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THE MEXICAN SITUATION

The Oregonian has had much criticism of President Wilson over his Mexican policy or what it perhaps considers, his lack of it. Our big contemporary insists we should go to war with Mexico if necessary to bring the murderers of Americans in Mexico to justice. It does not say so in words, but by every implication it does. In three years 72 Americans have been killed by Mexican bandits. In the preceding three years 47 were killed, and at that time, or during most of it there was a recognized government to deal with. Yet Taft did nothing more than Wilson has done towards "bringing murderers of American in Mexico to justice". During President Wilson's term there has been no government in that unhappy country with which this country could deal, or which it could hold responsible. The country was in a state of anarchy, and such Americans as went there or remained there under the circumstances did so at their peril. True they are and were entitled to the protection of this government, so far as it could be given them, but there are circumstances where the protection of government becomes impossible and cannot be expected.

Suppose the United States should be held responsible by every foreign country whose citizens are murdered in this country and should tell us we must put a stop to it or they would make war on us, would we or could we comply with the demand? Yet there are more foreigners murdered in the United States ten times over yearly than there are Americans killed in Mexico.

Carranza is apparently making an honest effort to put a stop to these killings, and to punish the murderers. What more can be done?

While Root and other patriotic republicans who want office are roasting the democratic administration for the unprepared condition of the country, they are careful not to mention the fact that less than three years ago their party went out of power after a sixteen year session at the bat, and left an army just about as it is now and a navy not so strong. Why did not Roosevelt and his successor get busy, increase the army and build up an "incomparable navy?" It is "Democratic" mismanagement they want to get rid of so they say, and for it they would substitute republican mismanagement, unless they made a radical change from the system of their last sixteen years in power. Their "preaching isn't sanctioned by their practice."

Portland is to have a shipbuilding plant with a capacity of handling anything in the line of ships desired. This should be of vast importance to the metropolis as ship building promises to be an industry that will grow rapidly and last indefinitely. The United States must have ships, and they will be built with or without government aid or control. The European war has demonstrated our woful deficiency in this line; a deficiency that has cost the country millions and will continue to handicap her trade for years to come. The docks in New York and other eastern ports are loaded with freight that cannot be shipped owing to lack of ships, and at the same time freight rates are from four to six times higher than before the war.

The Progressive party of southwest Texas, disbanded at a meeting in San Antonio Saturday night. The committee went on record declaring the party had outlived its usefulness and "was only kept alive by a few leaders who wanted to use it for trading purposes at the republican convention in Chicago." This will make unpleasant reading for the strenuous one, who is still its leader.

Medford is planning to celebrate the tercentenary of Shakespeare the last of April and first of May by a series of pageants, lectures and performances. The program has not been completed, but with Shakespeare as the cause of the blow out it will be, when completed, a real genuine "Bill, of the Play."

Instead of "wars and rumors of wars" there are wars and rumors of peace. They are numerous and varied, the latest being to the effect that Japan and Russia were likely to ask separate peace with Germany and would unite with her when the war was over in parcelling out China. With the present activities in Armenia there seems to be little grounds for such a rumor. Russia would rather have Constantinople than all China and her only chance of ever getting it is to stick to the allies. She may not get it by doing so, but she has a chance if the allies win.

Just when the charge is made before congress that American aviators at San Diego could none of them fly, Corporal Albert Smith attached to the signal corps at that place, broke all records for sustained flight, being in the air 8 hours and 42 minutes.

While congress is about to take up the question of preventing oriental immigration, and compelling all those here to register so they can be kept track of, it would be well to arrange for deporting all of them if they do not cease their tong wars.



ODE TO COALMAN

Oh, coalman, bring your coal, and pour it down the hole, and then send in your bill; for everything I earn must go for stuff to burn, to keep off winter's chill. We're running short of spuds, the kids are needing duds, "a hat," demands the frau; but they must watch and wait till I quit buying slate, about two months from now. The bill for heating bars all extras like cigars, car rides and magazines; I used to purchase meat, but now I have to eat the cheaper kinds of beans. I shiver in the storm; to keep the shanty warm, I wear a summer suit; my uncle has my coat, the coalman has my goat, and I'm a sad galoot. A hundred things I need, I want some books to read, a brand new graphophone; but all must go for coal—the coalman gets my roll, down to the final bone. Oh, coalman, send your teams, while yet the blizzard screams, unload your "lump" and "egg"; and on collection day pursue me for the pay, and pull my weary leg.

WASHINGTON

Like some lone mountain in the starry night, lifting its head snow-capped, severely white, into the silence of the upper air, serene, remote, and always changeless there! Firm as that mountain in the day of dread, when Freedom wept, and pointed to her dead; grim as that mountain to the ruthless foe, wasting the land that wearied of its woe; strong as that mountain, 'neath his load of care, when brave men faltered in a sick despair. So does his fame, like that lone mountain, rise, cleaving the mists and reaching to the skies; bright as the beams that on its summit glow, firm as its rocks and stainless as its snow!

A Distinguished Speaker Coming to Our City

The Rev. William D. Simonds, of Oakland, California, is to speak two evenings at the Unitarian church. He is coming as a missionary sent by the American Unitarian association. Rev. Simonds is a man of recognized force and eloquence. He will discuss some of the vital points of Modern Unitarianism and of liberal and progressive Christianity, as well as some of the progressive tendencies which are influencing and modifying the creeds and methods of orthodox and liberal churches alike.

The people of Salem are afforded a splendid opportunity of becoming acquainted with the fundamentals of a faith, the leaders of which have been foremost among America's men of letters, poets and philanthropists.

It is well to know that many of America's authors and essayists are leading Unitarians, who have with pen and word, in verse and prose held up high and transcending ideals before the people, championing human rights, working for human and social progress.

Few of our people seem to have a clear idea and understanding of what the real position of the Unitarian faith is, or are laboring under a previous misunderstanding and false prejudice.

To help overcome this state of affairs and to help our townspeople to a better understanding of the teachings and position of the Unitarian church, Rev. Fischer has invited Rev. Simonds to spend two days in Salem. Come and hear his message. Nothing is more helpful to real community spirit and to true neighborliness than a thorough understanding of each others views, methods and purposes.

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings will be a good time to spend at the Unitarian church to listen to a modern interpretation of liberal Christianity by an able exponent and forceful speaker. Bring your friends. These meetings are arranged in the interest of liberal education and the good of the people and city of Salem.

KILLED BY SNOWSLIDE

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Feb. 21.—Fifty persons, all of whom are believed to have perished, were huddled into an abyss when a big snowslide rushed down the Salzberg Alps today. Forty-three bodies have been recovered.

Marion County Schools To Have Athletic Meet

An athletic meet will be held in Salem early in May in which all the schools of Marion county will take part. This was definitely decided Saturday at the meeting of the Marion county principals association. P. S. Gannett, principal of the Washington junior high school will have charge of the meet. It is planned to include a game of baseball which will decide the school championship of the county, and to give several folk dances and drills by the children from the Marion county schools. Those attending the monthly meeting Saturday afternoon were: L. M. Herren, Middle Grove; C. H. Eng, Silverton; R. K. Cook, Rosedale; Luther D. Cook, Amusville; Elbert Powell Brooks; Pearl Eyre, Pratum; A. N. Arnold, Liberty; W. C. Gannett, Stayton; Fannie L. Douglas, Keizer; J. H. Collins, R. L. Pratt, Elwina Schramm, J. W. Leonard, Washburn; Alfred Benjamin, Salem Heights; F. S. Gannett, City Superintendent; O. M. Elliott, Margaret Cooper, Mrs. L. R. Clark, County School Superintendent W. H. Smith, Salem.

INDEPENDENCE PLANS COMMERCIAL CLUB

Independence, Ore., Feb. 21.—One of the largest meetings of men ever held in this city was that held Tuesday evening at the Beaver hotel. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the advisability of forming a commercial club. A committee of three had solicited every business man in town. Dinner was served at seven, after which P. O. Cosper acted as toastmaster, and chairman of the meeting. M. Merwin, retiring postmaster, made the first talk. He dwelt on the necessity of a commercial club to a city. This was followed by short talks by Messrs. J. G. Macintosh, K. C. Eldridge, A. I. Martin, president of the Dallas Commercial club; J. H. Ackerman, superintendent of the Normal school at Monmouth; B. F. Swope, city attorney; I. A. Cates, editor of the Polk County Observer, and W. C. Fuller, of Dallas.

The chairman then explained the plan of organization, and it was moved and seconded that it be the sense of the gathering that a commercial club be formed, and that the chairman appoint a committee of seven to draft the constitution and by-laws for the club. This motion was carried by a unanimous rising vote.

BEGIN HOT WATER DRINKING IF YOU DON'T FEEL RIGHT

Says glass of hot water with phosphate before breakfast washes out poisons.

If you wake up with a bad taste, bad breath and tongue is coated; if your head is dull or aching; if what you eat sours and forms gas and acid in stomach, or you are bilious, constipated, nervous, sallow and can't get feeling just right, begin inside bathing. Drink before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This will flush the poisons and toxins from stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels and cleanse, sweeten and purify the entire alimentary tract. Do your inside bathing immediately upon arising in the morning to wash out of the system all the previous day's poisonous waste, gases and sour bile before putting more food into the stomach.

To feel like young folks feel; like you felt before your blood, nerves and muscles were loaded with body impurities, get from your pharmacist a quarter pound of limestone phosphate which is inexpensive and almost tasteless, except for a sourish twinge which is not unpleasant.

Just as soap and hot water act on the skin, cleansing, sweetening and freshening, so hot water and limestone phosphate act on the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. Men and women who are usually constipated, bilious, headachy or have any stomach disorder should begin this inside bathing before breakfast. They are assured they will become real cranks on the subject shortly.

Pacific Mail May Resume Operation

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 21.—There are rumors in Japan that the Pacific Mail Steamship line will resume its oriental service from San Francisco, according to Hiromasa Yamanoi, newly appointed Tacoma representative of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha line, who arrived here today from the Orient. Yamanoi also said the Toyo Kisen Kaisha line is considering placing three new vessels on the San Francisco-Yokohama route and will build new docks and shipbuilding yards of their own in Japan.

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NAVAL BASE FOR AUSTRIA

Washington, Feb. 21.—Senator Lane, of Oregon, planned to introduce late this afternoon a bill providing \$3,000,000 for a naval base at Astoria, Ore.

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Mining Companies Must Pay Income Tax

Washington, Feb. 21.—In further sustaining the validity of the federal income tax law, the supreme court of the United States today construed the clause about incomes from mining companies and upheld the government's contention that profits taken from mines are taxable, even though reducing the actual physical value of the mines.

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Orpet Held to Answer Before Grand Jury

Lake Forest, Ill., Feb. 21.—After a coroner's jury had investigated the death of Marion Lambert former sweetheart of William Orpet, college student, accused of her murder, he was held for the action of the Waukegan grand jury this afternoon.

The jury found that the girl died of cyanide of potassium poisoning, and recommended holding Orpet for the grand jury. It was not stated how the poison was administered.

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