

# WHAT IF IT HAD BEEN WHOLE ARMY OF PLUNDERERS?

The alarm clock has gone off under the ear of the professional pacifist. Maybe he'll get up in time for business. It takes just one porch climber and the disap-

pearance of the family silver to impel the man who "isn't afraid of robbers" to buy a bull dog. Pancho the Wolf, porch climber and plunderer, has just sneaked up in the dead of night and walked off defiantly with lives belonging to the

American household. He has made a clean getaway with his bloody loot. The U. S. lap dog was asleep on the porch. Besides, his teeth, such as he had, weren't in working order.

When the villain fled to the hills and made a stand, the poor pup licked his toothless gums and didn't dare risk a tussle. Now, Mr. Unpreparedness Man how do you feel about getting the bulldog?

## YOUR LAST CHANCE

You will be disbarred as a Tacoma citizen for nearly two months unless you get your name on the registration books today or tomorrow. Books open both evenings. Unless you are registered you can vote at NEITHER the primaries nor city election.

# The Tacoma Times

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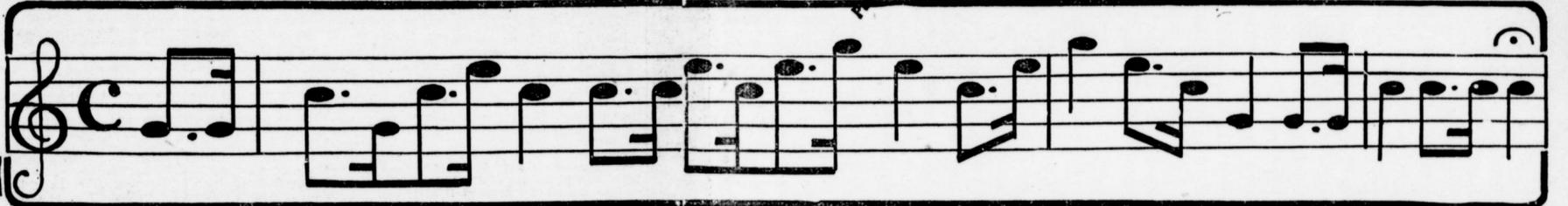
## NIGHT EDITION

### WEATHER

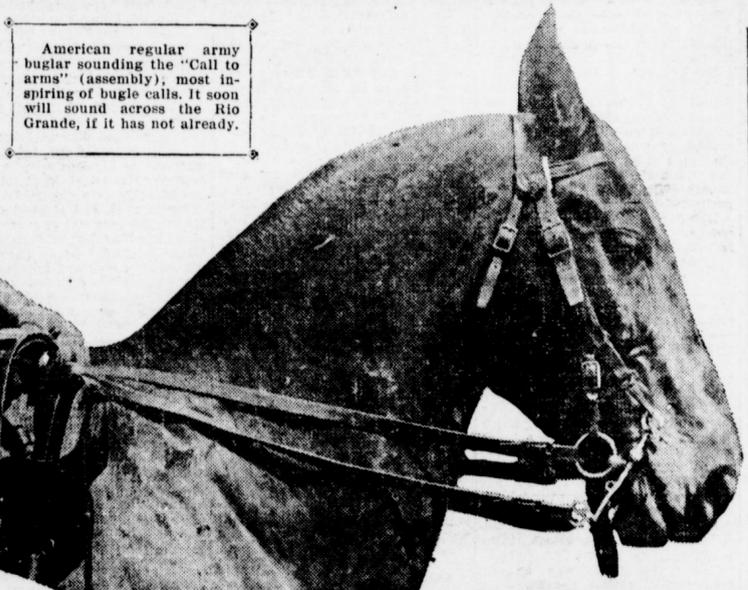
Tacoma: Fair, light frost tonight. Washington: Same.

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# FEAR UNITED MEXICO



American regular army bugler sounding the "Call to arms" (assembly), most inspiring of bugle calls. It soon will sound across the Rio Grande, if it has not already.



## Army Withholds Blow In Order to Prepare More Fully and Give Time for Dickering With Carranza

EL PASO, March 13.—Threatened by an organized resistance from aroused Mexico, the expedition to crush Villa is still held in leash. Troops en route on special trains are on their way either to participate in the invasion or to replace the troops along the border who will be sent across the line. Reports that a Carranzista garrison has become mutinous and is making threats caused apprehension today. A former Carranzista official asserted that all Mexico would arise against the invaders. "Carranzistas hate Villistas," he said, "but all Mexicans hate Americans more."

He was confident that Carranzistas and not Villistas would shield the first American blood if the expedition is sent through Juarez. The invasion is now expected to be started Tuesday, though Funston's policy of thorough preparedness may cause a further delay. Carranza's threatened opposition and Villa's flight toward the settlement of the American Mormons, who are at his mercy, have torn the border citizens with anger and fear. Carranzistas already have had difficulty in suppressing anti-American demonstrations. Six Americans arrived from Chihuahua today. They reported two Carranza officers had threatened their lives. A force of 12,000 Americans are mobilizing. The invading forces may avoid all cities, thus making it impossible for non-combatants to be involved in the battles. It is expected, however, that the Americans will seize the Mexican Northwestern railroad at Juarez. The troops will leave the railroad 90 miles below the border at Guzman and attempt to envelop Villa.

**LETTER FAKED** WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—Two considerations are still halting the invasion of Mexico and the pursuit of Villa. First, the government desires Carranza's consent; and, second, Gen. Funston is holding his men back until he is completely prepared to smash the hardest. Army officials predicted today that U. S. troops will enter Mexico Wednesday at the latest. Misinformation given to the Mexican embassy caused it to announce that President Wilson had accepted the terms of military reciprocity. This statement was withdrawn when the White House denied it. **Prevent Opposition.** The administration believes it will be possible to conduct an expedition against Villa without meeting Carranza opposition. Fear is expressed that should the president accept Carranza's note, Gen. Villa would spread reports that the expedition was for the purpose of invasion and that the U. S. intended to subjugate

## POLITICS

### CHAPTER IV.

#### Some More Ideas That Need Airing This Campaign

In these talks last week I suggested that the voters ought to insist on knowing how every candidate for commissioner will act in regard to the franchise renewal of the T. R. & P. Co. will want, and how he will treat our water and light plants and other city-owned utilities.

Here are a few other pertinent questions to make these aspirants for office answer:

What is your attitude toward civil service?

Do you favor the policy of the present council of setting aside definite sums of money for a sinking fund to retire the city's outstanding bonded indebtedness?

What would be your policy in regard to the vice, bootlegging and gambling evils?

What are your ideas on the jitney bus? Should it be encouraged, developed, regulated, or killed?

What are your ideas on general auto regulation?

**IN WHAT PARTICULAR WAY DO YOU EXPECT YOUR ELECTION TO BE A BENEFIT TO THE CITY OF TACOMA?**

When you voters propound these questions you are asking nothing unreasonable, nothing every candidate should not willingly answer to the best of his ability. As spokesman for you, The Times has taken the duty on itself of directing these questions to the candidates. In a letter that reached them all today we requested answers.

When the replies are in and tabulated, I shall pass on the information to you, fairly and impartially, and let you be the judge.

If any candidate dodges or refuses to answer, I will tell you so, and let you draw your own conclusions. Tomorrow I intend to discuss in a little more detail the last question suggested above, am going to tell you where The Times stands in this campaign and am going to spring a Looking Forward idea on you.

## 'GOOD MAN GONE WRONG'

The Tacoma Times and the Seattle Star sent Fred Boalt to Mexico in 1913 on the occasion of the last Mexican embargo. What he has to say now about the Villa situation cannot fail to be of interest.—Editor.

**By Fred L. Boalt.**

During the time when our government was trying to make up its mind whether it would recognize Carranza or Villa as the de facto head of the Mexican republic, my sympathies were all with Villa.

I cannot claim to know Pancho Villa well. But I have two close friends who know Villa as well, I imagine, as it is possible for Americans to know a Mexican.

These friends of mine are Bill Shepherd, United Press correspondent, and Durborough, the Newspaper Enterprise association's war photographer, both of whom have since been covering the European war.

I first met Shepherd and Durborough in Vera Cruz, during the American occupation. I had come to Vera Cruz, at the beginning of the occupation, from the Rio Grande, where I had interviewed Villa at Juarez.

Shepherd and Durborough had been in Mexico longer than I, and they had camped with Villa in the north. They had shared grub and blankets with him.

Shepherd and Durborough believed in Pancho Villa; believed, too, in his sincerity and ability to carry out the task to which he had set his hand.

Because American soldiers are about to cross the border, and take Villa—dead or alive—and perhaps execute him for the bandit and murderer he undoubtedly is, I want to tell again the oft-told tale of this strange man.

I got it partly from the lips of Villa himself, and partly from Shepherd and Durborough.

Villa was a farmer in a small way, a little above the peon class. He had a little sister whom he loved, whose virgin beauty pleased the eye of the son of a lord of the land whose great hacienda was nearby.

The young aristocrat kidnaped Villa's sister. Villa started in pursuit. On the way he caught up with a priest whom he compelled to accompany him.

They came upon the man and the girl at evening as they were making camp. At the point of a revolver Villa forced the priest to marry the runaway

pair. He then made his sister a widow. You will conclude from this that Villa was a lawless man, and so he was. But, remember, there was, and is, no law in Mexico for the protection of the class from which Pancho Villa sprang.

Diaz was dictator. The father of the murdered man had wealth and influence. Diaz put a price on Villa's head. Villa took to the mountains, gathered a band about him, and turned bandit chief.

But they will tell you in Mexico that he was a Robin Hood of outlawry, robbing the rich and giving to the poor.

Diaz was driven out of Mexico. Madero, visionary and saint, born to martyrdom, rose to power. Villa worshiped Madero. Bloody Huerta tricked Madero, and murdered him.

And then Villa came to Juarez, came out of hiding—he and his band—to help Carranza free Mexico and to restore the land to the people.

He came, a gorgeous bandit of melodrama, from the mountains, wearing a sombrero heavy with gold trimmings. His picturesque bandit's costume tinkled when he swaggered, so covered was it with coins and trinkets.

His spurs were long. The heels of his boots were high. In his belt were stuffed knives and revolvers. He was a savage.

But he soon saw that he was not like the other leaders of the Constitutionalists. They, some of them, wore sack coats and derby hats.

A smart man is Pancho Villa. One by one he dropped his barbaric ornaments. He wanted to be like other men.

When I saw him at Juarez, he wore a business suit, he had a stenographer and a secretary, and he gave audience to the newspaper reporters every morning at 10 o'clock!

One day Durborough said to him: "General, what is it you are trying to do?"

And Villa answered: "I am trying to get back the land, to split up the big estates." And he told Durborough a story.

"When Torreón fell," he said, "I thought to give my men a concrete idea of what they had been fight-

ing for. So I gave them land. They were tired of war. They began building homes and tilling the soil.

"But by and by I told them we must go on fighting. 'Why?' they asked. 'You told us this war was to get back the land. Well, we have it now. We want to have farms, and homes, and schools for our children.'

"I told them there were millions of other Mexicans to the south. They, too, must get land. We must keep on fighting if all our people are to have land.

"So, reluctantly, they quit their farms, took up their rifles, and marched away. I nearly lost my army by that experiment."

Shepherd once put to Villa a somewhat similar question: "General, why are you a rebel?"

"When," said Villa, "I go to El Paso, and see there fine stores, and women shopping, and men at work at good jobs, and children going to school, and paved streets well lighted; and when I then cross back over the bridge into Juarez, and see nothing but ignorance, and illiteracy, and stupidity, and superstition, and degeneracy—when I see the difference between El Paso and Juarez, then I am a rebel!"

When our government was trying to choose between Carranza and Villa, I was hoping they would choose the latter. He had kept faith with us. Carranza had shown himself sulky and tricky and offish.

We recognized Carranza, and perhaps that was the best thing we could have done for Mexico. But I think I can understand Villa's disappointment and subsequent hatred of us.

His hatred must have changed him. Perhaps he is the man he was when he came down from the mountains. Perhaps he hates Americans now as he formerly hated the land-owning aristocracy of Mexico.

Well, he has gone too far. He must be stopped and he must be punished. But it is a pity.

**A GOOD MAN GONE WRONG IS PANCHO VILLA.**

**RUSH TROOPS** LAREDO, Tex., March 13.—Anticipating a refusal by the United States of his request for a reciprocal agreement in the matter of sending troops across the border in search for bandits, General Carranza, it was learned here today, is rushing 10,000 troops to Juarez, 5,000 to Nogales and 10,000 to several other points.

**CALLS CABINET** MEXICO CITY, March 13.—Venustiano Carranza, provisional president of Mexico, today summoned his cabinet to meet immediately at Queretaro, 100 miles northwest of here, to consider the Mexican-American situation.

**CRUISER MAY GO** MOBILE, Ala., March 13.—The U. S. cruiser North Carolina at Pansocla has received sealed orders, it was reported today. It is presumed the cruiser has been directed to participate in the Mexican operations.

## ÷Talk o' the Times÷

Greetings, have you said good-bye to our national guard boys?

New York may do a little more exporting than Tacoma, but we doubt it.

Tacoma's who celebrate Dress-Up Week all the time: Andy Knox, Chris Clausen, Woodburn McDonald, John B. Stevens, jr., James Dege.

Washington dispatches assure us that Senator Jones stands a likely chance of being the compromise candidate for temporary chairman of the national G. O. P. convention. We don't doubt it. Anything that is at once temporary and a compromise sounds like our Wesley Lorimer.

**WE PROPHECY** War being formally declared, we'll bet 10 cents that Germany can lick Portugal, if nobody interferes.

Great discoveries of molybdenum in California are announced.

Now turn the page over and start the new novel.

**RUMANIA LEANS TO ALLIES' SIDE** LONDON, March 13.—With the permission to buy war supplies in Russia, it is thought that Rumania has reached a definite understanding with the allies and will adhere to their cause.

**SNOW SNUFFS OUT 252 HUMAN LIVES** VENICE, March 13.—About 252 persons were buried in an avalanche in the Agordo district yesterday. Several houses were completely covered.

**WE HOPE THE DIRECTORY WON'T FALL TO GET IN THE NAMES OF ALL THE NEW STORIES WE SEE SPRING UP ON EVERY HAND.**

What has become of the old-fashioned man who was always growling because the Commercial club was a dead one?

**FLOSSIE FLIM FLAM'S ANSWERS** RAY CLIFFORD—Are you jesting me when you ask if this war in Europe isn't just a big movie company making new spectacular war pictures?

**HAROLD BROOMELL**—Jay McMustard's next release is up to the governor. I'm not sure if that was Francois Olson in "Algeron, the Box Car Tourist." You may be right, though, I never am. Certainly.

**GIDDAP!** He took in two bad dollars. And now he's having fits; But, pardon me, I mean that he is having counterfeits.