

A GOOD MOVE, WHETHER THERE WAS DANGER OR NOT



CAN THE PEON BE A GOOD CITIZEN?

The "Benighted" 80 Per Cent. of Mexico's Population Need the Opportunity of Helping Themselves - America's Task of Guidance.

By B. W. CURRIE

IT WOULD be insane folly to give the peon the vote! The reactionary interests of Mexico have adhered to this principle inflexibly, and it is still the rock upon which successive conferences with our State Department continue to split.

cause they have been permitted to attend such diversions when they could somehow scrape together the price of admission. It has been charged against them that their idols were matadors or clowns, circus riders or heroic vaqueros.

Bull Fights Versus Schools. It has long been the argument of those who kept the Mexican peon in bondage that if he was offered the choice between bull fights and public schools he would choose bull fights.

A Desperate Plight. The problem of how the submerged 80 per cent. will be raised to the point of citizenship with well-defined constitutional sovereignty will, of course, be a complex one.

The Politician's Bait. You will hear the contention that the enfranchised peon will simply lend himself to exploitation by unscrupulous native politicians.

A BETTER UNDERSTANDING. To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir—I read with interest your able editorial entitled "Preparedness, Not Militarism."

WORDS AS THE SPOILS OF WAR

Language Is Enlarged or Modified on the Battlefield—The Present Conflict "Repeats History" as a Dictionary Maker.

By RAYMOND G. FULLER

DOCTOR JOHNSON defined "lexicographer" as meaning "a maker of dictionaries, a harmless drudge." War is not exactly a lexicographer or a harmless drudge, but it is a maker of dictionaries.

The schoolship anchored off the Delaware Capes is expected soon to be transformed from a vision in the mind of President Herriek into a substantial reality.

The President for Honorable But No Other Kind of Peace

MR. BRYAN'S statement of yesterday is so lacking in timeliness that consideration of the arguments advanced would be a waste of time. Mr. Bryan should have resigned before the first note was sent, if he intended to resign at all.

There is, however, some satisfaction to the country in the thought that there are a few men about who do their own thinking.

The President is quite as devoted to peace as Mr. Bryan is. But he knows there can be no peace by humiliating acquiescence in whatever outrages another nation may care to launch against us.

There will be no war, in the general acceptance of the term. We might almost as well talk of battling with the Martians.

A curt refusal of our demands would mean the adoption of measures to vindicate our rights. If Germany will not stop the submarine outrages against us, we can stop them by convoys.

It would be well for the people to be calm and repose every confidence in the President, who has never shown to greater advantage than recently. If peace can honorably be preserved, he will preserve it.

Business Statesmanship. WORD comes from Chicago that Illinois manufacturers have been looking askance at the offer of contracts from Russia because the Russians are unable to pay spot cash.

That is not the way to develop our foreign trade in the great crisis in international commerce. It is necessary to finance not only Russia, but China and South America, if we are to get any considerable share of the business of the future.

The Olive Branch and the Sword. WHEN was it unavoidable that must embrace it wholly and heartily for the sake of peace. You cannot carry the olive branch and the sword together, for the olive will hide the sword or the sword the olive.

A hypocrite by any other name would smell no sweeter. King Wheat couldn't have picked a more thoughtful moment for a bumper crop.

That was a pretty big pileful of tobacco which went up in smoke when the Rich warehouse in Marietta was burned.

It is the irony of fate that the price of stocks in hated Wall street should sag with the news of the resignation of Bryan.

Champ Clark doubtless is wondering why Mr. Bryan would not arbitrate at Baltimore. The Nebraska was then more arbitrary than arbitrating.

It is estimated that 200 students will be refused admission to Pennsylvania State College next fall on account of lack of room.

WORDS AND DEEDS. From the Louisville Courier-Journal. It must be admitted that the Kaiser fights with infinitely more ability than he argues.

Evening Ledger

PUBLIC LEDGER COMPANY. CURTIS H. K. CURTIS, President.

EDITORIAL BOARD: CURTIS H. K. CURTIS, Chairman. P. H. WHEATLEY, Executive Editor.

Published daily at Public Ledger Building, Independence Square, Philadelphia.

Subscription Terms: By carrier, Daily, only, six cents. By mail, postpaid outside of Philadelphia, except where foreign postage is required, Daily, only, one month, twenty-five cents; Daily, only, six months, one dollar.

Address all communications to Evening Ledger, Independence Square, Philadelphia.

THE AVERAGE NET PAID DAILY CIRCULATION OF THIS EVENING LEDGER FOR MAY WAS 88,814.

PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1915.

The wounded heart is made to bleed anew by probing it to learn the trouble.

Cleveland's Lesson for Philadelphia. MAYOR BLANKENBURG'S comparison of Cleveland with the ill he has had to fight in Philadelphia is not a stinging rebuke to Council alone. It has a deep and broad meaning for the whole city.

Council stands for the old conception of a city; Cleveland for the new. It was once customary to look on municipal government at its best as an unfortunate necessity of law and order, and at its worst as the natural spoils of personal and party politics.

Mayor Blankenburg has found Cleveland far on the newer road. And he has found it so because its Mayor has had the cooperation, instead of the obstruction, of a small and responsible, instead of an unwieldy and irresponsible, City Council.

Pettifogging Pedagogy. WHEN is a teacher not a teacher? If it had not been for the prompt and salutary action of the Board of Education Philadelphia's answer would stand: When he lives in the suburbs.

The speed with which the board disposed of the proposal to penalize all teachers in Mr. Landis' position speaks well for the future of Philadelphia's educational system.

Clemency in the Interest of Justice. THERE is doubt all over the United States, save in certain circles in Atlanta, that Leo M. Frank is guilty of murder.

It is within the power of the Governor to override the Pardon Board. He doubtless believes that it is more important that justice be done than that Frank be hanged a week from Tuesday.

Let Girard Give the Nation Its Marine Officers. STEPHEN GIRARD, who made part of his great fortune on the sea, planned that a long succession of sea captains should be trained in the college that he founded.

Its importance, however, is recognized by the president of the college and by the Board of City Trustees.

That was a pretty big pileful of tobacco which went up in smoke when the Rich warehouse in Marietta was burned.

It is the irony of fate that the price of stocks in hated Wall street should sag with the news of the resignation of Bryan.

WORDS AND DEEDS. From the Louisville Courier-Journal. It must be admitted that the Kaiser fights with infinitely more ability than he argues.

country plunged into any war, yet I feel that if more constructive thought were given to the whole question of settling international differences, and less time were spent in urging newer and more deadly means of destruction we should accomplish the desired results more quickly and more permanently.

GEORGE HERMAN ROBERT. Philadelphia, June 7.

PHIPPS INSTITUTE NURSES

To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir—The following is an open letter to Dr. J. William White: Having been actively engaged in nursing in Philadelphia prior to 1885, and being in earnest sympathy with the pupil nurses of today I have read with great interest your letter in today's paper respecting "the complaints made by a few nurses—chiefly through the newspapers—of the Henry Phipps Institute."

MISSING. Forsaken by his compass, he sought for his art long-planned. For which the ages shaped his hand.

AMUSEMENTS

Advertisement for B. F. Keith's Theatre, Willard, Forrest-Today, Stanley, Grand, GLOBE, and ARCADIA.