

EDITORIAL PAGE---Let the Truth Prevail!

Plan to Buy Northern Strip of Mexico Must Be Taken Seriously

Don't pass up as a "pipe dream" the movement launched by the commercial organizations of Phoenix, and other Arizona cities, to secure a change in the boundary line between the United States and Mexico, so as to include in this country a considerable part of Lower California and the Gulf of California. It is a movement the 64th congress might start which would write its name in history in black faced type.

That part of Lower California just below the present dividing line, and above the 31st parallel, which is proposed as the new line, is as rich and fertile as the famed Imperial Valley of California, which, in fact, is largely formed by land upon the Mexican side. The great water system which irrigates the Imperial Valley begins in Mexico and for that reason it, unfortunately, cannot now be made a government project. Moreover, the north end of Lower California is rich in minerals and precious stones and what development of this wealth that is being done is financed by citizens of the United States. An inland port can be built at, or near, the mouth of the Gulf of California which would be of immense benefit to this country, now that the canal has been completed. This is now beyond consideration because no part of the Gulf of California lies at present in this country. There are advantages too numerous to recount here.

Somewhere East of Suez

As news goes, from "somewhere east of Suez" the best is like the worst. You can't tell what's going on in the semi-deserts of Syria until the Turkish and Teutonic chancelleries want you to. And they don't want you to. Are 800,000 picked men training around Damascus for a Germanically efficient descent on the Suez canal? Or will this duty be undertaken by a comparatively small number of Turkish irregulars led by the veterans of the Dardanelles?

In what shape is the railway that skirts the Mediterranean from the Bosphorus to the Sinai region and continues on to Mecca and Medina? "It never has been completed across the Taurus mountains, above Adana," one authority says. "It is being altered from a single track to a four-track system capable of transporting a great army," another authority asserts.

How many troops can be spared from Caucasus for an attack on Egypt? "Millions of Russians are being prepared to pour over the Caucasus passes and overrun Persia and the fertile Euphrates valley," one learns from London. "Turkey needs only a few men to defend the Caucasus front, which is without adequate transportation facilities," another English critic maintains. What is the actual extent to be expected from the long announced holy war? "The tribesmen in India, Afghanistan, Egypt and the Sudan are hotbeds of sedition," is the news that filters from these regions via Berlin. "The Asiatic princes and the dwellers on the Nile are loyal to the empire," Little Britain is positive.

Something is stirring east of Suez—and not very far east, either. If it's humanly possible to find out JUST WHAT, this newspaper is going to do it.

Humphrey Opposes Naval Academy on Coast

Congressman Will E. Humphrey of Seattle, is going to oppose the establishment of a naval academy on the Pacific coast. Can it be that Humphrey, ardent champion of the "pork barrel," has, at last, reformed? Can it be that he really believes it would be wasted money and that he wants to save it for Uncle Sam? Or is he against the proposed \$10,000,000 institution simply because the democratic administration suggested it instead of himself?

Let 'em Coast

Old Man Grip is ranting, and coasting time is here. The kiddies, of course, want to be sledding it down the hills. Who can blame them? Parents should not forget that by shutting the children in front fresh air they are reducing their ability to combat disease. A little cold air won't hurt the youngsters, provided their feet are kept dry.

Nixey! Not These Days

A recipe for the cake baked for the president's birthday starts off "Take twelve eggs—" "Snuff! We won't commit a penal offense even for a president's cake. Who in the deuce but a president can gayly, blithely and recklessly "take twelve eggs" these days?

As for Mexico, it is more than likely that she would welcome a chance to replenish an empty treasury by selling this strip. It is inaccessible from Mexico without passing through the United States and for that reason Mexico's moped men are reluctant to invest capital there. For the same reason it is difficult to govern and costly of administration. The development of a harbor at the mouth of the Gulf of California, with a connecting railroad, would add an impetus to the development of the remaining portion of Lower California in Mexico, as well as that part of Sonora along the Gulf, for it would bring steamship lines which would touch at points along the gulf coast.

In fact, apart from the cash consideration Uncle Sam would pay, it is as good for Mexico as for the United States.

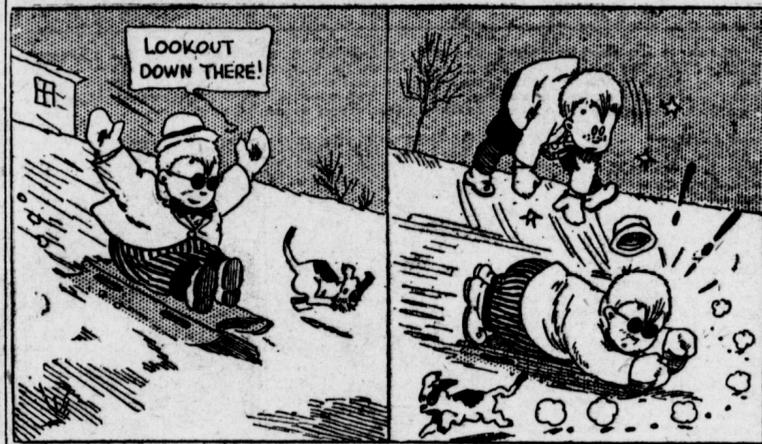
Madero expressed himself often as favoring the sale. There can be no objections on Mexico's part save sentimental ones, and money may be expected to override sentiment these empty-cupboard days in Mexico.

It will require an amendment to the Mexican constitution and an act of congress of the United States which may present some difficulties, but not insurmountable, obstacles.

It is a big proposition, so big that the entire west should get solidly behind it without delay.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

BY BLOSSER



**AY, DO
DESPISE ME!
I'M THE
PROUDER
FOR IT;
I LIKE TO BE
DESPISED.**
—ISAAC BICKER-
STAFF.

Personal and Social

Dixie chapter, U. D. O., will honor the Robert E. Lee chapter Jan. 19 in the Trinity parish house. All southerners are invited.

Mrs. F. W. Rowdow will entertain members of the Tacoma chapter auxiliary this afternoon at her home, 3713 North 30th st.

Ivy chapter, O. E. S., will give a dancing party tonight at the Lincoln Dancing academy.

Mrs. Jacob Betz, 610 Broadway, will entertain members of Trinity parish at her home this evening.

The Prudential Embroidery club will be entertained this afternoon at a theater party given by Mrs. L. Willie.

A Kipling program will be given Friday at the First M. E. church.

Mrs. William Sage, 923 North I street, will entertain members of the Custer Red, White and Blue club, Thursday.

The Ladies' Musical club chorus will sing Jan. 14 at a concert in the First Christian church.

The Knights of Columbus will give their annual ball in Sloan's hall Jan. 6.

All acute and chronic diseases successfully treated. Brun, divine healer, Nat. Realty bldg. 15 years' practice. "Advertisement."

Mrs. J. F. Hoskins will entertain the Coterie club at her home on South Warner st. next Friday.

Sheridan Relief corps and post will hold a joint installation next Friday night in the armory.

A second payment on the club house property on Broadway will be made this week by the Woman's Clubhouse association. A meeting was held yesterday at the home of Mrs. J. W. Brokaw, president of the association. The reports of the financing committee were gratifying.

Mrs. John McFadon will entertain members of her card club Friday.

The Oracles' council will meet at 2 o'clock Thursday at the home of Mrs. Harry Constock, 115 Columbia avenue.

The Sunshine society will meet with Mrs. Robert Longmire, 1712 South Tacoma avenue, at 3 o'clock Friday.

The Homesteaders will hold a masquerade ball at Eagles' hall next Tuesday evening. St. Jean's orchestra.

Fern auxiliary, O. E. S., will meet with Mrs. Rebecca Kason, 2509 South J, Friday afternoon. Assistant hostesses will be Mrs. Charles Case and Mrs. S. H. Hobson. Take K street car and get off at South 23rd.

Brotherhood of American Yeomen, No. 223, will install officers and initiate 36 candidates Friday night at 8:15 o'clock in the Eagles' hall. Owing to the extra business, the outside public will not be invited. Member of the drill and degree teams are urged to be present promptly.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

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CONFESSIONS OF A WIFE

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"Can I help?" whispered Jim Edie as we passed him. I just looked at him as though I had not heard. I was not even yet ready to be pitted. I sometimes think, little book, that it is not our love that hurts and makes us moan when we find that those we have loved and trusted have betrayed us, it is our pride. And that is why men forgive so little and women forgive so much. Men take pride in us; they cherish us much or little as they do any other of their possessions, and their pride is hurt more or less when they find some other man possesses us. Pride never forgives a hurt. Love suffers long and makes no sign. Of course, I did not enter into this analysis and philosophy the night of Mollie's wedding. I only was stunned. All the time I seemed to grow more and more bewildered. Even when Dick and I got into the taxi after the leaving, all I could think of was that I must not dare to think about the letter or myself until I was locked in dear Aunt Mary's room all by myself. I remember Mollie's saying, "What is the matter, Margie? You looked a glorious rose when you walked up the aisle at the church and now you are a drooping lily. There is tragedy in the air. Don't worry about Dick drinking a little too much tonight. I know he has been pretty straight for a long while. This is an extra occasion, you know, dear." "Nothing that Dick can do will ever worry me again, Mollie," and then I stopped at the horror on Mollie's face. "Don't take it so seriously," I said with a laugh, for I did not want to cloud her wedding joy. "I think I shall be much happier now that I know that life is a joke and that nothing it can serve you is worth a tear." "You never spoke like this before and I don't like to leave you like this," said Mollie, almost in tears herself. "I want to go away thinking that you and Dick are happy." "Why not, dear? I'm all right. You know, I am just a little tired and lonely at the thought of being without you, dear girl, for a long time." Mollie broke into her accustomed smile. "I am selfish enough to be glad that you will miss me," she whispered with a big hug and a kiss. "I, too, am going to claim my perquisite as a relative," said Chad, and he bent and kissed me. "Great Scott, look at all the things I missed when you refused me, Mollie," ejaculated Jim. He said it so plaintively that even Mollie and Chad both laughed, although Chad looked a little surprised. Then his face cleared, for no one would for a moment think Jim was in earnest. I knew that Chad did not suspect that Jim had proposed to Mollie. Just then Mollie ran down the steps, and looking back, threw her bridal bouquet among us and it was deftly caught by Mother Waverly. "Good Heavens, Mater, aren't you going to give the girls a chance?" said Dick, who seemed to come to himself a little in the crisp air. "But I had to catch it or be hit in the face with it," she remonstrated, as every one laughed. Ellene, who was standing by me, said, "Wouldn't it be nice if she did marry him?" "Do you still believe in marriage, Ellene?" I could not help asking. She looked up quickly. "What is the matter, Margie? Can I help?—You know you did more for me once than I can ever repay—"

"No, dear—no one can help—it is just one of those things I must work out alone." "Then there is something?" she asked tenderly, as she put her arm about me. "Something, my dear Ellene, that must not be thought of until after Mollie's wedding festivities are over." "If you want me, dear, you have only to ask—but don't worry about Dick's drinking a little too much tonight. That will straighten itself out," she said. I was glad that she did not suspect the real trouble. And yet, I thought wearily, "perhaps they will all know in a day or two." A little chill seemed to strike my heart. "What are you going to do?" I asked myself. And then the answer came, "I don't know, I don't know." (Continued Tomorrow.)

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