

EDITORIAL PAGE---Let the Truth Prevail!

Don't Kick About Schools, Labor Unions, Until You Learn to Vote

If the labor union forces of Tacoma have any further desire to criticize the conduct of school affairs we hope they will have the good grace to wait something more than a year before doing so. This suggestion is prompted by the returns from Saturday's election.

The union men had brought forth a candidate, and apparently a very fit candidate, to oppose Harry B. Hendley for re-election. They were loud in their protestations of a desire for a change. Yet when the votes were counted here was the result: A grand total of just 2196 votes had been cast in a city of more than 103,000 population! Of this number Hendley had polled 1113, a clean majority. Walter L. Johnson, the labor man, stood second with 621, and Riley, Heinrich and Otto Johnson trailed behind.

Old Demon Rum's Quickest

New Bernard Shaw comes to the front with a warning to England. He says a crushing defeat of Germany might drive the United States and Germany into a defensive alliance against England and Japan. Europe's war diseased mind has harbored many a fool delusion. This is about the most idiotic.

The United States is not going to enter into a military alliance, offensive or defensive, with any country in the Eastern hemisphere, and don't you forget it! If Uncle Sam ever had any idea of doing so, he changed his mind more than a year ago.

Should the 64th congress do its duty we will not need any defensive alliance with any power, and we have a hunch that it is going to do it.

All That Fuss About Manchuria

President Yuan Shih-Kai pays a very pretty compliment to Japanese shrewdness.

Under the established treaty, Japan was to quarter only 72,000 troops in Manchuria. Quietly but suddenly, Japan quartered 100,000 additional troops in Manchuria. President Shih-Kai protested. Japan quietly and politely withdrew the 100,000, without a word.

Shih-Kai now smilingly announces that he has learned that the 100,000 were extra forces being held for possible use in Europe. It sure was real neat in Japan to mobilize an army for Great Britain and quarter it on somebody else till called for. For humor on a large scale those heathen sure are immense.

Not For Uncle

In London, hereafter, a man is to be permitted but five and one-half hours on week days, and five hours on Sunday, in which to acquire a jag. Should the London mixtures be found inadequate, he might try the popular Mexican beverage, tequilla hight ball.

In Juarez, where the drink was first concocted, it is said that when a bartender serves a tequilla high ball he remarks to his customer, "Drink it and hurry out; we don't want any trouble inside," a tribute to the rapid-fire action of tequilla which stamps it as just the thing to fit the London emergency.

While we do not wish to belittle the success of Mr. Hendley, we do insist that there can be little satisfaction for him in winning an election where such a handful of persons expressed themselves. The unions alone ought to have polled more votes than the whole city did Saturday. The teaching, janitor and administrative staffs of the school system alone, together with members of their families might—though we do not suppose they did—have given Mr. Hendley every one of his 1113 votes.

Such a condition is unwholesome. It is a reflection on Tacoma's civic standing. The lack of public spirit which it displayed may account for the fact that we do not progress more rapidly in many other respects. We have too many one-cylinder, too many flivver citizens.

"Placed Personal Gain Ahead of Cause;" Why Villa Failed, Asserts Secret Agent

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Francisco Villa, like many other actual or potential Mexican dictators, has failed because he placed personal ambition ahead of the cause he pretended to represent.

Villa while he never wanted to become president, did want to be the power behind the throne. He wanted to name men and dictate all governmental policies.

Selfishness—grift—was his undoing, alienating the best officers and shrewdest advisers in Mexico when finally they learned his real caliber.

That his star was long in the ascendency was undoubtedly due to the man's democracy in his personal relations with his fighting forces. Of personal magnetism he has a great deal. He is an out-and-out fighting man, and has never hesitated to take his place beside the bluntest peon in the trenches or the field where the bullets flew thickest. This quality of courage endeared Villa to his soldiers and inspired a deep loyalty.

Among his men he is said to bear a charmed life. He has been in 47 battles and was never scathed, despite the fact that he has had horses shot from under him many times and that after every battle death compelled him to reorganize his staff.

As he rose in power, however, he became more and more autocratic, shooting his men and trusted officers on the slightest pretext.

Villa brooked no interference, ruthlessly killing those who opposed him.

One at a time his generals deserted him—Angeles, Raoul and Ernesto Madero, among others—because they would not stand for his arrogant dictatorship.

On every deal that involved confiscation or acts of so-called military necessity General Villa got his slice of loot.

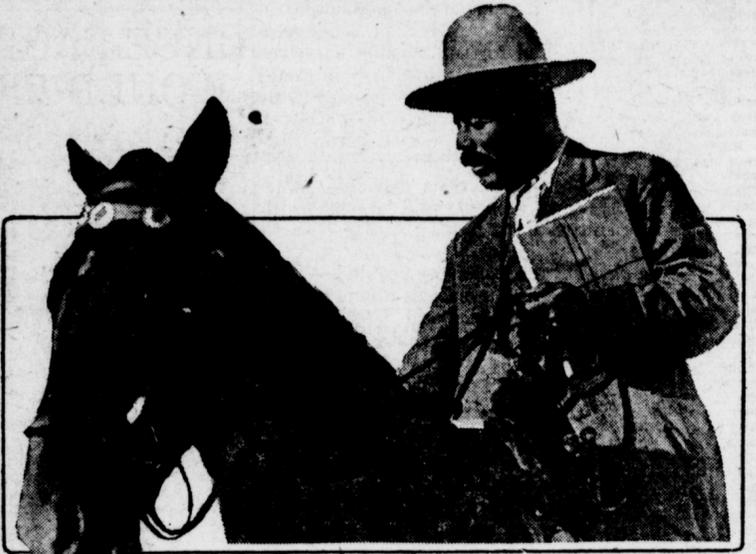
He took over the gambling concessions at Juarez, and permitted his brother, Epollito Villa, to run them for his own use, instead of expending the proceeds for the people's cause.

The confiscation of the magnificent Terrasas and Creel interests in Chihuahua offers an interesting example of this turning to personal account the spoils of war.

That confiscation, furthermore, throws light on the participation in recent Mexican affairs of men politically prominent in the United States.

Villa learned that the Terrasas-Creel interests were planning to transfer their holdings to a fake English concern, involving a United States senator and an ex-governor, in order to escape payment of war taxes by compelling the protection of the British government.

General Villa at once confiscated all these properties, including 75,000 cattle. He got a tremendous sum of personal loot out of that transaction.



General Francisco Villa, at zenith of his power.

which he transferred to his wife; a cattle ranch west of Chihuahua for \$35,000, according to report, and spent other large sums in similar personal ventures.

For General Villa his brother was constantly depositing money in American banks on this side the border.

These things he could not keep forever from his generals and supporters.

His 75,000 soldiers, the finest in Mexico, dwindled to not more than 20,000 because of his despotic selfish acts, and his ablest advisers were driven away.

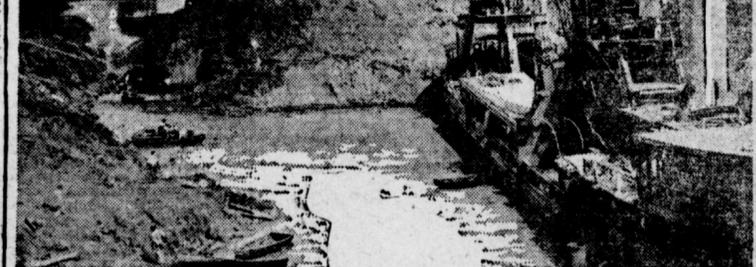
Villa's final mistake was his refusal of amnesty for himself at Ciudad Juarez for \$20,000, and men by the United States

after Carranza. Carranza, while not the ideal Mexican president at this time, is a strong man and very different from Villa. He will succeed if he manages to retain the support of Generals Obregon and Gonzales. Carranza's greatest drawbacks are his aristocratic tendencies. He is also dictatorial, but honest. With the common people General Obregon is now by far the most popular of the leaders.

With the end of Villa's military successes, Mexico, I believe, will be overrun with marauding outlaws, and a state of anarchy will obtain for many years.

Mexico does not need "an iron hand" so much as a firm hand with kindness.

Where Dredge Fights Big Slide



An adequate idea of the difficulties encountered by the army of workers under Gov. Gen. Goethals in clearing the Panama canal of the recent slides, may be had from this view of the slide in the Culebra cut. So difficult was it for the giant dredges seen in the photograph engaged in removing the mountains of earth that slide into the cut, that the waterway will not be opened until Jan. 1 at the earliest.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

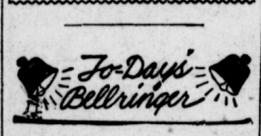


MY DEAR LADIES OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD, WE ARE MOVING INTO THIS HOUSE. IF YOUR VIEW FROM BEHIND THE CURTAINS IS NOT SATISFACTORY, YOU CAN ALL COME RIGHT OUT HERE BY THE WAGON AND FILL YOUR EYES!!



FROM OUR OWN NEWS TICKER
New Orleans customs officer brushes leather off traveler's coat and thereby discovers \$2,000 worth of cigarettes concealed.
A flock of wild geese, alighting on a frozen pond in Minnesota were unable to rise from the ice until aided by farmers.
A Kansas man is asking a divorce from his wife on the grounds that, while nursing their baby in one arm, she fondles her pet rattlesnake in the other.

THE AXIS OF THE EARTH STICKS OUT VISIBLY THROUGH THE CENTER OF EACH AND EVERY TOWN OR CITY. —HOLMES.



George M. Cohan, the actor and playwright, was crossing Broadway at Times square, New York city, one snowy night in January. Suddenly, from behind the subway entrance, stepped a very dirty tramp.
"I'm tryin' to git back to my poor old mother," said the panhandler, "she ain't seen me face fer ten long years!"
"I think you are speaking the truth," said Cohan, "why don't you wash it?"

REMNANT SOLD (From the Martin's Ferry, O., News.)
Word has been received here of the marriage of Miss Ima Remnant and Walter Loyd, both of Martins Ferry, which took place in Cleveland.

READY FOR HER Mother—(On Sunday)—Bobby, are you sure that's a Sunday puzzle you are doing?
Bobby—Well, you see I can't tell mother till I've figured it out.—London Punch.

CHINA BOYS INFORMATION BUREAU



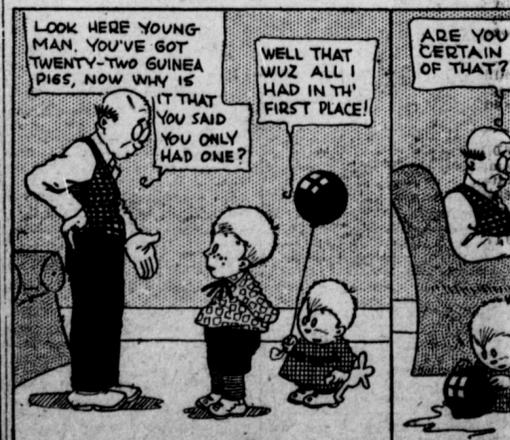
Whatcan I give a man who walks in his sleep?—Artie. (Key to pantry.)

ON THE RATTLE LINE

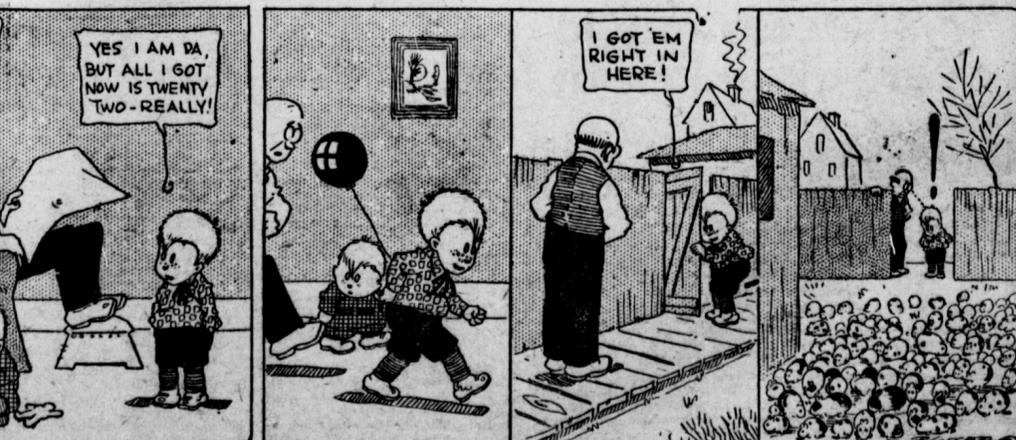


Myrtle—Captain, you are a deceiver! I heard you were engaged to be married twice last year?
Captain Reggy—Those weren't engagements, my dear. They were mere skirmishes!

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



(If Freckles Has the Name He Might as Well Get the Game!)



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