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## Humiliating

THE schoolmaster has been at work again. Many people long ago decided that he was weak, but all clung to the impression that he was a thoroughbred that had perhaps been a little overtrained. It is hard now to shake off the impression that there is a decided mustang strain in him, and that now while advertised as a four-mile racer, six hundred yards is his utmost limit.

In his egotism, vanity and longing for further honors, he seems incapable of realizing that by his last performance, he has directly insulted the executive and judiciary of this state and through them the people who elected their state officers.

His note to the governor is most fawning but it is over the signature of the president of the United States, which in one sense is a command.

His first note was all right or would have been had he sent his attorney general or some other equally strong legal authority to officially investigate and report to him. Such a report would have stopped the mouths of ill-informed or malicious men and hysterical women. But he did nothing of the kind. The Swedish minister employed counsel and has a full report and is silent. But the schoolmaster waited until almost the last day and then wired an executive who is under oath to perform his duty to do something which he did not think is his duty. Despite the soft tenor of the request on the part of the chief magistrate the note when analyzed says: "I have received so many petitions from malicious blatherskites, vicious so-called leaders who desire to maintain their positions and salaries; from men who are ignorant of the law and who have no thirst for justice, and so many hysterical women who, to save their own lives could not explain what they are excited over, that I am constrained to indirectly remind you that your western courts often lack both a fine knowledge of the law and a sensitive solicitude to properly interpret it aright, and I am forced to request your excellency to interpose and yield to my request. The demand was in truth the acme of both insolence and impotency."

## Have Handy The Big Stick

THE spineless arguments that the "peace at any price" advocates present should be "discounted everywhere."

The assumption that all nations are like ours, and that all other peoples are like ours and that hence if we are always peaceable we need anticipate no foreign complications is all untenable.

The bandits who from beyond the Rio Grande have been ravaging the homes of the poor Texas farmers, have been doing on a small scale precisely what the strong nations of the earth have been doing since before Thermopylae and Marathon and since before the Trojan War; since before Cam-

byses started out upon the conquest of Egypt; since before Alexander made a conquest of the then civilized world and was followed on the same mission by the iron legions of Rome.

The same spirit caused England to circle the earth with her colonies. And they all find excuses for their work. Cortez and Pizarro committed their atrocities in Mexico and Peru under the plea of extending Christianity. The first Napoleon swept over the thrones of Europe and raged like a lion on his career for twenty years and to hear him, he had no object in view except to defend France against her enemies.

An apt illustration of this spirit is given in the droll story of the two hobos who carried between them the corpse of a third hobo, leaned it against the bar of a saloon, ordered the drinks, swallowed their benzine and then went out, leaving their burden leaning on the bar.

The man behind the bar demanded his pay, and the man leaning upon the bar making no response, the barkeeper struck him and he fell to the floor. Hearing the fall the other two rushed in and, looking at their friend, told the barkeeper that he had killed their friend. The accused man came around from behind the bar, and seeing that the man was really dead, straightened up and declared that he could prove that before he struck him the hobo had pulled a gun on him.

Five or six years ago the school board of San Francisco decided to exclude Japanese children from the same public schools, that their own children attended. They, however, supplied the Japanese with just as good school houses and teachers and the same books as in the American schools.

The reason was that parents did not like to have their little girls occupy seats in school beside little Japs who were eighteen and twenty years old.

But Japan was fearfully incensed and would have made war except that she had not the transportation to bring a large army to our west coast. She still holds that event as an indictment against us. When under Mr. Taft, the army was hurried to the Mexican border and the fleet on both the Atlantic and Pacific was swiftly put in fighting form, no reasonable cause for the flurry has ever been given except that Japan was negotiating with the revolutionary government of Mexico for a lease of the great harbor in Magdalena bay.

That is a reminder that while President Wilson is on good terms with "President" Carranza, he ought to obtain if possible a lease of Lower California for fifty years, to make sure that no foreign power can obtain a base there from which an attack upon our west coast would be made easy.

Colonel Roosevelt had exactly the right idea when he said in substance that while our mission is altogether peaceful, we should always carry or have handy a big stick.

## Science And Genius In War

A LONDON cable the other morning made an opponent of Lord Kitchener say: "Lord Kitchener will not accept advice." That is sometimes a good trait.

After that fearful day at Spottsylvania there was a council of the Union officers called. It has leaked out that a strong majority favored falling back as the army had been wont to do under former commanders. Grant was imperturbable, but finally wrote a note, sealed it, then repeated the same thing several times. Then he handed each corps commander a note. It was written to each to open the envelope when he reached his headquarters. The meeting silently adjourned. On reaching headquarters each note was an order to at a certain hour move forward by the right flank.

It has likewise leaked out that when Lee saw the movement in the morning he, through closed lips was heard to say: "The enemy has a general in command now."

When General Grant went to take command of all the armies in the field, President Lincoln had a plan of campaign mapped out in his brain and unfolded it to Grant. The latter listened patiently and then told the president that he would consider it.

He had been listening and had even then seen that the program of the president was altogether untenable, but he did not want to tell him so, and had merely said that he would consider it.

Whether Lord Kitchener is altogether a great commander, in the sense that Napoleon was supreme, has not been demonstrated, but he has over and over proved that he is a fighter.

However, many a captain is invincible when a single enemy is before him, who is prone to fail when the problem involves directing at the same time several widely separated armies and the question is how to so direct all that a certain result may be achieved. Napoleon ordered three armies, one in the north, one in the west and a third in the center of France, at what hour to leave and on what day to be at a certain designated point. He had calculated the exact time each would require so perfectly that they each made the rendezvous on the same day and then Austerlitz was fought with results which still ring the world. But that was Napoleon.

There are many soldiers in the present war who are perfect in the science of war.

Whether there is one inspired genius of war whose moves are like those of fate, has not yet been demonstrated.

And then science has so progressed in means of defense and destruction, that nearly all the genius that formerly ruled has been anticipated and discounted.

War is well nigh reduced to wholesale murder.

## A Story With A Moral

A FEW days since, near Takola, thirty miles from Aberdeen in the state of Washington, Mrs. B. E. Burkhead started out over a trail to where her husband was at work. She was carrying her baby on her back, when she suddenly came upon a cougar chasing a fox. Seeing her the cougar dropped the chase of the fox and sprang at the woman, tearing her gown with the first spring.

Fortunately a piece of iron pipe lay beside the trail. The woman seized this and then a battle royal began between the woman and the cougar.