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INTERVENTION IN MEXICO AN INTERNATIONAL DANGER.

Undoubtedly some of the European belligerents would be mightily pleased to see the United States intervene in Mexico. Such action would tie up all our available military forces for a year or two, and require the services of a large part of our navy. More important than that, from the standpoint of Germany and Austria especially, it would absorb most of our munitions output and deprive the allies of great quantities of war supplies on which they are now depending.

Thus, even if German influence and money have played no part in our Mexican troubles, intervention in Mexico today would play into the hands of the foreign powers with whom we have the most serious controversies pending. And it is possible to imagine a situation, too, in which the employment of our army and navy in Mexican pacification would add to the happiness of Japan.

We have, of course, our own domestic reasons for going slow in this matter, as long as there is any possibility of honorable and satisfactory settlement and atonement for the destruction of American life and property. But even if intervention would not be costly in life and treasure, and would not imperil our new friendship with Latin-America, the country would naturally hesitate before staking all its military resources on such an adventure in the most critical year of modern history.

HERE IS TO MAYOR KELLER IN HIS FIGHT ON THE GAS "OCTOPUS."

More strength to Mayor Keller in his fight for less expensive gas for South Bend. The reduction in electricity rates may seem to have made the mayor ravenous in this campaign for cheaper light all-around, but remember the case is not a new one. The petition with the Public Service commission to settle the local gas question was filed about the same time as was that for adjustment of the electricity case. The mayor apparently, has acted upon the principle of one case at a time, as being enough for the administration to handle.

The gas situation here is even more aggravating than was the electricity case. We have been getting the very cheapest quality of gas and the cheapest kind of service, save when it comes to settling the bills, and this at rates seldom equaled in magnitude anywhere in the country. The Philadelphia gentlemen have been literally gutting South Bend that they might indulge bets of \$100,000 to \$10,000 on games of golf. We cannot afford longer to put up money for such luxuries. And after the gas case, we hope to see the street railway "octopus" put through a similar course of sprouts, to which end proceedings ought to be instituted without delay to have them past the preliminaries when its time comes.

Of course, as in the case of the Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., the Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Co., has the city licked to a frazzle, that is, to hear its representatives tell it. Maybe they have but we rather anticipate that by this time they have at least one eye open to the fact that the public service commission is not asleep. South Bend should have gas at 80 cents at the very most. Ninety cents is the highest price paid anywhere else in the state. We pay \$1.10. We have been robbed long enough at this high rate. The city has pleaded for the reductions provided for in the gas franchise, but has received the Mephistophelean laugh, evidencing an apparent determination to keep up the robbery to the very last minute,—now, we hope, not far off.

A roar of protest from the political and financial interests in league with the gas industry is to be expected. The mayor will be accused of playing politics but the people are not dumb. If men in charge of municipal affairs must play politics, and they all seem to do it—with Mayor Keller no exception,—the people are perfectly willing that such politics should be played once in a while in their favor as well as always against them. The public utilities have had politics played in their favor in South Bend quite long enough. We feel like encouraging Mayor Keller in this matter, more than for any other one reason, because his course is so exceptional—so void of conformity to the established order. When a man—or public official—gets out of the beaten path; the "good old way" of doing things, he needs support; and, besides, Mayor Keller is only doing what he was elected to do with his whole public utility propaganda.

Regulation of public utilities in conformity with public justice is something that Mayor Keller was elected for if he was elected for anything. There was tension words on this subject to every one about the suppression of vice and law enforcement, in the citizens' party platform, and Mayor Keller dwelt upon it even more extensively in his campaign utterances. The utility and vice forces were united against him in that campaign. Their interests then seemed mutual, but since it has been interesting to watch they try to make each other the "goat." It has been the prize growl of the vice element that they were being presented to the exclusion of the utilities and now the utilities are insisting that the vice element is being overlooked and that they are being unduly pursued. "Politics makes strange bed-fellows," but they agree on the division of the bed.

It looks to us very much as though Mayor Keller were reasonably neutral,—perhaps, like Col. Roosevelt in his attitude toward Pres't Wilson and Former

Sec'y Bryan, almost "violently neutral." He wishes them both ill.

HATS AS ORNAMENTS AND BALD HEADS AS RESULTS.

Why do men grow bald? Simply because they wear hats, says Dr. Arthur R. Reynolds, in the American Magazine.

He says he has proved, by careful observation, that hats affect the growth of hair by compressing the arteries, veins, lymphatic vessels and nerves that supply and nourish the hair. The nature of the hat or the amount of heat or moisture it causes hasn't anything to do with it. All the trouble is caused by the hat band. And if you examine a man partly bald, noting the shape of his head and the places where his hat presses most tightly, you will find, says Dr. Reynolds, that the beginning of the bald area corresponds with the pressure spots. If the head is round, and the hat band presses tightly and uniformly around the whole circumference, the hair is likely to fall out uniformly over the top of the head. Caps cause less baldness because they are not so tight.

The writer therefore urges that hats be discarded. "The creator," he says, "put hair on the head as a covering and an adornment. It is all the covering that is required by adult men except during the few days of severe weather, even in a northern latitude. The city man who steps from his residence to a conveyance that carries him to his shop or office needs no hat at all, except to meet or comply with the dictates of custom." It reminds us that in most out-of-door sports men find their hats in the way, and discard them, even in the broiling summer heat. Yet a man who has been playing golf bareheaded puts on his hat when he enters a covered street car or automobile.

"The common sense answer," he declares, "is to do away with hats altogether, either as an ornament or as an article of utility." It's doubtless sound advice. The trouble is, in getting the movement started. A Cleveland banker began doing that very thing several years ago, when he found himself becoming bald. In spite of ridicule, he without a hat, the year around. His example, however, doesn't seem to have won many converts so far. When men come to fear petty social convention less than baldness they'll get back to the healthful bare-headed habit of antiquity.

VASSAR GIRLS PUT THE KIBOSH ON CHAIN.

The Vassar daisy chain has become famous, not only as a charming commencement ceremony of long standing, but as a beauty parade. It has been customary to choose the twenty-four prettiest sophomores for the honor of carrying the chain.

Now Vassar has decided to make a radical change. The daisy chain is to be carried hereafter by a delegation of sophomores chosen without regard to looks. What the standard of selection is to be is uncertain—not homeliness, we hope. Anyhow, beauty contests are taboo.

The idea is that Vassar refuses to recognize the beauty standard as applicable to college women. If its students are to be honored in the eyes of their fellow students or the world, it wants them honored for their brains or character—not for the characteristics insisted on in the dark ages when woman was merely man's plaything.

The Northwestern university of Evanston, Ill., seems to feel the same way about it. One of the Northwestern songs which praises the university "for her pretty girls" has been condemned as unworthy of the institution. Northwestern, the critics explain, as a matter of fact has pretty girls, but it doesn't intend to be so silly, vulgar and reactionary as to brag about them. If the girl students are to be praised they must be praised for reasons more acceptable to the modern woman.

It's all rather confusing to men, who somehow can't quite get over their ancient weakness for beauty-worship. Very likely the women's colleges are right about it. But we shudder at the ultimate possibilities if women in general come to be ashamed of beauty and cultivate homeliness as a virtue.

MUFFLING LOCOMOTIVES.

Hiram Maxim, who invented the famous silencer that makes a rifle as noiseless as an air-gun, and suppresses the explosions of automobile and motor boat engines, now says that he can likewise muffle the chug-chug of railroad locomotives. He can do it, too, he believes, without reducing the boiler draft through the smokestack.

If such a device is possible, it can't be made and put into general use any too soon. We have endured the roar and rush of the locomotive's exhaust because it has been supposed to be unavoidable. A noisy engine is better than no engine at all. But if there's a remedy at hand, public opinion will demand its adoption as soon as it becomes available, just as public opinion has demanded smoke-consumers in communities that burn soft coal.

It's only lately that the American people have awakened to the evil effects of mere noise. The doctors tell us that the nervous ailments to which we are so liable are due more to noise than to any other cause. And the efficiency experts tell us that most of the din is unnecessary. We're really making progress in getting rid of it. The world will be a much quieter place a few years hence.

QUIETING A CYCLONE.

Of all the heartless, ungrateful wretches we ever heard of there's a bunch of folks in the Texas panhandle country who take the cake. "Cyclone" Davis, congressman from Texas, wired, it is said, a gathering of them as follows: "If I can render you or your good citizens any service do not hesitate to command me." They answered: "Bully! Resign."

Major Gen. Wood says, "We have not, in any one single item, the necessary material for the needs of the first call of men to the colors." Quartermaster Gen. Ale-shire tells a congressional committee that we have equipment for 500,000 men in army and militia depots, and assurance of manufacturing equipment for 300,000 more within ninety days. The authorities ought to get together on little matters like this.

Grand Duke Nicholas may "come back" after all. Not much has been heard of him since the czar sent him to the woods for falling in the Galician campaign, but now he seems to be making good against the Turks in the Caucasus. Constantinople may wake up one of these days and find a powerful Russian army with Grand Duke Nick at its head attacking the capital from the east.

We've seen no more illuminating comment on the war, up to date, than this from the Chicago Herald: "Of course, Germany has won a lot of things, but the trouble is she somehow doesn't get time to enjoy them."

King Constantine of Greece says the war is going to be a draw. But it's going to be a knock-out for him, if he isn't mighty careful.

King Constantine is yelling to be interviewed by American reporters. Evidently, Mrs. Constantine doesn't listen to a word he says.

THE MELTING POT

COME! TAKE POTLUCK WITH US.

CUPID'S CAPERS.

Cupid is a cunning scamp. And appears in many guises; He lies in wait at every turn, And uses sly devices; He stands behind the open door Of many public places, And e'en conceals himself among A counter fall of laces. Amid the hum of business He sings his roundelays To the maiden in the apron, And on her heart strings plays:

Just around the corner, When the clock strikes six, You'll find him waiting for you, At the place you fix; And when he sees you coming His eyes with joy will shine, He'll draw you closely to him, And murmur "You are mine."

IF there is anyone present who has not been "named" for some office or other please rise. We don't want to overlook anybody.

THE farthest north for the robin, so far reported, is Logansport. A queer place to stop, even for a bird.

YOUR collar button, when it eludes your grasp, usually seeks safety first under the bureau, but a Huntington man who lost his 10 years ago has just found it in his lute. We hope our collar button won't get the habit.

WELL? (Columbia City Post.) Mr. and Mrs. Owen Wetzel of Richland township, who reside on the Lancaster farm, wish to deny the statement made recently that they are the parents of a baby boy. Mrs. Wetzel informs The Post that it is a mistake and they regret that it is a mistake. She says they wish that it was so, as such a chap would be mighty welcome in their home.

With Other Editors Than Ours

FOREIGN AMENITIES.

(Asheville, N. C., Citizen.)

It is worthy of note that many of the larger papers of the country which have consistently supported the present administration in its dealings with foreign governments, and through the endless pages of correspondence, find their patience exhausted and do not hesitate to express the opinion that the sinking of the Persia, with an American aboard and bound for his first post, was the real answer of Austria to America's demands. Whether this be so or not, time alone can tell, but certainly the submarine outrages shocking the world ere official Washington had ceased to congratulate the administration on another diplomatic triumph.

Most newspapers in the United States desire peace rather than war, and the Citizen is among that number, but they are approaching a situation where it is hard to distinguish between honeyed phraseology and downright insult, as far as negotiations with foreign governments are concerned. It is significant that practically every note which has passed between the United States and the central powers has been followed by the sinking of some passenger steamer. Some have gone down while the American government was engaged in reading German and Austrian protestations of undying friendship for this country, and the high-sounding declarations to the effect that submarine warfare should end.

The question now arises whether or not this government is justified in longer maintaining diplomatic relations with nations that have no regard for their pledged word, and still less regard for the ordinary code of humanity. Far better that such conditions should exist rather than endure what virtually amounts to the contempt of the nations with whom we conduct endless parley. Lest some of our peacefully inclined friends accuse us of shouting for war we will remark again that the severest of diplomatic relations does not necessarily mean war. When one individual refuses to hold communion with, or recognize a man whom he regards as unworthy of confidence and respect, he does not come to blows with his adversary. Similar situations may arise between nations, in that where one power or another flagrantly violates its pledged word, it is unworthy of the confidence and respect of other nations. Austria and Germany have shown that they are particularly desirous of retaining the friendship and respect of the United States, and it appears now that if we would preserve our self-respect, we should at once sever the slender threads between this country and the nations involved.

SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF THE UNEMPLOYED.

(McAlester, Okla., News-Capital.) The department of labor's efforts to solve the problem of the unemployed is making rapid headway. Although a new work, largely unorganized and not adequately provided for by appropriations, places for 12,000 applicants were found by the government during the last year. Eighteen labor distribution branches have been established in 18 large cities as follows: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Cleveland, Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Denver, Helena, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

After the disastrous fire at Salem, Mass., a little over a year ago, 3,570 wage earners were thrown out of employment. Through the department of labor, positions were found almost immediately for 1,590 of these men. The postoffice department has thrown open its 50,000 postoffices to assist the advertising program of the department of labor in its work. This assisted materially to create a network of communication between employers needing help without knowing where to get it and workers wanting employment without knowing where to find it. The harvesting of last fall's grain crops was materially assisted by the government. Posters were placed in all federal public buildings in labor centers advertising the number of jobs available and the wages offered in the harvest regions. A representative of the division of information, department of labor, went to the wheat belt in order to direct applicants for employment. All this was done in co-operation with the states and made harvest help distribution much more effective than it was before.

OLD J. C. E. says his new watchman is exasperatingly efficient. He tried to get into the store the other night to get his overcoat, but the watchman said "Nothing doing." "But," yelled J. C. E. through the door, "I own this store and I want to get my overcoat." "That's what they all say," said the watchman.

If a girl should ask me to marry her," writes J. B. B., "what shall I say to her? I don't want to get married." This is no matrimonial bureau, but if we felt as you do about it we'd tell her to go to—or, better still, say you'll be a brother to her.

"COULD you," writes A. R. T., "make a wheeze out of Joel Fencil, a citizen of Barbee, La.?" We might, if we tried, but we have no interest in such trivial things.

Seems to Run in the Family. (Cor. Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette.) David Herring of Wakarusa, known among his comrades as the Flying Dutchman, will be one of the principal speakers on the program at the dinner given for the boys in blue on Saturday, Jan. 29.

THE philosopher argues that the boy who learns to swear easily also learns other things easily, that it is evidence of a receptive mind and keen appreciation of forceful expression, which, in the end, will give him a trend toward efficiency. And, all things considered, we might just as well accept this theory as any other.

NOT that boys learn to swear necessarily, but incidentally.

AND incidents rake up a large share of a boy's life. C. N. F.

The Public Pulse

Comments for this column may be signed anonymously but must be accompanied by the name of the writer to insure good faith. No responsibility for facts or sentiments expressed will be assumed. Honest discussion of public questions is invited, but with the right reserved to eliminate vicious and objectionable matter. The column is free. But, be reasonable.

Editor News-Times:

Throughout the whole United States today will be known as a day set apart by Pres't Wilson beseeching the citizens of this "land of liberty" to aid their Jewish war-stricken brothers and sisters across (the sea, who are so pitiously endeavoring to fight a battle with death, starvation, cold and sickness of every description; regardless of the sorrow that is constantly being stirred within their bosoms, when they think of the terrible catastrophe that has befallen them.

Thousands of Jewish soldiers are daily shedding their blood, fighting for the land of their birth, Russia. And to what purpose? None; for Russia has always treated the Jew as a slave. While there are so many thousands of Jews on the battlefield, there are thousands of cossacks constantly plundering Jewish homes, insulting the mothers, sweethearts wives and sisters of the soldiers who are so bravely facing death. And why are they mistreated in this manner? For a simple reason indeed, namely, because they are of the Jewish faith.

Let's forget denomination, race hatred, etc., and help these poor half-starved widows with their little fatherless young ones clinging to their aprons and crying for bread and shelter. Let's forget that selfish spirit that is constantly rising within our bosoms and prompts us to think and act only for "self." Instead let us open our purses and freely give to those poor brothers and sisters across the seas who are so desperately in need of help.

In the name of civilization, human sympathy for our fellow beings, and in the name of the Great God Almighty, I beg of each and every one of you to do your duty to relieve these horrible conditions that are now existing in the war-stricken countries, so that in the end you may receive the blessing "Well done my true and faithful servant," and enter into your reward. Send all contributions to either Abe Livingston, Z. Deckerbaum or Samuel Spiro at once. MISS JESSIE LEVY, 661 Laporte av., South Bend, January 26, 1916.

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Number Five—This is the fifth of a series defining various electrical terms—terms that are not as generally understood as we believe they should be.

A Cycle. A Cycle is one complete set of positive and negative values of an alternating current. As previously pointed out an alternating current is a current which alternates regularly in direction. Frequency is the number of cycles per second. That ordinarily used for commercial purposes has 60 cycles—that is the operation of flowing in one direction and then in the opposite direction is repeated 60 times per second—60 cycles per second. I. & M. (I. & M. stands for Indiana & Michigan Electric Co.)

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