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will manifest themselves in Washington. If he is listened to coldly and indifferently...

Texans have been averse to the sway of the bandit Villa beyond the Rio Grande. There were flush times in Juarez when Pancho expressed in the celebrated race track...

A STUDY IN FUTILITY Being a Review of the High Points of American Failure to Meet the Mexican Problem Adequately



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THE GOVERNOR IS RIGHT

THE attempt to convince Governor Sprout that the state cannot afford to contribute \$6,000,000 to the local school funds for increasing the salaries of teachers has failed.

GETTING RID OF THE KOKERS

THE study by George Nox McCain, special correspondent of this newspaper, of the provisions of the cold-storage bill and the changes made in it on the demand of Professor Rasmussen...

PUTTING IT UP TO THE PEOPLE

WHETHER the peace treaty with the league-of-nations covenant in it is to be ratified or not depends on the sentiment of the nation. There is no doubt about this.

STANDING ON THE RHINE: WABBLING ON THE RIO GRANDE

President Wilson's Chronic Vacillation Regarding Mexico Emphasizes the Contrast and the Need for a New Policy of Sanity and Vigor

THE watch on the Rhine bespeaks the firm will of a great nation, triumphant with its allies, over the most formidable menace which the forces of tyranny ever roused against civilization.

The watch on the Rio Grande bespeaks the absence of consistent resolution and the riotous advantage which the scandalous Kilkenny cats of brigandage take of that faltering.

Two years ago a mighty empire offered to aid him in carving off choice slices of the United States. That empire collapsed, which is one of the reasons why that engaging scheme fell through.

It is specifically stated that the entry of our troops into Juarez and the chastisement administered to the Villa desperadoes is not to lead to any invasion of Mexico.

There is reckless in the Nogales and Juarez outbreaks of the past. It is impertinent and irresponsible in the latest manifestation at a one-horse, ramshackle border town.

Impatience at the lack of any discernible policy regarding Mexico was to some extent unjustified while the world war was on our hands. Germany would have been delighted to embroil us in the mud-die while the conflict was being fought and, indeed, she did her best to trap us.

The Mexican mess, however, both antedates and postdates Armageddon. Had an intelligible and courageous course been adopted by the Democratic administration prior to April, 1917, there would have been no embarrassing inheritance for the very forces that are endeavoring, and rightly so, to establish a league of international peace.

In ineffectuality alone has Mr. Wilson's policy in Mexico been consistent. His acts have been largely futile. His investigations have been untrustworthy—witness the notorious exhibits by the taciturn and mysterious John Lind and the communicative but equally mysterious William Bayard Hale.

It has been said that the Wilson administration attained its principal objective in the overthrow of the murderous, drink-sodden and insensate Huerta. If that is so the President and his colleagues were more easily satisfied than the American people, since the partial success of the Carranza regime has produced merely a repetition of the old outrages.

In the newest fray at Juarez there are, as usual, elements of absurdity. The town itself is a wretched hole, of no importance save as a spot wherein fighting may be concentrated to impress Americans with Mexican revolutionary turbulence and as a haven for various kinds of license, sporting and otherwise, banned across the river.

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The report that the kaiser and the crown prince will return to Germany as soon as the peace treaty is signed may either cause the Germans to delay the signing of the treaty or give the Allied powers pause.

THE CHAFFING DISH

Song of the Disappointed Handley-Page Aviator

Why didn't some power the giftie give me To let me pilot that Vickers-Vimy?

It was quaint that Aleock and Brown should have landed in a bog, which is just where most politicians land when they embark upon the Irish problem.

It seems, as we brood over this in the hope of excavating some wheeze, that not only petrol but pets are necessary to a successful flight.

Our Own League of Nations

We had our first post-war swim the other day, in no less a body of water than the Atlantic ocean. We were much disappointed that Mack Bennett was not on hand to offer us a contract.

One of our favorite punishments for the kniser would be to take him down to the beach at Firecoast, let him get a thorough bleach of Friday to Monday sunburn and then watch him shave with an unstoppered razor.

Shrimps and Senators

One of the delights of bathing at low tide is a certain small animal that burrows in the sand—we call them hardshell shrimps, but our friend and fellow Firecoaster Tom Farrell insists they are a kind of snail.

The Urchin, having already been introduced to crabs, also calls the shrimps "little crabs." Shrimp is a word that presents no difficulties to him, and his mind so far only classifies the denizens of the sea into fish and crabs.

Perhaps this is about the right time to remind ourselves of what Mary Twain said about an approaching celebration:

July 4th: Statistics show that we lose more foals of the year put together. This proves, by the number left in stock, that one Fourth of July per year is now inadequate, the country has grown so.

As Fleet as Fleet Street

Lord Northcliffe, commenting on the Alcock-Brown flight, says he looks forward to the time when London morning papers will be selling in New York—the same evening.

Every week or so some one announces a "new epoch" in motion pictures, but it usually turns out to be merely that Charley Chaplin has taught a hen to lay an egg directly into the frying pan.

When Charley can raise bacon in a skillet there'll really be something to it.

ROCKETS.

THE SECRET PACK

MY MEMORY hath a secret pack

Wherein I store the loveliest things: And in my heart, not on my back.

My dear and guarded treasury swings. With every passing year it grows. And as it grows life fairer gleams; And lesser weigh my daily woes.

And brighter, rarer shall my dreams.

My memory hath a secret pack: It steads me, cheers me all the while. Within it enters nothing black. But each kind word, each loving smile. It matters not if darkness fall, I never let my heart be dumb. For love knows not until it duff. What faithful echoes back will come.

My memory hath a secret pack: When I am sad I open it. And soon of solace I've no lack. And all my soul with joy is lit; And over land, and over sea, My thought flies swifter than a dove. For are not those who smile on me Still keeping bright the lamp of love?—Samuel Minturn Peck, in the Boston Transcript.

Massachusetts legislators have raised their own salaries from \$1000 a year to \$1500. That's the spirit! When there's work to be done, hang the expense!

Hog Island has been spoken of as the Clyde of America. Our local pride will not be wholly gratified, however, until the Clyde is spoken of as the Delaware of Great Britain.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ

1. What is the nationality of Lieutenant Arthur W. Brown, navigator of the first airplane to achieve a nonstop flight across the Atlantic?

2. Which is the larger, England or Pennsylvania?

3. On what syllable should the accent fall in pronouncing the word cigarette?

4. Who is Sem Benell?

5. What is a pangolin?

6. What is jute?

7. What is a fay?

8. When was the Mississippi first seen by a white man?

9. Of what new state does Serbia now form a part?

10. What is the predominant race in the territory of Hawaii?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

1. A "ripper" bill is a bill designed to oust officeholders to whom the party responsible for the legislation is opposed.

2. The temperature of a cold-blooded animal is the same as that of its environment.

3. Asuncion is the capital of Paraguay.

4. Anthony Vandyc or Van Dyck painted the celebrated portrait of Charles I of England.

5. The French phrase "bon marche" literally means "good market." It is familiarly used, however, in the sense of "cheap."

6. Bulwer Lytton wrote "The Last Days of Pompeii."

7. Juarez is in northern Mexico on the Rio Grande, immediately opposite El Paso.

8. Forecastle means before the castle. Ancient ships, especially the Spanish, had a castlelike structure in the bow.

9. Philip Freneau was an early American poet. His dates are 1752-1832.

10. The Gordian knot was named from Gordius, a Phrygian peasant, who dedicated his wagon to Jupiter and fastened his yoke to a beam with a rope of barks so ingeniously tied that no one could untie it. Alexander the Great was told that whoever would the knot was to reign over the entire East. Thereupon he cut it with his sword.