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The Human Side Of Our Mexican Fuss

Why Journal Readers Should Not Thank God for What has Taken Place There

The Mexican tangle has reached a stage where it is hard to follow it and doubtless many Journal readers have quit trying to do so. Yet the story is both simple and interesting if we consider only the really important incidents and events connected with it.

When anarchy, revolution and bloodshed became the order in Mexico several years ago, President Taft established an embargo, prohibiting the shipment of arms and ammunition into that country. This embargo was in force when Mr. Wilson became president. He rescinded or annulled it, allowing the free shipment of munitions into Mexico again. This action seems to have been taken as the result of pressure of munitions manufacturers who were after the profits that could be made. At least no better explanation has been given.

This provided the Mexicans with a supply of arms and ammunition, wherewith to carry on the bloody strife which has marked the last three or four years.

On a certain occasion since then, the government of Mexico offended our own by refusing to salute the Stars and Stripes. Mr. Wilson sought to enforce his demand that this be done and sent an armed force to attack the Mexican city of Vera Cruz. The city was taken and some two or three hundred Mexicans as well as a number of Americans were killed. However, the Mexican government still refused to salute our flag; and while the cost in both money and blood had been considerable, we abandoned the city without securing the salute in question.

No satisfactory reason has been given as to why we should have started something that we could not see through. Yet by it, we earned the active hatred of the Mexicans; for our force had hardly left Vera Cruz before they began to massacre American men and to outrage American women. This steadily increased; and it is safe to say that for every Mexican killed at Vera Cruz, several Americans have paid the penalty of death since. According to reports that appear trustworthy, American men were even tortured at the stake, while their wives were outraged and their children cruelly massacred before their eyes.

Our government, which had aroused the hatred and passions of the Mexicans against our people in that country, refused to protect their lives. They became the innocent and helpless victims of blood-thirsty ruffians bent on vengeance. This continued for many months, during which time a stream of American arms and ammunition continued to flow into Mexico. It follows that our government at Washington, after arousing the Mexicans against all Americans there, knowingly permitted the sending of munitions to that country, with which these unfortunate Americans, whom it refused to protect, were put to death.

The Mexicans themselves were evidently unable to understand our government "back-down." They had been punished merely for refusing to salute our flag. Yet now they found it perfectly safe to massacre Americans wholesale with death-dealing implements furnished them by other Americans. They became gradually bolder just as might have been expected; and ere long, they began to cross the boundary line to kill our people on our own soil.

What is the need of describing the many border raids which followed in which a large number of law-abiding American citizens within our own boundaries were wantonly murdered by Mexicans with American-made guns and ammunition. Finally, came the attack on Colum-

bus, and after this, the pursuit of Villa. It is probably true, that in the story of the latter, which will be published later, lies the most humiliating event that has ever occurred in the history of our nation.

The Journal takes no pleasure in presenting a story like the foregoing, notwithstanding it holds it to be true in every detail. However, it believes that its readers should understand clearly the important fact below,—for it is an absolute fact.

More Americans have been put to death by Mexicans during the last four years of so-called peace with Mexico than were killed by the Spaniards in our war with Spain.

The question is, can such a state of affairs be called peace? Is it not a more or less continuous massacre instead? Were the Indian massacres of the old days, for example, looked upon as peaceful affairs? And what is there in this great Mexican massacre for which we should be thanking God so fervently, as some of us profess to be doing? Are the lives of our countrymen so cheap that a blood-thirsty race, that is actually more than half Indian, may be turned loose upon them to slay them with our own implements of death while we look on with gratitude to God, willing up in our hearts that things should have been so directed?

STREETS OF AUDUBON IN BAD CONDITION

The streets of Audubon are nearly all torn up. Grading is going on at a tremendous rate for the reception of paving. Many gangs of workmen are at work to hasten the improvement before cold weather stops the operations.

The city has made many valuable improvements during the past few years.

First the deep well, then the sewer system, now the paving, and not the least by any means the educational structure in which our youth may be prepared for the eventualities of life.

The school building reflects the sentiment of Audubon's master minds,—the builders of our country, the steering committee of civic improvement.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS IN GREELEY TOWNSHIP

Mr. Fred Reynolds, the Township Clerk of Greeley Township, quarantined Mr. Howard Shoemaker's family and Mr. Jake Jacobsen's family both in Greeley township for infantile paralysis within the last week.

It is earnestly hoped that this awful disease will not spread further and that the parents in the afflicted households will use every effort to confine and destroy it on their own premises, and will in no wise expose a neighbor to it.

Rev. Rasmussen is taking a trip to Lincoln, Nebraska, these days.

The Champion Checker player of the world did not have all his own way last Monday evening. The Exira players won four games off of him.

HARDING FOR GOVERNOR—
1) Vote received in Primary, 107944
County's giving \$5 per cent, 88
Counties he carried, 84
Second in all Counties.

HOME TALENT MINSTRELS AT K. of P. HALL
Friday October 20 th
Laugh Laugh Laugh
PARADE at 4: P. M.

REPUBLICAN MEETING

Harding, for Governor will address the voters of Audubon County, at the Court House in Audubon, Thursday, October 19th. at 7:30 P. M. Come everybody. Committee.

FRED REYNOLDS AND SISTER TO BARNEY, IA.

Mr. Fred Reynolds, one of the old "wheel horses" of Greeley township, and his sister, Mrs. Oscar Hunt returned, Friday from a visit with their sister, Mrs. Will Bell of Barney, Iowa.

Mrs. Hunt expected to return with her husband to their home at Whittier, California, the last of the week and naturally wanted to see her sister before she left. They had a fine visit.

AT THE JOHN ESBECK HOME THURSDAY

About thirty of our respectable young people answered to an invitation to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Esbeck and family last Thursday evening.

Not that they came as a celebration of some event but a private party of a few friends. A general good time is reported with a fine refreshing lunch.

MISS ELLA FARQUHAR FOR RECORDER

Miss Ella Farquhar, candidate on the Republican ticket for County Recorder, is a sister of Arthur Farquhar, who was for a number of years County Superintendent of schools. The Farquhar family came to Audubon County over thirty years ago, settling on a farm in Melville Township. Since that time Ella Farquhar has been actively engaged in the school and business life of Audubon county. For many years she taught school in Melville and Greeley townships and has many friends there who are zealously working for her election. About fifteen years ago she quit teaching to accept a position offered her by J. F. Russell in his dry good store, which position she held until Mr. Russell retired from business here. Later she had charge of one of the departments of Mr. Russell's large store in Fort Dodge resigning to return to her home here. She worked in the Recorder's office for some time for Ed Wood and is familiar with the work of the office. Miss Farquhar's long experience in meeting business men and women has fitted her unusually well for the office she seeks and if elected she will give the same, thorough, efficient service she always has in other positions.

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A HAPPY SURPRISE TO BERTHA YOUNG

About sixty met at Juddy Young's place Monday night for the purpose of organizing a surprise party to be given Miss Bertha Young, who has been away visiting all the past summer, and whose absence has made many hearts ache.

Miss Bertha has just returned and it was thought that a rousing surprise party by her many friends would be the most agreeable welcome to her home coming. Games and dancing was enjoyed by all.

SAN FRANCISCO BOMB MAN GETS LIFE TERM

Warren K. Billings, the fellow who left a suit case full of bombs near where the great Preparedness Parade was passing in San Francisco, July 22nd, last, and where the explosion which followed killed ten of the marching, was sentenced to life imprisonment, by Judge Frank H. Dunne last week.

A TRIBUTE TO A MAN

It is becoming increasingly apparent that the republican party has not been altogether fortunate in its choice of a candidate for governor this year.

Just how dry Mr. Harding is, or how wet, no one seems to know. Yet it appears to have been pretty conclusively established that, as a law-maker in the past, he has worked with the liquor forces quite consistently and also that the liquor forces, regardless of party lines, are undivided in their support of his candidacy for governor at present.

Voters may differ in their views of the liquor question. Whether any man is for or against the saloon is a question for his own conscience to settle. As regards the governorship, this seems to be the real issue in Iowa this year; and it follows that the choice that each of us makes may well be determined by conscience rather than by party affiliations.

It is only fair to Mr. Meredith to say, that he is a clean, upright man. He is opposed to the saloon; and he has the courage to say so in wet communities as well as dry ones, which is something rare indeed in a candidate for office.

If liquor is the issue, then the moral side of the governorship question must overshadow all other considerations. It is, then, a matter for every man to decide for himself. At any rate, if readers of the Journal never do anything worse than to vote for Mr. Meredith for governor, they should find little difficulty in satisfying the good St. Peter when the greatest of all elections takes place.

J. B. J. LOHNER HOME FROM ALBERTA CANADA

Mr. Lohner returned from his Canadian trip a few days ago when he had gone with several gentlemen from this section and in other parts of the county.

He is selling for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. On this trip, Albert Jorgensen bot a section, Laurids Jorgensen and J. B. J. Lohner a section, Peter Lauridsen and Adolph Madsen, half section, Jacob Hansen, half section, John Lykke half section, Hans Hendricks three eighths, John Sorensen one-fourth section, Einer Jensen half section, a total of 2160 acres.

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Mr. W. H. Covault of North Branch was an arrival on the early morning train from Atlantic, Saturday.

A large quantity of timothy seed was marketed here by the progressive farmers of the North Branch country.

Since Mrs. Hans P. Petersen's return from Denver where she had been with her son, Henry, she has been bedfast with that distressing affliction Inflammatory Rheumatism. We hope for the lady's early recovery.

RIVER TO RIVER ROAD NOW FASTEST AND BEST

Of the two great highways across the state of Iowa the River to River road now holds the laurels.

Petersen with a Cadillac won them last week over any previous record on either road.

EXIRA BOY MAKING GOOD

Frank Dimick, who is attending College at Ames, won first place in the 100 yards dash and second in broad jump, at the college this week. Frank is getting to be a fast young man and earning a name for Exira's Athletes.

REVIVAL MEETINGS

Revival services will begin at the M. E. Church next Sunday morning, Evangelists J. H. Beveridge will be in charge. There will be services every evening during the week. There will be afternoon services every day except Monday and Saturday. Everybody is invited to come and enjoy the meetings.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Congregational Church will serve dinner and supper, afternoon and evening lunches to the public Election Day, November 4th.

Menu
Chicken, Potatoes, Gravy, Noodles, Cabbage Salad, Pickles, Pie, Bread, Butter Coffee.

By the afternoon oyster stews, pie and coffee will be served and in the evening until very late, oyster stews and coffee will be served. Everybody turn out and enjoy a big feed, one that is meant for kings and queens.

CHRIS BERTRAM GONE TO ILLINOIS

Chris Bertram, assistant in the Exira Creamery, left last evening for Litchfield, Illinois, where his brother Peter works, where he has a good position awaiting him. Tuesday evening a number of his friends held a surprise party in his honor at the Danish Brotherhood Hall. About sixty were present, they brought a good lunch.

We are very sorry to part with Chris for he is an example of mankind and is one who will "make good" wherever he goes. Chris has been here about two years.

Success and prosperity are our wishes to him.

An exchange tells this story of a boy who went to market with a sack of rabbits and lingered around town all day. When asked by his mother why he had not sold the rabbits he said that no one had asked him what was in the sack. How many merchants are like this boy? They have a plenty of goods for sale, but fail to tell the people what is in the sack.

MAD KING OTTO OF BAVARIA IS DEAD

Former King Otto of Bavaria, who has been insane for many years, died suddenly.

The mad king died at Fuerstenried Castle, near Munich, where he has been confined since 1873.

King Otto was born in April 27th, 1848 and succeeded his brother Ludwig 2nd in 1886. Ludwig 2nd was also insane and drowned himself in Starnberg Lake.

King Otto was disposed on Nov. 5 1913 and was succeeded by the present monarch Ludwig 3rd who was formerly regent.

THE JOURNAL REFUSES TO BE FALSELY QUOTED

The little squabble between the Journal and the Advocate seems to have died down, owing to the fact that the Advocate has neither been able to substantiate its own statements nor to refute those made by the Journal. Instead, it has grown suddenly, strangely and profoundly silent on the subject of the so-called eight-hour law, which can only be taken to mean that it refuses to defend further this iniquitous piece of legislation whose chiefs' victims are to be the farmers of the nation.

The Journal is not disposed to "rub it in." Rather it thinks the Advocate chose the wiser and safer course. The Great Hold-Up is utterly indefensible. Whoever attempts to defend it, courts swift political disaster. Even the president's attempts have been pitifully weak. The only possible course for democratic organs, then, is to withdraw from so hopeless and dangerous an undertaking.

However, there is one phase of the controversy between the Journal and Advocate which merits further attention. The Advocate has stated publicly that the Journal said things which it really did not say, and stood for things, which it does not stand for. It asserts, for example, that the Journal actually made the following vile statement:

"Better that the strike had come than make the railroads part with the least part of their Two Hundred Million additional yearly net profits. Yes, better let the children of the cities die for want of milk, better stop the factories and throw thousands upon thousands out of employment and let them starve too, yes, stop the railroads so the farmer can have no market for his stock or grain, let us freeze in the winter time because we have no coal, yes let everything stop."

It has further quoted the Journal as saying: "Let even the making of medicine and the serum stop that the railroads may forever put the tramp in organized labor."

It has moreover charged that the editor of the Journal has willfully published "matter that he knows or one in his position at least should know, are not facts."

It has said that he "wished this strike had come," and that he "is still sorry the strike did not come."

It is needless to say here that the foregoing statements are wholly untrue. The Journal has said nothing at any time which can possibly be construed to have either the form or the meaning of the above statements. After making all possible allowance for an honest misundersanding, of its articles, these statements are still inexcusable, for they amount to a flagrant perversion and distortion of the truth, which can not but injure the Journal, since they falsely impute to it unworthy and malicious motives. Yet the Advocate has represented them to be actually true and has given them such circulation as it was able to give them.

It is one thing for the Advocate to read into the Journal's articles evil meanings that are born of its own fancy or imagination; but it is another thing for it to report what it so reads into them as having been actually SAID by the Journal. The latter is a serious offense; and the Journal is unwilling to be misrepresented or misquoted in any such manner.

It asks the Advocate to correct the statements which have been quoted above. Moreover, it asks that they be corrected clearly and without equivocation; that the correction be given the same publicity as the original statements; and that the correction in question be made before the forthcoming election.

QUEEN ESTHERS MEET—
Queen Esthers held her court at the humble home of one of her subjects, the Eckles home Thursday evening of last week. A splendid meeting is reported.