arizona, north of the Gila River, Nevada, Utah and a part of Colorado, for which the United States was to pay Mexico \$15,000,000, and, in addition, to assume debts due to American citizens from Mexico.

New Jersey Autoists Run Down Henry Kenny

(Special to The Farmer.)
 Stratford, April 24.—Prosecuting Attorney Ivan L. Morehouse has issued a warrant for Edward Nufer and James O. Leceque, New Jersey residents, charged with reckless driving. They are accused of having run down Henry Kenny.

The accident occurred at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, in front of the Gaynor Manufacturing Co. Mr. Kenny, who was operating his car, had stopped in front of the factory because of a blow out. He was having a new tire adjusted when the New Jersey car, headed for Bridgeport, approached at a fast rate of speed. According to Mr. Kenny no effort was made by the driver, Leceque, to keep to his right side and as a result, the auto hit Mr. Kenny, throwing him 50 feet. He received a sprain to his right wrist and was bruised about the body. The New Jersey machine stopped and the occupants returned to offer assistance.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Quarter Meter Blamed For Another Fatality

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MANY OTHER ARTICLES THAT STORES NEED

Cardboard, pin and string tickets, duplicating salesbooks, many kinds of blank books, twine, paper clips, rubber bands, display books, etc.

Father Picker In New York Hospital To Take Treatment

Rev. T. J. Picker, curate at St. Patrick's church, is in St. Vincent's hospital, New York city, undergoing treatment for stomach trouble. Father Picker expects to return to Bridgeport in about two weeks.

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