

Short Snatches From Everywhere

The further the allies advance, the more pronounced becomes the peace talk in Berlin and other German cities.—Wilmington (Del.) Every Evening.
There are a lot of things that would never happen if it wasn't for some people who're so damned anxious to get something.—South Whittier (Ind.) Tribune.
When gasoline is 20 cents in Chicago it is 27 cents in New York and Cleveland, proving again that Chicago is a great summer resort.—Chicago News.
The latest thing in service is known as the chauffeurette-mail, whose duty it is to take down the lady every night and assemble her in the morning.—Los Angeles Times.
The dissolution of the Progressive party shows what invariably happens to an organization that grows too large, too unwieldy, too unwieldy.—Muskogee (Okla.) Times-Democrat.
It looks as if some of the Progressives might become so busy despising each other that they won't have time to despise the stand-patters in full portion.—Indianapolis News.
Although the airplane is an American invention, the United States army has not many more airplanes than the Mexican army has anti-aircraft guns.—Toronto Mail and Empire.
Such is human nature that next to meeting some person who admires someone that we admire we are all very fond of meeting some person who dislikes someone we dislike.—Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel.
There are differing views with regard to the state generally comes upon one proposition, viz: If it requires an appropriation, let Uncle Sam do it.—Houston Post.
The basis of all pacifism is that there is no danger of war, therefore, why prepare for it? But it grows daily more difficult to concede the sanity of the man who insists that there is no danger of war.—Minneapolis Journal.
It took the Democratic congress only two days to rush through a bill increasing the people's taxes more than two hundred million dollars and yet ill-natured critics have been calling it a "do-nothing congress"—Kansas City Chronicle.
Atlanta councilman predicts that that city will lose the \$500,000 in the hole by the end of the present year. As we figure it, that's about one dollar for every hole in Atlanta's streets; or, perhaps, a little less.—Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle.
The British boycott against exporters who sold the cargo to the Deutschland is hardly likely to gain widespread support from Americans, for when a man needs a pair of gum shoes or a coat he must get them from the store whose tree the rubber came from.—Boston Transcript.

The End Of Casement

Roger Casement, a former knight stripped of his honors, has paid the penalty which British law requires of those condemned as traitors. He has been hanged and has gone his way into the hereafter cheerfully, convinced that he died as a patriot for Ireland. And thus ends one of the highly dramatic episodes of the war period.
From the British viewpoint, Casement's career ended miserably, marked by the treachery of a knight toward his king and his country. After his conviction, his highness was revoked, and he went to the gallows simply as Roger Casement, a traitor to Great Britain and a friend of his country's enemies.
From Casement's viewpoint, Great Britain was not his country. England was not his country. Ireland was his native land and England had no claims upon his loyalty save the slender one connected with a knight-hood which, so he said, he did not desire but could not decline.
He regarded his conspiracy with Germany not as a means to aid Germany against England, but to aid Ireland in throwing off the British yoke and regaining freedom. Had his plans won success, he would have been regarded as a patriot and a hero. They failed and he died as a traitor. It makes a vast difference whether one wins or loses.
England's refusal, at the last, to grant a reprieve or to change the death sentence, was characteristic. England is not in the habit of yielding any point in any matter unless driven to it.
In this instance there was no reason, especially from the British point of view, why any stay should be granted. The evidence against Casement had been clear and convincing. His conviction was inevitable. For such a conviction, under the circumstances, there was but one penalty. The penalty having been fixed and the time of execution set, there was no reason for not carrying it out, not even a plea from the United States for democracy in Casement's and other Irish cases.
To tell the truth, it was none of the affair of the United States. It is not the province of the United States to attempt to constitute itself the judge of other nations in their treatment of their own subjects or the application of their own laws when American rights or lives are not concerned. The United States is not the world's arbiter of justice and humanity, despite a cer-

Prevent The Strike

A tremendous railroad strike is imminent. If it comes it will virtually paralyze the United States, for, while trade will continue locally, transportation will be crippled to the point of practical extinction.
It seems futile to hope that, if the engineers, firemen and trainmen of the various brotherhoods strike, it will be possible for the railroads to maintain train service with other employees. The unions declare it would be impossible to secure enough men even partially trained in running locomotives. They are probably right in that opinion.
The belief that a great strike is imminent is based on the fact that 200,000 of the 400,000 ballots cast by the railroad employees are declared overwhelmingly in favor of a strike. That the remaining 200,000 votes will likewise favor a strike is declared certain by union officials who are in close touch with the men.
If the railroad strike comes, 225 lines will be affected. The mails will be transported, for the federal government will insist upon that, and it is probable the unions would volunteer enough men not only to run the mail trains, but also to transport all needed supplies for the military forces on the border.
However, unless the railroads unexpectedly proved able to secure enough men union men to operate the trains, all other transportation would at once stop. Think, for a moment, what that means. Dry goods and clothing stores would be unable to secure fresh stocks. Grocery stores would be in the same predicament. Shipments of fresh vegetables, fruits, etc., would stop. No more beef would be shipped into El Paso, nor would any southwestern steers, metal, hay and other sources of revenue be shipped out.
Thus may be barely sketched the distressing conditions which would follow a nation wide railroad strike. Stopping railroad transportation in the United States for a single day would be a setback; for a week would be little short of a calamity.
Without entering into the merits of the positions taken either by the railroads or by their employees, it is sure that the general public should not be made to suffer the disasters incident to a dispute in which they have no part. If a strike comes, the railroads will suffer immense loss of revenue, doubtless, and the employees an immense loss of wages during their period of idleness. But an unoffending public will have to bear the greatest

Auto Show and Farm Exhibit

It will be unfortunate if the automobile men of the city decide, as it is reported they are about to do, to hold their show separate and apart from the Soils Products exposition. Everything should be consolidated and combined for this big event. It will make a bigger show for El Paso, a greater credit to the city, and will prove to be worth more from a dollars and cents standpoint to everybody concerned.
With displays split up, the crowds will be divided and many will not see both shows. The majority of people will, of course, see the Soils Products exhibit and the result will be that the automobile men if they attempt an independent show, are liable to lose a lot of people they would get. If they go with "the big show," people they would get.
This is an El Paso affair and El Paso wants to make the very best possible showing. An automobile show will add considerably to the attractiveness of the Soils Products exposition if combined and joined with that exhibition, whereas, by itself the automobile show would not be a large attraction as compared to the still larger one.
The exposition management has offered space to the automobilists at 65 cents a square foot, which includes decorations, lighting, signs and booth. Last year the exhibition management in Denver, for the same exhibit attending the same farming congress, charged at the rate of \$75 for a space that will now cost the exhibitors \$96, but in Denver the exhibitor got the bare space and nothing more for his money. He had to erect his booth, hang his own painting, decorating and lighting and pay even for the installation of his lighting wires and fixtures. This year the El Paso management furnishes everything to all exhibitors for the price of the space.
The United States government has recognized the value to this exposition and farm congress to the extent that congress has appropriated \$20,000 for an exhibit that congress has appropriated \$20,000 for an exhibit here. Hundreds of exhibitors from outside are exhibiting. El Pasoans should take advantage of the available space before it is all gone. Last year application for several thousand feet of space had to be turned down before the exposition opened.

The Season's Best Joke

The season's best joke is that it takes an 80 page booklet to instruct the voters of Arizona how to mark their ballots in the coming election. Publication of 100,000 of the booklets will cost the taxpayers of the state \$1100. Mailing them will cost \$2000 for stamps and \$1000 for envelopes and clerk hire.
The voters will glance at the booklets and throw them away and, when election day comes, wade through the four foot ballot of candidates and initiated measures as best they may.
That is, the average voter will do so. He will mark a cross here and there and hope for the best.
The ignorant voter will have a far simpler time of it. He will merely take into the voting booth a sample ballot; carefully marked for him by some politician who knows his business. He will then lay the sample beside his own ballot and, where he sees a cross on the sample, he will mark a corresponding cross on his own. That has been frequently seen about Arizona polls since statehood brought a lot of so called "popular" legislation into being.
The joke of the thing comes, though, when the afore-said ignorant voter fails to get his sample and real ballots matched up properly and consequently votes exactly contrary to his instructions.
It would be far better for Arizona to eliminate this hapless "popular" legislation and bestow pains, instead, on electing a legislature of serious and capable men, entrusting them with the lawmaking.
In the suffrage matter, president Wilson has acted like a bachelor. He should have known better than to get into a dispute with a woman. Now he has a whole hornet's nest after him.
Hospital corps men in the United States army and Americans in the French ambulance corps have demonstrated in the matter of bravery the man behind the bandages is as brave as the man behind the gun.

Billiards Are Substitute For Two Mile Run Once Regarded As Snare of The Evil One

By HOWARD L. RANN
BILLIARDS is a pleasing substitute for the two mile run, which has practically the same effect upon the legs, causing them to droop and wobble in their orbit like a shooting star. It is a very healthful form of exercise, and is especially recommended for the use of exhausted business men who are trying to work up enough ambition to tackle the lawn mower.
There was a time when billiards was looked upon by the clergy as a snare of the devil, but since it has been introduced to the U. S. M. C. A. and the producers of the church have considered it more harmful than the annual raffle for the pipe organ fund. Some mothers and fathers go so far as to forbid their children to play billiards in the church than in some basement pool hall with a high pile in corner, where the establishment of the doctrine of total depravity, if every church in the country had a billiard table, would be proved, ever by one of the brethren who at some time or other was a fourteen carter beer salesman would be fewer, better games running



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Abe Martin



Mrs. Tipton Bud has been asked to join the Colonial Bridge Club, but she has no fireless cooker. One of the best kinds of preparedness is makin' friends.

Scout Dave Allison Is a Bandit Catcher Juarez Postmaster May Make Race For Mayor

Scout Dave Allison is scouring the country around Fort Hancock, we can be sure that any trace of banditry, if there is any, will be brought to light," said Scout George Bell, Jr. "Allison is one of the best scouts in the country. If he fails to come across any bandits, it will be pretty safe to say that there are none to be found.
"Santiago J. Vasquez will have to resign his position as postmaster of Juarez before he can run for mayor," said Lie Rafael B. Martinez, district judge at Juarez. "Mr. Vasquez's name has been mentioned, but I do not know if he intends to run. As a legal proposition, however, he must give up his federal office before he can take part in the municipal campaign, according to the provisions of article 13 of the law of free cities. Personally, I would like to see Mr. Vasquez in a campaign, for I believe he is a man admirably fitted for the position."
"An idea that would be of great benefit to the city as well as profit to a photographer, but one that I have never seen anyone take advantage of, is to photograph the new high school building of El Paso and place it on a postcard," said R. E. Sawyer, auditor of the city schools.
"There are thousands of postcards being sent from this city every day of local views, such as the Mills building, the postoffice and new courthouse under construction, but I have never seen a picture of the recently completed high school building."
"I am glad to see that the El Paso police are to commence military drilling again as I regard it as a fixed principle in the training of a modern policeman," said R. O. Burns, former mayor of Philadelphia.
"Some idea of the efficiency of the departments of larger cities may be had by their officers trained in a military manner, can be seen in moving pictures. Not long ago I witnessed a picture of the New York police, who were as well drilled as regular soldiers. They understood the use of a rifle perfectly, and were as well drilled as regular soldiers of a certain length of time each year."
Germany had in Africa, were granted to her by England and France in order that she remain silent regarding the atrocities they had committed in that country.
Ireland has been subject to the rule of England nominally, since 1167, when the Norman invasion commenced. This was during the reign of Henry II, who organized the country after the Norman fashion as well as he could, divided the island into counties and set up courts and a system of law in the country. The Irish were for a time allowed a considerable degree of independence in the administration of their own laws. Land grants of large dimensions were made by the king to his Norman favorites and emigration was encouraged. Marriage with Irish women was also encouraged. The history of Ireland, however, since that time, has been a record of continuous struggle against its conquerors, with the result that England gradually curtailed the privileges of the Irish until they became virtually a nation of dependents. The answer to your second question is a matter of personal opinion. To the third, there is no truth.—Editor.

LETTERS TO THE HERALD

(All communications must bear the signature of the writer, but the same will be withheld if requested)
U. S. AND GERMANY.
Van Horn, Tex., Aug. 1, 1916.
Editor El Paso Herald:
A says that the United States sent Germany a note in February, 1915, warning Germany that she would be held to strict accountability if she harmed the Americans on English ships. B says not. A says that when the Lusitania was sunk, the United States demanded that Germany desist or she would be at war. B says not. Which is correct?
A. S. Baldwin.
(A is correct in both questions.—Editor.)
THE STREET CAR STRIKE.
Editor El Paso Herald:
I have been searching The Herald for some expression on the strike of the street car men of El Paso. Can The Herald find no merit in the cause of the strikers? It is cents an hour such a magnificent compensation for labor and can a man with a family support himself on 21 cents an hour in a style that leaves nothing to be desired?
Has Mr. Bradley really "nothing to arbitrate" with the employees of the El Paso Electric Railway company, a set of men who have given his company from six to 12 years' of honest, reliable

War Will Not Curtail Our Beer; U. S. Exports Hops To Europe

No Shortage for This Country—Floods in California as Bad as in the Southwest—Roads Greatly Damaged—Pickups on a Vacation Tour.
By G. A. MARTIN.
CONTRARY to intimations in brewery advertisements which have lately asserted that the manufacturer has bought a certain quantity of hops from Germany and is now "treasured" for another year or so, it is not necessary to go out of the United States to get hops for the manufacture of beer, except certain kinds, of which only small quantities are made. The war would continue in Europe forever without affecting the manufacture of beer in the United States so far as the hops supply is concerned.
More hops are grown in the United States than the United States can con-

sum and exportations are annually made from this country, much of the exported hops going to Germany. With the war curtailing exports to Germany, Great Britain and France, hop growers in the United States are unable at present to find a market for their crop and are selling for 10 cents a pound, whereas three years ago they were able to get 25 cents. At 10 cents a pound, there is no profit. The California growers are not, and the hop making industry of the United States will continue to suffer until the war is over.
California and the country around El Paso face the same troubles from their annual rains. There is this difference: California has its rains in the spring

ABSOLUTELY TRUE TO LIFE BY BRIGGS

Advertisement for 'The Case You Have No Idea Just Sign Your Name' featuring a series of illustrations of a man sitting at a desk and writing. The text reads: 'ABSOLUTELY TRUE TO LIFE BY BRIGGS. IN CASE YOU HAVE NO IDEA JUST SIGN YOUR NAME AND TAKE A LITTLE VACATION. Bm1669/16'.

IRELAND AND ENGLAND.
Magdalena, N. M., July 20.
Editor El Paso Herald:
Please let me know through the columns of your important newspaper how long Ireland has been under the British rule, and if there is a strong, good moral reason for Great Britain to continue ruling her despite the various demonstrations, that from time to time, the laborious Irish people have made against the foreign yoke.
There is nothing of impartialism conquest in the possession of the Transvaal by England, and I presume it is true that some possessions

Loyalty
JOHNSON says that Jones is wrong, and swears that he can prove it; but my belief in Jones is strong, and idle tales can't move it. I have much confidence in Jones, who is a goodly fellow, and I would lend him seven dones without a kick or fellow. My neighbors come to me and say, "Jones is a low down sinner; he carried off a bale of hay, that we had bought for dinner." But I believe that Jones is right, as honest as the dickens, and I would trust him any night, around my coop of chickens. I fill my beaker to the brim with butter-milk, and toast him for I will not go back on him because my neighbors roam him. My friends and comrades I select, without the town's assistance; and if some gent don't seem correct, I keep them at a distance. And if I find a friend O. K., I will not shake or flout him for anything the neighbors say, for yarns they tell about him.
(Protected by the Adams Newspaper Ser-vice.) WALT MASON.

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