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MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 13, 1916

If there is much further delay in hitting the Mexican trail it can no longer be denominated a "hot" one.

We were glad to have a visit from Editor Carl Goerch of the Washington Daily News, who was a pleasant visitor to the Metropolis of Lenoir Sunday. Editor Goerch presides over a sprightly column and turns out some interesting news matter as well.

A California poultry raiser reports a hon in his barnyard which sings like a canary bird at sunrise. It is to be hoped that the breed will be restricted to the California run and not become popular with fanciers in this neck of the woods.

By the way, what became of that reported "investigation" which was to have been launched in Washington against the rapidly rising price of gasoline? The millionaires are storing their cars for lack of desire to spend their good money for the "juice" and the John D. Company is adding a cent every day or so to the price per gallon just to show that it does not fear the investigation.

South Carolina comes to the front and claims to have had the distinction of having the first son to fall in the Villa attacks on Columbus. The young man is said to have been Fred. A. Griffin of Pickens county. North Carolina usually lays claim to the first victim, where the country's safety is involved, but there is certainly no disposition to complain because none of our soldier boys were first to fall a victim to this dastardly assault.

Up in Raleigh we are told that the police department will offer an automobile for sale which was taken from an alleged "tiger transport." Such forfeiting of machines detected in use as blockade runners from the Virginia liquor depots will cause the owners to be a little more careful about hiring them out for such purposes. Let the good work go right on. The liquor demon is not entitled to any consideration or quarter; it is extermination that is being sought by the forces of temperance and morality and all who hitch up with the liquorites and assist in evading the laws and carrying on an illegal traffic must expect to suffer the consequences when caught.

The farmer who diversifies owes no man allegiance; he is dependent only upon the God-given sunshine and other climatic and soil conditions for the success of his year's undertakings. The poor cotton market or the low price for tobacco doesn't have the same terrors for the man who has a smokehouse filled with good meat and a barn well supplied with home grown grain. Every farmer should see to it that enough meat and grain is produced at home to care for the family needs and then when that is provided for the balance of the acreage can be devoted to money crops. The "hog and hominy" cry is the one that will rally the farmers of the Southland about the banner of prosperity in this good year of 1916 and in the years that are to follow.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Rock Hill Herald, is inclined to criticize the apathy and indifference which it asserts is so manifest on the part of the people in regard

to the murder of American citizens by Mexican outlaws. The Herald takes the Wilson administration to task and alleges that it has permitted every conceivable outrage to be committed by the Mexicans without offering to give protection. The Herald was probably not informed as to the emergency orders which were rushed to the commanding officers of U. S. troops along the border and of the hasty preparations that are being made to avenge the murder. The Free Press believes the attitude of the people is not one of indifference to the rights of their fellow citizens but of perfect confidence in President Wilson to give the best protection possible to all American interests.

U. S. CAN HARDLY REFUSE TO RECIPROCATE WITH MEXICO.

The request of de facto President Carranza of Mexico to be granted the privilege of crossing the United States border with troops, in pursuit of bandits, should the necessity for such action arise, can hardly be refused by the Administration in view of the punitive expedition which is now under way by United States troops in search for Villa and his followers. President Wilson and Secretary Lansing have given every assurance to the recognized Mexican authorities that the expedition is purely a punitive one, and is in co-operation with the Mexican authorities to capture and bring to justice a common enemy and outlaw whose depredations upon life and property have been most outrageous.

There is little probability that Mexican outlaws will make their escape into American territory since the United States has taken extra precautions to patrol the border, and there is little likelihood that the Carranza troops would have to avail themselves of the privilege. The Administration is to make reply to Carranza today, and it will no doubt grant his request, and by so doing give further evidence of its good faith in entering Mexican territory.

There is one feature that will have to be guarded against, and that is the possibility of Villa's outlaws escaping in the guise of Carranza soldiers. At any rate, the United States can hardly refuse to reciprocate.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

BUT THE FIGHT HAS JUST BEGUN FRIENDS!

Richmond Virginian: "At 5:10 o'clock, Friday, March 10, 1916, the work was completed."

Henry Carter Stuart, with the same pen which was used in signing the enabling act, signed the bill which is to free Virginia from the thralldom of drink.

Our people do not now realize all that this means. It will work such a radical change in Richmond that it is just now hard to appreciate it.

But mark this prediction. Richmond, even that part of its citizenship which has fought for the continuation of the license system, will glory in the new era which will be ushered in on that good day, November 1, 1916, the first day in the history of Virginia to find it saloonless. We predict an era of individual prosperity such as has never before been known. We predict that business houses will sell more of the comforts of life than ever before. Women and children will be better clad among the poorer classes. Homes whose hopes have been blasted by drink will be re-established. Men who have found temptation on every hand will be helped to a better life. And more real happiness will be found per square foot than Richmond and Virginia ever looked for.

And mark this, too. The men who have been assailed by the wet press, lampooned, cartooned and slandered will no longer be the targets of such attacks. The public will just not tolerate it.

The Virginian heartily congratulates the people of Virginia upon the conclusion of their fight for freedom from the rule of rum."

WOULD VIE WITH BLEASE.

Columbia State: "Apparently the entrance of Mr. R. A. Cooper into the contest for Governor of South Carolina has made The News and Courier of Charleston uncomfortable. It boldly admits that Mr. Cooper is 'within his rights,' but with that deliciously delicate and deft satire which so distinguishes it, Mr. Cooper is depicted as a 'mtrayr to duty' and it intimates unmistakably that in its opinion responsiveness has been bubbling and almost bursting from the bosom of Mr. Cooper to the importunities of his admirers ever since the primary of 1914—or the last eighteen months. Had the News and Courier said 'We're agin Cooper,' the expression would have lacked the characteristic elegance of its imperial diction, but it would have meant the same thing and saved space. "Nevertheless, there is plenty of time for the News and Courier to change its mind."

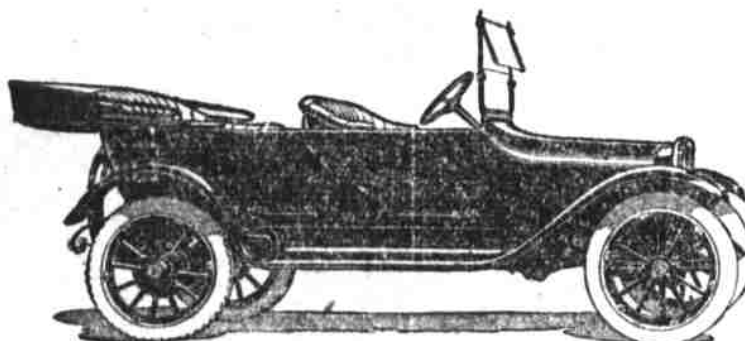
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2-28 to 3-23

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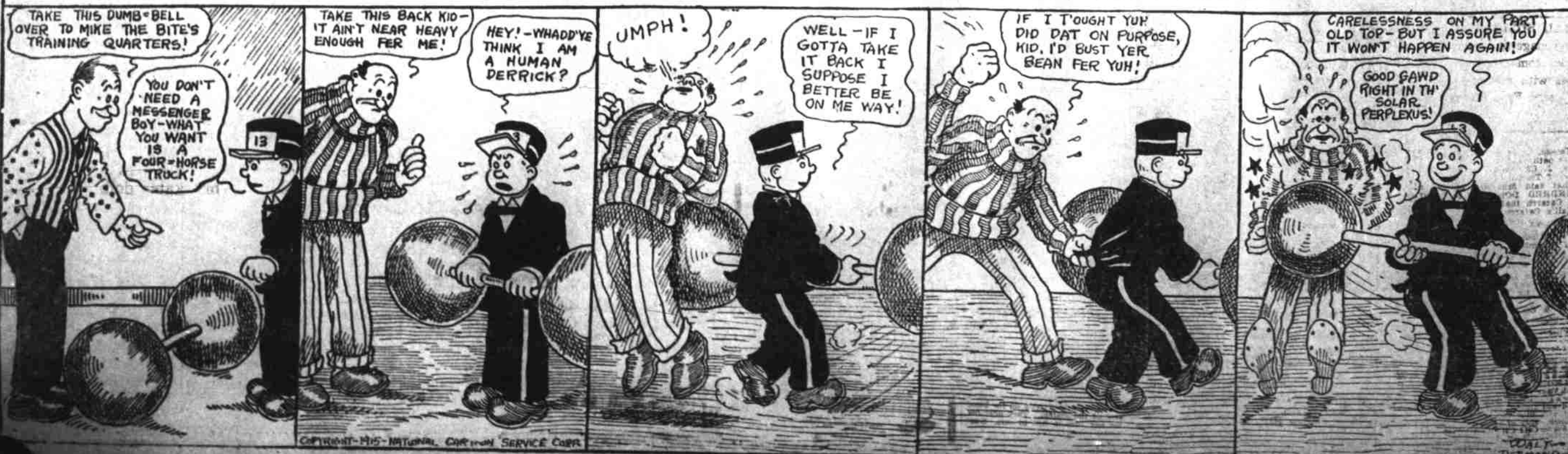
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UMPH!

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IF I TUGHT YUH DID DAT ON PURPOSE, KID, I'D BUST YER BEAN FER YUH!

CARELESSNESS ON MY PART OLD TOP—BUT I ASSURE YOU IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN!

GOOD BAWD RIGHT IN TH' SOLAR PERPLEXUS!