

WHY DRAW TOO FINE A POINT OF HONOR IN DEALING WITH BANDITS?

IT IS up to the United States, after years of having made a mess of things in Mexico, after years of "trailing" expeditions which have done only temporary good, either completely to isolate Mexico and let that country commit slow suicide or else go in and clean it up and restore order and establish by armed force a Mexican government as representative as possible of all the people and which they will be compelled to support. There are just the two alternatives.

In the meantime, Americans blush with shame that the greatest nation in the world has been left to be trampled by Mexican bandits to save two American citizens from being slaughtered.

Once upon a time there was an American, one John Elbridge, who remarked in connection with the Barbary States imbroglio:

"Millions for defence but not one cent for tribute."

In line with American traditions, one wonders what the United States has been about to tolerate, across the border, the existence of a condition of outlawry which could make possible the seizure of two American aviators and their detention for ransom under threat of murder.

It may or may not have been dishonorable for Capt. Leonard Matlack to beat the bandits at their own game. It certainly has been dishonorable for the United States to allow conditions to arise wherein the payment of ransom could be compelled.

The Carranza government isn't particularly to blame for the existence of this condition. Owing to the fact that we have bestowed with one hand and taken away with the other, the Carranza government has been and now is too weak to cope with brigandage. It has been unable to extend its authority more than a few miles from any city or fortified town. In fact, although the United States insisted that Mexico accept Carranza's administration, that insistence has by no means brought him endorsement in his own country of more than half of the people, notwithstanding that he has been as ardent a gringo hater as the most fastidious Mexican could wish.

It is the farmers, ranchers, miners, cattlemen and villagers of Mexico who don't like Carranza who are recruiting the ranks of the revolutionaries and bandits and are making possible the murder of some foreigners and the holding of others for ransom.

Very likely some of the Carranza forces would do the same thing were it not that they are convinced of such acts would mean the overthrow of the Carranza administration by the United States. They prefer not to rock the boat at a time when the waves are running high.

This Mexican business takes on so many new angles so fast that we are often set to wondering if we, as Americans, still have the "punch" left in that case matlack as we see as the bravest in the world, or if we are just misrepresented instead of represented by those higher up. It is rather a sad commentary on American ideals and traditions any way you put it.

We even find Maj. Gen. Joseph T. Dickman, commanding the southern department, putting a too fine point on the honor with which the United States ought to deal with a gang of Mexican kidnapers and blackmailers. He insists that Capt. Matlack ought to have paid the full ransom of \$15,000 for procuring the liberation of aviators Peterson and Davis, instead of ransoming Peterson and handing off with Davis without paying the latter's ransom.

According to Gen. Dickman's reasoning a citizen loses honor and is guilty of treacherous dealing if, when confronted by a thug who demands all his valuables, he promises to do so, but keeps his watch in his pocket and manages to get away with it.

One wonders if the real purpose of the American expedition in Mexico has not been to run down the bandits and pay them that other \$7500, incidentally apologizing for Capt. Matlack's precipitate flight. Renteria, the gentle catholic, might well afford to be gracious under the circumstances and accept our apology.

Shades of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt! With or are we drifting?

"School days, dear old golden rule days" will soon be a reality.

It's about time Mr. Hoover was called home to straighten out the food problem over here.

Little Interviews

Dutch Trader Was Before Commodore Perry in Japan Brazil Offers Rich Field For American Investment

JAPAN is much in the limelight just now on account of her part in the world war and the Shantung incident," said T. Cuyler, representative of the The Independent of New York, when in El Paso Sunday. "But it is not generally known that it was the Dutch who first opened up commercial intercourse with that empire. The first voyage before the memorable feat of Commodore Perry in the time of President Monroe. One day a Dutch vessel sailed into a Japanese harbor and was refused permission for its officers or sailors to land. They did not care particularly about landing but the officer his shipload of goods and made the Dutch suffer as passengers as samples, so to speak, of the goods brought a merchant friend or so. The goods were sold, and the governor of the place got his share, and the crew and the following year a Dutch trading ship came. This time the hermit kingdom was broken into first and now Japan is considered one of the foremost nations of the earth and it is even feared, and it was all started by a Dutch trader looking up a market."

There are wonderful opportunities for Americans with capital and enterprise in Brazil to go into the cattle business, raising bacon hogs and developing the forest and more kinds of hardwood timber resources of that country," said C. Scott Ferguson, late of Sao Paulo, Brazil, who is field manager and a director of a company drilling for oil near Toyah, Texas. "The Brazilian Land and Cattle company headed by the late King of Texas, McKenzie, has millions of acres of land and cattle. Land is cheap in that country and there is no tax worth mentioning on it. McKenzie has done much to help the country and much credit is due him for increasing the advance kindly feeling of Brazilians toward Americans. Armour & Co. has a great packing plant near Sao Paulo with a capacity of handling 1000 hogs a day and 400 sheep per day. The Continental Products Co., controlled by the Wilson packing concern of this country, has a plant for handling 400 to 1000 head of hogs and 400 sheep a day. The Swifts have bought land upon which to build a packing plant. There is a great opportunity in that country in raising bacon hogs and the

Stop The Leaks

By Harry Murphy

Abe Martin

In The Neck, As Usual.

RELATIVE to the subway and elevated railway strike in New York, the Evening Post says:

"New York never saw a more conscienceless and brutal strike than that on the subway and elevated lines. The Interborough employees found that they had a monopoly and proceeded to enforce it against the public without scruple. Without adequate notice of their demands and threats, refusing delay and arbitration alike, they took the city by the throat in a way to put to shame the worst trust or the most remorseless mobster that ever existed in a yellow imagination. Violating their pledges, trampling on the rules of their organization, they used their power in the most coldblooded fashion. What to them meant the huge inconvenience and losses of the people? Just nothing at all. They comprised nearly 100 percent of the Interborough employes; green motormen could not be used in their places; so that their quitting work meant a complete tie-up. A conqueror in New York could not have borne himself more arrogantly."

Sure, but why get all excited about it? That's the way strikes always go, if they're strong enough to amount to anything. The strikers and the employers aim fists at each other and the public gets it in the neck.

Keep The Regulars There.

IT WOULD be very unfortunate to replace the regulars in the Big Bend district with Texas national guardsmen, as has been the rumored intention. The regulars know their business, the border and the bandits. The national guardsmen would be ignorant of all three for a long time.

The eighth cavalry has been in the Big Bend district so long that its members almost have come to look upon that locality as home. When other regiments that have been stationed there in years past have been eager to get away, the eighth has held on without complaint. Indeed, many of the officers and men apparently like the Big Bend and would rather remain there than be transferred to many other places they might name. Some troops of the fifth cavalry, too, have had prolonged service in the bandit-infested country.

There is no reason why any one regiment should be kept in the Big Bend forever, but it ought to be possible for two or three regiments to relieve each other at fair intervals, giving all of them time to become familiar with border conditions so that all might render effective service and yet without any one of them becoming worn out with too much patrol duty.

A Minnesota paper prints a notice from the town marshal saying he has been instructed by the town council to enforce the ordinances against "chickens running at large and riding bicycles on the sidewalks."

Says secretary Baker: "It isn't always best to let other fellow know what you are going to do." Neither is it best to let him get the idea that you are going to do nothing forever.

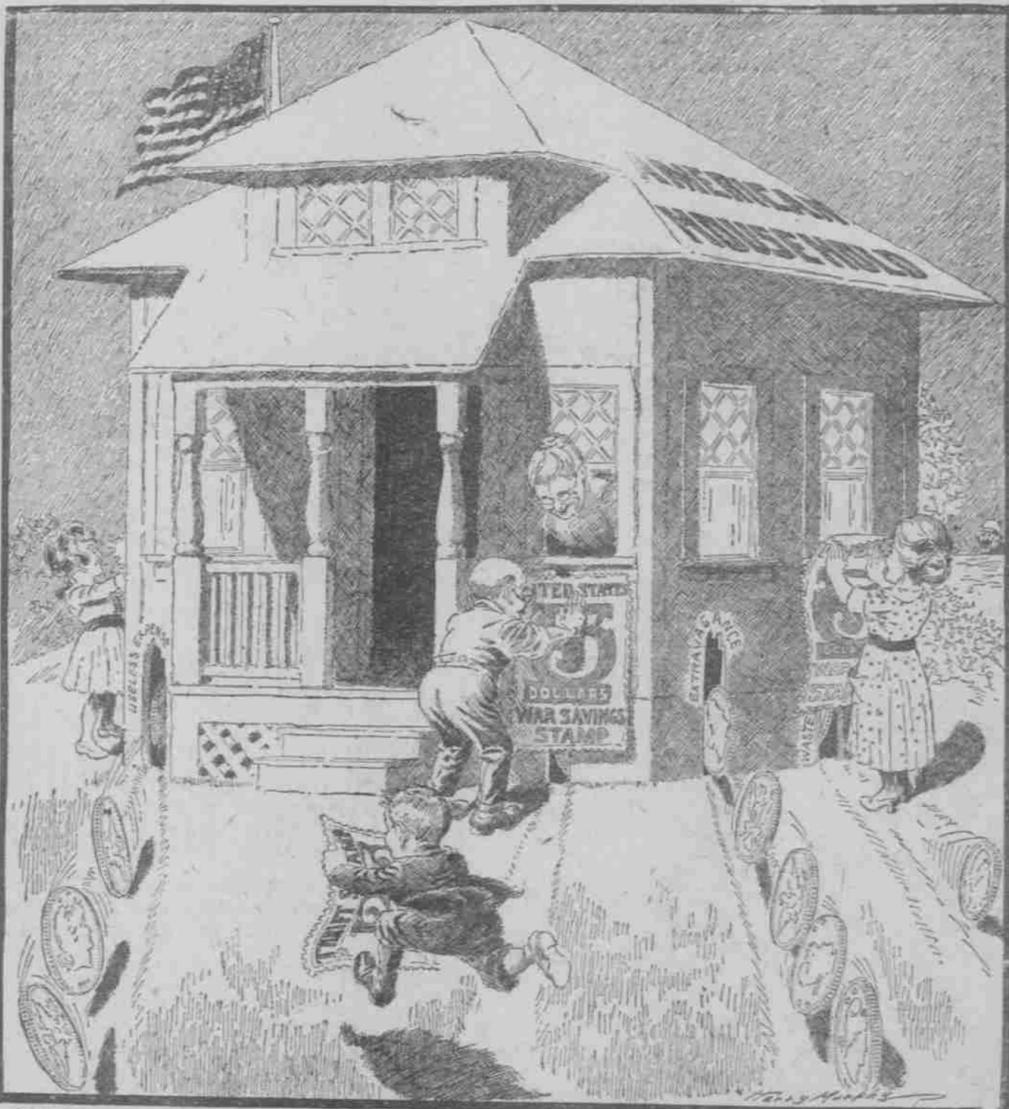
The hearing given the white champion of the negro race at Austin reminds the oldtimers of the days when carpetbaggers infested the southland.

Fighting won the war but only work, hard work and lots of it, will save the world from a most distressing decade after the war.

Here's hoping that Gen. Erwin gets his regular army commission as brigadier before he is retired. He deserves it.

A corner in groceries can be expected here in El Paso pretty soon if many more retail grocers "throw up the sponge."

The profiteers are keeping still and saving wood, not prices.



WE wonder if anybody ever applauded a cabaret singer when he was sober? "But it's only thing some girls are wrapped up in these days is 'emulation'."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. How many soldiers will the United States keep in Germany? -F. K.

A. The war department states that approximately 1000 United States soldiers will remain in Germany indefinitely.

Q. If a money order is lost can the money be recovered? -B. T. S.

A. After 30 days the sender of the money order can bring his receipt for the order to the postoffice and fill out a special form. The postoffice will then trace the order and if it has not been cashed the sender will be reimbursed. If some one has forged the receiver's name and cashed it, the postoffice will attempt to catch the offender but will not refund the money.

Q. Is the Spanish war soldier entitled to a pension? -B. T. S.

A. Under the present laws a Spanish-American war veteran is pensionable only if he is injured permanently and disabled in line of duty.

Q. Does the air of Death valley contain a deadly poison? -D. L.

A. The air of Death valley is not poisonous. The valley is below sea level and the hottest locality in the United States. The name was given to the valley after a party of gold miners who died there.

Q. Upon what is the name of Western college based? -W. H. B.

A. Wesleyan college, at Macon, Ga., was founded in 1836, and is therefore older than the college, founded in 1852. It is the oldest women's college in the United States.

Q. How can a woman who has lost her citizenship through marriage with an alien recover her status as an American? -K. H.

A. If not living in the United States she may resume citizenship by registering with the nearest American consular office within one year of her marriage. If she is in the United States she should apply to the nearest federal court.

Q. What is the religion of Belmont? -B. N.

A. According to pre-war church statistics, the entire population of Belgium, numbering 7,500,000, is Roman Catholic with the exception of some 30,000 Protestants and 13,000 Jews.

Q. May bills signed at sea by President Wilson be laws? -C. T.

A. The vessel which carried the president was considered American territory. There is no question of the legality of statutes so signed.

Q. Are sunflower seeds edible? -A. O.

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HONDURAN REBELS DEFEATED NEAR GUATEMALA FRONTIER

San Salvador, Republic of Salvador, Aug. 23.—Honduran revolutionary forces have been defeated and scattered, with a loss of many killed, near the Guatemalan frontier, according to an official Honduran dispatch.

Little Chris

LITTLE CHRIS was eating in wonderment upon the beautiful carpet of wild flowers at Good-creek.

"Mother," said he, "is this Missouri?"

"No, son," said mother. "Well, then, God's country must be somewhere else besides Missouri, for this is God's country."

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Are You Superstitious?

By IMOGENE BURCH

DANGEROUS SUPERSTITION.

PSYCHOLOGISTS tell us that superstitions and self-hypnotism are responsible for the superstitions attached to many objects. Just as by mere coincidence certain objects have been worn by a number of people to whom misfortune has befallen, and from then on who ever wears them, provided they know the superstition connected with them, will either unconsciously court misfortune, or else attribute evil disaster, no matter how slight, to the faded object.

Here is an interesting example, although unfortunately no psychoanalysts were present to explain the reason for the individual cases of ill-fortune. In 1906 a business man in Petrograd acquired at an auction sale a jeweled collar, for which he paid \$10,000. It had been made 225 years earlier by a Parisian jeweler at the order of the unfortunate Louis XVI. Every member of the royal family who had used this collar perished in the French revolution, and the man who purchased it fled to Brussels and sold it in that city to get money to pay for his journey in exile.

Subsequently it changed ownership frequently, always bringing misfortune to the owner.

Finally it was sold to a Russian prince for \$25,000 and he gave it to the dancer Tzouzi. The dancer lost her health and was compelled to part with it, and it passed into the collection of a Russian nobleman. This man died suddenly in Monte Carlo. His heir came then to settle the estate and lost the collar and everything else he had in a single play. The man who purchased the collar in 1906 had a son Feature Service.

A Fellow CAN Be Mistaken

By Swinnerton

"I am opposed to the closing of pool halls throughout the state and believe that the operators should win in their litigation to keep them open," said R. L. Darnell. "I have found a little light exercise such as pool and billiards is beneficial and think almost any business man can derive benefit from a little relaxation at the end of a day, such as he can get in the pool halls. It is true that a rough element sometimes loafs in the places, but this can be controlled if the operators will use enough diligence. Give the losers to understand that they are not wanted in the pool halls and the will walk away. I know of many soft drink stands in El Paso where loafers congregate as much as they do in pool halls, and I can give you a list of them, which has an open front, they often indulge in horseplay on the premises, and the annoyance of pedestrians. There are many more arguments for pool halls than there are against them."

"I am glad to see that Fort Bliss is being made the base of the largest ordinance depot in Texas," said Walter Hughes. "El Paso is the logical place for such a depot in case of border trouble, and although it has taken the war department a long time to see this, they seem at last to have awakened to the strategic value of El Paso's location. In case of trouble the depot can supply troops in both directions and I believe that more troops should be stationed here. There is probably no place in the United States which is more important to us than the border, and I would like to see this base made a clearing house for troops to work on the border. I think also that the soldiers are a decided asset to El Paso. I have never seen an army camp better conducted and better disciplined than Fort Bliss and I think the officers deserve full credit for the high standard they maintain."

ACCEPT EL PASO'S PLANS. Plans for the new buildings which are under contemplation for the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, Tex., by Charles E. Enckelbough, El Paso architect, have been accepted, it was learned here Sunday.

The amount of money that will be spent upon the new buildings has not yet been decided upon. The buildings will be of reinforced concrete construction and will be fireproof.

BOY IS STABBED. Pedro Garcia, 12 years old, of 709 South Oregon street, was stabbed in the left arm Saturday night when he sat in a street car. He was armed with a knife. He was treated at the emergency hospital and sent home, according to the police. Charges Jesus Aranda, 17 years old with stabbing him.

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Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON.

Hot Enough

"IS it hot enough for you?" It's a silly, idle question, and it makes me sad and blue, and it gives me indigestion. I could stand the scalding heat, and look pleasant in my sorrow, looking forward to some sheet, or a snow storm on the morrow; I can take the cheerful view, till some jay comes up inquiring, "Is it hot enough for you?" when with heat I am expiring. Then my rage I scarce can quell, and my ire I scarce can baffle, and I feel my bosom swell with emotions homicidal. Commonly I'm meek and mild, yearning for a life of quiet, but this question drives me wild, and I gladly hail a riot. Commonly I sing and smile, but this query, vain and brutal, always seems to stir my bile, makes me feel that peace is futile. Calmly in the heat I stew, till I hear some fellow asking, "Is it hot enough for you?" Then I cease my patient basking. Then my war paint I put on, green and crimson, blue and yellow, and I strew the sunbaked lawn with the fragments of that fellow. It is hot enough for me; all my organs melt together; I'd be swinish, you'll agree, if I asked for hotter weather.

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