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SHERIDAN'S ARMY ON BORDER Perial general commanding at Matamoras. LOOK, WHAT HAVE WE HERE!

Historical Precedent for Present Mobilization of Troops.

Ticklish Situation at Close of Civil War and How it Was Handled-Withdrawal of French

Troops.

always thought, as he later set forth in The mobilization of thousands of United States troops in Texas is not a novelty in his memoirs, would have brought about the history of the War department. While and the speedy evacuation of the entire it is said that the troops are in Taxas the collapse of the Maximilian government, country by the French, had Sheridan recame when General "Phil" Sheridan was sent into that state with 55,000 veteran meraly for maneuvers, such was not the For such a move, in his opinion, there Troops.

was ample excuse, large bodies of Confed-This move followed the occupation of This move followed the occupation of Mexico by the French and the placing of Maximilian on the throng by Nannien, of war, including cannon. Maximilian on the throne by Napoieon.

Second Hostile Demonstration. When the American civil war was at its But Seward was not anxious to underheight, the emperor of the French sent troops to Mexico to establish a throne take any such invasion of a neighboring believing the government of the country in time of peace, and he was conthere. United States too much occupied with war tent when a few pieces of the contraband to attempt to enforce the Monroe doctrine. artillery were returned with the apologies a neighbor and requested the loan of a The occupation of Mexico by the French of the Imperial government. army was the most radical infraction of In the latter part of September, 1865,

Sheridan became impatient of the slow that doctrine ever attempted. Not until after the battle of Gettysburg work at Washington and decided to make and the fall of Vicksburg did Secretary Se- another hostils demonstration. This time ward deem it wise to notify the French that he selected the upper Rio Grande for the the proceedings in Mexico were distasteful scene of action. Merrit's cavalry and the to the United States government, and not Fourth corps were still at San Antonio. until after the war did Mr. Seward find the Sheridan went to that place and reviewed time ripe to demand of Napoleon that the the troops. Because of his presence at Arabs also. Brench armies be withdrawn from Mexico. San Antonio, the parade of the troops,

ington, prior to the disbandment of the the natives thought that the Americans had learned to swim. armies of the union, in which he longed to were going to invade Mexico. March, General Sheridan was ordered to Escorted by a cavniry regiment, Sherithe Texas frontier to put down the rebel- dan went to Fort Duncan on the Rio the demand of the United States govern- then deliberately opened communication ment that Maximilian and his European with President Juarez. This gave rise to allies evacuate Mexico.

Sheridan Sent to Texas.

The day after Sheridan arrived in Wash- cross the Rio Grande and attack Maximilington from Petersburg, he received orders ian's troops.

transferring him to a new command. The The imperialists were so much alarmed order directed him to restore Texas and by these reports and the open military that part of Louisiana held by the enemy demonstrations, that they withdrew the to the union. He was told that he could French and Austrian soldiers from Mata- Twain and Peter Finley Dunne are the have all the troops that could be spared moras, abandoning the whole of Mexico as hy Major General Canby in Louisiana- far down as Monterery. about 25,000 men of all arms-the troops Just when the American general thought

that were with Major General T. J. Rey- that these demonstrations would cause the nolds in Arkansas-12,000-the Fourth Army final withdrawal of the foreigners from corps at Nashville and the Twenty-fifth Mexico, he was again called off by the Army corps in Virginia.

United States government, as a result of Sheridan promptly called on General the representations of the French minister Grant to see if his orders were to be con- at Washington. The latter wrote to Sec- any point to, until it was explained to me, sidered so pressing as to preclude his re- retary Seward that the United States gov- and no doubt that gentleman considered maining in Washington until after the ernment was not preserving the strictest me as dense as we consider them when grand review. General Grant told him that neutrality. Sheridan was then officially we tell them a fanny story and get a sort it was absolutely necessary to go at once notified to preserve absolute neutrality. to force the surrender of the confederates It was often extremely difficult for Sherunder Kirby Smith. At that interview Gen- idan-so he wrote in his memoirs-to reeral Grant also told Sheridan that there strain officers and men from crossing the was an additional motive in sending him Rio Grande with hostile purposes. to the new command, a motive not ex-Raid of Filibusters. plained in the written instructions.

Grant said that he looked upon the invasion of Mexico by Maximilian as a part crossed into Mexico from Texas and sacked the fence full thit and the rebound caused of the rebellion itself, because of the en- Bagdag, carrying off the garrison. This him to turn a complete back somersault. with great care, as Seward was opposed reinforced by a few negro soldiers. with European powers. went across the line to stop them.

Sheridan's written orders, signed by U. S. Grant, lleutanant-general, concluded as follows

"In case of an active campaign (a hostile one). I think a heavy force should be put showed an extraordinary state of discipline. on the Rio Grande as a first preliminary. Sheridan rebuked the disorderly movement fences were so strong. It's a joly good Troops for this might be started at once. on the Mexican town, and the United States thing the poor brute wasn't injured. The Twenty-fifth corps is now available, government hastened to make amends by and to it should be added a force of white removing the commandant at the American

only numerically, but because of its composition of veterans of one of the stubbornest wars in history-were the cause of lemoralization among the imperial troops, STIRRING TIMES ON RIO GRANDE and measures looking to the abandonment LOCAL "COLOR" GETS THE LAUGH of northern Mexico were quickly adopted by those in authority. This policy would probably have resplied

such a show of force-a force startling not

in the speedy evacuation of the entire country by Meximilian, had not the United States government weakened. His aggressive policy, General Sheridan

Standard Specimens of the Points, Which Reach the Risibilities of J. Bull and His Family.

For several years I did a column of hu-

A Bunch of the Kind of Funny

Stories Englishmen Tell.

torous matter for the Brooklyn Times to offset Bob Burdette's efforts in the same line for the Eagle, and after years of deliberation it is a question who worked off the most chestnuts, Bob or myself. It was obvious to the cub reporter. One day he pasted on my desk what I then considered an insult, but later confessed the ruth of. It was

"Chestnuts revamped."

There is nothing new under the sun. Fun, satire, wit and humor has livened up the people of the earth so far in the past that history wots not its beginning. Over 4,000 years ago a Chinaman came to empen rope

"I can not lend it to you, as I have some rice to the up in it," was the reply to the request.

"But you cannot tie up rice in a rope," nsisted the borrower.

"I can the anything up in a rope that] do not wish to lend.

This story has been accredited to the

his con not to go near the water until he

brated Egyptologist, the mother-in-law joke antedates, the pyramids by a few

was somewhat intermittent. They had no under marching orders at San Antonio, to that does not have one or more humorous publications.

> Foreigners, as a rule, do not understand our wit and humor. Sir Alfred Harmsworth once remarked to me that American humor only American humorists who are accepted by Englishmen. On the other hand, we

Englishman's delight. What They Laugh At.

over a joke in Punch that I couldn't see of pained look, rather mystifying to be sure, instead of the laugh which was expected.

It is the local application of the joke that counts the world over. The funniest thing I ever saw was the charge a yearling Hereford bull made at a barbed-wire A filibustering band, in January, 1886, fence in the Texas panhandie. He struck

couragement that invasion had received band, wholly without connection with the He landed on his hoofs all right, and from the confederacy. Sheridan was told United States troops, formed the nucleus there he stood all straddled out with a that it would be necessary for him to act of the force which took Bagdag, and were look of astonishment on his face that to the use of United States troops along In the course of the sacking of the town that I laid down in the mesquite grass the border in any active way that would French vessels were fired upon by the in- and rolled over in spasms of mirth. Then be likely to involve the country in a war vaders, and the United States regulars he began to bawl like a whipped child. turned tail and ran as from a banshee. The fact that an act like the seisure of I was at dinner in a Bradford club and Bagdad could be perpetrated, that a force told about it, expecting to get a laugh, but

from the American side of the river, could all I got was this from Hon. Smith Feather, commit so flagrant a violation of neutrality. mayor of that Yorkshire city. "By jove! I didn't know those wir However much we may deplore the fact

Good-Bye to the Sergeant.

the sergeant began to rag him.

'Yes, 'old it there, blyme you!

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Even before the grand review in Wash- and their open preparation for a campaign. in that quarter and also to reinforce Grands, opposite Piedras Negras. He hundred years.

do not appreciate the humor of Punch, the

I have seen an Englishman laugh heartily

the bellef that Sheridan was only awaiting Doesticks, Dickens, Nasby, Billings or the arrival of United States troops, then Twain. Nowadays there is not a country

Of course, the hamor of the ancients

It was an ancient Greek who cautioned

According to George Ebers, the cele-

troops, say those now under Major-General Steels.

"To be clear on this last point, I think the Rio Grande should be strongly held. whether the force in Texas surrender or not, and that no time should be lost in getting troops there. If war is to be made, they should be in the right place; if Kirby Smith surrenders, they will be on the line which is to be strongly garrisoned.

Should any force be necessary other than those designated, they can be had by calling for them on army headquarters."

Cavalry Sent Across State.

Sheridan left Washington without partici- at Baton Rogue alone. pating in the grand review. When he arrived at his station, he decided to cross the state with two columns of cavalry, sending one to San Antonio under Major General Wesley Merritt, and the other to Houston under Major General George A. Custer, and, in fact, of nearly the whole of Mexico Several regiments of cavalry from the cast down to San Luis Potosi. Within two years bank of the Mississippi were added to the Imperialism had received its deathblow mounted forces.

By the time the two columns were ready whether such "results could have to start for San Antonio and Houston, General Frank Herron, with one division of the Thirteenth corps, had occupied Galveston, and another division under General Grande.

The object was to keep the escaping confederates from joining Maximilian. Sheridan soon asked for an increase of his force, so that he could send troops termined to hold out until the last, and, elsewhere in Texas. He wanted to concentrate at available points in the state an army strong enough to move against the prisonar at Queretaro, tried, and executed invaders of Maxico, if conditions demanded. The Fourth and Twenty-fifth corps were then ordered to report to him and he sent the former to Victoria and San Antonio. and the bulk of the latter to Brownsville. From Brazos, Santiago, Sheridan had to

build a railroad to Clarksville, about eighteen miles. All this work was done, by the soldiers. The railroad was needed to transport supplies for the forces at Brownsville and along the Hio Grande.

In the latter part of June, 1965, General Sheridan went to Brownsville himself to impress the imperialists with the idea that the United States meant business. He also sent General Steele to make demonstrations all along the lower Rio Grande, and at the same time demanded the return of certain munitions of war that had been turned over by ex-confederates to the Im-

EMBABRASSING SWEATY FEET **HOW TO RELIEVE QUICKLY**

that Englishmen can not see the point to army post in Texas, and also punishing our stories, I will say that I heard many the participants in the attack. a good story while in England.

It was that part of Texas that led Sheriput up at the Savage club, and there met dan to say that if he owned both places many of the prominent men of London would rent Texas and live in hell. One day I was invited to join a party at At that time Texas was overrun with the round table and there I heard the foldesperadoes and outlaws, and it was impos. lowing stories, which go to prove that an sible to prevent soldiers and union men Englishman can tell a good story that we along the border from showing open symcan appreciate. pathy with the liberal cause in Mexico. Sheridan admitted that in the course of the winter and spring of 1866 the American ponsible for the Boer war: army covertly supplied arms and ammunition to the liberals in Mexico, sending as out putting them through their paces. One many as 20,000 muskets from the armory

Fate of the Emperor.

By midsummer President Juarez, having hup 'igher. There, you bally hum of a organized a fair-sized army, was in pos-Tommy Atkins, 'old it there.' session of the whole line of the Rio Grande, sergeant?' asked the recruit a Mexico. Sheridan said that he doubted you again. been

achieved without the presence of our American army on the Rio Grande. From the autumn of 1866 until February, as Henry Irving's man Friday.

1867, the French troops by degrees evacu-Fred Steele had gone to Brazos to hold ated Mexico. The significant movement of awkward squad out. His eye lit on one Brownsville and the line of the Rio United States troops to the Mexican fron- tow-headed chap who had just been torn tier led Napoleon to withdraw his support of Maximilian.

After the withdrawal of the French from Mexico, Maximilian, though deserted, dewith the aid of disloyal Mexicans, stuck to his cause until the spring. He was taken on May 14, 1867. Secretary Seward tried hard to save him.

Sheridan took the secretary's plea for mercy to General Escobedo at Queretaro. but the representations of the United States were without avail. They were refused probably because little mercy had had fallen into Maximillan's hands -New disgrace the German army?"

York Post. BRIEF CITY NEWS

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For Wage Earners, the monthly payment plan of the Neb. Savings & Loan Ass'n, offers the ideal plan for savings, times and finally we came to a dead stop. 6 Board of Trade Building.

augh of 2406 N street, South Omaha, com- ment and shouted to him: plained to the police Thursday that two

messenger boys robbed him of a gold watch there a wreck ahead?" and chain March 19.

Play at Turner Hall-"The New Mag- off the boll."

By Dr. Leander Jameson, who was re-'A drill sergeant had an awkward squad in particular was aggravatingly dense and ""Ere, you red-'ead, 'old your 'ead "'Must I halways 'old it this way, ser-"'Then good-by, sergeant; I'll never see

A Disgrace to the German Army. "That puts me in mind of a story I heard Berlin, said Bram Stoker, celebrated "This German drill sergeant had his

from home and mother to serve his time. 'Hey, you; your shoes are dirty!' "'Yes, my lord.'

"'And your clothes are not brushed! 'No, my lord.' 'And your gun is dirty!'

'Yes, my lord.'

"'And your buckles are rusty!' "'Yes, my lord.'

'And you are not shaved!'

'No, my lord.' "'Well, thunder and lightning, what is your name, anyway?'

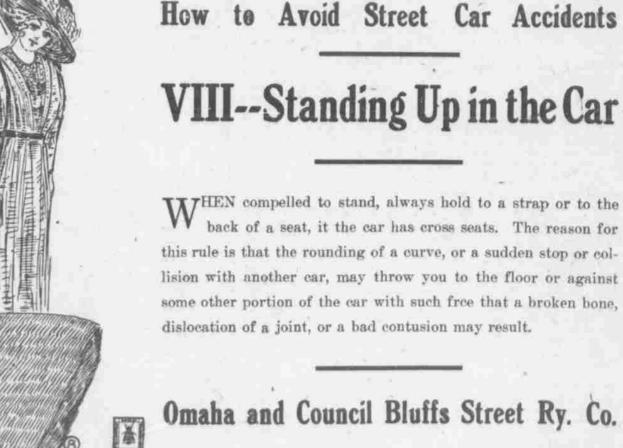
'My name is Schmitt, my lord.' "So your name is Schmitt is it? Gott been shown to certain liberal leaders who in himmel, what won't you do next to

Why the Highland Train Stopped. By W. W. Jacons, who looks like the mpresario of a comic opera company, but who writes charming longshore stories that have made him famous; "That doesn't remind me of anything,

but I'll tell you a yarn that struck me as unny. Last month I was on my way to Inverness. About ten miles out the train stopped, then went on a few feet, then stopped again. This happened severa

smile "I say, Sandy, what's the matter. Is

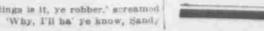
"'Na, na. sor; the water iss jus' gone the sleep of exhaustion. In the night

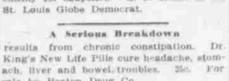


Thirty minutes passed by. Finally I saw laugh over it. Brown explained it to Mac- both sides of the road at once, knew where MacPherson 'ud haui me all aboot th Makes Late Complaint-John Cavan- one of the guards sitting on the embank- Greggor, but the Scot never cracked a they could strike a pub. When they met smithy for sampence "-L. B. Kinne in the him the major accosted him. St. Louis Globe Democrat.

"That night they put up at a pub. Brown was tired and went to bed early, sleeping where we can get something to drink?" Sandy woke him up, gleefully shouting: right,' answered Pat, touching his cap.

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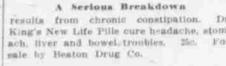
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" I say, Pat, is there a pub near here "Sure, yer anner; two turns to the