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MESOPOTAMIA.

To those who know something of the history of this "oldest land in the world," the word Mesopotamia is full of meaning and recollection. Far and away, back beyond the time of tradition, into the time of myth, and across that to its first beginnings, to the "back of beyond," as an Irishman might expressively put it, the history of this land stretches. The Hittites, the Arameans, the Babylonians, the Assyrians—Mesopotamia crossed and recrossed by the "endless marches of Assyrian kings" building and rebuilding the Assyrian empire—they were the very early times, largely mythical, more largely still traditional, with gleams here and there of established fact. The student of this period greets with a curious welcome such names as Nebuchadnezzar, Tiglath-Pileser and Salmanneser. Then follows the coming of the Persians and the story of Cyrus, the Persian hosts on their way through the river country to conquer Greece. Later still the march of the Greek host under Alexander, then the Roman period, followed by the Roman authority, the Parthian period and the Sassanid period; the Caliphate, and, finally, the coming of the Ottoman Turk. Such are the great pylons in the history of the country. For the rest, since the coming of the Turk down to the present day, it is silence. Now, after a lapse of something like 2000 years Mesopotamia is, once again, traversed by great armies. It is true that Sir John Nixon's force is small compared with the forces of Cyrus or Alexander the Great, but the resources at its disposal are immense and the issue at stake immeasurably greater than that involved in any of the wars of conquest of bygone times. For many months past the British expeditionary force has been making good its ground at the head of the Persian gulf. Here, as elsewhere, the world had almost grown accustomed to what looked like stagnation. Then, with an unexpectedness, characteristic of such movements, came Mr. Austen Chamberlain's statement in the house of commons, telling of General Nixon's march, and adding the words which are likely to become historic, that the Turkish forces were in full flight towards Bagdad, the British force pursuing.

Tigris and Euphrates are two names bound up with some of the greatest movements and events in history. This present movement, the great sweep north of the Anglo-Indian force under General Nixon, is not below the standard of importance set by its predecessors. Few would care to forecast events in this district, more than usually full, as it is, alike of possibilities and uncertainty, but speculation here is certainly fraught with more than usual interest.

FOR A MODERN NAVY.

St. Paul Dispatch: It is announced from Washington that the president and secretary of the navy have agreed upon the plan of naval expansion to be presented to the next congress. In the main it calls for a program which will double the navy in five years and emphasize the need of submarines and the latest types of fast and powerful fighting craft. The personnel of the navy will, of course, be increased in proportion.

CONSIDERATION OF A NAVAL PROGRAM.

Consideration of a naval program must be divided into two parts. The general policy of the country is a matter for public decision. All technical matters must be left to competent authority. It is for the people of the nation to pass upon the question of naval expansion as a public policy and we believe they have delivered their opinion. We believe there is practical unanimity in demanding an up-to-date, efficient navy; that the necessity has been emphasized by recent events. The people of the country will approve a policy of construction which will place the United States in its proper rank among the sea powers of the world.

When it comes to the detail of construction, speed, number and weight of guns, then the people must give way to the experts. It is their business to meet the demand for a modern sea force that will be able to answer any call that may be made. How many and what character of submarines, the proportion of battle cruisers, dreadnaughts and destroyers and the necessary sea-plane equipment are details in which the public is deeply interested but which must be delegated to the competent and trained authority of the navy.

No Investment

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THE INVASION OF SERBIA.

The invasion of Serbia is likely, for a time, to show success for the invading armies, including the capture of Belgrade, the Serbian capital. That city lies on the south bank of the Danube, and cannot be defended from attack on the Austrian side without assuring its destruction by bombardment. This fact is another proof of the oft-stated proposition that the capital of a nation should be in the interior. We had sufficient proof of that fact when Washington was captured by the British in the war of 1812. We would probably have the proof duplicated in the event of another war with a great power, unless we were able to prevent the landing of an invading army.

The Serbians recognized this at the beginning of the war last year, and removed the capital to Nish, on the railroad line leading south and well protected by mountain barriers. It is, however, uncomfortably near the Bulgarian frontier, in view of the new phase the war has assumed.

All this makes it possible that the combined German and Austrian armies will advance some distance into Serbia before encountering the maximum of resistance they must overcome if they would pass through. This is what the Austrians did twice, both times being driven back when they had penetrated to the real defenses of the country.

WHAT RECOGNITION MEANS.

New York Times: Now that the administration is practically committed to the formal recognition of Venustiano Carranza as the de facto ruler of Mexico, all good citizens will hope that another serious mistake has not been made. There have been some grievous errors in the development of our Mexican policy, but as Secretary Lansing seems confident that he has done the right thing this time, we are encouraged to hope that international amity and tranquility will ensue. It would be foolish to forget, as the administration will not be permitted to forget, that this action is in direct violation of the plan originally formed by Mr. Lansing and his Latin-American conferees. That plan was to invite all the faction leaders to join in a peace conference and agree on a program of pacification. It was understood that any faction leader disregarding the invitation or rejecting it would be ignored in future proceedings. But the one faction leader who rejected the invitation is now to have formal recognition and the others are to be ignored. This seeming inconsistency needs no excuse if the action is justifiable. It is better to be inconsistent than wrong. It is possible, however, to be both.

The conditions that must exist before foreign powers are justified in extending recognition to a new government were clearly set forth in a message sent to congress by President Grant, Dec. 7, 1875, in relation to a movement for a premature recognition of the independence of Cuba. In this it was explained that "where a considerable body of people who have attempted to free themselves, of the control of the superior government, have reached such a point in occupation of territory, in power, and in general organization as to constitute in fact a body politic, having a government in substance as well as in name, possessed of the elements of stability, and equipped with the machinery for the administration of internal policy, and the execution of its laws, prepared and able to administer justice at home, as well as in its dealings with other powers." It is within the province of those other powers to recognize its existence as a power. The message further specifies the conditions essential to recognition. The people recognized must be "united under some known and defined form of government, acknowledged by those subject thereto, in which the functions of government are administered by usual methods."

All the information obtainable from Mexico clearly indicates that Carranza's government is not stable, that it is not acknowledged by all Mexicans or nearly all; that it has no sure means of administering justice; that it is not "equipped with the machinery for the administration of internal policy," and that it is, on the contrary, depending upon this very recognition to enable it to overcome strong opposition and to disarm its opponents, some of whom are as staunchly patriotic and as strongly pledged to the establishment of a constitutional government as Carranza, or any of his adherents.

This message of President Grant, written of course by his able and learned secretary of state, Hamilton Fish, indicated "the policy and the principles" which had been the nation's "sure and safe guides." Unless the present administration possesses information concerning the strength of Carranza which has been withheld from the American people, it has departed from that well tried policy and those excellent principles, has discarded those safe and sure guides of statesmanship. But we are encouraged to hope that when the reasons for this action are made known they will be found sufficient. Unless they are, if the statements of Carranza's opponents are to be heeded, the situation in Mexico will not be improved, but quite the contrary.

News of North Dakota

EDWARD TOTEN VIOLATED LAW TO MEN TO THRESH

Pledge to Return Portion of His Salary Loses County Office For Him.

(Herald Special Service.)
 Bismarck, N. D., Oct. 14.—Edward Totten of Bowman county, violator of the corrupt practices act of North Dakota when, in a pre-election statement relative to his candidacy for county judge, he pledged the return of the county of that part of his salary exceeding \$1,500 a year.

Because of this pledge, the supreme court today affirmed the lower court's decision by which Totten is denied the office, despite the fact he obtained a majority of the votes.

Fribery E. Diehl successfully prosecuted the suit and now holds the county judgeship.

The supreme court finds as follows: From Bowman County.

Fribery E. Diehl, contestant and respondent, vs. Edward P. Totten, contestant and appellant. While a candidate for office published the communication set forth in the opinion. Upon contest it is claimed that such publication disqualified him from holding such office under the Corrupt Practices Act.

(1) Conceding that members of the board of county officers subject to impeachment, may not be removed from office under the Corrupt Practices Act, yet a good and valid piece of legislation remains. The office of county judge comes within the provisions of said act. Moreover in the case at bar constitutional questions were not sufficiently raised in the lower court.

(2) Under the facts in this case plaintiff has shown in a legal capacity to maintain the action; following Jensen vs. Clark, 21 N. D. 154.

(3) The publication in question, which contains the following language: "I pledge the people of Bowman county that if elected to that position, I will turn back into the treasury of the county, all salary above the amount of \$1,500 a year," is held to be a violation of the Corrupt Practices Act and disqualifies defendant from holding such office.

Appeal from the District Court of Bowman county, Hanley, J. Affirmed. Opinion of the court by Burke, J.

Other motion follows: State Bank of Maxbass, a corporation, plaintiff, vs. E. P. Totten, defendant, and Andrew G. C. Hileman and John D. Gruber company, a corporation, defendants and respondents.

Syllabus: (1) On an appeal in cases triable de novo in the supreme court under section 7846 of the compiled laws of 1915, which requires that the court, appellant, in the statement of the case either that he desires a retrial of the entire case or of certain designated questions of fact, the court shall grant the appeal if appellant "demands" a trial de novo of the action in the supreme court is not a sufficient compliance therewith.

(2) Upon a motion by respondent to strike from the files the statement of the case for failure to contain proper specifications appellant made a counter motion for an order remanding the record to enable him to make application to have proper specifications supplied, held, under the showing that such counter motion should be granted upon the payment of certain motion costs as terms.

(3) Upon motion to strike appellant's brief for failure to conform to the rules of the supreme court, the motion was denied, the appellant to file a new brief, it appearing that the omissions are the result of inadvertence and that respondent will not be prejudiced by the granting of such leave.

Motion to strike appellant's statement of case and brief for an affirmance of the judgment of the district court, denied conditionally. Opinion of the court by Fisk, C. J. Christianson, J., disqualified, did not participate.

From Pierce County.
 Oscar S. Hilmen, plaintiff, and respondent, vs. Tobias Nygaard and Mary Nygaard, defendants and appellants.

Syllabus: (1) Where an appeal has been dismissed, and the court has lost jurisdiction of the case, and cannot recall the remittitur, or review its decision unless the order was based on fraud or mistake of fact, the remittitur was sent down through inadvertence or mistake.

(2) Upon a motion to re-instate an appeal, upon the ground that an order of dismissal was entered against appellant through his mistake, inadvertence, surprise or excusable neglect, appellant must show apparent fraud or mistake of fact.

Appeal from district court of Pierce county, Burr, J. Motion to re-instate appeal. Opinion of the court by Christianson, J.

It is an interesting condition in the world's affairs that every country seems to be favorable to prosperity of the United States. The same conditions that make hard times in South America, make good times here. The world seems to be bringing grief to our world.

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 Ladies' patent leather lace and button shoes in the J. & T. Cousins make, plain toes, splendid lasts, at per pair, \$1.98

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 Last season's styles in ladies' warm winter coats, the best of materials, and coats that are worth from \$15 to \$25. Take your choice tomorrow for, \$5.00

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 Children's heavy chin-chilla, cheviot and mixture coats in sizes up to 14, with good warm linings. One line of values up to \$7.50, at each \$3.25

BOYS' SHOES.
 Boys' heavy school and play shoes, made for good hard wear, button and lace styles in all sizes, prices at \$1.39, \$1.48, \$1.59, \$1.79 and \$1.98 per pair.

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 3. 35c Initial Handkerchiefs, in H. J. L. N. T. and K at, each \$1.00
 Also \$3.00, \$2.75, \$1.25 and \$1.00 values at, Half Price

AGRICULTURAL FAIR SUCCESS
 Saturday Will be Wind-up Day—Traveling Men and Elks Will Rule.

SURVEY ACROSS RESERVATION
 Watford, N. D., Oct. 14.—A camp of Soo surveyors comprising eleven men, three tents and three automobiles, were camped at the eastern part of McKenzie county making a preliminary survey from Saniah in a southeasterly direction across the reservation, about midway between Berg and Keene. It is reported that the crew will work in the county until they have carried the line across the reservation to the Yellowstone river. This survey is one of a half dozen which the Soo has made across McKenzie county from Saniah to the Yellowstone river in the past three or four years. The opposition to the company is making a thorough examination of all possible routes across the country, "before coming" to any decision.

MAN SUICIDES ON MINNESOTA FARM
 Positive Identification Lacking but Many Saw Him in Thief River Falls.

Thief River Falls, Oct. 14.—A faded photograph of a woman, young and good looking, was taken years ago in a Chicago photograph gallery, the only clue found on the dead body of an unknown man, found in a sitting posture on the farm of J. V. Conklin, one of the city's best known citizens, at noon yesterday. Two bullet holes over the right temple and a 32 revolver lying on the ground beside the body, were the only clues found by the man in ending his life. The body was brought to this city and is being held at a local undertaking parlour for identification.

Early yesterday morning a stranger called at the Laing Hardware company's store and purchased the revolver, since identified as that found on the body of the man. The man purchased only five cartridges and when asked if he did not want a box replied that "these will be all I will need for my purpose." He was about 55 years of age, dressed in workman's clothes and of neat, tidy appearance. The features are regular and those of one of Scandinavian birth. A heavy beard covered the lower portion of the man's face. The body was viewed yesterday afternoon and several thought they recognized a man who had lived near Hazel for the past year. Others recalled seeing the man in the city during the past week but positive identification is still lacking. The remains will be buried in Thief River Falls in the hopes of discovering relatives of some one who will know something of the stranger.

STOCKHOLDERS OF HOSPITAL ELECT
 Carrington, N. D., Oct. 14.—The stockholders of the hospital association met and elected the following board of directors: J. E. Galehouse, Jr., Carrington; P. C. Peterson, Carrington; W. H. Swinton, Carrington; C. B. Craven, Carrington; Peter Zink, Carrington; E. P. Ferguson, Bismarck; and Peter Hanson, Bismarck. The board organized by electing J. E. Galehouse, Jr., president; P. C. Peterson, vice president; W. H. Swinton, secretary; C. B. Craven, treasurer.

ANOTHER WOMAN'S PENSION GRANTED
 Schafer, N. D., Oct. 14.—The first mother's pension in this county under the new law has just been granted by County Judge Elde to a woman who is the mother of Ferguson, Bismarck, of whom are under 12 years of age. The needy woman has been a resident of McKenzie county about a year, coming here from the territory of the state. Her husband died some months ago.

FASHIONS IN SOUTH AMERICA
 Harriet Chambers Adams in World Outlook.
 Trade-development is a fascinating study. I recall a voyage up the Paraguay river when I made acquaintance of the Guarani Indian woman, brave and industrious, and the most accomplished head balancers on the globe. It is quite the usual thing for a woman to carry a basket on her head filled with five struggling turkeys and three chickens, while she holds a long black cigar. One day I followed a woman to her home, where she directs the progress of three children, leads a stubborn burro and smokes a long black cigar. One day I followed a woman to her home, where she directs the progress of three children, leads a stubborn burro and smokes a long black cigar.

ATTORNEY ATTACKED AT MORTGAGE SALE
 Jamestown, N. D., Oct. 14.—Sheriff Wright left with a warrant for the arrest of Peter Neva, a farmer near Courtenay, charged with assault and battery upon Attorney John W. Carr, acting for K. Boyus, mortgagee in the foreclosure sale of personal property belonging to Andrew Neva at the latter's farm, northeast quarter of 14-55, four miles west of Courtenay. Neva was attacked and severely beaten by Peter Neva.

In swearing out the complaint, Attorney Carr states that at the conclusion of the sale Peter Neva made a remark unfavorable to mortgage foreclosure and struck Attorney Carr in the face with his fist. The attorney was taken entirely by surprise and was unaware but caught his assailant and held him for a moment, but not wishing to participate in any melee, the attorney started for his auto. Neva followed and again, without warning, struck him on the nose and eye. As Neva was surrounded by friends and the attorney did not offer resistance, but though seriously hurt, made his way to his auto and escaped.

A warrant was issued by Magistrate Murphy and the sheriff, Neva, in addition to the assault and battery, was a civil action for damages will be started by the attorney.

Amos Crab, world's champion angler says: Instead of taking time to the forelock, catch fish by the head and the rest will follow.

their native settlement with indigo blue corsets and bright red open hose, neatly painted on their chocolate colored skin. The North American jewelry salesman who are making the first South American tour this year ought to come back this year with plenty of orders.

MINER TURNS FARMER.
 Farm and Fireade.
 Alex Palo 15 years ago was a miner at Biwabik, Minn. He had a wife and five children and was getting fair wages, but there was no future in store for him. He decided to take up farming and picked out a quarter section near the railroad at Embarras, Minn. He took up 160 acres upon the homestead act. When he settled on the claim he had a team of horses and \$250.

For the last eight years Mr. Palo has had an average of nearly 40 bushels of potatoes a year, which is his principal cash crop.

Recently Mr. Palo bought 40 acres more from the railroad company for the value of the timber on it. He has a comfortable house and a good barn. These are eight children now.

When Mr. Palo worked in the mines he was gone in the morning before the children were up, and he did not get home at night until they had gone to bed. On the farm the boys work with him and get acquainted with their him and each other, and their mother help, too, and they are all developing into good farmers and good citizens.

Wide men change their minds more frequently than foolish ones, not about fundamentals, but about those matters in which further information naturally brings more or less change of mind to an understanding head.

LEGAL NOTICES.
SALE OF ESTATE.
 Notice is hereby given, that under authority of an order of sale granted by the Hon. J. T. Berdahl, Judge of the County Court in and for the County of Pierce and State of North Dakota, dated the 14th day of October, 1915, the undersigned, as the administrator of the Estate of Peter Barr, deceased, late of the County of Pierce and State of North Dakota, will sell at private sale to the highest bidder, for cash, and subject to confirmation by the Judge of said County Court, the following described real estate, to-wit:

The Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Twelve (12) in Township One Hundred Fifty-three (153) of Range Fifty-four (54) in the County of Grand Forks and State of North Dakota.

The sale will be made on or after the 23rd day of October, 1915. The sale will be left at the office of the administrator at Rugby, N. Dak., or filed with the Judge of said County Court.

This land is incumbered in the sum of \$2,000.00 drawing interest at 7 1/2% per annum by one first mortgage and commission mortgage, which the bidder may agree to assume, applying principles to-wit: \$200.00, upon the pure cash price.

Dated October 4th, 1915.
 R. E. Wenzel, as administrator of the Estate of Peter Barr, Deceased.
 (Oct. 7-14.)

Notice of Foreclosure of Lien.
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Tom Moore, doing business under the name of Moore Auto Company, of Grand Forks, North Dakota, and being a creditor of said county, during the ownership and operation of an automobile garage and repair shop in the City of Grand Forks, North Dakota, during the year 1915 performed labor, skill and services and furnished materials for the repair and improvement of said car, Runabout car No. 5119, for and at the special instance and request of William W. Gibbons, as administrator of the Estate of said county, in the sum of One Hundred Sixty-two and 23-100 (\$162.23) Dollars, and that the same is long past due, and that payment has been demanded, and the same has not been paid, and the said car is still being in the lawful possession of the said Moore Auto Company, and is claimed by said company, and upon said car for the payment of said amount.

Now therefore, notice is hereby given, that under and by virtue of said lien so such case provided, the undersigned will sell the above described car at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy its said lien and expenses in connection therewith, and that such sale will be made on October 23rd, 1915, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day in front of Mr. W. Day's Warehouse on University Avenue, between Ninth Street and Marvel Avenue, Grand Forks, North Dakota, unless the same is sooner redeemed as by law provided.

MOORE AUTO COMPANY,
 By Tom Moore,
 H. A. Libby, Lien Holder,
 Attorney for Moore Auto Co., Grand Forks, N. D.

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