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**MR. ROOT NOT FOR WAR**

THOSE Democrats who are seeking to have it appear that Mr. Root, in his ringing exhortation of the halting and stumbling diplomacy of the administration, raised the alternative of the employment of force, and that he stands for war with Germany, are drawing the long bow with their accustomed indifference to fact. Nothing in the address of the eminent Republican carries a shadow of inference in favor of war—but everything points to his contempt of a diplomacy of feintness and inefficiency. He knows and the country knows, that, following the first stage of the issue with Germany, there never was a time when Germany could have been dragged into war with the United States.

The Democrats would have Mr. Root appear as either a knave or a fool when they say he advocates war with Germany or blames the administration for not plunging the nation into congestion. Peace with credit is one thing; peace with discredit is another. If the longbowmen of the Democratic party will only gather their wits to perceive this distinction, they will have the key to that finely analytical address.

**PUBLICITY WILL BENEFIT STATE**

THE Southern Pacific company is not an eleemosynary institution. It is a corporation that is seeking to further the interests of its shareholders. While that is its aim, the means employed to the end are often advantageous to those who have no interest in the company.

This company has renewed with greater zeal than ever its campaign to further the affairs of its land department, so that by so doing it may dispose of as many acres as possible of its huge land grant, received from the government as a bonus for constructing its line across the continent.

While it is advertising its own holdings, it is giving publicity to the privately owned colonization projects, to the government's reclamation lands and to the homestead sections, thus being of a vast benefit to the entire State of Nevada.

The Southern Pacific company could have chosen no more capable person to act as its publicity expert than John C. Martin of Tonopah, who was interviewed at length yesterday in the Bonanza. His work will prove not merely remunerative to the land department of the Southern Pacific company, but will vastly benefit the entire State of Nevada.

**RATHER A GLOOMY OUTLOOK**

ONLY a man with small knowledge of human nature and little experience in this world would have the temerity to interfere if a wife were pulling her husband's hair, or the husband leaving his better half. The natural sequence would be that the interferer would be set on by both and be badly punished for his humanitarian act.

Much worse is likely to be the case in Mexico, where a regular family row has been progressing for the past four years. American interference has, in this case, an even more unfavorable aspect than in the case of the husband and wife melee, for both parties to the row have an inborn and cultivated hatred for the "pigs" of Americanism.

The dictator of Mexico may not yet be assassinated, but it is his fate almost assuredly should he continue to favor the American invasion. Mexico will doubtless become united against the Americans and it will necessitate a repetition of the war of 1846 unless American honor can be satisfied in some other manner, such as the Carranzists capturing and punishing the Villistas before the news of the invasion by the punitive expedition is circulated throughout Mexico and the natives combine to punish the punitives.

**A WILSON TARIFF COMMISSION**

REPRESENTATIVE BARNHART of Indiana went to the White House with the idea. As he came away he could hear from the president's room the echoing words, "The idea!"

Mr. Barnhart's idea was developed in connection with the discussion of a tariff commission. The Hoosier statesman recognizes that a tariff commission can do nothing except to investigate and report—to somebody. That somebody, naturally, should be the congress, which body alone has the authority to make tariff changes; and it is Mr. Barnhart's idea that the tariff board should be directly responsible to congress. To make this idea effective and to give to the board that "non-partisan" quality which has been desired for it, Mr. Barnhart proposed that each leading party in the senate and in the house should name one member of the board and that the president should appoint a fifth.

The president would have none of this, however. He insists that if a tariff commission is to be set up, he shall have the naming of every one of the men who shall compose it. In other words, Wilson wants a Wilson tariff commission. This is in line with his whole career. At Princeton he made it a point, whenever a trustee of the University was to be chosen, to put forward a Wilson man for the place; similarly, when an officer of instruction—down to the lowest tutor—was to be selected, he took pains to get a Wilson man on the job. He never appointed a committee of the Princeton faculty that he did not stuff it with a majority of Wilson supporters. As president of the United States he has pursued the same course. He intends to put none but Wilson men on guard. Congressman Barnhart would make up the tariff board with some regard to the spirit of the Constitution and to the proprieties of the Occasion. Wilson would make it up to suit his own sweet will.

Those who saw "The Fourth Estate" pictured at the Butler theater last evening were vividly reminded of the Booth libel case. The temporary power of judges and the ultimate victory of printers' ink, in the wronging of rights and the righting of wrongs, were most convincingly portrayed.

**CLIPPED AND CREDITED**

T. R. will return, but it remains to be seen if he can come back—Columbia State.

Don't criticize the Democrats in congress too harshly! They are not accustomed to standing up for their country.—Los Angeles Times.

If the president succeeds with congress he might try his hand at securing harmony among the various defense societies.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

LaFollette has announced his candidacy for the presidency, but we do not hear of any crowds rushing to enroll under his banner.—Florida Times Union.

Bob LaFollette says he wants to be president; but in this great nation of 100,000,000 people, nobody gets up to second the motion.—Boston Advertiser.

The main trouble with the English navy, from Churchill's standpoint, is that he is no longer connected with it.—Atlanta Journal.

"Wilson upheld by C&T in Senate," says a headline. Probably used a Smith & Wesson in the House.—Kanesburgh Illuminator.

Prof. Fisher of Yale is worrying about what a human life is worth. In some parts of Europe just now it is now worth mentioning.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

"What Mexico lacks," remarks a publicist, "is a sense of humor." Our own idea is that what Mexico lacks is sense of any kind.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

An Ohio woman is said to have made a hat out of \$50 bills. This would

seem to be a style where last year's hat is quite as good as next year's.—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

The way some of the senators, who opposed the president's foreign policy, voted indicates that they regarded a shut up as preferable to a show up.—New Orleans States.

It took Uncle Sam a little over two years to make Mexico "Remember the Alamo" in '46. How long will it take to teach Villa to "Remember Columbus"—Mockler Whistle.

## THIS IS BIRTHDAY WEST POINT SCHOOL

### ACADEMY ASSUMES GREATER IMPORTANCE IN VIEW OF PREPAREDNESS

United States army officers and veterans in many cities and posts will celebrate today the birthday of their alma mater, the United States military academy at West Point, N. Y. It was 114 years ago today, March 17, 1802, that congress established the training school for officers on the banks of the Hudson fifty-two miles north of New York City. West Point had been a military post since 1778, and during the period of the revolution the place was the scene of fortifications to control the river, while a heavy chain was stretched across the Hudson to Constitution island to prevent British war vessels from ascending further. West Point was captured and destroyed by the British in 1777, but new fortifications were built at a cost of three million dollars. It was this post which Benedict Arnold, as a commander of West Point, planned to deliver to the British in return for a commission as brigadier general in the British army and \$50,000 in gold, but from which he gained only eternal obloquy and the detestation of mankind.

Although the school for educating and training young men in the theory and practice of military science, to fit them for duty as officers of the United States army, was not established until after Washington's death, he was in a way the real founder. In 1793 and again in 1796 he urged upon congress the necessity of such an institution. The continental congress, as early as 1776, had also suggested the desirability of "a military school for the army."

Authorized at last on the sixteenth of March, 1802, the military academy was opened on the fourth of July following, with a class of ten cadets. Prior to that time a number of students had been enrolled at the forts of West Point, where a corps of artillery and engineers were stationed, and informal instruction had been given in the arts of war.

The first decade of the academy's existence was marked by many vicissitudes. Although congress had created the institution, the lawmakers apparently soon forgot all about it, and, lacking sufficient funds for its proper conduct, the academy authorities were hard pressed to keep it alive. At one time the school was without a single instructor. In its first ten years only seventy-one students graduated.

In 1812 President Madison brought about a reorganization of West Point, and soon 260 students were enrolled, and the institution began to assume something of its present form. It was not until 1817, however, that West Point began to receive serious consideration in the military world. Colonel Sylvanus Thayer, who has been called "the father of West Point," was appointed to the command, and it was he who introduced the uniform organization, and rules of study, which have continued in force until the present time. Under his control the academy gained prestige and renown, and in 1832, when he resigned the command, West Point had won the respect of the military men of Europe and was counted among the world's most famous institutions of its kind.

In view of the present agitation for war preparedness, West Point may assume even greater importance in the coming years. One of the great lessons of this war has been the necessity for trained, skilled, scientific leadership, the lack of which has been keenly felt in several of the nations involved. A great increase in the number of cadets must necessarily accompany any increase in the military establishment.

**DRUMMING UP TRADE**

A representative of an artificial ice company in Goldfield is in Tonopah interviewing business men regarding bringing ice here by auto truck during the summer.

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