MERCILESSNESS OF

The Famous Force Took Interna-

tional Law Into Its Own Hands

and Got the Border

Bandits

TF ANY ONE harbors doubts about the

I value of that sort of efficiency which

arises from the training of specially qualified

men for a specific task he will find his un-

certainty dissipated by the most casual study

This body of peace officers shares with the

Canadian Northwest Mounted Police and the

Pennsylvania State Constabulary the distinc-

tion of being mercilessly persistent in its

pursuit of offenders and in achieving the dis-

tinction of never giving up the chase so long

as the man it is after is uncaught. The act

creating the Rangers was passed shortly

after the Mexican War. It states that the

force is to be organized "for the protection

of the frontier against marauding and thiev-

ing parties and for the suppression of law-

lessness and crime throughout the State."

There have been as many as 400 men in the

force. At present there are only 92, divided

into four companies, each commanded by a

captain. They act under the direct com-

mands of the Governor, when they are within

communicable distance of him. Otherwise

The way they use their discretion was illus-

trated late last summer when three Rangers

and three unofficial citizens set out to free

the lower Rio Grande Valley of Mexican

marauders. They rode through the wilder-

ness of mesquite trees, prickly pear and

cactus. The whole countryside was quiver-

ing with the heat. The animals that lived

in the bush were silent, and the only life to

be seen was now and then a chaparral cock

In the midst of this burning silence the

Ranger who was leading the band suddenly

halted and pointed to a thin column of smoke

The men dismounted and walked beside

their horses, making no sound. After a time

trail where they found two Mexicans armed

with rifles and loaded revolvers. The men

were questioned briefly. The questioner de-

cided that they were outlaws, and left them

dead beside the trail and passed on. Not long

after it became known that the Rangers were

acting in this way General Funston declared

that the whole border was under martial law,

and the Federal troops displaced the Texan

The Famous Red Ride

These men, however, had been engaged in

the same kind of work as their predecessors,

and they went about it in the same way. The

most famous exploit of the Rangers occurred

about 30 years ago, when John Ireland was

Governor. Thieves and murderers were

crossing the border then as now. They did

not call them insurrectionists, nor did they

apply any other euphemistic names to them

No one in Texas had any illusions about

them. Governor Ireland decided to rid the

State of them, and sent for Captain Lee

Hall, the commander of the Rangers. The

captain found the Governor in his office in

"I sent for you, Lee," the Governor said,

because things have come to such a pass

along the border that no decent man can live

or travel in that part of the State with safety.

"All right-go ahead," the Governor said.

These were the only orders issued, but Hall

knew what was to be done. He began his

plans at once, and within a week started on

what has come to be known as the "Red

He used the whole force of Rangers, which

he divided into squads of from two to four

men, and formed them in a straight line run-

ning at right angles with the Rio Grande

into the State. The squads were stationed

from 200 yards to a mile apart, and they ex-

tended into the river country for 20 miles. The advance began at Brownsville. This 20-

mile line of picked and courageous men

swept the country clean of all undesirables

as they moved onward in their relentles

course. When they camped for the night

there was no suspicious character left alive

behind them. How many men were killed

will never be known, for no one kept count.

Within about six weeks from the time of

their start they arrived at El Paso without

the loss of a single man, and that part of

Texas was quiet and undisturbed for a long

I want you to clean it up. Can you do it?"

his shirt sleeves.

Ride."

"I can," Hall replied.

authorities in protecting the frontier.

they came upon a small open place beside the

"It is a campfire," he remarked softly.

rising straight in the air.

they use their best discretion.

of the history of the Texas Rangers.

TEXAS RANGERS

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PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1916.

Marriage and hanging go by destiny; natches are made in Heaven,-Robert Bur-

"The West is awake!" enthusiastically says Colonel Roosevelt. But is it heroic? "Root and du Pont" sounds too much like

a swear to be an effective campaign slogan.

Bryan to Speak at Own Expense.-Head-And for his own pleasure.

England is building Zeppelins. Apparently, the low-down, ignorant, efficiency-crazed Huns have some good with them after all.

The Irish rebels are referred to as "republicana," but the way they went after the postoffice made them look like pie-hungry Dem-There is a play in Philadelphia called "The

Devil's Invention." Yet it was reported that the play about politics had gone completely Are the Methodists planning to drop from the marriage service the promise of the man

hecause she gets them anyway? In New York an enterprising business man has been offering subway tickets for 1 cent aplece. It is reported that several visitors

to endow his wife with all his worldly goods

The war is a feast of suggestions for the writer of melodrama. A prima donna is interesting enough as such. When she is also a Countess the plot thickens; when she is ar-

rested as a spy, it positively curdles.

demanded their money back after the ride. &

It must be a strange, unhappy feeling for Senator Penrose when he hears himself mentioned, far from here, as a presidential possibility, or finds his name inserted by some ironic jester in a straw vote. Had he served his country as he served his friends

The question of the Cymric is simply, was she a merchant ship or a member of the navy engaged in the transport of munitions? On the present evidence it is still doubtful whether the submarine commander made so much as a technical error in sinking the Cymric.

Meat prices are to go upward endlessly, it is gibility of meat cards in America, and, what is worse, there is as little inclination as ever toward economy. Apparently we must feel the bite of want before we learn to husband our goods.

The Coroner's demand for more stringent laws for the regulation of elevators comes unfortunately after and not before two grievous accidents. There would be some vestige of an excuse for such fatalities if it were not known to every one that elevators are obtainable which make loss of life impossible for all save those actuated with the motive of murder or suicide.

On the auspicious day when the President calmly reasserted the right to independent action, won by this country 140 years ago, another attempt against its integrity received the punishment it richly deserved. A lieutenant of the German army was found shamefully guilty of conspiring to blow up ships belonging to a country friendly to this nation and engaged in commerce with this country, Robert Fay and his two codefendants will go their way to prison. The sentence imposed on them is light, but were it heavy as doom it would not mitigate the offense of Germany. No one believes the German Government innocent. We have reason only to believe that that Government has learned better.

The addition of the militia of three States and four regiments of regulars to the forces engaged in Mexico and at points on the 1800mile border still leaves the numerical advantage with armed Mexicans. The new troops that Funston will get will bring his total hardly above that of Obregon, who is believed to have 35,000 men ready for action in the northern Mexican States. But only one-half of the American forces are actually within Mexico-18,000, and are outnumbered two to one. This condition, the Mexican War Minister's refusal to sign the protocol, the latest raid and the ordering out of the guardsmen-"to repel invasion"-actually puts this country for the time in a defensive position toward Mexico, both in a diplomatic and a military sense. The continuance of such a situation even for days would be an intolerable blow at the prestige of a nation that has just dispatched the brief and uncompromising note which has been placed in the hands of the Kalser.

As usual, the enthusiasts for gang-government have won a trick in the registrations for next Tuesday's voting. Their furious note fo enlarge registration seemed, the face of it, a landable attempt to bring out a large vote for presidential convention delegates. It turns out that only those who registered, whether for party or on a nonsertions basis, are eligible to vote for the transit loans or against them. Many Demscruts who felt that primary elections this year were apportuous, in view of Mr. on's certain nomination, and many Repubare who, for various ressons, failed to to purely local affects, it is a blessing that o of these conditions the largest regis-

tration in the city's history is to vote next. Tuesday. On the other hand, it is reasonably certain that the antitransit forces are fully enrolled. It remains only to be seen whether they or the men who are working for the city can account for the increase in the number of voters.

WHY BE THE GOATS?

The prophecy was made months ago that if rapid transit ever came before the people for a vote they would be "marched to the polls in droves to scuttle their own

T WAS in October, 1914, that the Even ING LEDGER fired the first gun for rapid transit and followed it with a series of authoritative articles explaining in detail the comprehensive Taylor plan,

On the day the first article appeared, an able citizen of Philadelphia, whose business it was to diagnose political situations, decided to give this newspaper some advice.

"You are in wrong," he said. "I believe Councils are crooked, and whether they are crooked or not, they won't let anything by that is sponsored by the Blankenburg Administration. Besides, do not forget the powerful interests in opposition. There is not one chance in a million of this transit scheme ever getting to the people themselves for a vote, and if it does ever get to them, don't you know they'll be fooled and marched to the polls in droves to scuttle their own ship? When Lincoln said, You can fool some of the people all the time,' he was referring to the people of Philadelphia."

But in the middle of November Director Taylor began his remarkable meetings in all parts of the city. He went about and explained his plan and his purposes to large crowds and to small crowds, but everywhere he went he left behind him a new group of adherents, pledged to the great enterprise and enthusiastic in its support.

Again and again Providence seemed to take care of rapid transit. When one set of politicians had their knives out the other set was strong in its advocacy of the undertaking. Each of the factions has been, in turn, enemy and friend to the Taylor plan, but never at an important juncture has that plan been without the support of either. For the Taylor plan has been at all times above suspicion, a thing so inherently good that it could serve as a lifeboat for any drowning politician who could tie to it. Amid the chaos of selfishness, trickery and abysmal treachery which has characterized so much of the municipal legislation proposed or secretly contemplated, the transit plan has been a shining, radiant light, with no flaw in it.

That the undertaking should have passed through so many dangers in safety is positively remarkable. The State had to be persuaded to assist in the financing by yielding the personal property tax; permission had to be got to use this taxed personal property as a basis for extending the loan capacity of the city; an amendment to the Constitution had to be passed permitting a further extension of loan capacity for financing transit and port improvements only, under the principle that they would be self-supporting investments, and, in addition, an easier method of amortization was provided. The financing being provided for, it became necessary to educate the whole people to understand the plan and force action by Councils. Thereafter came the first loan vote, which was overwhelmingly in favor of transit, and this was finally followed by an approval of the Taylor plan by the Public Service Commission.

It has run the gantlet and been subjected to every scrutiny, but in no essential feature has even modification been necessary.

At last and finally it is before the people, the supreme jury. "They'll be fooled and marched to the polls in droves to scuttle their own ship." The rhetoric is not very good, but the idea is there.

Is it true? Last year, when the city was casting an verwhelming vote in favor of the \$6,000,000 loan, "Dave" Lane was able to line up his territory in opposition. He was able to lead his people "in droves to the polls to scuttle their own ship." He expects to do it again and seems to have assurances that enough other "leaders" will be with him this time to swamp the project. For let every voter understand that if the Taylor plan is beaten now, he will never get another chance to vote on it. A defeat would throw the whole subfect back into the arena of controversy, assure the continuance of present intolerable transit conditions for a term of years and guarantee a new deal in which the people could be assured of holding the deuces with the transit company standing pat on its aces.

Were it not that the gang had put so many things over on Philadelphia, threats to kill the loan could well be ignored, so inconceivable is it that an electorate should "sell its birthright for a mess of pottage." But the public has been beguiled or sold out before. It may happen again unless individuals are awake and

"When Lincoln said, You can fool some of the people all the time,' he was referring to the people of Philadelphia."

It can be proved Tuesday that he was not.

"SHEATHING THE SWORD"

MORE than peace with honor what is now to be desired is a peace which will have some meaning. Such a peace could not have been established twelve months ago. Can it be seen now?

Without question the United States has done much to answer that question in the affirmative. Germany has given up, with all her reservations cast into the rubbish heap by us, her intolerable pretensions on the sea. France has been almost as convincing on the land, for there she has demonstrated the vulnerability of the German military man. The system has not been defeated, but it has been discredited because it has not proved capable of inflicting defeat. England has declared that she will not sheathe the sword until Belgium is recompensed for her misery; but Asquith has gone deeper into the matter and insisted that Europe must be free to choose her own path without the interference of a military oligarchy. Europe may now be assured.

A military oligarchy can exist only so long as the illusion persists that the military arm is destined to victory. A defeated Germany, or at best a Germany thrown back to its former state, may remain militaristic, but it can no longer entertain a superstitious regard for its soldiery. The myth of Germany's deatiny as a single, dominating Power has been exploded. The hope of any one nation to place on the head of its ruler the crown which rested on the head of Charlemagne must be abandoned. There can be no Holy

oman Empire based on conquest.
With so much ascomplished by the war, enough has been done to give the subsequent peace meaning and dignity. That it is deeply desired in clear. Only only hasis now in lack

Tom Daly's Column

SPRING poems, from earliest times, have always been supposed to make the longsuffering editor hit the ceiling. Perhaps this one, which dates around the middle of the thirteenth century, started the trouble. Still, for those who know, it's a joy:

CUCKOO SONG. Sumer to toumen to, Lhude sing cuccul. Groweth sed, and bloweth med, And springeth the wude nu-Sing cuccul

Asoe bleteth after lomb, Lhouth after calve cu; Bulluc sterteth, bucke verteth, Murie sing cuccul

Cuccu, cuccu, well stones thu, cuccu: Ne swike thu naver nu: Sing cuccu, nu, sing cuccu, Sing cuccu, sing cuccu, nu!

THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WASHINGTON, May 8 .- President Wilson went to the circus tonight. Seated on the front row, fanning himself with Mrs. Wilson, he shared a bag of pennuts with Secretary McAdoc, and apparently lost nothing of the holiday spirit of the occasion. —A dear Morning Contemporary.

AND the head said: "Circus Crowd Applauds—Peanuts and Clowns Enjoyed." Some stunt, Prexy! and won't it induce mouth-frothing on the part of a certain party who never in his most strenuous moments attempted such a thing?

Senator McNichol said that "any man who goes astray for the sake of a few dollars is damaged goods."-News Item.

"Damaged Goods" is a rotten play; We are rather surprised at you. When you've got a game to play This here bunk will never do. Still that's all right dope you say Bout the bone-domed geezer who "For a few dollars goes astray"-

With the accent on the "few."

Bean Boundaries CONNIE MACK.

Within this long and narrow bean Are promises a-plenty, That may be ripe in '17, '18, '19 or '20.

............ We Never Take a Dare

print this":

"Hey!" rudely cries T. Lynch, "I dare you to THE HYPHEN Pat-riot.

AND while we're about it we here record our belief that a long poem might be written upon the nose of King George V, under which the professional Irish patriots (standing upon the stage in Madison Square Garden (shake their fists.

PRECOCIOUS KIDS. Hey! florist, send a laurel wreath To Connie's baseball baby-farm. Gosh! how them youngsters cut their teeth On Walter Johnson's pitching arm!

Colors MOTHER TONGUE. (From Webster's Dictionary). Mulberry, n. 2. A dark purple color like the

We Seek Instruction "None," said she, with a strong imitation of an English accent, "none at all."—The Strange Case of Mary Page.

that had been disturbed and had fled after How would a strong imitator of an English the fashion of its kind down the trail ahead accent put It? of the horsemen.

The Boy's Clothes

Mom always makes me mad clean through The way she buys my clothin'. She always picks out things fur you That fills yer soul with loathin'.

It's happened time an' time again, When I want somethin' sporty She sets her mind on somethin' plain, "Real cheap at seven-forty."

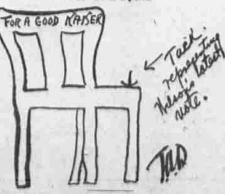
I tru a suit that fits me wight. A fit there ain't no doubt of-An' blamed if she don't say: "Too fight!

Too easy to grow out of." She sez I'm jist "a little brute" An' "drive her to distraction," But she ain't never bought a suit That's gave me satisfaction.

I may be bad, but, Jiminee! I gin't a-goin' to bear it. I guess I know the suit fur me, Since I'm the one to wear it. I kicked so hard today, O! mu! You bet I jist raised thunder,

An' she went home an' told Pop I Wuz "gittin' quite beyond her." Then Pop he sez some words, sez he, That filled my soul with laughter. He sez he's goin' along o' me To buy my clo'es hereafter!

Our Own Sykes



Our Own Movie (Passed by the Natural Benses) BY SHON REA REEL II

BOOK AGENT was stranded in a seaside resort, but he did not despair. "A saie! a resort, but he did not despair. "A sais! a sais!" he cried. As he could not see a sais in the village, he inquired if there was any person living thereshouts he had not visited. Yes, there was a man living on an island about three miles out, who usually kept away from the village. He was the keeper of the lighthouse. Also he was notorious for his miserliness, and the canvasser would be taking a chance by going to see him.

(Continued in the next real.)

Sir Here are two signs which appear next to one another in the same window of a house on Tasker street, west of Broad street: DESIREABLE VACANCIES MARRIAGES PERFORMED

The Rangers are not troubled by any quiband I was wondering if the Brat, read in con-impation with the second, refers to seems or the standing of auxious humans. bles about international law. If they start after a man they got him, even if he crosses

the border. Governor Colquitt reminded the State Department about two years ago that this Texas force crossed the border in 1874, under orders from Governor Coke, in pursuit of outlaws wanted on this side. They got

OH, THEY'LL LOCK UP AFTER A WHILE!

BORDER

In 1892 Captain Hall crossed over without orders and in spite of a warning. He was stationed with his company near El Paso, where Colonel Shafter was in command of the garrison. A band of 37 Mexican freebooters had been raiding the ranches on the American side for a long time. The captain secured the confidence of one of the band and learned where the men went with their loot. He then went to Colonel Shafter and told him that he knew where the Mexicans were, and that he had a mind to go after them.

"Don't do it," said Shafter. "It would be a violation of international law. Get them in some other way, and do it on this side of the

Hall assured Shafter that he would not hurt international law, and went about his business. An hour before sunset he left the garrison and joined his own force about 12 miles "Saddle up, boys," he said to his men.

'We're going to ride tonight."

Left 'Em Where He Found 'Em

Fifty well-armed Rangers soon started for the river, crossed it and rode as only fron tiersmen can ride. Their horses were as skilful as they, and kept the trail with unerring precision. At about 4 o'clock in the morning they reached the camp of the outlaws. Hall arranged his men around the encampment and waited for daylight. As soon as it was light enough to see the fighting began. It took an hour to do the work on which they had set out, and at its end every man in the camp was dead. Two hours after the Rangers had arrived they started back with the stolen horses and cattle which the band had not disposed of. Along in the afternoon of the same day they came across Colonel Shafter and some other officers in civilian clothes hunting on the Mexican side of the river, about five miles from the border.

"What have you been doing?" Shafter demanded of Hall. "I thought I told you that you could not get those outlaws on this side of the river without violating international

"I did not get any Mexicans," Hall replied,

calmly. "I left 'em where I found 'em." They know all these things in Texas, and their patience has been sorely tried by the policy of the last months, under which the old kind of border outrages have gone unpunished for fear that Mexico might be displeased with the disregard for the sanctity of her

AN UNCENSORED INTERVIEW

Being Some Special Correspondence From the Peking Morning Glory

NEW YORK, May 1.—On the eve of a presi-dential election in this American Republic there is a universal demand for an illiterate candidate. proceed to give reasons. This will also plain the small amount of copy I have been sending in lately and extraordinary size of expense account I hereby inclose.

Three weeks ago, second day of Month of the Speckled Tiger, I went interviewing ex-Supreme Mandarin Roosevelt, now in excited retirement at Oyster Bay. I was received with much at Cyster Bay, I was received with much cor-diality and alarming vigor. I said: "Incom-parable Magnificence, the people of China are extremely auxious for your opinions on the proper foreign policies of this American Re-public. In this hour of extreme critical situa-tion should the people of America go to war with somebody, or what?" He smiled, but I was not afraid. "My views

He smiled, but I was not afraid. "My views on the subject," he said, "are all in my last book, 'Fear God and Take Your Own Part,' \$1.50 net, usual discount to the trade. Unless circumstances change. I have nothing to add to or take away from what I have said there."

I wrote down the title of the book, the publisher and the price, and said: "In many of the newspapers it is reported that the people of the Western States are greatly opposed to a large army and aggressive foreigh policy. Is this so, Exalted Benevolence, and if so, why?"

He brought down his first on the deals which

He brought down his fist on the deak, which He brought down his fist on the deak, which was of reinforced concrete. "The spirit of the people of the interior and the forces which have entered into the shaping of that apirit are adequately and once for all described in my 'Winning of the Weat,' 6 volumes cloth, each \$1.56, or 4 volumes limp leather, each \$2.50. As long as that work is in print it would be mental debility on my part to attempt a statement of my views."—S. S., in the New York Evening Post.

WELL? WHAT?

Without a fourth, or a peace, party, may we ask, what is to become of the vots cast for Henry Ford in Michigan and Nebraska?-De-

COLONIAL SECURITY Whatever else fails, we still rely on Mr. Asquith's excuses.—Toronto Mall and Empire.

WOMEN AND TRANSIT

To the Editor of Evening Ledger:

Sir—Your interesting articles on the loan bills are sure to have a strong influence on the votera. Permit me to anguest that you make a special plea to the women and girls who use the care daily, asking them to do what they can to personale the fathers, trothers and empth make to Centre Square, May & HOWARD BREEZE

What Do You Know?

Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily.

QUIZ

1. Does impeachment mean the removal of an official from office?
2. Why are the hills in the theatre of war, such as "Hill 304," so numbered?
3. Explain why there are two buttons on the

back of frock and dress coats? 4. Who is Governor of Texas?
5. Under what circumstances may the Ne. tional Guard be called out by the Pres-

6. Name at least one famous living French poet and one French composer.

7. Which is more likely to be cracked by he

water, a thick glass or a thin glass, and is "heat lightning" a correct expression descriptive of the phenomenon it described by What is meant by "the metropolitan discountry".

trict"? 10. About what part of an iceberg shows about the surface of the water and what part is beneath the surface?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

1. Cloture is the limiting of debate in a legislative body.

2. The Rosetta Stone, bearing inscriptions to

the hieroglyphic, the demotic and Great, furnished the key by which Egyptiss hieroglyphics have been deciphered. The knot is 6082.66 feet or 1.15 miles. The Azores are a group of islands about 100 miles west of Portugal, to which the

belong.

A captain in the navy, ranking with a celenel in the army, outranks an army

tain, v. S. Any body of water which has no outlet except through evaporation is made salt by the minerals held in solution. 7. Richard B. Sheridan wrote "The School for

8. Forks came into general use about three centuries ago.

9. The "loud pedal" does not make the s

sound louder. It simply prolongs the duration of the sound. 10. An illusion is an incorrect perception of

something that really exists; a delusion is belief in something that does not exist

Mrs. Eddy's Estate

Editor of "What Do You Know"—A tempaper article a day or two ago stated that "Wealth may be used for laudable purposes all one of the most striking instances of this modern times is afforded by the use of the wealth of Mrs. (Mary Baker Glover) Edd, earned by her work, which is now being the seminated for the good of all mankind." We you kindly publish the facts regarding the tribution of her estate?

The residuary legates of the estate were in directors of the First Church of Christ Scients of Boston, the will putting into their hands in bulk of the estate. They received about \$2,000. which the testatrix directed them to the promotion and extension of Christian as

President and Supreme Court

Editor of "What Do You Know".-Following is the answer to question No. 7 of last Wednes

hav's Quiz: When the Supreme Court declares an act unconstitutional, the President may, if he chooses, continue to enforce the act; redress may only be had in individual appeals to

Will you please indicate how an act may be enforced under such circumstances without all jecting the President to impeachment?

HARRY I. ABRAHAMS

The Supreme Court has no power to cos the actions of the President, as was shown melearly in the Administration of President Jasson. Jackson failed to execute the mandate reversal which the Supreme Court issued to be lease a missionary convicted in a Georgia cof unlawfully entering an Indian reservat which the court held not to be within the indiction of Georgia. The court could not oss the President, so the writ went unexecular the court decides cases as such, and has power to remove a law from the statute to It might decide that one appellant's appet the Constitution was valid at a certain time reverse itself in a similar case if the Execucontinued to enforce the act. It is true that House of Representatives might impeach in President for Ignoring the Injunctions of a court, but such action would be at the discretion the House, and the court could not compute House to impeach the President.

The Iconoclasts

Editor of "What Do You Know"-Doss tts term "iconociante," which I understand "
"image breakers" or "idol breakers," spigeneral to those who have this attitude of a
or to some particular set of people? Can
tell me anything of the history of the use of

A group of so-called reformers of the sus-century were called the loonclasts. Thus, averse to the employment of pictures size emblems and all visible representations of objects. A movement against these things gan in 736, under the Emperor Leo III, and tinued for 120 years.

Operation of Treaties

Editor of "What Do You Know" Will kindly let me know whether a treaty is tive when it is signed, or when it is ratified

As a rule, with a very law in history, a treaty is not valid as in as until an exchange of ratifications take in those cases the operation and consequently be considered as tentative previous firstion. The ireaty however, dates to signing, unless ofberteles provided.