

TIMES EDITORIALS

It Is Fiat, All Right

One V. Carranza may stack up big and brave enough finally, to squash Villa, Zapata et al and restore peace, or a pretty fair counterfeit of it, to Mexico.

To give the devil his due—meaning nothing personal—it now looks as if he will succeed in doing so, at which happy consummation our astonishment can only be surpassed by Carranza's own.

But, when it comes to re-constructing Mexico, financially, which perforce must be the first step toward its real rehabilitation, Carranza is several times too small for the job, accepting his initial effort as reported by Mexico City as a criterion.

Having repudiated, by decree, hundreds of millions of pesos in fiat money issued by his own government in the last three years, he has replaced it by hundreds of millions of MORE FIAT MONEY, which he is choking down the crew of the Mexican public by methods as startling as original. Note, ye amateur financiers of Washington and Wall street!

The new money was made in the United States by Carranza's order. Incidentally, any time he wants more he can get it at a discount, because the plates are now paid for. Carranza fixed a value of 10 cents American gold for one Mexican peso. He didn't say why he selected the ratio of 10 to 1; just fixed it kind of positive like.

At the same time, as we have remarked above, he repudiated the outstanding currency and declared it had no purchasing value, which latter information was some superfluous. But Carranza threw out a life line in the postscript to his financial pronunciamento. Bills of five pesos or less (and not too dirty) were declared legal tender until Oct. 31, 1916.

They are used as small change, accent on the small. They pass for about half a cent in American money for one peso. But, BUT, they are still legal tender at their FACE VALUE, and must be accepted, if tendered in payment of rent or leases or old obligations such as promissory notes.

What a dandy plan to soak the landlords and money lenders of Mexico without costing the government anything!

Everybody owing rent money or promissory notes can buy up Carry's old money at the rate of two hundred pesos for one American plunk, pay off his obligation on Oct. 30 and pouf! the next day the slate is wiped clean and everybody is square, but the landlords and money lenders, and they are never square anyway, according to Mex theory and logic.

Once more, and the key to Carranza's unique financial scheme is yours. TO ACCEPT AMERICAN MONEY in payment of purchases the Mexican merchant or shopkeeper violates the law and for the first offense is fined; the second made to work on the streets and the penalty for the third offense is DEATH.

Thus does Carranza expect to maintain the value he has fixed for his newest fiat issue and wipe out the old, while at the same time winning the common people, the peon and debtor classes, by his strategy.

But how long will a government exist having its foundation upon such sands?

Pay day is said to put new life into national guard camps. After all, those soldier heroes of ours are just ordinary human beings.

Kind O'Natural Like

Uncle Sam cannot possibly find anything particularly objectionable in the action of a British cruiser in running in close to Fortress Monroe a few days ago and showing the Deutschland its teeth. It's only human nature asserting itself.

You surely remember, don't you, how you used to chase little Johnny Smith into Mrs. Brown's yard, then stick your tongue out at him through the picket fence and double-dog-dare him to venture forth? Did Mrs. Brown come out and lick you for it? No, unwritten law, recognized since time began, a law as potent with nations as with neighborhoods; the common law of neutrality, compelled her to look the other way. It wasn't Mrs. Brown's business then; it isn't Uncle Sam's now.

You can always tell a failure by the way he criticises a success.

MOTHER OF 180 CATS DIES ON SHIP AT SEA



Mary, mother of 180, is dead! Mary was the American liner New York's famous cat whose progeny, presented to travelers by Capt. W. J. Roberts, are now in the best American and English homes.

Born on the New York in mid-ocean eight years ago Mary became the favorite of thousands of first cabin passengers, and the idol of the New York's crew.

Two days after the ship left Liverpool on the last trip, Mary died, taking with her eight newborn kittens.

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Brandeis and Poindexter

Sen. Miles Poindexter, exercising his customary independence, voted to confirm the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for supreme court justice, and thus he was one of the few republicans who contributed toward the history-making event which placed one of the greatest men on the highest court of the land.

Poindexter's vote for Brandeis, in spite of the tremendous pressure upon the senators from various powerful influences who did not wish as free and independent a man as Brandeis on the bench, is a distinct tribute to this great state. In some quarters, Sen. Poindexter's renomination will be challenged because of this vote. It will be said he was not a true republican when he voted for this great democrat.

Poindexter can well accept this challenge. "When Judge Poindexter decided to quit being a judge to go to congress," said La Follette's weekly, "he was moved to that decision by two definite purposes. The first of these Poindexterian purposes was to represent the People of Washington, the second was to represent also the people of the United States."

These purposes Poindexter has ever kept in mind. They have never changed. To serve the people—and not any special interests—to vote according to good conscience, and not at the dictation of political bosses—these aims have been consistently pursued by Sen. Poindexter.

"And there is nothing of the chameleon about Miles Poindexter," said Sen. La Follette.

His vote for Louis D. Brandeis was consistent with all his votes in behalf of the people's measures and the people's welfare.

The appointment of a peace commission to bring about peace in the Ford Peace Commission is now in order. Dr. Aked, chairman, has resigned, evidently fighting his Commission is now in order. Dr. Aked, chairman, has resigned, evidently fighting his

Significant

More significant, perhaps, than the article itself, is the manner in which Maximilian Harden's discussion of the war entitled "At the Tree of Disillusion" in the latest number of the Zukunft, has been received by the German authorities.

A year ago, a publication containing an article so openly critical and frankly pessimistic would have been promptly suppressed and the author of the article jailed. Now, apparently, the Zukunft is permitted to circulate freely; the truth of Harden's statements is not even challenged.

Its effect on the mind of the German public must be tremendously depressing. The article must be distasteful in the extreme to the rulers of Germany. To permit it to pass, indicates either that the authorities are fearful of the temper of the populace or that they, too, think that the hour of disillusionment can no longer be postponed.

An Ohioan must marry if he wants to inherit a \$25,000 estate. There's a problem: No matter how much he'll love his wife, people will say he married for his money!

Not In Seed Catalogues

Did you get a package of seeds from your representative in congress?

Those seeds are good for two kinds of flowers, the kind mentioned on the envelope and the kind your congressman cherishes.

You like to see the first kind grow and spread its fragrance over your garden. He has more interest in the other variety, the flower that is planted about this time and is in full bloom on the first Tuesday in November. You call it what science has named it; he calls it the "Vote."

It's a valuable flower, the "Vote." So the government appropriates \$10,000,000 annually to keep it in bloom.

Of course, you appreciate your representative's kindness in sending you those seeds. So does he, for—
YOU ARE THE VOTE.

Mosquitoes are blamed for the spread of infantile paralysis. Lest we forget, the flies are hard at it, too. Swat 'em!

Confessions of a Wife

"You Can Manage Men If You'll Be Little Diplomatic," Says Jane

"After I left the office of the theatrical manager, I went out into the park and sat down for a little while.

"You see, Margie," said Paula, "I wanted to think, and I knew I could not think in that awful hall bedroom. But here in the park, a balmy wind was blowing all the grayness and mist away, and leaving the sky an indescribable blue with great bunches of white fleeces floating over it.

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Maggie. "Why didn't you slap his face?"

"Now, Maggie, you know you have lost a good many splendid positions by that slapping-face process."

"But you would not have me accept his attentions, Jane," I said in surprise.

"Certainly not, but it doesn't hurt any to be a little diplomatic. Some of my best friends are men who first tried to make what they called 'love' to me."

"You are one in a hundred, Jane," said Maggie; "I can't keep the pigs for friends."

"That is why you are working yourself most to death for Miss Finstein, and being bawled out every day, instead of having an easy job with some man, as I have."

"I made up my mind that I'd take some lessons in managing from Jane."

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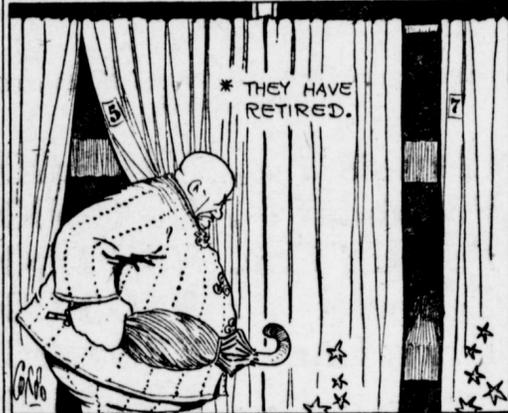
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INTERIOR OF SLEEPING CAR AT MIDNIGHT. TWO PERSONS PREPARING TO RETIRE. *



ANSWERS BY CYNTHIA GREY

Miss Grey answers all letters of inquiry by mail when postage is enclosed.

Letters of general interest are answered through this column unless the correspondent requests that they not be.

Miss Grey receives callers at the office from 11 o'clock to 5 o'clock on Wednesdays.

I am a young girl 18 and am keeping company with a young man. We are both very happy, but his mother does not seem to be pleased with me, and although we have never quarreled, we are not on the best of terms. Would you suggest that I break off my engagement on account of this? I am afraid if we marry this fact might interfere with our happiness.

It depends entirely upon the attitude your fiancé assumes. If you feel that he will permit his mother to come between you, you will avoid much unhappiness in the future by breaking your

engagement now.

Kindly inform me as to the legal status of a couple living together as man and wife for over two years in this state. Are they married in the eyes of the law? Is there any statute under which they can be prosecuted?

No, answers your first question. Persons found violating the marriage laws can be arrested and fined for immoral conduct.

Can you tell us the meaning of the word "Thalia" and oblige.

SIX BOYS. It is a Greek word meaning "the blooming one," and in Grecian Mythology was one of the nine Muses. She was the Muse of comedy and pastoral poetry, and is usually represented with the comic mask and the shepherd's crook in her hand. One of the Graces was also called Thalia.

My husband and I

Serb's Murder of This Couple Brought On Europe's Combat.



Archduke Francis Ferdinand, who at the time of his murder was heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, and his wife, the Duchess of Hohenburg, who was Sophie Chotek.

It was the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife, the Duchess of Hohenburg, on June 28, 1914, that lit the fuse leading to the European powder barrel.

For a month peace hung in the balance. On July 23 Austria declared war on Serbia, plunging the world into combat. Francis Ferdinand and his wife, who had been Countess Sophie Chotek, a Bohemian, were shot by Gavrilo Princip, a Serb student, as the royal automobile

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separated some eight years ago. Four years after we parted, I heard he was dead, and shortly afterwards married again. Now I hear that he is alive and has since married another woman.

Please inform me as to my position. Am I legally married, or must I obtain a divorce from my first husband? Must I have my marriage to my second husband annulled?

It is impossible to say just where you stand until you know whether your first husband has obtained a divorce. If he has, then of course your first marriage is legal. Otherwise you will need a first class attorney to unravel complications.

My heart flutters and skips beats very often and I would like to know what causes it. Is this a very serious matter and should I consult a doctor if you could give me a remedy I would be grateful.

Aside from advising you to avoid excitement, eat and sleep regularly and exercise freely in the open air, it is beyond my jurisdiction to prescribe for heart trouble of your nature. Yes, by all means you should consult a first-class specialist.

The mosquitoes bother us terribly. Is there anything I can put on my baby's clothes to keep them away from him? They come right through the screens and make my home miserable. Please answer as soon as space permits.

YOUNG MOTHER.

To clear a room of mosquitoes, take a small piece of gum camphor in a tin vessel and evaporate it over a flame, taking care it does not ignite. A sponge dipped in camphorated spirits and made fast to the top of the bedstead will be found serviceable in the sleeping room. Decoction of pennyroyal, applied to the exposed parts, will effectually keep off these troublesome insects.

Oil of eucalyptus, 30 parts; talc, 60 parts, starch, 420 parts; mixed and applied to the hands, face and other exposed portions of the body with a powder puff will keep the mosquitoes away.

Dear Miss Grey: I would like to speak a few words to "Miss Twenty-four." I married a man when I was 15 years old. I didn't love him, because I was too young to know what real love was. We have been married 15 years and have a family. I have lived very unhappy and for the sake of my children, I must still live on. It may be many years until this girl will meet the man she loves, and then it will be too late. Don't marry any man you don't love for you will live to regret it. I know for I've gone through it all. I am only 39 now and the mother of five children. L. W.

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