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Carranza Tries His Hand at an Identic.

The de facto government of Mexico was fashioned very largely by the hand of Uncle Sam. As our own creature, we are more or less proud of it. We gave Brother Carranza a standing and a definite place in the family of Nations. As soon as this was done the Mexican government, from its point of vantage among the Nations of the earth, proceeded to deliver to the United States a good curtain lecture on the subject of peace, with reference to our duty to mankind and the principles of humanity. Moreover, the de facto government put its lecture in the form of an identic note.

How like a serpent's tooth is the sting of an ungrateful and inconsiderate and ungrateful and disrespectful child. The Mexican move has occasioned some annoyance, too, if not embarrassment. Entente diplomats in Washington entertain the suspicion that the Mexican enterprise may have been inspired by the pernicious German interests, a suspicion that is largely shared, we are told, by official Washington.

But this has nothing in particular to do with the fact that His Whiskers said some very good and sensible things. The head of our neighbor, the Republic which we have accorded full recognition, has a remedy for the world's woes. No doubt he is impressed with the idea that a Christian civilization is behaving infinitely worse than his unlettered and semi-savage Indians, a viewpoint not all difficult to comprehend. He proposes a league of Neutrals, allied for the purpose of upholding, in every way possible, some code of international law, and the withholding of munitions and war supplies from all the fighting nations that are guilty of breaches of the law. This, by the way, is no new idea at all. Millions of people all over the world have thought of it. As a matter of fact, most of the neutrals have proceeded upon some such idea as this from the beginning of the war, and, instead of seeking to turn this great affliction of mankind to financial account, they have declined to engage in the shell traffic. Most of the neutral nations could act easily upon the Carranza suggestion since for them it would simply mean the development of a policy long pursued by them.

Now that the Mexican government, as we have hitherto remarked, has a fixed place in the family, Carranza will have to be answered. Secretary Lansing, it is believed, will write the answer, which will be to the general effect that it would be unneutral for the United States to withhold war supplies from the belligerents.

If this course is adopted the State Department will probably lay itself open to another delicate, diplomatic call-down from our child. If the Mexican government has found it possible to keep its archives in tact, if it has found it possible to keep any records, it will find among its papers a State Department communication upon the subject of embargoes on munitions, and how Nations at times feel obliged to withhold war supplies from belligerents. It was clearly stated in that note to Mexico that an embargo on arms was in harmony "with the best practices of neutrality."

Our sovereign, if disobedient child, might find it possible to annoy us some more, if becoming habituated to note writing, it should address to the several neutral nations another identic

"Cuts Out" Playing Golf on Sunday.

"A bill to prohibit the playing of golf on Sunday in the counties of Caldwell, Watauga and Avery was before a legislative committee last week and was reported unfavorably, Senator Gough of Robeson being the only member of the committee who voted for it. There are golf links at Blowing Rock and Linville. Rev. Edgar Tufts, who is in charge of the Presbyterian school at Banner Elk, and who serves a number of churches in that section, thinks that Sunday playing is demoralizing—that it keeps boys who are employed as caddies away from Sunday School and has a bad effect generally. Mr. Tufts was supported in his position by some of the summer visitors to Blowing Rock who are interested in his church work and by citizens, including ladies and girls. Senator Nelson of Caldwell, who introduced the bill; Mr. Carson, a summer visitor to Blowing Rock; Representative Coffey of Watauga and Senator Braswell of Avery championed the measure. These two latter said they were for it because they thought their people wanted it, and all spoke highly of the great work done by Mr. Tufts in that section. Senators Turner of Iredell and Linn of Rowan spoke against the bill. Neither play golf or other games on Sunday, but argued that it was unfair to pass such a bill for one section; that if passed at all it should be state wide, applying to all games. Senator Turner particularly emphasized the difficulty of regulating by law matters pertaining to Sabbath observance that are matters of conscience. Some people object to automobile riding on Sunday, some to one thing and some to another, and it is impossible to regulate all these things by law. When such things become a disturbance or a nuisance in a community there is a remedy under existing law. Mr. C. V. Henkel of Statesville, who appeared in behalf of himself and others interested in development at Blowing Rock, and whose company had established the golf links there, said that if the measure was made statewide he would favor it, but he objected to having it appear that his people at Blowing Rock and others in that section were sinners above all other sinners because a few of them played golf on Sunday. Mr. Henkel doesn't play on Sunday at Blowing Rock because the sentiment generally was against it; that no caddy boys were employed in Sunday playing and that the few who played were not an annoyance to the neighbors.—Landmark.

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Sometimes it looks as if a mantle of charity was cut on the short skirt pattern.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

note, including therein the Lansing letter on the subject of neutrality and embargoes on war supplies.—Greensboro News.

Opening of the Farm Loan Banks.

Charlotte Observer. A notable event this spring will be the opening of the doors of the twelve Farm Loan Banks established by the Government. The books have been kept open the required thirty days for public subscription to capital stock, and the Government itself will subscribe whatever amount may be lacking. Shortly after the banks have begun operations, the mortgage bonds which the act contemplates issuing will be placed on the market. The Washington correspondent of The New York Journal of Commerce says it has been prophesied that these farm loan bonds will be ready to market probably as early as March. "Inasmuch," says the correspondent, "as the administrators of the law look upon these bond issues as affording good investments for the public, it is expected that they will be studied very carefully in the bond market. As a matter of fact, it is hoped and anticipated that the farm loan bonds will be taken up largely by insurance companies and other similar financial agencies which have ample funds at their command to make such investments, although it is maintained that the bonds will afford an acceptable opportunity to individual investors." The farm loan bonds will sell at four per cent interest. The Farm Loan Board says the bonds will be issued in series of not less than \$50,000 each and probably not more than \$250,000 each, and when authorized and approved by the Federal Farm Loan Board after such investigation and appraisal as it shall deem wise. They will be the obligations of the issuing bank. Under this arrangement it is entirely possible to try out the marks cautiously and to sell the bonds at the best time and under the best conditions. An important feature is that they will be exempt, both as to principal and income, from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation. They will be issued in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$1,000. They will be in coupon form and may be exchanged into registered. It has been declared that they will be issued for a term of probably thirty years, redeemable after five years. The interest will be payable semi-annually. The 12 Federal land banks will be jointly liable for interest payments up on the bonds issued by any one of their number, and for such portion of the principal as shall not be paid after the assets of the issuing bank have been liquidated and distributed. The correspondent quoted again points out that each mortgage is to be guaranteed by a "Farm Loan Association," of which the borrower is to be a member and a stockholder. On this stock will be a double liability. Each association will be required to purchase stock in the farm land bank to the amount of five per cent of the loans to its members, and this stock is to be held by the bank as security on the association's guaranties. Each of the twelve land banks will start business with assets of \$750,000, derived from the sale of its capital stock. This stock will increase with each loan made, to the amount of five per cent of such loan, until it reaches \$1,500,000, after which the repayment of the \$750,000 originally subscribed will begin, such repayment being concluded when the aggregate capital reaches \$3,000,000.

The investing public is represented as being disappointed that these farm loan credits are to be started at a time when international affairs are at such a precarious stage.

He Was His Own Grandfather.

It was in the far and woolly West that a wild-eyed, dissheveled man applied for admission as an incurable patient at the door of a lunatic asylum. The head physician cast his eyes upon him and marked him as his own.

"But tell me how it happened," said the mild and affable doctor, gazing down benignly upon the applicant.

"I'll tell you how it is, doctor," said he, looking suspiciously around the room as if in search of eavesdroppers. "I was a respectable, sober, religious man once; but see now what a wreck I have become. I met a young widow with a grown-up step daughter, and married the widow. Then my father met our step-daughter and married her. That made my wife the mother-in-law of her father-in-law and made my step-daughter my mother, and my father became my step-son. See?"

The patient gazed at the doctor, who was looking at the ceiling as if absorbed in some calculation about a horsefly up there. The wild-eyed man went on:

"Then my step-mother, the step-daughter of my wife, had a son. That boy was of course my brother, because he was my father's son; but he was also the son of my wife's step-daughter and therefore my grand son. That made me grandfather to my step-brother. Then my wife had a son.

"My mother-in-law, the step-sister of my son, also his grandmother, because he is the step-son's child. My father is the brother-in-law of my child because his step-sister is the wife. So I am the nephew of my own son who is the grand-child of my step mother!

"Now, just listen to this, which nobody but I have ever been able to cipher out. I am my mother's brother-in-law, my wife is her own child's aunt, my son is my father's nephew, and I am my own grandfather—and I can't stand it.

"I have struggled against it until my brain has given away, and if I cannot get relief here I will drown myself before I become my own grand child and have to begin life all over again."

The doctor sat mute and motionless, and when the shades of evening closed around them the attendant found two patients instead of one.

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Sympathy is the safeguard of the human soul against selfishness.—Carlyle.

Soon Over His Cold

Everyone speaks well of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy after having used it. Mrs. George Lewis, Pittsfield, N. Y., has this to say regarding it: "Last winter my little boy, five years old, was sick with cold for two or three weeks. I doctored him and used various cough medicine but nothing did him much good until I began using Chamberlain's Remedy. He then improved rapidly and in a few days was over his cold."

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Bismarck's Last Cigar.

With all his brusqueness, and even at times brutality, Bismarck had much of the "live and let live" philosophy, and it humanized him so that men loved him and willingly followed after him. The story of the last cigar at Koeniggratz illustrates what has been said.

"The value of a good cigar," Bismarck said, as he proceeded to light an excellent Havana, "is best understood when it is the last you possess and there is no chance of getting another. At Koeniggratz I had only one cigar left in my pocket, which I carefully guarded during the whole of the battle, as a miser does his treasure. I did not feel justified in using it. I painted in glowing colors in my mind the happy hour when I should enjoy it after the victory. But I miscalculated my chances. And what was the cause of my miscalculations? A poor dragoon. He lay helpless with both arms crushed, asking for something to refresh him. I felt in my pocket and found only gold, and that would be of no use to him. But stay, I still had my treasured cigar! I lighted this for him and placed it between his teeth. You should have seen that poor fellow's grateful smile! I never enjoyed a cigar so much as that one which I did not smoke."—Frederick Marvin, in Fireside Papers.

The Maneater.

James Jimpson has a savage pup, and when it sees a stranger, it seems to wish to chew him up, and put his life in danger. With smiling eyes James Jimpson sees when'er abroad he sallies, the people shunning up the trees, or sprinting down the alleys. Some morning James will call his dog, and call and whistle vainly; it will be deadlier than a log, and out of business plainly. Some angry victim of its jaws will feed it deadly bitters, and whoop around with glee because he slew that worst of critters. It's strange how many take delight in causing grief to others, who seem to work, in foolish spite against all men and brothers. It's strange because the man of sense must know that course is dotty; it stirs up hatred most intense, and causes language naughty. And why should any fellow wish to go forth seeking trouble? We have enough unasked oddsfish! Why try to make it double? We have to treat our neighbors well, not on their corns be treading, or this old world in which we dwell will furnish rocky sledding.—Walt Mason in News and Observer.

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