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MAKING A FARCE OF MEXICAN WAR BUGABOO

Why Not Arm Texans With Pop Guns and Stuffed Clubs and Turn 'Em Loose on Mexico

Is not the war scare with Mexico becoming a huge joke?

Here we are calling for troops and volunteers. Feverishly assembling munitions, war vessels and troops on the Mexican border just as if we were threatened by a warlike nation, instead of a half starved lot of beggars without guns or ammunition.

Mexico is bristling with 700 generals and twice that number of colonels. Each general has an army of about thirteen men, while the colonels have from five to seven, all armed with rusty sugar cane knives. Two years ago war with the Mexicans might have meant something. Then they had something to eat and fight with. Now they have nothing to fight with and are half starved. Mexico can be whipped by asking all the peons to throw down their rusty weapons and come across the line and get a square deal. All they want is a few pounds of corn meal and some red pepper to fill their yellow hides and they will desert the generals and colonels.

If the United States goes into spasms over an opera Bouffe war like the Mexican joke, one can not help wondering what would happen if we were threatened by a warlike nation like Germany. It is to laugh.

Arm the Texans with pop guns and provide each with a sack of meal and some chilli to be used as a bait for the peons and the war ought to come to an end in thirty days with the loss of very little blood.

The desperate way we are arming and drilling to fight a Quixotic windmill will make us the laughing stock of the world. It makes one think of a great big, six footer asking his neighbors to help him clean out a dwarf of a man. We have a regular army of 75,000 men, ten or fifteen thousand marines, some hundred or more big and little fighting ships, and now the president has called for a hundred thousand militiamen and heaven knows how many volunteers are being organized all over the country. If we had a real war instead of some half starved ragamuffins to fight we would have to call out the women to help.

Eagle Creek

Come to our picnic on the Fourth. Miss Greig returned to her home in Cashmere Saturday after visiting Mrs. Ed. Reynolds for a week.

Mr. J. B. Schons came up from Wenatchee and spent Sunday with his wife and family.

Mrs. Ed Reynolds spent Sunday in Wenatchee with Mr. Reynolds.

Mr. Wm. Horn came over the hill from the Swakene and visited at the Van de Grit home.

Mrs. A. M. Sparks visited Sunday at the Ray Sharpe home.

Miss Bertha Frank and friend enjoyed a horseback ride to the Christenson home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Van De Grit and family, S. J. Van De Grit and Mrs. H. A. Anderson and children enjoyed Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Christenson.

Cut Your Weeds

Notice is hereby given that all obnoxious weeds on and about your premises must be cut down and removed prior to the first day of July, after said date if not cut down same will be so ordered and the expense of cutting and removing charged against property. By order of the City Council.
A. R. Brown, City Clerk

Wm. A. Nelson, from the head of Lake Wenatchee, was here Wednesday and said he made regular auto trips daily from the head of the lake to Winton.

The Troubles of Railroads

During the winter snow, slides and ice gave the Great Northern no end of trouble. Now it is water and washouts. This week the service from the east was interrupted by high water in the Kootenai river. The track follows the river from Libby Montana, to Rexford Idaho, a distance of one hundred miles, and this week in many places the track was from two to four feet under water. Thru trains on the main line had to be abandoned until the water went down.

LOOKING OUT A ROUTE FOR RAILROAD UP ICICLE

Party of Five Arrived Here Yesterday Morning and Immediately Left for Head of Icicle River

Al Van Epps, Mr. Neilson and three other men whose names we failed to learn, arrived on the early morning train yesterday and left town by 7:30 a. m., going up the Icicle river trail.

On their return this paper will endeavor to learn so much of their plans as they care to make public at this time about the proposed railroad up the Icicle river canyon to the mining property on the head of Jack creek, mention of which has been made in the Echo in the past two weeks. In the event the Icicle route is determined on the people of Leavenworth may confidently be expected to do all in their power to help the project along.

FORESTRY NOTES

S. A. Blankenship with three teams and some twenty men is up on Blewett pass road on the Chelan county side carrying out road improvements that were decided on the past year. Road Overseer Parish is in the same vicinity with teams and thirty or forty men. Between them they will make this much used road very much better than it has been, and when all the work that has been decided on is completed it will compare with any mountain road in the state. Some of the road in the vicinity of Ingles creek will be completed by the middle of July but that part between the old Blewett mining camp and the summit will not be connected up with the old road until some time next year.

Assistant Forest Supervisor Ramsdel will complete the tree planting up on Pine creek this week where he has been the past two weeks with a crew of five or six men.

The first forest fire reported this year broke out last Sunday on the Chewawa river valley near what is known as Big Meadows and burned over about 160 acres before it was subdued. The rain of last Sunday night, says Forest Supervisor Sylvester, helped very much to keep down fires.

The telephone line from Blewett to Tiptop mountain will be completed in a short time and as an aid to report fires in that section will be a great help.

The Leavenworth branch of the W. C. T. U. held a most interesting meeting at the Methodist church last Tuesday evening. A good crowd was in attendance. Rev. Joseph Weiss, the Congregational minister gave an interesting and instructive talk. Mrs. Dunlap, of Seattle, a prominent W. C. T. U. worker, delivered the address of the evening. Special music was given by the choir and Miss Mildred Adams rendered a very pleasing solo.

The organization will hold another meeting in July, probably at the Congregational church.

Buttermilk Delivered

Call up the Creamery phone 472, and get fresh buttermilk every day. One gallon or more delivered anywhere in the city at 15 cents per gallon.

Catholic Church Notice

There will be services in the Catholic church Sunday morning at 8 a. m.

HIGH WATER IN RIVER MAKES TROUBLE FOR CITY

Leaves and Trash Choke Pipes---Water Cut Off One Day---Repairs Promptly Made

The high water in the Wenatchee river which came to an end last Sunday, when the water began to recede, caused expense to the city and annoyance and trouble to the consumers the first of the week.

In some way the intake, located in the Icicle river, four miles from town, either washed out or was broken by rocks so that leaves and trash entered the mains and cut off the water supply the first of the week. On Monday it was necessary in order to make repairs to cut off the water entirely. Water Commissioner Tolbert with his helper, Wm. Gowing, worked night and day to restore normal conditions, and by Tuesday there was a plentiful supply of water all over town. Mr. Tolbert found that considerable silt and trash had accumulated in the reservoir and with a force of men, including City Clerk Brown, flushed the reservoir and gave it a thorough cleaning, working the greater part of the night Monday. It will be impossible to make permanent repairs on the intake until the latter part of the summer, when the river is at a low stage. Mr. Tolbert thinks, however, that the temporary repairs made this week will insure a plentiful supply of water, and having cleansed the reservoir and taken all the precautions possible to prevent trash and impurities getting into the mains that there will be slight cause for complaint from this time on.

STATE INDUSTRIAL NEWS

Aberdeen gets a \$27,000 dairy building.

The Vancouver cannery has begun operations.

Kent is to have a factory for making Swiss cheese.

The Olympia brewing plant was sold for old junk.

Aberdeen will construct its city water works by day labor.

Douglas fir lost out against yellow pine for the Panama canal.

A Klickitat county tax reduction league has been organized.

The American Shipbuilding Co. is locating a site for a plant near Olympia.

Railroad employes and the public are the principal beneficiaries of large trains, for in this way only have the railroads been able to increase wages and decrease freight rates.

If Justice Ben of the federal court will break up the government raid and holdup on the largest oilfields in the world, in California, the price of gasoline will come down quickly enough.

According to the U. S. census from 1909 to 1914 inclusive, persons engaged in factories in this state decreased from 80,118 to 78,837 and wage earners decreased from 69,120 to 67,243.

Wages of railway employes are paid by the public. In any controversy involving an increase in wages the public is, therefore, an interested party. Forty-five cents of every dollar paid to the railways by the public now go to railroad labor.

Over 2,000 miles of railroad lines of this country are now operated by electricity. By recent tests by steam and electric traction with the same load of freight up a 2 per cent grade, the electric locomotive had an average speed of 15 miles per hour as against 7 miles for the steam engine.

Mr. R. B. Gilbert who we announced last week had arrived here to become manager of the Golden Rule store, vice Mr. S. F. Banks, is on the job this week getting familiar with things. Mr. Banks will remain until the first of July and then he him to new fields of activity, the exact location of which he has not yet disclosed.

No Recruits from Leavenworth

That is the report sent in to the Adjutant General of the state's militia. Word was received here Tuesday night to secure all the recruits for Washington's militia by ten o'clock Wednesday morning and report at once. Circulars advising the patriotically inclined of the opportunity to enlist and fight for their country, were distributed Wednesday morning, but not one offered his services. Wenatchee, we were told yesterday by Mr. C. B. Hughes who passed thru here on his way to Wenatchee lake, had secured five recruits who signified their willingness to become soldiers.

THE D. O. K. K.'S OF THE K. OF P. PARADE AND DANCE

Pulled Off a Great Stunt Yesterday---Wound Up With Dance in Firemen's Hall

Some thirty-odd local members joined by members of the order from down the valley had a great time yesterday evening and last night. Led by the D. O. K. K. band they paraded the streets between eight and nine o'clock yesterday evening. Dr. Judah and his camel, Little Eva and the tiger and Big Chief Rutherford were features of the parade and created amusement for the children and some old folks. After the parade the members with their friends repaired to the Firemen's hall and to the airs of lively music enjoyed a dance until the wee sma' hours of the morning.

Better Outlook for the Apple Growers

The report brought back last week by Mr. J. B. Adams from Leavenworth, Mr. H. W. Otis from Peshastin, and Mr. Barney Sugrue from Cashmere, who represented the fruit growers from the Upper Wenatchee Valley at the Spokane meeting where final action was taken in the organization of the selling end of the industry is most encouraging. It lends strength to the belief that in the future the fruit business will be conducted with intelligent forethought and something approximating reasonable remuneration may be hoped for. We wonder sometimes if in the past the apple growers, in an unorganized state, were not largely the victims of, not circumstances altogether, such as large crops, but designing and compactly organized speculators. Some confirmation for this belief is found in the experience of the raisin growers of California. Before they formed that compact and efficient organization known as the California Raisin Growers' Association they went thru much the same experience as the apple growers of the northwest have had. Immediately following their organization marketing conditions, or prices, began to improve, and ever since raisin growing has been fairly satisfactory. With this in mind we dare hope that from this time forward the apple growers of the northwest may look for better times. Not a little of the success in putting the Fruit Growing Agency, Inc., on its feet is due to two months' active and intelligent work on the part of C. E. Bassett, of the Federal Bureau of Markets. The resolution acknowledging his helpful aid, passed by the agency meeting last Saturday, was well deserved.

Notice to Water Users

Having been advised by the State Board of Health that water taken from the city's taps, Icicle water supply, is contaminated with disease germs of a suspicious character I advise all users of this water not to use it for domestic purposes without first boiling the same as a precaution against possible impurities.

J. S. Judah,
City Health Officer

G. W. Sampson, proprietor of the mercantile store at Winton, made one of his occasional visits to Leavenworth yesterday.

FIRST AMERICAN CLASH WITH MEXICAN TROUPS

News From Mexican Sources Indicate U. S. Defeat---Official Report Awaited---17 Americans Taken Prisoner

An American troop composed of negro cavalry under command of Capt. Morey, a part of Gen. Pershing's command, in violation of an order issued the first of the week that U. S. troops could only move in the direction of the American border on Wednesday while scouting in northern Chihuahua about 90 miles south of El Paso, ran into what appears to have been an ambush and some 12 American soldiers were killed among them the commander of the troop, and 17 taken prisoner. There appears to have been an equal or greater number of Mexicans killed and wounded. Official details had not been received up to Thursday evening and was awaited with much interest. The Mexican report is to the effect that the U. S. soldiers were the aggressors and fired the first shot. The Mexicans had a machine gun which accounts for the heavy American casualties. An unofficial report from American sources is to the effect that the U. S. troops were deliberately led into a trap. General unrest prevails among citizens of both countries along the border.

An immediate declaration of war is not expected but in the meantime more troops are being moved to the border by both Mexico and the United States. Pacificists are trying to bring about a peaceable settlement but those best informed believe that war will result in a short time.

Poindexter and the Industrial Relations Report

The Labor Union Record gives Senator Miles Poindexter the main credit for the publication by Congress of the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations Report.

This was the Walsh Commission, which sat in the principal cities of the United States in 1914 and split three ways in their findings as to the trouble between capital and labor.

The big interests tried tooth and nail to discredit the report and prevent the circulation of the divergent ideas it lays before the public.

But thanks to men like Poindexter, the people appreciate more and more getting the facts instead of alleged conclusions cooked up from facts carefully concealed.

There would have been no Ludlow horror if the American people had had the facts of conditions in the Rocky feller camps of Colorado. Public opinion would have prevented it.

Poindexter has rendered a lasting service by compelling the publication of the greatest report on labor problems ever prepared and suppressed by the National Association of Manufacturers (no doubt) the organized association for profit and invisible government.

Family Platform

Live within your means, save a little money, acquire a little property.

Teach your children to not be ashamed to work at any honest labor and shun idleness.

Avoid if possible, having them grow up with the idea of getting soft jobs from the public.

Prepare plain food at home instead of buying high-priced canned stuff and delicatessen supplies.

Teach the girls to make their own clothes, trim their own hats and keep accounts of their expenses.

Let the family respect industries and cultivate harmless and inexpensive amusements.

Notice

After July 1st 1916 the Peshastin Fruit Growers Association will not consider applications for membership which require the handling of the 1916 crop.

A Night Cap on the Mountain

The extraordinary hot wave which struck this country the first of last week reached its end Saturday. It caused a twelve foot rise in the Wenatchee river up to last Sunday morning. The hot wave was succeeded by a lower temperature between Saturday night and Sunday morning. Monday night what in this climate is called a heavy rain fell, further reducing the temperature, and Tuesday morning he lower hills just north of town were covered with snow. At Cascade tunnel, thirty-eight miles from here, it snowed all night and until the middle of the forenoon Tuesday.

THE BODY OF TONY MILLER TAKEN FROM RIVER SUNDAY

Last of Five Killed in Slide Feb. 18, One and Half Miles up the Canyon

Sam Daly discovered the body of a man lodged against a trestle pier in the Wenatchee river in the middle of the L.-D. mill company's log pond last Sunday and with the help of Dr. Judah, whom he notified, recovered the body. It was considerably decomposed but easily identified as that of Tony Miller, an Italian laborer who was killed in the slide one and one half miles up the canyon, west of town, on the 18th of February last. One body, that of a Japanese, was recovered shortly after the slide occurred, two others were recovered since and Tony makes the third. He was a large muscular man and was quite noted among the workers for his great strength. His relatives have been here on several occasions and made search for the body but always unsuccessfully. It is presumed that the body was held down by debris and only released when the high water came. Whether the relatives have been notified and the body held for them or interred we have not learned.

Things Dairymen Should Know

According to A. J. Lashbrook, field dairy specialist at the State College, there are approximately 234,000 dairy cows in the state of Washington whose average annual production of butter-fat is 150 pounds each, while the cost of feed is such that it requires a production of close to 200 pounds of butter-fat each to cover the expenses of feeding a cow for a year.

The owners of these cows must bear a big loss each year. By keeping herd records, building silos, having pure bred sires at the head of herds the condition will be more likely to be rectified. Keep a record of what your cows are producing and you can see in a short time which are money makers and which are "boarders." The boarders in a dairy herd had better be sold for beef for they only eat up profits.

Every ranch owner who expects to keep cows for the purpose of producing butter fat should make preparations to put in a silo. Now is the time to make your preparation to put up winter feed. Experience has shown that ensilage is not only the best feed but it is also the cheapest feed. By all means arrange to build a silo. The health of your cows will be improved, the milk flow will be larger and your butterfat returns increased.

Good dairy cows are not made by feed or care. They are secured by proper breeding. Employ nothing but the best sires for breeding purposes. If you have not a good bull of your own go to your neighbor. If your neighbor has none two or three should club together and buy a registered and proved animal.

Chelan County Vital Statistics

Following are the births and deaths as reported to the county authorities: Wenatchee district, births 13, deaths 6; Chelan, births 2, deaths none reported; Entiat, births 1, deaths none reported; Cashmere, births 6, deaths none reported; Leavenworth, births 2, deaths 4.