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#### Talk in Congress and Action at Vera Cruz.

force in Mexico force was used and blood was shed without regard to stickling over phrases in Washington. Action could not wait on the phrasemakers. consignment of arms and ammunition for the This is natural but be lower by the lack straw hat and we'll go down Huerta government made it essential to seize the Vera Cruz custom house and stop the delivery of those munitions of war.

The President undoubtedly acted within his constitutional rights in ordering the landing of marines and sailors, and the country was thus fully committed, even without Congressional sanction, to the attempt to secure by pressure of arms the reparation which Mr. Wilson had vainly demanded from

Now that blood has been shed, the country will The Wilson administration, having drifted much against its will into forcible intervention in Mexican affairs, may easily be compelled to make additional demands on Huerta, and, in fact, to aim at nothing short of his complete elimination from Mex-

It was prudent and reasonable, so long as merely pacific pressure promised to produce results, to try to confine this country's role to activities "short of war." The events of the next day or two may show preferring the taste of our great-grandparents to me, auch recht, you could do so. whether or not it will be possible to avoid open and all that followed. avowed hostilities. The United States has no desire to make war on the Mexican Republic as such. Its

gress in approving the President's policy of disciplin- it less difficult for a political middleman to control Permit us our pasteboardsing the Huerta government. Facts are more potent a small gathering of political sub-leaders in a back than words. The great fault of Mr. Wilson's Mexof trying himself to control circumstances. He is still in that uncomfortable position, and it is not that will shape his Mexican policy from now on.

by limiting his quarrel to Huerta and the City of Mexico administration. From a military as well as a political point of view it was manifestly desirable to avoid identifying Mexico in general with the little political golf course and all that is needed now is a Cientifico clique which has usurped power at the capital. It will be easier to deal with Huerta first and let those Mexicans who wish to do so, including the organized forces of the Constitutionalists,

to the House resolution or to such a resolution as Kansas in its regulation of insurance companies. agis, prudenter agas! would have resulted from the adoption of Mr. Three justices dissented, and Justice Lamar, their Lodge's preamble amendment. The latter lays a better basis for unconditional intervention-intervention of the sort which should have been under- logical conclusion, would uphold the right of Contaken long ago through diplomatic means.

The duty of the United States to protect its citizens and its international rights in Mexico and to end an intolerable situation there will soon be recognized. Not to-morrow, perhaps, or the day after. Bryan thirteen months to realize that they had any duty in Mexico beyond "watchful waiting." Mr. Lodge's plan can rest on its merits, secure of the

It will be better for the present, however, to let the President and Mr. Bryan work out their own for under the present system, whereby rates and and no Huerta go. kind of intervention in their own way. If they can isolate Huerta and bring him into a state of submission it will then be time to deal with the underlying problem of renovation in a broader way.

### Leading a Minority of the Minority.

of his Republican associates vote against him. lar business, the highest court of this land stands

figure as a party leader. He deprecated war with of broad constitutional terms.

Mexico and pictured its evil consequences, but opposed the passage of the sort of resolution least likely to involve the country in hostilities with the entire Mexican nation. In so doing he did not reflect the views of his Republican colleagues, since Owned and published daily by The Tribune Association. When the vote was taken only twenty-eight of the

hundred-odd Republicans voted with him. Were Mr. Mann speaking only for himself no one could properly criticise him for upholding his personal convictions. But his usefulness as a leader is impaired when he seems to commit the opposition as a whole to views which are held by only a portion-and sometimes by the smaller portion-of the

#### Saving the City's Postage.

The suggestion made to Borough President Marks by heads of cit. departments housed in the Municipal Building that he establish a messenger system of collecting and distributing department communications, thus saving postage and time, is excellent. When the departments were housed all over the city it was probably cheaper to mail letters than to try to send them by messengers. It is different with most of the departments under the same roof.

Doubtless the saving thus effected would not materially lower the tax rate. Yet the small sav- pia in the automobile?" ings are not to be despised but rather to be encouraged. This suggestion shows the same care for and pansies to wear on your new too-tight dress?" While the Senate talked yesterday about the form the taxpayers' money that a good business man in which the President should be authorized to use would exercise for his own. That is the kind of home?" service the city needs and should prize.

#### Sentimentality and Art.

The Exhibition of Bad Taste now enlivening our many, many years. Eyes which have feasted on those silly things people used to have in their houses black walnut furniture and wax flowers sometimes and the atrocious things they used to wear twentyrefuse to grow accustomed to good things, old or five years ago." new. And when such nightmares of the past are held up as horrible examples it is to be expected that these conservative hearts will bleed at the sacrilege performed.

It is a strange phenomenon, the eruption of bad taste which is thus defended by its contemporaries. We Americans are sometimes led to think that it was peculiar to our land, the work of a raw, young MEXICO CITY, the 21st Apr.-Ninety days I nation finding itself artistically. Unfortunately for been now here and what is the result? Nothing. this theory, the movement ran through England and I could give it to you straight, Mr. Cohningthauer, probably find itself committed to more than that. the Continent as well. The Third Empire stuff in there is wahrhaftig nothing to get excited about and France showed the same tendencies toward silly I am leaving New York on the midnight. pretentiousness and overdecoration that the Vic- I seen Werther this noon and he assures me on

#### Making the Game Too Easy:

present aim is to bring the Huerta government to We publish with pleasure in another column a terms, and how far that effort will carry us will letter from Mr. William Barnes, chairman of the depend upon the extent of the support given Huerta Republican State Committee, in which he restates by his follow citizens. Pacific pressure directed at his conviction that it is easier for one politician or a small coterie of politicians to control five hundred chinery at Mexico City was the proper sort of thousand delegates in a state convention. Mr. fler: Why don't typewriter advertisements always Mr. Barnes Says It is Easier to Handle pose the election of officials who permit pressure to bring at the beginning. It now rests Barnes quotes Emerson, as Colonel "Abe" Gruber state the price of the machine? with the Mexican people themselves to say how far now loves to do, and springs on us this almost the attack on Huerta is to be converted into an atman controls because he must secure the support tack upon Mexican administration and sovereignty. of one of the other two on equal terms with him- Though Yale's got its Record, and we've got a rep, The bloodshed at Vera Cruz has made it of minor self, whereas one man can easily dominate a multi-In our simplicity we have always thought | If we three united, we'd match F. P. A than to impose his will upon half a million voters ican programme was that its development was made scattered over an area as large as New York State. to depend on circumstances beyond his control. He If we are wrong, however, we do not see that the chose to allow circumstances to control him, instead political leaders under the old regime have any cause for complaint. Mr. Barnes has had a good deal of success playing the game under the convention system. Is he annoyed because the substituwhat he wishes, but what fate has in store for him, tion of the direct primary has made control by one man or a coterie of men too easy? Some old-time He naturally tried to lighten his responsibilities golf players who used to pound the solid guttapercha ball around the links say that golf has been made too juvenile by the introduction of the soaring, bounding rubber-core ball. Is Mr. Barnes sad because the bunkers have been levelled on the good drive, supplemented by a good putt, to get from tee to hole? Is politics becoming too easy to suit the devotees of the old stiff, complicated game?

### The Regulation of Insurance Rates.

The progressive spirit of the Supreme Court of spokesman, exclaimed at what he conceived to be the revolutionary nature of the decision. In his view, the findings of the majority, carried to their gress to fix prices and wages in every business.

We think the country will approve the decision in this case without accepting the radical inferences drawn from it by the minority. If any business has become affected with a public interest it is the Dodgers Drive "Matty" from Box by business of insurance as to-day organized. Justice since it has already taken Mr. Wilson and Mr. McKenna, in the majority opinion, pointed out the striking characteristics which differentiate it from other businesses and necessitate its regulation. The interdependence of insurance contracts is one point, the fortunes of thousands scattered over a wide territory being bound up in one common fund. The monopolistic character of the business is another. contracts are fixed in the councils of the underwriters, the public has no actual liberty of contract whatever. A third point is the public neces-

sity of insurance. In drawing these distinctions the majority opinion clearly intends to disclaim any such radical intention as the minority seeks to place upon the decision. Nor do we think the country will suffer Representative James R. Mann's impetuosity is for the somewhat indefinite state in which the law continually getting him into embarrassments which is left. The advisability of regulating such a busia responsible party leader ought to avoid. He is ness as insurance seems fairly clear. On the other becoming a leader whom his followers do not follow. hand, the country is by no means minded to em-When the conference report on the currency bill bark on the dubious project of fixing prices and passed the House on December 23 he made an ill- wages generally. The present decision leaves much advised attack upon it which misrepresented the ground open for debate. But it makes the fact clear feeling of many Republican Representatives, and he that as changing conditions, whatever they may be, subsequently had the chagrin of seeing one-third make the public interest paramount in any particu-On Monday in the debate on the resolution just!- ready to extend the public's power of control therefying the employment of the military forces of the to. Such a stand seems to us of far more impor- wrinkled front United States in Mexico he cut an even worse tance to the nation than an over-precise definition

## The Conning Tower

Catullan Mathematics.

"Firamus, mea Lesbia, atque amenus"-Carm. V. My Lesbia," let us live and love! For we should worry if a score

Of jaundiced hasbeens disapprove! Suns that have set must rise once more, But Love's brief candle, for us twain When once extinguished, leaves a night

From which no sleeper wakes again So give me now, my heart's delight, A thousand kisses! That's the stuff!

And now a hundred more, my sweet, And then a thousand . That blissful hundred we'll repeat

Which means, of course, a thousand more As yet untried. Then let us take A hundred that we missed before, And, as our thirst we strive to slake By thrilling thousands, on the sly

We'll fake the totals, and keep mum. No hoodoo with an evil eye Can queer us then, nor guess the sum F. H. M.

The wife of Q. Metellus Celer, Anglice Mrs. Swift. If tory speaks truth, she lived up to the title.

"Are those artificial flowers in the glass cornuco-

"Yes, my dear. Have you some silk roses, violets "Oh, yes. Have my black-uppered tan shoes come

"Yes. And your gold vanity bag, with the complete make-up outfit, is here, too."

"By the way, I think the monogram on your new silk shirts is lovely."

"Isn't it? Well, get my derby and put on your

An ironical make-up man-if that isn't a termcontradiction-might run the story of the Bad Taste Exhibition next pure obituary "poetry."

#### MEXICO.

By MAWRUSS PERLMUTTER.

torian years did in England and our own Civil War his honor there is no use my remaining longer. For my part I don't put no value on my life at all and What makes the period all the stranger is the you could ask practically anybody in the cloak trade, admirable taste of the years gone before. The excepting B. Schuldenfrei which that sucker has got houses and furniture of the Colonial days were it a grudge against me, is Mawruss Perlmutter a things of great beauty, and the present movement coward oder ain't be. You know me, I am grad so toward better things is really little more than a brave as the next feller. But I owe a certain duty return to this sound material. We are but exercisto my wife and Abe Potasto my partner, so I am ing the inalienable right of a new generation and leaving this here Mexico, and if you want to fire

I got enough Mexico for my ganze lebtag, believe me. I am mighty glad to get away from this place, and so happy I composed a kind of a, now, poem about it which goes like this:

I drather sell goods in Sarahcuse Than be in a town like Vera Cruz-

Among the matters our ignorance embraces is the usurper in control of the governmental ma-

### As One Conductor to Another.

At colyum conducting, dear old Nassau Lit. Your soulful effusions displayed lots of pep.

THE C. S. OF J.

## DE VERSIBUS ROMANIS.

F. P. A. præclarissimo columnæ conductori S. P. D. contributor insolitus B. H.

Editoribus Nassau Magazinæ Literariæ illutrissimis qui primum Turris Concinnæ vention." hodiernæ carmen tuum Latine redditum posuere, præmium librum illi pollicentibus qui that it is easier to control half a million falsam in hoc carmine quantitatem in-veniret, ego jam etsi temere respondeo: debere esse of what I had supposed was a patent abolished the old. brevem verbi politur penulfimam, quam fact-that it is much easier to control a tamen sexto corum versu pro longa perperam large crowd than a small one. scribunt

atque micantem scriptam esse censeo, adeo terms with himself, whereas one man urges as Biblical authority for capital ut qui nisi ipsorum voluntate acrius ibi pec- can easily dominate a multitude. cata quæreat, tetricum putidumque existi- but it is so contrary to the facts of his. An eye for an eye and a tooth for a mandum. Vale.

Vir in turro alto Tribunorum, Carissime:

Incipis, video, loquare linguam Latinam to the Presidency of the second French but the founder of Christianity certainly The resolution reported to the Senate by its For- the United States has again prevailed. Against a loco in vostro. Veritabile novum est in Republic and the plebiscite whereby his abolished it in the word He spoke, as eign Relations Committee is, therefore, preferable wealth of argument it has upheld the State of seculo nostro rerum et laudable. Quidquid seizure of the government in violation of above.

Pro hodie, habeas te in pacem. CAROLUS LUDOVICUS.

"Mexico awaits with tranquillity," runs Huerta's cabled statement, "the development of events grow- the nature of a plebiscite, gives them a ing out of the controversy." One wonders what certificate of popular approval of their would ruffle Victoriano.

> WHY THE QUOTES? [From the New York Herald.]

Terrific Attack, Netting Victory.

"ROBBIE" OUTWITS "MAC."

Twenty-five Thousand "Fans" See "Big Six" Fall at Ebbets Field.

According to E. W. T., Villa is all dressed up

THE STRAIGHT OF IT.

From the Dansville (N. Y.) Daily Breeze.]

For the benefit of some people both here in Steuben Co., and in Livingston County. I want to settle a little matter right. Now quite often people speak of South Dansville as a town while as a matter of fact So. Dansville is only the name of our post office, while our town is the only town of Dansville there is in New York State. This twon is dansville, Steuben Co., the post office is So. Dansville. The little hamlet here is called or rather named Rogersville, named after William C. Rogers and once in a while we hear some one say, town of Rogersville or S. Dansville meaning town of Dansville. North Dansville was taken from this town and the village of N. Dansville is wrongly called Dansville while the Post Office only has the right to the name of Dansville. Hope no one will be offended for setting them straight on this matter. (From the Dansville (N. Y.) Daily Breeze.]

We know it is wrong, but Mexico always seems to us like another of those semi-pro countries.

The treasured Evening Post eludes the proofroom with "gorilla warfare."

Well, grim-visaged war hath smoothed his

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BETWEEN THE DEVIL AND THE DEEP SEA.



## THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN

An Open Forum for Public Debate.

Men by the Half Million.

To the Editor of The Tribune. this morning your editorial with refer- cost of elections, regardless of how many presents several Biblical statements by ence to the proposal made by Mr. Hedges voted. the purpose of recommending candidates rate against half of the citizens merely It is a pity that there is such a large to be voted on on primary day, established by law for September 23, in which you "To most people it will seem a paradox that a small coterie of politicians should find the 400,000 to 500,000 Republicans who may be expected to take part in the primary easier material to work The Sermon on the Mount Is Cited upon than the 1,000-odd delegates who would compose a Republican state con-

It may seem to most people a paradox 'most people' are deficient in knowledge

Your contention is occasionally made, should project it.

the control of a crowd by one man were also."-Matt. v. 38, 59. shown in the election of Louis Napoleon the constitution was ratified after the

The nomination of candidates by direct primary insures control by one man or a small group. The fact that their plans have been ratified by a vote, which is in proposals which they could not secure in a convention of delegates unless, if there is contention, they prove their case. For the benefit of your readers permit me to quote from Mr. Emerson's essay on "Self-reliance": "It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweet-

ness the independence of solitude." It is a truism that it is only in a crowd that a man loses the mental security and fixity of will which he possesses in solltude. Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM BARNES. New York City, April 18, 1914.

### THE COST OF SUFFRAGE

#### Trifling and Has Nothing To Do with the Case, It Is Argued. To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Marjorie Dorman, in this morning's

what will be the extra cost to New York City and New York State to double the electorate. age of men who voted as it would have rebels.

been if every man had voted. No more polling places would be required and the only additional expense would be the cost voting, this would not be worth while es- be ancient history now.

per cent more ballots, and is due largely lute. F. P. A. to the graft and cost of investigating and Monticello, N. T., April 20, 1914.

THE IMPOTENCE OF NUMBERS | prosecuting graft. Most women who are BIBLICAL PENALTY FOR MURDER public spirited enough to vote would opor promote graft, and they, combined with the men who are in favor of honest government, would create a majority and To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I have read with great interest save the state a thousand times the total

that the Republicans this year should The cost of elections, however, has alty of murder is in accordance with the hold an unofficial state convention for nothing to do with the right to discrimi- word of God.

on account of sex. JOHN S. DUNCAN. New York City, April 21, 1914.

### THE CHRISTIAN LAW

Against the Death Penalty.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Your correspondent W. C. C. in to-day's Tribune seems to forget that as a Christian nation we are living under the new dispensation and that the new

All his quotations are Biblical, but they are from the old Jewish law and not In a group of three no one man con- from the New Testament. The Master, in trols, because he must secure the sup- the Sermon on the Mount, distinctly abol-Columnam nihilo minus ab iis jocundam port of one of the other two on equal ished this particular law that W. C. C. punishment. He said:

Ye have heard that it hath been said, tory that it seems astonishing that you tooth: But I say unto you that ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee Perhaps the most notable instances of on thy right cheek, turn to him the other

The law he, W. C. C., quotes is Jewish,

Morristown, N. J., April 20, 1914.

### WAR OVER A SALUTE

This Reader Fails to See Why American Blood Should Be Shed in Such a Cause. To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: All patriotic Americans are one in the belief that reparation for the Tampico affair should be demanded of Huerta but will some one explain wherein the refusal of Huerta to comply with our demands makes it necessary for this powerful nation of 100,000,000 souls to open war on a little nation, already torn with strife, of only 15,000,000 people?

Why all this to-do and fuss? If Huerta will not accede to our demands, why not mothers to make them reform the prejust sink two or three of his measly gunhoats and then have our fleet steam back home?

will only jeopardize the lives of Ameri- to the "antis" to effect this reform. cans in the interior of Mexico by inciting race prejudice among all classes of Mex- the best they knew how to bring up their icans. Because of our trouble with Huerta, boys, so that Marjorie Derman should certainly that is no reason for train- give directions to the present mothers of ing our guns on the Constitutionalists, boys, and as each boy is horn supply the heretofore our friends.

The recent victories of the Constitutionalists give every assurance that if left in the cradle to vote, and probably a to themselves the Mexicans will be able hundred years before the ordinary voters to settle their own affairs as quickly as will have died off and the improved store Tribune, asks one of your readers to state we could for them. And the sending of established. We hope the "antis" two or three of Huerta's gunboats to commence this method right away, so that "Davy Jones's locker" will alone serve our grandchildren may have the benefit the double purpose of bringing Huerta to of it. his knees and of hastening the end of I am just wondering if there might just as much for the very small percent the war by the aid thus rendered the be some difficulty in enforcing the force blood be shed when the spilling of Mex- form their boy tables and make so

ican blood alone will suffice? It seems to me it would have been far voters." of printing the extra number of ballots. better had the President just left the en are to be feared. Since the "antis" assure us that only 8 whole affair in Admiral Mayo's hands. per cent of the women are interested in Had he done so, I venture to say it would worked out. It lifts a great burden of

The present high cost of living exists need of war, just because Wilson and canal grafting will be stopped within without this extra cost of running off 8 Huerta can't come to terms about a sa- fifty or a hundred years.

Reader Refuses to Regard its Pre-

cepts as Infallible. Sir: In this morning's Tribune W. C. which he attempts to prove that the per-

supported by a quotation from the BT It is a mere platitude to state that the devil himself can quote Scripture to justify his acts. All creeds, no matter how diametrically opposed, maintain their

tenets by producing extracts from the What W. C. C. and other Bible quoters should bear in mind is that the admonitions and regulations contained in the Bible were for the guidance of the people who lived in Egypt several thousand years ago. Were a man to attempt to lead a life in accordance with the Scriptural teachings he would find himself limited to the few dishes that were known by the ancients; he would be obliged to remove his shoes upon entering a house and in the cold winters of the north that custom would entail severe hardships; he would lend money to whomsoever requested a loan, etc. Of course, I do not mean to imply that every Biblical pas-

ments are as true to-day as they were in the time of Moses. We should not permit the Scriptures to bind us in our thinking. The Bible is & history of the times of long ago. We can as consistently transplant into our moral life all the customs prevaling four thousand years ago as we can administer the laws of a fifteenth century European HARRY SHAPIRO. polity to-day.

sage is antiquated. The Ten Command-

New York, April 20, 1914. REFORM IN THE CRADLE

# But Who Will Reform the Mothers

First? To the Editor of The Tribune Sir: Marjorie Dorman in yesterday's

Tribune presents a great scheme for reforming the voters of the country, which is to "go back to the cradle." But, since the mother is presumed to do the reform ing, some one will have to reform the spective voters.

Now since "only 8 per cent of the women are suffrageties" and suffragetie I very much fear the President's action cannot "bear and rear children." it is up

Probably the mothers have been doing mother with the book of instruction

It will take twenty years for those now

Why, then, should American born mothers of the lower classes to that there will be 'not more but beild We have I card that these wom-

Of course, Marjorie Dorman has this at our minds to have the positive assurance We don't want war, and there is no that all this highway, water system and

JOHN M. WILKINSON. New York City, April 20, 1916