

Big Corporations Are Not the Only People Who Do Dishonest Things. Some of the Small Fry Are Just as Crooked as They Dare to Be

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CARRANZA TROOPS FIRE ON U. S. MEN AND KILL ONE

First Chief Sends Regrets, Urging That Americans Withdraw

U. S. TO SEND REINFORCEMENTS

American Troops Return the Fire and Kill Scores of Disgruntled Mexicans.

Washington, April 14.—American troops in Mexico have had their battle with the natives, at the moment Gen. Carranza is urging their withdrawal. On Wednesday night, while Gen. Carranza's note was on its way to Washington, troopers of the 7th cavalry under Maj. Tompkins were fired upon in Parral, a Villa stronghold in western Chihuahua; were pursued to the suburbs, while the Carranza garrison took a doubtful part in the affray, and were attacked again during the night.

Complete information regarding the losses to the American troops or to the Mexicans had not reached Washington last night. Secretary Baker informed President Wilson that a brief dispatch to the war department said that, according to unofficial reports, one American cavalryman was killed and that troopers used a machine gun against the Mexicans.

Last night the situation of the isolated detachment was the cause of some anxiety. Outnumbered and possibly beleaguered in a neighborhood notoriously anti-American, and how far from reinforcements no one at Washington knows, the troopers may be in grave danger which only the thin and uncertain lines of communication from the advance base of the American army in Mexico can tell. The story of the attack upon them is told in the following dispatches to the Carranza embassy at Washington, the first from Foreign Minister Aguilar and the second from Gen. Carranza himself.

"Please confer with the honorable Secretary Lansing and inform him that today at 1 p. m. a column of 150 American soldiers entered the city of Parral. The mayor of the city, Jose de la Luz Herrera, immediately called the attention of the commander of this column to the inconvenience of his entering the city, his soldiers immediately withdrawing, but when they were leaving the people protested and the mayor and military commanders tried to control them with their appeals in order to prevent friction, but owing to the impudence of a civilian who fired a shot, a general disorder followed in which one American soldier was killed and several civilians were wounded by shots from American soldiers. Military commanders succeeded in checking the mob at Maturana, to avoid them from following American troops, forming a cordon of constitutionalist soldiers.

"In this connection, the Mexican government warned the government of the United States from beginning that it would be unwise for American troops to pass through cities, due to the impossibility to avoid friction between them and the people and our forces at an unexpected moment. The American government, to that effect, agreed to give the necessary instructions to its troops to have them abstain from occupying any towns. The Mexican government deprecates the occurrence, but it was beyond its efforts to prevent it and insists with the American government on the necessity of withdrawing its troops from our soil in order not to give room for the alteration of the good and cordial relations which both countries are obliged to preserve."

A dispatch from Gen. Carranza himself follows: "After message sent you by Secretary for Foreign Affairs Aguilar, the secretary of war received a message from Gen. Gutierrez dated at Chihuahua informing him that it had been impossible for military commanders to check the mob against American troops who entered Parral, and that this evening (April 12) the fight had continued between our people and the American forces, that many deaths had occurred on both sides. Gen. Obregon has already given orders to prevent continuance of battle, but the excitement is so great among the people that I fall to know whether the struggle can be stopped. "Call on the secretary of state and advise him that the occurrence is due to the unwise action of the American commander in having entered Parral without the permission of the authorities, violating the orders of that gov-

forbidding the occupation of town. American forces. Please cause to see that it is unwise for American troops to remain any longer on our soil, as more serious incidents than the present one, which we must avoid at all cost, may develop. Please make use of any arguments you may deem advisable to put an end to the situation created by the presence of American troops in our territory. I will keep on advising you through the foreign office of any further incidents."

CARRANZA BACK TO CAPITAL

Washington, April 13.—General Carranza is preparing immediately to set up the capital of his defacto Government in Mexico City. Official reports to the State Department tonight said he expected to leave Queretaro, the temporary capital, today, and should arrive in Mexico City tomorrow.

The decision to restore the seat of government to the ancient capital at this time is believed here to have been due largely to Carranza's desire to impress the people of Mexico with the view that he actually is head of the nation and to quiet unrest caused by the presence of United States troops on Mexican soil. It was suggested that the trouble yesterday at Parral, where American soldiers and Mexican civilians exchanged shots, probably hastened the action.

PACKERS TO BE PAID

Pleased With Action of British Prize Court.

Chandler P. Anderson, formerly counselor for the state department at Washington and now the representative of the Chicago meat packers in the prize court cases at London, involving cargoes valued at between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 states that settlement with the British government has been agreed upon and that the money would be paid over today. "I wish," said Mr. Anderson, "to express my appreciation of the fairness with which the negotiations with the representatives of the British government have been conducted and the friendly consideration with which I and my clients have been treated." Mr. Anderson represents the Armour, Swift, Hammond and Morris companies, B. Lloyd Griscomb representing the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger company, also joined in the settlement on the same basis as Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson said the amount to be paid by the British government would be announced later.

TURKS MAKING A STAND

Strong Defense of Balbut to Bar Russians from Trebizond.

Petrograd, April 14.—By means of a series of counter-attacks carried out with great energy, the Turks in Armenia are straining to the utmost to defend the important city of Balbut, at the chief junction of the roads between Erzerum and Trebizond. Since in addition to the good roads to Sivas and Mamakhatun there are several trails from Balbut through the Pontus range to the Black sea coast, the occupation of Balbut establishes close connection between the armies moving along the coast to Trebizond and the central Russian army aiming at Erzerum.

The new line of attack upon the Black sea port of Trebizond from the south, which the occupation of this junction would offer, would, it is believed, cause the immediate retirement of the Turkish forces defending the approaches to Trebizond and lead to the capitulation of Turkey's most important Black sea port. Balbut itself is an important provisioning center and formerly served the Turkish forces at Erzerum as a base for ammunition supplies.

In the Armenian theatre the Russian troops are steadily advancing in a southeasterly direction toward the upper Tigris, where Russian officials say the Turks have been less successful than elsewhere in checking the progress of the Russians.

CLASSIFIED

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FOR SALE—30 swarms of bees. Apply W. Horst, Old Bennington, tel. 192-14. 596*

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FOR SALE—At 11 Congress street, one 3-burner oil stove with oven, one drop head birdsize maple sewing machine, nearly new, one adjustable couch. All in good condition. Apply W. J. Spaulding. 594*

BRIEF LULL COMES IN GREAT BATTLE OF VERDUN

German Effort to Attack Foiled by French Fire Curtain

HEAVY GUN FIRE ONLY ACTIVITY

French Discourage German Attack on Hill 304 With Use of Liquid Fire.

Berlin, April 14.—An attack by the French on the West bank of the Meuse was repulsed today. Otherwise, the war office announced there was no change on the Verdun front.

London, April 13.—German activity on the Verdun front has slackened to a marked degree. Calm prevailed in the whole region last night, according to the French official bulletin. Today the German artillery was bombarding the French positions west of the Meuse, especially Hill 304 and the lines from Le Mort Homme to Cuimeries. On the east of the river, says Paris, the guns were less active. No infantry action took place anywhere.

The only evidence of serious operations by the Crown Prince during the twenty-four hours was before Hill 304, where, according to Paris, preparations were made to assault, but the attack was prevented by French fire.

According to a Paris treaty, as told by a late dispatch from the French capital, the Germans are bombarding the Verdun lines with a view to an early return to the practice of delivering a series of short, sharp blows at different points of the line, aiming to disorganize the system of reserve by diversity in the points attacked and gradually wear down the defenses, thus preparing a general assault. It is expected in Paris that the Germans will attack the west bank positions again as soon as a favorable opportunity presents.

SELLING DEAD LETTERS.

One Postoffice Custom That Teaches a Moral Lesson.

Twice a year in Washington they hold a curious auction. It is called the dead letter sale, but in reality it is the sale of packages that have been sent to the dead letter office because of deficient postage or wrong directions.

After these packages have been held for a certain length of time, in order to give senders or owners an opportunity to claim them, they are sold at public auction.

It is often a strange and pathetic collection. Most of the articles are cheap enough, although valuable things are not lacking. But who can estimate the intrinsic value of some of those lost gifts—the time and sacrifice and love they respect? How many lives were robbed of a happiness that rightfully belonged to them because of the sender's carelessness or ignorance?

Is there not a parable lurking somewhere about this strange auction? How many lives are there today that hold the possibility of gifts for other lives, yet through carelessness or ignorance or indifference are robbing both themselves and others and are carelessly making "dead letters" of gifts for which eager eyes and hearts are longing?

There is no sale of these dead gifts. No one has any chance at them. They are doubly lost—lost to the one who should have used them and to the world that needs them. What a pitiful waste of power and joy!—Baltimore American.

Japanese Proverbs. "Some insects feed upon smartweed" (There is no accounting for tastes). "If in a hurry go around" (The more haste the less speed). "Live under your own hat" (Let well enough alone).

"The mouth is the front gate of misfortune" (The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity). "When the clouds gather let the householder look to his roof."

A Practical Girl. "Alberta, this love I bear for you is consuming me," declared the ardent young man with the big Adam's apple and the little salary. "Well," declared the laughing dame, "I accept you, but you know these days the consumer has to pay the cost."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Thoughtful Ostrich. The Arab has a curious belief that the ostrich lays twenty-four eggs, but eventually hatches only twenty-three of them, the extra egg being kept by the old bird for the purpose of feeding her young ones on.—Wide World Magazine.

ROOSEVELT WON'T BACK "PEACE OF COWARDICE"

Will Make National Honor His Campaign Issue

SUPPORTS A PROTECTIVE TARIFF

Appeals to the Soul of the Nation Not to Allow a National Record of Shame.

Oyster Bay, L. I., April 13.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, after four days of comparative quiet which marked his trip to Massachusetts and Connecticut, jumped into the pre-convention campaign with redoubled vigor today. He was asked to comment on The New York Tribune's editorial pledging the support of that Republican newspaper, and he dictated the following statement:

"Of course I deeply appreciate what The Tribune says of me, but I appreciate infinitely more what it says in advocacy of the things for which I stand.

The final sentence of the editorial says: "We are choosing which way the country shall go in the era that is now opening just as our fathers chose the nation's path in the days of 1860."

This sentence should be in the mind of every man who at Chicago next June takes part in formulating the platform and naming the candidate. The men at Chicago should act in the spirit of the men who stood behind Abraham Lincoln.

From time to time it has recently been announced that the fight against Mr. Wilson is to be waged only, or almost only, on the tariff. Such an appeal would be an appeal to the belly and not to the soul of the American nation.

By all means provide for the things of the body, but only on condition that we treat the body as the servant of the soul.

I believe heartily in a protective tariff. Unless we return to a protective tariff, preferably administered through a commission of experts, we shall have widespread economic disaster at the end of this war.

But this is not the great issue on which the fight is to be made if the highest service is to be rendered the American people.

The issue is that the American people must find its own soul. National honor is a spiritual thing that cannot be haggled over in terms of dollars. We must stand not only for America first but for America first and last and all the time and without any second.

Our loyalty must be to the whole United States. The East must stand for the safeguarding of the Pacific Coast against every foe. The West must stand for the safeguarding of the Atlantic Coast against every foe. East and West and North and South alike must hold the life of every man and the honor of every woman on the remote ranch on the Mexican border as a sacred trust to be guaranteed by the might of our united nation.

We can be true to mankind at large only if we are true to ourselves. If we are false to ourselves we are false to anyone else. We have a lofty ideal to serve, a great mission to accomplish for the cause of freedom and of genuine democracy and of justice and fair dealing throughout the world.

If we are weak and slothful and absorbed in mere money getting and rapid excitement we can neither serve these causes nor any others. We must stand for national discipline and for preparedness, military, social, and industrial, in order to help the soul of this nation.

We stand for peace, but only for the peace that comes as a right to the just man armed and not for the peace which the coward purchases by abject submission to wrong. The peace of cowardice leads in the end to war after a record of shame.

DELAWARE FOR ROOSEVELT

Boom For Dupont Collapsed at Convention.

Wilmington, Del., April 13.—Four or five of the six Delaware delegates to the Republican National Convention will cast their votes for Theodore Roosevelt. This was the interesting development aired and accepted in political circles here today as the result of the defeat of the reactionary Republican machine last Tuesday at the State convention by Alfred I. du Pont and the Progressive element in the party.

The defeat of the organization was reflected today in the virtual collapse of the T. S. S. du Pont boom for the Presidency and the rush to the Roosevelt standard.

WILL NOT RECALL U. S. TROOPERS FROM MEXICO

Administration Will Continue Hunt For Villa and His Bandits

NO REPLY YET TO FIRST CHIEF

Detachments of Punitive Expedition Being Concentrated Because of Carranza's Attitude.

Washington, April 14.—The American troops will remain in Mexico for the present, at least, it was announced after the cabinet meeting today. The hunt for Villa will continue. No answer has as yet been made to Carranza's request that the United States troops be withdrawn.

El Paso Tex., April 14.—The American troops in the vicinity of Parral are reported to have defeated a Villista band in an engagement near Troya.

It is reported that a Villista band or an independent force of bandits is operating between the border and San Antonio, Mex., the present base of the expedition.

A force of Villistas numbering 200 is reported to have attacked a cattle train south of Parral.

The Carranza garrison at Jaurez is reported to be strongly anti-American.

Columbus, N. M., April 14.—Carranza's request that the American troops be withdrawn from Mexico has resulted in a concentration of the smaller detachments that have been in pursuit of Villa and there will be no extension of the line of communications until after some definite conclusion has been reached regarding Carranza's attitude.

T. R. WILL GET TWO VOTES

There's Break in "Solid" Delegation For Sherman of Illinois

Chicago, April 12.—Theodore Roosevelt will get at least two votes from Illinois in the republican national convention, according to returns from yesterday's primary election. City Treasurer Charles H. Serget in the second, and City Clerk John Sloman in the sixth district, broke the slate which provided for a solid delegation with 58 votes for Senator L. Y. Sherman for president. They were elected as district delegates and will vote for Roosevelt. John M. Harlan, the only Roosevelt candidate for delegate at large was defeated.

On the democratic side Roger C. Sullivan claims 45 of the 68 delegates to the St. Louis convention.

In Chicago complete returns show that Mayor Thompson lost 21 of the 35 wards in the city in the fight for control of the country republican committee. Sullivan and his friends carried 28 of the 35 wards, defeating former Mayor Carter H. Harrison.

LOCAL BOY SCOUTS

Thirteen Take Oaths and Become Tenderfoots.

Thirteen boys and many parents gathered at the Y. M. C. A. Thursday evening in the city in the first ceremony of taking the first degree of scoutcraft. The boys who qualified were, Calvin Moore, Earl Chase, Gordon Southall, Roland Hunter, Charles F. Moore, Jr., Paul Warren, Wadjo Holden, Frederick MacLaren, George Graves, and Clarence Brown.

There are three classes of Scouts, tenderfoot, second class, and first class. To become a tenderfoot scout a boy must be at least twelve years of age; he must learn the twelve scout laws, which say a scout is to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent; he has to know the significance of the scout badge; the history of the American flag and the customary form of respect due it; the four knots; and take the scout oath, in which he promises to do his best, to do his duty to God and his country, to obey the scout law, to help other people at all times, and to keep himself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

After exercises in which different boys recited the above items, each came forward, took the oath, was welcomed as a tenderfoot by acting scoutmaster O. L. Elwood, and received a scout pin and certificate showing their registration with the National organization.

WILL SEVER RELATIONS

Washington Getting Ready to Break With Germany.

Washington, April 14.—The president's reply to the latest note from Berlin will be another note in which he will state that another submarine act like the sinking of the Sussex will mean a severance of diplomatic relations.

THE FORTNIGHTLY

Last Meeting of the Season Comes Tomorrow.

The Fortnightly meeting tomorrow afternoon at the Congregational chapel offers a splendid program as well as the election of officers and other interesting and important business usually transacted at the annual meeting. The nominees for the various offices are: Mrs. Frank E. Howe, president; Mrs. H. MacGregor Ritchie, vice president; Mrs. Walter R. Mattison, secretary; Mrs. William S. Boynton, treasurer and Mrs. Grant L. Harbour, assistant treasurer.

The program on "Bird Life in Bennington" is in charge of Mrs. L. C. H. Ross and will be of unusual interest as the papers of both Dr. and Mrs. Ross, who have such an intimate knowledge of local bird life, will be illustrated with an exhibit of mounted birds most kindly loaned by Chelsea Harrington and Mrs. William H. Bradford. There will be music on themes appropriate to the afternoon. Mrs. Amyel Baker and Mrs. L. H. Ross will sing, accompanied by Mrs. Arthur J. Holden and she will also play two numbers. The music will be of especial interest as the club has the use of a new cabinet grand piano sent directly from the Ivers and Pond factory.

The program will close with a social tea in charge of Mrs. Warwick S. Carpenter and Mrs. H. MacGregor Ritchie.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Story by Dr. Gilbert at Second Congregational Church.

Holy Week services will be held at the Second Congregational church four nights of next week.

On Tuesday and Wednesday night, Rev. George Holley Gilbert, D. D., of Dorset, will read an original story of the life of Jesus, imaginative and popular in character but based on the historically accredited data, a story whose aim is to help the reader to see the real Jesus, and not only to see him but to love and trust him.

The title of this story is "Jesus for a Modern Fireside where Science and Religion Meet."

Thursday night the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered, with a brief address by the pastor.

Friday night a special printed service will be used, different from any heretofore used, in which the people will take part with song and reading and prayer, entitled "The Way of the Cross." The pastor will give a brief address.

An offering will be taken at the service on Thursday night to help defray some necessary expenses.

The hour of beginning the service each night is 7.30. Christian friends and all interested in the purpose of these meetings which is to deepen religious thought and feeling will be most welcome at these services.

STRIKE AT GRANVILLE

Vermont Deputies on Guard at the Quarries.

Granville, N. Y., April 13. The slate quarry-workers' strike here assumed a more serious aspect today, the industry being completely paralyzed by the action of the cutters, trimmers, splitters and other employes in joining the pitmen, who walked out Wednesday demanding an increase of two cents an hour in their wages. A general increase of 5 cents an hour is demanded.

In response to an appeal by the quarry owners to State Attorney C. V. Poulin of Rutland to provide protection for their property, most of which is located on the Vermont side of the line, in the town of Pawlet, six deputy sheriffs arrived today and two more will reach here tomorrow.

State Attorney Poulin came to Granville today for first-hand information on the situation and when he left for Rutland tonight he declared that the possibility of serious trouble was a remote one. He added, however, that the deputies would remain here until every possible danger of violence is past. Mr. Poulin said the deputies had been "clothed with the proper legal authority to make any arrests they deemed necessary" in case of trouble.

So He Would.

The keeper was feeding the pythons. Several live rabbits were tossed into the cage and were immediately and greedily seized by the reptiles. The struggling rabbits, although seemingly almost as large as the snakes, were swallowed whole one after another.

The ghastly sight prompted the scholarly looking man to exclaim, "Grew some, eh, keeper?" The keeper turned a glance of scorn upon the professor. "Yes, and you'd 'a' grew some, too, if you'd 'a' all that live stock, I guess."

Baked Crabs.

Mix with the contents of a can of deviled crab meat, breadcrumbs and pounded crackers, pepper and salt to taste. Mince some cold ham. Have the baking pan well buttered, place therein first a layer of crab meat prepared as above, then a layer of minced ham, and so on, alternating until the pan is filled. Cover the top with crumbs and bits of butter and bake.

ALL TAXES PAID BY FORESTS OWNED BY TOWNS

European Plan Favored by the State Forester

CHANCE IN THIS COUNTRY

A. F. Hawes, State Forester in Bennington and Urges Municipal Forestry.

State Forester A. F. Hawes was in Bennington Thursday in the interest of his department. There is an increasing interest in forestry in the state and there will be more forest tree seedlings planted this year than ever before. Owing, however, to the increased planting at the state nursery there are more young trees available than ever before.

Mr. Hawes would like to see more interest in municipal forestry in Vermont and thinks that Bennington county towns have an exceptional opportunity to make themselves prosperous through this work.

In Germany and France there are many towns where the people do not have to pay taxes because forests owned by the towns furnish income enough to meet all expenses.

The start is made by buying forest land just after it is cut over and the value is small. The land is then planted to valuable forest trees of various kinds and in the course of a few years under forestry methods the forest furnishes a good income each year.

Only the trees that are ready to cut are taken out and young ones put in. The cost of caring for the property is almost nothing.

Perhaps the best chance for municipal forestry is in Manchester where the Rich lumber company is cutting over a big area. This land after being cut off will not furnish another crop for fully 50 years if left to itself.

If Manchester could buy the land at a small price and plant it at once to quick growing trees in from 25 to 40 years the land would probably give each year an income that would do away with all taxes in the town and give money for all needed improvement.

Here in Bennington Bald Mountain furnishes a good field. It would, of course, be impossible to buy it all at once, but if it could be acquired in small tracts as it comes into the market the next generation of Bennington people would not have to fret about the annual visit of the linters.

That the business can be made successful has been proved over and over again in France and Germany, and with lumber and pulp prices going up the business gets better from year to year. It is certainly an interesting subject to consider.

The city of Rutland which owns the watershed in Mendon where the city water comes from has decided to plant the watershed to forest trees this spring.

Mr. Hawes went back to Burlington this morning but will visit Bennington again some time next month.

BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL

Standing of the Teams

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, P.C. Boston 2 0 1.000, Philadelphia 1 1 .500, Chicago 1 1 .500, St. Louis 1 1 .500, Cleveland 0 2 .000, Philadelphia 0 2 .000

National League

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, P.C. Boston-Brooklyn, west grounds, New York 2, Philadelphia 0, Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 0, Cincinnati 8, Chicago 3

Standing of the Teams

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, P.C. Boston 1 0 1.000, Philadelphia 1 1 .500, New York 1 1 .500, Chicago 1 1 .500, St. Louis 1 1 .500, Pittsburgh 1 1 .500, Cincinnati 1 1 .500, Brooklyn 1 1 .500

THE LITTLE PRINCESS

Pretty Little Play Tonight by the Camp Fire Girls.

The Little Princess was very well received last night by an appreciative audience of little folks, at the final dress rehearsal. Tonight, the finished production will be presented at 8 o'clock to grown ups and children accompanied by parents at Library hall. Tickets will be on sale at the door or may be purchased in advance at Gokay's Drug store or from members of the Camp Fire. Last night the candy booth was a very popular attraction and will again be at the command of patrons tonight.