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SITUATION IN MEXICO.

The Mexican situation has reached a point where it is deemed necessary by President Wilson to prepare to meet the worst that might happen on the Mexican border. The president has called out substantially the entire national guard and has ordered every state to mobilize troops and have them in readiness for an advance to the border if needed. And in every state the utmost haste is being made to comply with the president's orders, and within a week's time a hundred thousand state militia will be ready for war, if war should come. It is most unfortunate that conditions have arisen that demand the use of force, the shedding of blood and the destruction of property. The people of the United States would be Mexico's best friends if they could have it so. President Wilson has been patient with the Mexicans and has pleaded with them to settle their differences and establish some kind of stable government. The president has impressed upon the Mexicans that the American people want nothing for themselves in Mexico, and had no desire to settle Mexican affairs. As "friends and neighbors," the president declared, "the American people deem it to be their duty to lend any aid they properly can to any instrumentality which promises to be effective in bringing about a settlement which will embody the real objects of the revolution—constitutional government and the rights of the people." The president has been severely criticised by political opponents because of his so-called policy of watchful waiting, but outside of the demagogues, the American people have sympathized deeply with the poor distressed and misguided people of Mexico and have hoped that they might find some way out of their difficulties. There can be but one excuse for making war on Mexico, and that is the necessity of defending American lives and American territory. There can be no war of conquest, and Mexico is too poor to pay large indemnities. In the event of war the United States will be at great expense, both in men and money, and the most that we can expect in the way of recompense will be a more orderly neighbor across the Rio Grande. It will be a case of whipping an unruly child to enforce obedience to the rules of good society. Nobody is proud of the job, but necessity demands it. A war with Mexico can have but one ending, of course. What the Mexicans expect to gain by provoking war with the United States is indeed a mystery. The leaders must know that if war ensues the United States will of necessity bring Mexico to her knees in order to cure her of her anarchy and revolutions. A further benefit of the war, if war we have, will be the opportunity given to the political blusters to show that they can fight as well as find fault with President Wilson's efforts to preserve peace. Let's see 'em go to it.

When you feel that you must abuse people, be an evangelist and get paid for it.

When a man is boss in his own home, that is a sign his wife and children are away.

German authorities deny the reports that they are aiding Mexico, or ever had an idea of doing so.

Still looks more warlike, but the United States means business, and is going right ahead mobilizing troops in all states.

Deduct all war business from the country's efforts and the balance is still greater than the heaviest export volume under the Payne-Aldrich tariff.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Oh, for a tongue to curse the slave
Whose treason, like a deadly blight,
Comes o'er the council of the brave,
And blast them in their hour of might! —Moore.

Fine picnic weather.

Fine summer weather at last.

Where are you going to spend the Fourth?

A woman's imagination works best when she is jealous.

It's about time for sugar to make another advance in price—putting-up fruit season.

The beautiful groves around Plattsmouth afford pleasure to the young and old alike.

For lack of any other issue some of the politicians might promise to keep baseball out of politics.

Living on 33 cents a day is not nearly so difficult if you do not have to live on 33 cents a day.

Enthusiastic applause will be heard in the theater of war when they ring down the curtain of fire.

Health officers are recommending a summer tonic that does not cost a cent, and is absolutely safe. It contains only one word: Walk!

It is well to sit down and consider what would have happened to this old world if Noah had been a chautauqua lecturer instead of a man who believed in preparedness.

The average girl would rather be able to crochet a beautiful shawl than bake a rattling good biscuit, but the well-made biscuit is a better aid to matrimony, don't you think?

President Wilson pays but little attention to the mumbblings of the pacifists. It is just as well. They don't know what they want anyway—just talking to hear their heads rattle.

We are heartily in favor of the new preparedness money reported to be in process of coinage at the mints. We owe a certain pacifist \$4 and we are certain he won't take it if tainted with militarism.

The men seem to feel it is perfectly proper for women to engage in all kinds of athletics, provided they wear entangling skirts so long that they can't possibly compete with the superior masculine sex.

Tell everyone you meet about our "Home Coming." Especially all those living in Cass county, and inform those who once lived here and now reside at a long distance away from here. That's the way to get them here.

Hughes' greatest availability has been his absence from his party for six years. All men who have taken any part in the progress of that party, in its workings, its activities, were disqualified because they took such part.

M. Sazowoff, Russian minister of foreign affairs, says peace talk is futile since neither side won. But if the game isn't over in twenty-two innings there ought to be a provision for having it called on account of darkness.

Friends of Carranza should take steps to have a guardian appointed for him.

What has President Wilson done that you would have undone? That is the question to ponder over between now and election day.

The preparedness parades in this country would be particularly interesting to the fellows who became over-heated in debating the universal disarmament theory a few years ago.

Carranza is likely to learn before long the penalty of illiteracy. Had he been apt in rhetoric he might never have faced the possibility of a hand-to-hand fight with the United States.

If Henry Ford has learned anything to his or our advantage by his peace expedition to Europe, now is the time for him to come forward and put it in practical application on the Mexican border.

The very first time the new Ashland rifle range was wanted for service it was found unfit. Have some people slipped something over on Uncle Sam? It certainly has that appearance.

The way of the transgressor is being strewn with tacks day by day. It is now urged that the prisoners in the Kansas penitentiary be compelled to wear night shirts and take a bath every day. Kansas always goes to the extremes.

"It was a great victory for the de facto government," says an eyewitness with an "les" on the end of his name. Now is the time to call it a great victory, for later on the reports will show that it was only a de facto victory.

A June bridegroom, like a college graduate, imagines the eyes of the whole world are upon him. Not so; a pretty girl attracts a good deal more attention, and no one stops to ask whether she is married, single or graduated, or not.

Perhaps you don't realize the precarious position of General Pershing's men at this time. If they withdraw they will have to walk backwards every step of the way, not daring to turn their backs on the Mexicans. So it's much easier to stay and fight.

Some people live in Omaha on purpose to be elected to the state legislature. But this is one of the years that those who have been elected for the last twelve or fourteen years are going to be elected to stay at home and earn their living this election.

Other states in the union may have more interests that bring about situations for war, but Nebraska possesses the patriotic young men who respond whenever there is a call for men to fight for the flag. In the Spanish-American war she furnished more than her full quota and left many disappointed over the fact that there was no need for them to serve. And they are ready to go again at their country's call.

COBB SEES "COW"

Irving Cobb, in a witticism anent the St. Louis convention, fortuitously landed upon a happy simile. He said that the democratic delegates all looked as if they kept a cow, meaning, of course, that they have a milked and butter-fat appearance.

And there's the whole thing in a nutshell. All America is keeping a cow right now. We are rolling in plenty such as has not been our lot for a coon's age, and due primarily, and admittedly, to the European war and its wholesale demand upon us for anything we have to sell at practically our own prices. But it would be a very easy matter to turn that plenty into want, and there have been several conspicuous occasions when had it not been for Wilson's level head, it would have been so turned.

America got its cow from Europe, and a right good milk she is, but just the same, 'tis an unruly beast, and if Wilson didn't hold her still it would be an uncommon hard job to milk her.—Omaha Daily News.

AN UGLY BUSINESS

Prominent Mexicans in this country, among them Joaquin E. M. Beltran, who was a senator for nineteen years in the Mexican congress, declare that Carranza, seeing that his power is failing, that his treasury is bankrupt, that he can no longer borrow money, is actively trying to bring on war with the United States and that he has distributed his army in northern Mexico and between Vera Cruz and the capital with that view in mind and never with the idea of capturing the bandits. Senator Beltran declares that there are now in Carranza's army nearly all of the Villa followers and that they are men who fought the battles that made it possible for Carranza to gain power.

Beltran also declares that General Obregon has under his command 43,000 seasoned cavalry, commanded by officers who received most of their training outside of Mexico, and that they are placed in positions immediately to attack Pershing whenever he receives orders. The cavalry of Obregon alone is about equal to all the American forces on the border. It is not at all strange Funston requested that the National guard be sent forward as soon as possible.

Many thinking men have for some weeks believed that Carranza was determined to force war with the United States and every day has confirmed the impression. There has been five years of turmoil in Mexico, and the people of this country have been willing to let them fight it out among themselves. But when marauding bands invaded our territory, and the murdering of inoffensive American citizens, both in Mexico and on this side of the line, not only continued but increased in number, it was impossible to endure the aggressions any longer. Carranza has simply been jockeying for a position to escape the odium of declaring war on a nation that has always been friendly, and without whose assistance he could never have attained power. It is an ugly business, but when Uncle Sam gets through, no one will say it has not been thoroughly attended to.—World-Herald.

Never before in a national crisis was the country so supremely confident of the wisdom and the courage of its leader.

Print paper is so high and scarce that some of the big city papers were forced to cut down their usual number of pages last Sunday.

In 1912 republicans supported the Payne-Aldrich tariff. Democrats opposed it, of course. The Underwood bill repealed it and now the republicans fail to demand its re-enactment. But the people will not fail to see that Penrose and Smoot are still on the job.

The hunger after office may have something to do with the roscate predictions of republican politicians, but their hunger is as nothing compared to the ravenous appetite of the lobby that Wilson scoured from the capital. The lobby is for Hughes—unanimously, and then some.

There has been a split in the progressive national committee, assembled to listen to the appeal of Teddy to turn the moose party over to Hughes, but it was not done by a long shot. Fifteen or twenty of the committee simply refuse to be sold out, and declared their intention to support President Wilson.

The power of Candidate Hughes in controlling public opinion is shown in his action as governor of New York, when he sent a special message to the New York legislature advising against the ratification of the income tax amendment to the United States constitution. The Hughes message was used by the opponents of the income tax before a good share of the legislatures of the various states, and was widely circulated through the metropolitan press. The net result when the returns were in showed forty-five states for the income tax amendment, and just three supporting the Hughes opposition, namely, Utah, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Dance at German Home Saturday night, July 1.

Sometimes it seems that idle curiosity is about the busiest thing.

One thing certain—there is no hyphenism in the democratic party.

A Plattsmouth woman looks so husky she is referred to frequently as "John L."

Some of the chicken fanciers are also anxious to keep their wives from finding it out.

Truth is a jewel, but if we tell too much of it we are liable to get our block knocked off.

There are some pretty fair cooks in the world, but none of them can disguise a German carp as a black bass.

The skirts will have to sear somewhat yet before they attain the altitude record set by the latest bathing suits.

It is worth while to remember that when his country called Cincinnati she did not drag him shrieking and protesting away from a pool table.

A married Plattsmouth lady fondly recalls her girlhood days when she counted the white horses and she isn't red-headed, either. There being fewer horses to count nowadays, she has just as much fun picking out men who ought to wear wigs.

Mexico's feelings are said to be hurt by the latest note from Washington. Those sobs you hear, however, are those of the Mexicans who really are very able to control their feelings. The sobs are sympathetic ones from Pinchot, Vallard and Gulick.

As long as some people are allowed to place their autos and motorcycles along the side of Main street and leave them there for from a half to an hour, don't blame others for doing the same. Town people will do this with impunity, and the parking place is so near. Treat all alike.

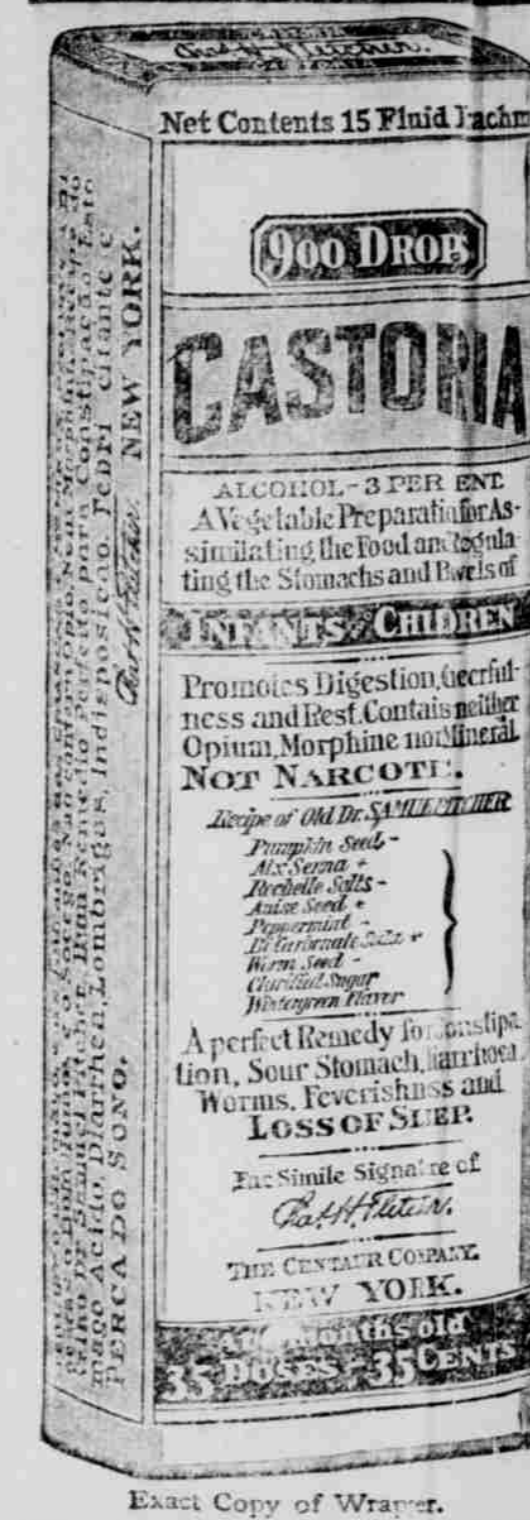
Roosevelt has at last done what he intended to do all the time, in case he failed to get the republican endorsement for president—come out for Hughes. He surprises no one by so doing. He is simply jealous of President Wilson and will do anything in his power to defeat him. But he has simply tried to sell out the progressive party, but will never be able to deliver the goods.

Nothing ever gives us more pleasure than to meet an old friend, and especially one who has been confined to home for the past six months or more. Ed Parrott, one of the best fellows in the world and a dyed-in-the-wool democrat, gave us a call yesterday, and while he still lacks a good deal of being a well man, we are glad to know that he is able to get around. And we hope Ed will continue to improve, and in a short time "be himself once again."

THE RING OF PATRIOTISM

The part that the United States will play in the new day of international relationships which is now upon us will depend upon our preparation and our character. The democratic party therefore recognizes the assertion and triumphant demonstration of the individuality and coherent strength of the nation as the supreme issue of this day in which the whole world faces the crisis of manifold change; it summons all men, of whatever origin or creed, who would count themselves Americans to join in making clear to all the world the unity and consequent power of America.

This is an issue of patriotism. To taint it with partisanship would be to defile it. In this day of test, America must show itself, not a nation of partisans, but a nation of patriots. There is gathered here in America the best of the blood, the industry and the genius of the whole world, the elements of a great race and a magnificent society to be melted into a



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Whoever actuated by the purpose to promote the interest of a foreign power in disregard of our own country's welfare or to injure this government in its foreign relations or cripple its industries at home, and whoever by arousing prejudice of racial, religious or other nature, creates discord and strife among our people so as to obstruct the wholesome process of unification, is faithless to the trust which the privileges of citizenship repose in him and disloyal to his country.

We, therefore, condemn as subversive of this nation's unity and integrity, and as destructive of its welfare, the activities and designs of every group or organization, political or otherwise, that has for its object the advancement of the interest of a foreign power, whether such object is prompted by intimidating the government, a political party or representatives of the people, or which is calculated and tends to divide our people into antagonistic groups and thus to destroy that complete agreement and solidarity of the people and that unity of sentiment and national purpose so essential to the perpetuity of the nation and its free institutions.

We condemn all alliances and combinations of individuals in this country, of whatever nationality or descent, who agree and conspire together for the purpose of embarrassing or weakening our government or of improperly influencing or coercing our public representatives in dealing or negotiating with any foreign power. We charge that such conspiracies among a limited number exist and have been instigated for the purpose of advancing the interests of foreign countries to the prejudice and detriment of our own country. We condemn any political party which in view of the activity of such conspirators surrenders its integrity or modifies its policy.—From the Democratic Platform.

Two ball games in Plattsmouth the Fourth.

Will the Bull Moosers now take to tall timbers?

Lavish as we are with sympathy, None get too much of it.

Young people are like coffee and tea sickening when to sweet.

Anything that is trained and sensible should have good manners.

Wouldn't Palm Beach suits look just as well if they were not so tight?

If ignorance is bliss, a whole lot of us certainly ought to righteously happy.

What you want may not necessarily be your right, even when you call them that.

Central America's support of Mexico is something like Montenegro's aid to the entente allies.

No girl should build up her complexion to the extent that when she wants to smile she can't.

You are not carrying your full load unless you practice self-denial in some form to some extent.

There is no such a thing as monopolizing trouble, although some make a strong effort in that direction.

Does a man ever become so old that people do not "watch" him sometimes? Will I should smile to snicker! smokes!

The United States has been fortunate in the last century in the nations that have picked on it. Last time it was Spain.

About the only reason we can see for the publication of the childhood pictures of Charles Evans Hughes is to bring out the fact that he wasn't born with those whiskers.

It is now reported that the republican nominee for vice president began life a barefoot boy. That's nothing to brag about. Didn't all boys start in life without any shoes on?

But, few lofers can be seen on the streets of Plattsmouth. There is no necessity for loafing when they are able to work and there is plenty of it in this old town all the season round.

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