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Warming Up Again in Mexico. If outward signs afford true indication, things are warming up again in Mexico, and brick developments may be looked for within a very short time. Conditions appear to have become so acute within the Huerta government as to preclude a complete change of the official personnel, the forerunner being the retirement and replacement of the minister of foreign affairs. If this is the beginning of the disintegration, an early change in the position of provisional president, by which Huerta would be succeeded by some one else, in accord with the dominant political element but free from Huerta's personal antagonism, would not be surprising. What the immediate consequences would be, and what attitude the United States would take toward the successor of Huerta, would still be open questions, but there is no doubt that the elimination of Huerta would be a wonderful help toward a complete solution of this complicated problem.



Justices of the Home. OMAHA, May 3.—To the Editor of The Bee: "As a voice crying in the wilderness" is Mrs. Crossland, and all honor to her. The foundation of the greatest of the American people—nay, the greatest of any people, has always been, and will be, world without end, motherhood of the type this woman so nobly represents. Motherhood that does not shrink its duties nor avoid its responsibilities; motherhood that does not shift its work onto society. In order that the mother may have more time to grieve and grieve for, and a mother who does not deem her duty ended when she has fed and washed her flock and tucked up her child, but who still conceives it to be part of her work to train up her children in the way they should go, is a woman who is honoring the name of mother, and giving to it that deep and sacred significance that has endeared it to all men who had real mothers. Such mothers rarely if ever moan in anguish of soul over a wayward child, for they have none. Mrs. Crossland's remarks should be appointed to be read aloud in every suffrage meeting and before every woman's club in the world at stated intervals, for she has very nearly summed up the factors of the problem of raising children.

A Mexican Inspiration

Soldier of Former War and His Famous Poem.

On every American battlefield transformed into a national cemetery there stands in tablet form memento reminders of a hero of the Mexican war who fought and won laurels at Burnside, Vicksburg and Gettysburg to the resting place of American soldiers in Mexico the immortal poem of Theodore O'Hara, "The Bivouac of the Dead," immortalizes the spirit of departed soldiers. The war which added three stars to the nation's field of blue also gave birth to the stirring martial lines: The muffled drum's sad roll has beat The soldier's last tattoo; No more on life's parade shall meet That brave and fallen foe. On Fame's eternal camping ground Their silent tents are spread, And Glory guards, with solemn round, The bivouac of the dead.

Then and Now. The difference between responsibility and irresponsibility proverbially attaches to every change in political control of the government by which the ins step out, and the outs exchange the privilege of criticism for the burden of performance. Who ever would have thought that any democratic administration, with which William Jennings Bryan would be identified as cabinet premier, would dispatch federal troops to quell labor disturbances within the boundaries of a sovereign state? Here is a plank from one of the platforms on which Mr. Bryan ran for president for the second time on the paramount issue of anti-imperialism: A further manifestation of imperialism is to be found in the mining districts of Idaho. In the Cœur d'Alene soldiers have been used to overawe miners striving for a greater measure of industrial independence. We denounce the state government of Idaho and the federal government for employing the military arm of the government to abridge the civil rights of the people, and to enforce an infamous permit system which denies to laborers their inherent liberty and compels them to forswear their manhood and their right before being permitted to seek employment.

Farmers and Interest Rates. Farmers do not understand why they should not be able to borrow money as cheaply as other business men and concerns, for example, railroads. There is a very good reason, though, why farmers cannot at present do this, in that they are not sufficiently organized for it. Railroads get money at 5 per cent and lower, while farmers pay up to 10. Railroads, of course, have no better security to offer than the farmer, for, as a matter of fact, their prosperity depends largely on the prosperity of the farmer. The latter has his land for security, the best there is. But he fails to get the same advantage of the railroad in low interest rate because he goes at it singly, the railroad collectively; the farmer as an individual, the railroad as an organization. The farmers themselves realize the need for better organization for this purpose. When they come to realize, however, that their supreme need is organization, that will put them on an equal footing to cope, not only with the railroads in the matter of interest rates, but all other corporate activities in the city, they will get somewhere. They have been willingly paying 8 and 10 per cent interest, feeling that, though high, it yet enabled them, especially in good crop years, to come out on top. But now that they see their possibilities, indeed, their actual commercial needs, relatively speaking, they will surely not long be content with the old conditions.

Possibilities of the Recall. Writing from Los Angeles, a staff correspondent of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch says, "Recalling city officials is becoming a recognized industry in this city." Although Los Angeles claims nearly 500,000 population, "17,000 voters, many of them carelessly signing recall petitions because solicited by professional canvassers, are able at any time," this reporter says, "to halt the city administration and force its members to devote weeks of their time defending their jobs." This further description of conditions in Los Angeles is illuminating: Skilled can-caners stand ready to get signed petitions to recall any official one happens to dislike at the standard rate of 2 cents per signature. They sit in chairs back of little tables on the sidewalks displaying their wares—I mean their petitions—and solicit custom quite like the vendors of chewing gum and other small commodities. The petitions now circulating ask for an election to recall Mayor Rose, City Attorney Stephens and five of the nine councilmen. Candidates will be named against each of the seven men under fire and all will be voted on at the same time provided, the petition-mongers procure the signatures of 5 per cent of the registered voters to force an election, and it is taken for granted they will. Only 1 per cent of the registered voters are able to place in nomination candidates to succeed the officials whose recall is attempted. With the possible exception of Seattle, Los Angeles ranks first among the cities in experience with the recall. One might almost infer that the people of these two Pacific coast cities had determined to put the recall out of commission, on the theory that the best way of abolishing a mischievous law is to enforce it rigidly. The recall may prove serviceable in emergencies, but its susceptibility to abuse are so numerous that resort to it must be restricted if serious harm is to be avoided, restricted at least to the extent of the recall provision embodied in our rejected home rule charter.

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Editorial Snapshots. Cleveland Plain Dealer: An eloquent homily on the way neighbors should act might be based on current observations south of the Rio Grande and north of the forty-ninth parallel. Pittsburgh Dispatch: Estimates of war profits include the possibility of \$2,000,000 from special taxes on beer, tea and coffee. It looks as if those desirous of economy will have to cultivate the use of grape juice as a beverage. Philadelphia Ledger: Newspapers in the City of Mexico are said to have published reports that the Americans were massacring Mexican women and children. It is possible, in the same way, that many reports of atrocities which reach this country from Mexico are exaggerated. In time of war it is always wise to wait for the verification of reports.

Where Light is Needed. OMAHA, May 3.—To the Editor of The Bee: While the city commissioners are debating where additional electric lights should be located, whether on streets or in parks and playgrounds, let me say that one place where lights are badly needed is in the high school auditorium. When the high school auditorium is used for its intended purpose, as it was during the Charities and Corrections session. Whether the care and lighting of the school grounds belongs to the city council or the school board, the high school square ought to be made safe at night. X. X.

People and Events. Back in Indianapolis the News threatens to pull off a prize guessing contest with the hope of discovering why an electric light company which sells "the juice" to the city at 2 cents a kilowatt hour, insists on soaking the private consumer for from 7 to 12 cents an hour. Peter Coates of the great London threadmaking firm of J. and C. Coates, left an estate of \$12,000,000. The death duty to be paid to the state will amount to \$1,984,000. The \$700,000 estate of the late Anthony N. Brady of New York has just paid an inheritance tax of \$2,584,000. Fulfilling a promise which he made to his wife at the time of their marriage, although she has been dead sixteen years, Matthew Elser wore at his fifteenth wedding anniversary last week the silk hat which he wore before he was married. He has worn it on every wedding anniversary. Governor McCreary has named a commission of ten educators who will select the common school textbooks to be used in Kentucky, outside of the cities, for four years, involving an outlay of \$1,500,000. The invasion of the Blue Grass region by textbook agents will be a thriller for the movies. W. J. Henderson, the musical critic, cruelly joins the pride of intelligent and discriminating audiences" by telling how Caruso, after being wildly applauded in the star role in "Pagliacci," stepped behind the scenes and sang in his best style a solo which was programed against the name of a minor singer and didn't get the whisper of a hand.

These Girls of Ours. "George," said the wife to her generally unappreciative husband, "how do you like my new hat?" "Well, my dear," said George, with great candor, "to tell you the truth, I don't like it. But, if you're going to talk that way about it I don't want to know."—Ladies Home Journal. Mrs. Gump—"What do you call taming a husband?" Mrs. Hump—"When you can get him so that you can take money out of his hand without his snapping at you."—Baltimore American. Mr. Peach, before leaving town on a business trip, instructed his wife's nurse to apprise him of the arrival of the stork. She obliged with the following telegram: "Mrs. Peach has a pair."—Judge. "Did you enjoy the trip across the Atlantic, Miss Gattiesby?" "Not a bit. It was so rough all the way that tangoing on deck was out of the question."—Chicago Record-Herald. "I heard your daughter got a great deal at school this term, Mrs. Smith." "Stop right there, George! If you're going to talk that way about it I don't want to know."—Ladies Home Journal. Mr. Peach, before leaving town on a business trip, instructed his wife's nurse to apprise him of the arrival of the stork. She obliged with the following telegram: "Mrs. Peach has a pair."—Judge. "Did you enjoy the trip across the Atlantic, Miss Gattiesby?" "Not a bit. It was so rough all the way that tangoing on deck was out of the question."—Chicago Record-Herald. "I heard your daughter got a great deal at school this term, Mrs. Smith." "Stop right there, George! If you're going to talk that way about it I don't want to know."—Ladies Home Journal. Mr. Peach, before leaving town on a business trip, instructed his wife's nurse to apprise him of the arrival of the stork. She obliged with the following telegram: "Mrs. Peach has a pair."—Judge. "Did you enjoy the trip across the Atlantic, Miss Gattiesby?" "Not a bit. It was so rough all the way that tangoing on deck was out of the question."—Chicago Record-Herald. "I heard your daughter got a great deal at school this term, Mrs. Smith." "Stop right there, George! If you're going to talk that way about it I don't want to know."—Ladies Home Journal. Mr. Peach, before leaving town on a business trip, instructed his wife's nurse to apprise him of the arrival of the stork. She obliged with the following telegram: "Mrs. Peach has a pair."—Judge. "Did you enjoy the trip across the Atlantic, Miss Gattiesby?" "Not a bit. It was so rough all the way that tangoing on deck was out of the question."—Chicago Record-Herald. "I heard your daughter got a great deal at school this term, Mrs. Smith." "Stop right there, George! If you're going to talk that way about it I don't want to know."—Ladies Home Journal.

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Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha. To show that the local bias had spirit is not dead a plan is under way to form a company with a capital of \$10,000 to finance a good company to be known as the U. P. nine. C. S. Raymond, for years the leading jeweler of Clinton, is in Omaha, where he will re-establish himself in business. He has taken a five-year lease of a store now occupied by Mr. Bushman at the corner of Fifteenth and Douglas. The skeletons of Pythias obituary resolutions for Alexander Damon are over the names of H. G. Krause, Henry Hornberger and Julius Nagel committee. St. Philomena's church has decided to Creighton university lot 1, block 2. Among the hotel arrivals are John K. Robinson of West Virginia, G. A. Lutzhart and T. F. Momminger of Clinton, Ia. The sewer trench has been finished as far as Farnam and Tenth and the pipe is being put in. The trench is from fifteen to twenty feet deep, and along the block between Ninth and Tenth has struck water. The Commercial National bank will open for business located at the northwest corner of Farnam and Thirtieth. The officers in charge are: Ezra Millard, president; A. P. Hopkins, cashier; Alfred Millard, assistant cashier. The tragedy, "Uriel Casta," was put on at the German theater, with a sideplay after the second act when Miss Emma Brandt presented Mr. Malchin, who is in the title role, with a handsome gold watch and chain. A player new to Omaha on the bill was Mr. Siemens.

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