

Theda Bara has often been described as the "serpent" of the movies. Now she confesses she purposely dresses like a snake. She tells of her gowns—and why she wears them. See page 8.

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Four drug stores already pinched, 1,000 cases of beer taken off a scow, and several other little affairs may yet make us dry. BUT, here's Salisbury's dope: "Tonight and Friday showers."

CARRANZA THREATENS U.S.

MAYOR GILL WANTS CITY TO SELL ALL LIQUOR

REQUESTS U.S. TO WITHDRAW ITS SOLDIERS

COLUMBUS, N. M., April 13 (Censored).—While it would not be advisable for the American forces to withdraw from Mexico at present, a break will be inevitable if Carranza's request is not granted, in the opinion of a high military authority at the army base camp here. Many officers believe the troops will be withdrawn. All officers declare it significant that constitutionalists are occupying strategic positions commanding the American supply lines. They think these positions are being taken for their moral effect.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—President Carranza considers that "it is already time to treat with the United States for withdrawal of their forces from our territory."

This announcement in a note from the de facto government's secretary of state, a text of which has arrived here, brought the administration face to face today with what may prove the most serious situation that has grown out of the pursuit of Francisco Villa.

The Mexican embassy here declared the note was not an "ultimatum" nor a "demand," but rather a "request," asking for negotiations looking toward withdrawal of American troops, giving constitutionalists a free hand to continue the Villa chase.

At a 25-minute conference with Secretary Lansing, Mexican Ambassador Arredondo presented Gen. Carranza's suggestion that American troops withdraw. After the meeting Arredondo was reticent, altho he suggested Lansing had not yet had sufficient time to consider the matter.

President Wilson has canceled his proposed trip to New York Saturday for the purpose of addressing the Young Men's Democratic league.

Declaring that the de facto regime never formally agreed to let American troops cross the border, the note said: "The Mexican government judges it convenient to suspend for the present all discussion of negotiations in this particular."

Believes Own Men Are Equal to Task

"Disoccupation" of Mexico by American troops was asked on the ground that Villa's band is dispersed and on the further ground that Carranzista troops believe themselves able to complete the task of exterminating the bandit leader and his band.

Officials today frankly admitted there was a possibility of a misunderstanding having existed in negotiations with Carranza as far as they have gone.

The United States troops entered Mexico while he protocol under which Carranza proposed the chase should be conducted was being completed, and before it had been fully agreed to.

Now Carranza declines to complete this agreement or protocol, and suggests that it is time to arrange for a withdrawal of American forces, leaving further pursuit to Carranzistas.

In proposing the protocol, Carranza's note says, Mexico "did not consider the raid on Columbus itself should result in invasion. He emphasizes that it must have been clear that Mexico gave the U. S. troops permission to cross (Continued on page 5)

HIGH SPOTS IN MAYOR GILL'S STATEMENT

"I am in favor of asking the legislature to enact a law which would permit the city of Seattle to sell whisky on prescription."
"If I have my way, these saloon-drug stores are going to be put out of business."
"I am told some of these men have come in here to sell whisky, prepared to suffer occasional arrest, figuring they can get rich at it, in spite of fines and confiscated stocks."
"I am in favor of getting rough with these fellows."



Hi Gill

WOULD STOP TRAFFIC AT DRUG STORES

Mayor Gill today proposed, in a remarkable interview with a reporter for The Star, THAT THE CITY OF SEATTLE GO INTO THE SALOON BUSINESS.

The mayor offers this startling suggestion as the only effective means of eliminating the illicit sale of liquor by drug stores.

"I suggest," he told The Star man, "that the next session of the legislature be asked to enact a law permitting cities of the first class to take charge of the sale of whisky by physicians' prescription. Druggists should be forbidden to sell it at all. The city should establish stations at widely distributed points in the city sufficient to accommodate all emergency needs."

Such a law, the mayor declares, would quickly put out of business drug stores which have sprung up for the sole purpose of harvesting a fat profit off whisky drinkers.

Persons who want liquor would be compelled to get it by the method provided in the prohibition law, three permits issued by the county auditor.

And the worst of the blind-pigging would be wiped out, at least so far as Seattle is concerned.

Prosecuting Attorney Indorses Plan

Mayor Gill has given the prohibition enforcement problem considerable study.

"There may be," he continued, "some legal obstacles to the plan. I don't know about that. But if there aren't, it certainly looks feasible to me."

Prosecuting Attorney Lundin Thursday gave the mayor's idea his emphatic indorsement. He said he sees no reason why it cannot be carried thru.

It is possible that the state republican convention, to be held at North Yakima on May 6, may be asked to adopt resolutions favoring such a law as the mayor has advocated.

"There are a lot of shyder doctors," Gill declared, "who will sell a whisky prescription to anyone. As long as Seattle is afflicted with these fellows, and with professional blind-piggers, we are going to have trouble enforcing the law."

The mayor told of the frequent inquiries he receives for information as to how the prohibition law is working out in this city and state.

Declares Prohibition Has Helped City

"I tell these people," he said, "just what I can see with my own eyes—that prohibition has been a wonderful thing for Seattle. I know men who now keep their families clothed and their grocery bills paid who, in the days of the saloon, never had a nickel—men whom I've seen almost every day for years. I know that times are better. I'VE SEEN ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT I AM NOW A 'DRY'—DRY AS—AND I'M GOING TO STAY A 'DRY.'"

"There may be some soaks who still go into the back room of a drug store and guzzle their booze, but your boy, and my boy, aren't doing it. There aren't any saloons for them to walk into. And if I have my way, there aren't going to be any saloon-drug stores either."

The mayor intimated he will adopt a new policy in dealing with drug store violators of the liquor law.

"I am told," he said, "that some men have come in here to sell whisky, prepared to suffer occasional arrest, and fight the cases thru to the highest courts, figuring they can get rich fast enough in spite of fines and confiscated stocks. They are willing to fight a defensive battle in court. It costs them money, but it costs the city time and money too, in prosecuting them. And the blind-piggers figure they can charge the expense up to profit and loss."

Mayor Proposes to "Get Rough" With Guilty

"I AM IN FAVOR OF GETTING ROUGH WITH THEM. If the police drop in on them every day for a while with search warrants, and perhaps wreck their places for them every now and then, they won't have such an insolent disregard for our laws."

The mayor indicated he would have a conference with Chief Beekingham and give him some instructions along this line.

Also, he is contemplating asking the council to support him in a drastic war on the illegal drug stores.

"The city," he said, "will be sued for destruction of property, I suppose, but I don't believe any jury would 'stick' us very hard on the complaint of a blind-pigger, and I'd like to take a chance. Anyhow, it wouldn't cost us very much, and we'd be getting in some darned effective licks."

The mayor suggested he might start his "rough stuff" by giving orders to have the 1,000 cases of beer found aboard a scow in the East waterway, Tuesday, dumped into the bay.

PAY TO FIT THE JOB FORM BUILDING CO.

Fire lieutenants who do the work of fire captains, when the captains are absent for more than three days without pay, are entitled to captain's salary. That was a ruling made by Corporation Counsel Caldwell Wednesday.

To handle the management of the Dexter Horton, Amos Brown and new Argyle club buildings, Charles E. Horton, F. T. Bradley and H. J. Singleton have organized the Charles E. Horton Co.

SUFFRAGE PARADE IS ARRANGED

Seattle Women Plan Entertainment of Eastern Campaigners.

MASS MEETING CALLED

Eastern suffrage envoys who arrive in Seattle May 1 will be kept busy for two days filling a schedule worked out by local women at the Lincoln hotel Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont and the other visiting suffrage envoys will be met by the committee of Seattle women voters at 10 a. m. on the morning of May 1, and join in an automobile parade.

After luncheon in the homes of Seattle women, they will attend a reception at the University club and at 6 p. m. be guests of Mrs. Hugh Hood at the Rainier club.

Mass Meeting at Moore. The big mass meeting will be held that evening at the Moore theatre. Only the boxes will be sold. The public is invited.

At 10 a. m. Tuesday they will be entertained at the University of Washington. The visitors will probably speak to students there.

Noon luncheon, in charge of Mrs. Frederick Karl Struve, will be served at the New Washington. They will attend a reception at the Sunset club in the afternoon from 3 to 5.

Train Started Saturday. Carrying 31 suffragets, the special train left Washington, D. C., Saturday.

The object of the crusade into the states where women already vote is to bring political pressure on congress.

If the house judiciary committee holds back the Susan B. Anthony amendment, and keeps it from being voted upon, the organized women voters will be ready to mix in the fall election fights.

They propose to oppose with all their strength any national party that does not pledge itself for woman suffrage.

Stimson Chairman. Mrs. C. D. Stimson was chosen Wednesday to act as chairman of the committee that entertains the Eastern envoys in Seattle.

Others who attended Wednesday's meeting were: Mrs. C. W. Sharpless, Mrs. R. C. Brinkley, Mrs. Otis Floyd Lamson, Mrs. C. Dell Floyd, Miss Frances Skinner, Mrs. Winfield Smith, Mrs. C. B. Lamont, Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, Mrs. Harry Whitney Treat, Miss Lucy Case, Mrs. Frederick Karl Struve, Mrs. R. P. Oldham, Mrs. Frances Axtell, Mrs. Walter Griggs, Miss Winslow, Mrs. A. C. Downey, Mrs. A. H. Daugherty, Mrs. Hugh Ross, Mrs. R. D. Merrill, Mrs. A. H. Anderson, Mrs. Daniel Kelleher, Mrs. George McMillan, Miss Mary Prendergast.

BERNSTORFF TO GET PASSPORTS?

NEW YORK, April 13.—A rumor that German Ambassador Von Bernstorff would be handed his passports within a fortnight caused a drop in the stock market today.

The story was unconfirmed and without basis except the word of Washington brokers, it gained general circulation. Leading stocks dropped from one to three points.

HOW OUR BOYS IN MEXICO GO TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY

BY H. B. JACOBS, United Press Staff Correspondent

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN MEXICO, Sunday, April 9, by Courier to Columbus, N. M., April 13.—With a shallow arroyo as a tabernacle, the star-spangled sky for a canopy and a battered soap box for an altar, several hundred khaki-clad soldiers bared their heads here tonight in the presence of their God.

"Barbarous Mexico," for miles around, echoed to the resounding strains of hymns of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

A touch of modernism was added in Billy Sunday's "Brighten the Corner Where You Are."

The smug church-goers in the "States" might have stood aghast at the absence of sectarian niceties in the conduct of the service.

The four chaplains were offered and applauded as each in turn clambered onto the soap box rostrum to preach or lead the singing.

CIGARETS AND PIPES GLOWED IN THE DARKNESS, but the congregation was attentive and reverent. The chaplains met the men in the same spirit. They preceded their sermons with amusing anecdotes and personal observations that drew unrestrained laughter from their hearers.

By invitation of the chaplains, the sermons were interspersed by what Father Joyce termed "vaudeville numbers."

These consisted of solos and quartet selections by favorite singers from each regiment.

The service ended with the singing of "America," while slinking coyote hordes far outside the rim of the campfire light yelped a weird obligato.

TROOPS FIRED UPON IN PARRAL

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 13.—Carranzista soldiers and Mexican citizens at Parral fired on American troops there, Consul Letcher, at Chihuahua City, reported today, giving as his authority Gen. Gutierrez.

There were no casualties. Gen. Gutierrez has adopted a complaining attitude, Letcher reported.

He said he had no idea that the Americans were so far south, and expressed surprise at their marching powers. This was interpreted as meaning that the Carranzistas had not intended to permit the Americans to progress so far into the interior.

One hundred and forty men, believed to be part of Maj. Tompkins' command, comprised the force which passed thru Parral.

They kept on marching, Letcher said, paying little attention to firing.

ARRESTED DRUGGIST TESTIFIES

Billingsley Denies He Made Death Threats to Witnesses.

TELLS OF BOOZE SALE

That Sherman Billingsley, youngest of three brothers operating the Stewart Street pharmacy, boasted of killing one man and said "We will put another over the road and half-kill another in a few days," for helping the authorities uncover blind-pigging operations, was testified in Judge Gilliam's court Wednesday afternoon.

On the witness stand, Thursday, Billingsley denied these alleged threats, whereupon Deputy Prosecutor Palmer declared to the court that he thought the state should be allowed to show what occurred "in the few days" following the alleged threats.

He then asked the witness if it was not true that F. W. Smith, an investigator, was arrested on a blackmail charge made by the Billingsley brothers, and that Logan Billingsley smashed a bottle over the head of another man in the course of the next three days.

Judge Gilliam ruled the questions out.

Billingsley is being tried before a jury for the alleged unlawful sale of alcohol.

Alfred Nelson, prosecuting witness, testified he went to the drug store and purchased a pint of alcohol, saying he wanted it for rheumatism, and that Sherman Billingsley sold it for 90 cents, without asking for a prescription.

When Billingsley learned he wanted it for purposes of prosecution, Nelson said, the former made the death threats to frighten him.

NO, 'T WAS JUST A STEAM VALVE

The busiest person in Seattle Thursday morning was the telephone switchboard girl at the plant of the Pacific Coast Steel Co. at Youngstown.

During the early hours of the morning a hoarse, throbbing roar woke every one in West Seattle, and a lot of folks on this side of the bay.

They thought it was a fire, maybe. It had a lot of them frightened.

The police were besieged with telephone calls. And then, about daybreak, the police found out what had happened.

An accident to another part of the plant had overcharged a boiler at the steel company, and the steam, escaping thru the safety valve, caused the racket.

The company's telephone girl was very industriously explaining the affair Thursday to hundreds of inquirers.

IT HAS THE PUNCH

Hazel Weir never saw Bill Wagstaff until he kidnaped her and took her to his home, against her will, way up North. From this unromantic beginning, Bertrand W. Sinclair weaves a love affair that fascinates from start to finish. It's a love affair that isn't mushy. It's not that kind of a story. It's next week's novel-a-week in The Star, and it's a novel that has the PUNCH. If you miss it, you're denying yourself a real treat. BEGIN ON MONDAY and finish it Saturday night. The name of the novel is "North of Fifty-three."

U. S. BATTLESHIPS COLLIDE AT SEA

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The battleships South Carolina and Michigan collided while they were cruising north of Quantico, the navy department announced today.

Neither of the vessels was seriously damaged and no sailors were injured.

DENY WITHDRAWAL OF BRANDEIS' NAME

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