

are becoming greatly incensed, and if a few more murders of Americans are committed, there will come such situation as there was after the Maine was sunk in Havana harbor, as there was in Texas after the Alamo massacre. There is still another danger. With Americans a good many other foreigners are being killed and their property confiscated and when peace is declared in Europe, there will be accountings for all these outrages demanded, and the demand will be liable to be upon the United States at least indirectly. Mexico is filled with renegade looters and murderers and the outrages are liable to be continued indefinitely unless they shall be stopped by force. It looks as though Carranza never can conquer a peace there.

It looks as though the wise thing for our government to do—unless there are legal reasons to the contrary—would be to go to Carranza's support; to go with a force that would be a notice to the malcontents in that country to either quit their atrocities or be killed.

In this western country there is just now an organized effort to stop the rabies among the dogs by killing the coyotes. That is what is needed just now in Mexico though the coyotes there are so crossed that it is almost impossible to distinguish the honest dogs from the wolves.

But it is manifest that the outrages there must be soon stopped or the situation will become simply intolerable. It was a great mistake to advise Americans to get out of Mexico. The notice should have been not to the Americans but to the Mexicans and the tenor of it should have been that if any American lives were sacrificed, prompt retribution would follow.

Mesopotamia

A WRITER with the Allied army in Mesopotamia, beginning with the heading, "Modern guns boom near the Garden of Eden," grows enthusiastic over that region, calls it "a virgin country" and declares that it is a wonderfully rich agricultural country and that when the new irrigation works shall be completed it will be a glory of the earth. It is not quite a virgin country, but it has enjoyed a rest for five and twenty centuries and its strength may have become renewed. It started civilization on its western march and now the children of what were then unknown lands, peopled only by savages, are going back there to build up a new civilization. At least they were when the present war burst upon the old world. It may delay the progress that had been inaugu-

rated, but there is no doubt about the native fertility of that land. Ninevah and Babylon with their millions of people were supported by two or three of those valleys.

They, too, must have had a great system of irrigation in use, and it is quite possible that the chief reason they finally became deserted and given over to bats and owls was because the growing degeneration of the people permitted the irrigation works to go to decay and there was no longer food for the myriads of men and animals.

The way Cyrus captured Babylon was to turn off the water from the city and to enter it through the old river channel, and Belshazzar, while drinking from the holy golden cups was surprised and slain. And now the descendants of the wild and barbarous tribes, that then were unknown, go back there with engines that could have smashed those gates under which the river ran in five minutes, and that land, when the present fury subsides, is to be restored and redeemed. Maybe after all, the redemption of the world is to really begin where the light first came to men; where they first began to call upon God and to do away with the primitive barbarism in which the world was wrapped. Who knows? For a year past the light has seemed to be going into eclipse in the eastern world and mankind drifting swiftly back to savagery.

Was there a plan drawn and a great purpose intended?

Is there out of the suffering and the darkness a great joy to be born and a great new light to come to the world?

There is no doubt that "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform," but what are the next wonders to be?

The Problem Of Education

A PROFESSOR in an eastern college has, for three years past, been working to perfect a system through which the capacity of students, in different directions, may be ascertained, that, upon entering college, such studies as each is best fitted to pursue, may be determined upon and prescribed.

It looks like a good scheme, for it is a sin of the schools to prescribe the same course of study to all students.

Many a man who had he been rightly instructed in school, or who, had he never been inside a schoolhouse, would have made a great name, has been spoiled for life by having been held down to a course of study in the schools which he never

could comprehend, which made him hate it from the first day, and which has kept the germ of what was great in him from ever expanding.

If possible the higher schools should not only start students in the right channel, but if possible, so fit each one that upon leaving he would at least know what occupation not to try to succeed in.

Napoleon's Marshall Murat was sent to school. The old Padre who was his teacher after two months fired him out telling him that he was fit for nothing in the world except to be a soldier. Murat's after life established reasonably clear that the old Padre was a mind-reader.

When the war came on in 1861 Grant and Sherman were thirty-nine and forty-one years of age, respectively; one was a clerk in a tannery the other superintendent of a shabby street car company, and both knew that if they were not failures they had not yet found their opportunity. Fortunately they both attended the right school in youth. We see all around us every day men who were from five to ten years in finding out their own capabilities and what they could best do. We see others who are still plunging in doubt, not yet certain how to proceed in order to win. We see other men who without schooling have wrought real successes just through intuition, industry and observation. In a certain town not a hundred miles from Salt Lake a man has built a saloon on the highest point of land in the town, and behind it there is a descent of 55 degrees to the ravine below.

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Men are often educated without regard to the natural bent of their minds, and then, not unfrequently we see men who possess more than one master faculty and these are often at war with each other. The preacher who went to Texas to save souls was one of this order of men. He loved horses, bought a blood-mare and rode her to Texas. He held divine worship two Sundays with only a beggarly dozen people in the old church. On the third Sunday he gave out the week's appointments:

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