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MISCHIEF AGAIN IN MEXICO

Carranza has a genius for malevolence. That Latin soul is shot through with poisonous intent toward the United States.

This purring Latin feline, Carranza, suggests in brief, that Mexico feels it a duty to humanity at least to consider an embargo upon exports to warring nations.

That suggestion has to do with the Tampico oil fields. The British and the French have been depending upon the Tampico oil supply.

Aeroplanes are the eyes of the big guns and if the allied powers through air supremacy can blind the Germans and keep their own vision they may gain important results in the coming operations.

If Carranza puts an embargo on oil he may put the United States in a peck of trouble, which is probably his purpose. Certainly the only thing that would prevent Great Britain and France from taking charge of the Mexican oil regions and keeping them open—with so much depending upon this supply—would be unwillingness to antagonize the United States.

That unwillingness might not serve the emergency might be so compelling that the British and French would act or ask us to act. Our alternative might be to permit the French and British to keep this trade open or to keep it open ourselves—to surrender the Monroe Doctrine or to serve the allies.

If our relations with Germany were undisturbed we could find a way of meeting this difficulty. If we had done what we ought to have done with Carranza and with Mexico this difficulty would not arise.

Mexico is our exposed flank and the fact has been apparent for several years. We have broken relations with Germany and it may be our fate to go to war against her.

There is a rebellion now in Cuba. We are having trouble in Haiti and Santo Domingo. If our whole southern border breaks out in disorder we shall have a situation which will keep our hands full for some time.

Carranza is willing to be an instrument of such a purpose. He is the creation of the United States, created for our own embarrassment and trouble.

TAFT ON CONSCRIPTION

What would be our position today if the English navy were not between us and Germany. And what would our position be in the future if the army of Germany and the navy of England were headed toward America to carve out a few rich provinces controlling our best ports, our richest coal and iron mines and our most valuable means of transportation?

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NO WAR OVER TRIFLES

If the United States was determined to go to war with Germany, which it is not, no difficulty would be experienced in finding a cause that can be justified before the world and in the American conscience.

EFFECT OF GERMAN'S CAMPAIGN

While the new submarine campaign must prove futile as a means of bringing the Entente Allies to their knees, it is having a considerable measure of success in keeping supplies from them—from European neutrals also.

Here we have virtually an embargo on American foreign commerce imposed by Germany. It is not complete by any means, but it is effective enough to interfere seriously with our domestic business also.

The Chinese preserve their eggs indefinitely by drying them, the yolks and whites being first separated and then each reduced to powder by evaporation.

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Miss Broadhead gave a lecture to those who stand at the drug store and drink sodas all day. William Keegan is always in favor of good movements.

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Condensed Statement

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

OF MEYERSDALE, PA. At Close of Business December 27, 1917

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Resources include Loans and Investments (\$771,422.91), U. S. Bonds (70,000.00), Banking House (29,500.00), Due from Banks and Reserve Agents (220,205.37), Cash (52,308.69). Total Resources: \$1,143,436.97. Liabilities include Capital Stock (\$65,000.00), Surplus (100,000.00), Undivided Profits (36,415.34), Circulation (65,000.00), Deposits (220,205.37). Total Liabilities: \$1,143,436.97.

The Citizens National Bank "The Bank With The Clock With The Millions"

Eyes Examined

I want to see you about your EYE TROUBLES. I know I can help you to see better and to feel better. Bad vision is very common in these days of reading and studying. I don't neglect your most precious organs—YOUR EYES.

COOK, THE OPTOMETRIST Eye Sight Specialist. Phone Meyersdale, Pa.

Hartley & Baldwin

Without going further along the line of pretty sentiment, but getting right down to business, such a time is when you buy clothes. This store is just the right place for it; you'll get Hart, Schaffner & Marx Clothes, and an exact fit. Varsity Fifty Five suits; in other models for other tastes. All wool, best of tailoring, correct style and fit. We'll show you the label in the goods; the maker's signature of security; a small thing to look for, a big thing to find.

Hartley & Baldwin Meyersdale, Pa.

How to keep your money safe from thieves is a problem that was solved by the inhabitants of Uap, in the Caroline Islands, when they devised a currency too heavy for burglars to carry away. The money used by the natives is in the form of huge wheels of stone, weighing as much as 500 pounds and roughly shaped in the form of a grindstone. A large hole in the center is a feature of the Uap money. Even the clam shell pennies are perforated. The stones are used for large purchases only. If an islander becomes wealthy enough to purchase a pig he must part with a 500 pound circular stone, but if he is required to deliver it for any distance the pork is well earned.—American Boy.

Breaking on the Wheel. In medieval days "breaking on the wheel," a most barbarous mode of inflicting capital punishment was often used in France and Germany. It consisted of stretching the victim upon a wheel or upon a wooden frame in the shape of St. Andrew's cross and then breaking his limbs by blows from iron bars. The sufferer was then left to die slowly from fear, thirst and exhaustion.

Local Mrs. D. with friend Feeding bel & Phil Born to Saturday Mrs. S. visitor T. Ceresota at Habel Miss Eliz week in B. B. J. Ly tor in New week. Mrs. Ma Miss Marg visitors Su Lake Ho kags for \$ Mr. and ly, spent St stone Junc A mess moving pl Miss He ter, spent friends in Mr. and Miss Jenni in Salisbu Miss K ted relativ duing the Fresh sa fat Norwa lips. Miss Gl on Mond and friend Mrs. Ha a few da ting relat Misses Reber of the Blake Mr. and od the fun Salisbu N. E. M lins depa for a busi Mrs. Jo W. Va., is parents, Miss the pas Mrs. Ed A. L. So the Com and Mond boro. Sawmil Outfit re See H. P Pa. Mrs. Id erest Hig Sunday H Main str Mrs. D Wednesd home on non of We hav garden s farmer fr they wor A num tended a Mrs. Cha Thursday Miss I tertained home on Wednesd Mrs. P Miss The town, w and frien Pleasent flou Phillips. Miss I Meyersd spent Sa tives an Mr. ar and dau Rockwo day with Oscar ing the relatives for Detr played. Mrs. R been vis M. A. R turned to day even Mrs. L lsville, I week he Livengo Broadwa A dan hall on 5 would e Ed. M pleasant day. Pratts \$1.25 pa your her \$-100 at Haba