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It was about time for Ty Cobb to get before the foot lights again.

Wasn't there some question raised last spring about saluting a flag?

We haven't found anything "rare" these days in June--its a case of "burning up."

We wish we were mediating at Niagara Falls--we'd dilly and hee haw around some too.

The weather man seems determined to make the Wrightsville gathering of ye scribes an absolute success.

The old-timers "we won't progress" crowd had everything their way at Raleigh--why aren't they satisfied?

According to the Charlotte News millions of dollars of Federal Reserve notes will be out next week. As a purely academic question, considered entirely in the abstract, the subject is not wholly devoid of interest for us.

From reports now coming in, it is evident that the crops have not been damaged to anything like the extent that might have been expected by the prolonged drought. This is good news for everybody. The farmer feeds and clothes the world and adversity to him means hungry stomachs and bare backs for millions.

A Black Recorder

President Wilson should not appoint a negro to fill the office of recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia. To do so is a direct and staid insult to the south that elected him. Nothing he could do would so alienate the South as an appointment of this kind. We believe in being fair to negroes, but we do not believe in appointing a black to a position where he will have working directly under him dozen of white men and women. That is not our idea of fairness.

If President Wilson persists in appointing a negro, he will certainly lose both the affection and respect of a large number of Southern people, even though the Senate does not confirm this appointment.

The Mediation Muddle

After over a month of continuous mediation, the Mexican situation seems as far or farther from any definite settlement as it did when the mediation sessions started.

We would certainly hesitate to say that the administration did wrong in going into the mediation proceedings; for they had a distinctly beneficial effect along two entirely separate lines: they gave the United States government time to get their citizens and hundreds of foreigners out of Mexico and they showed the world at large that this government was not bent on self aggrandizement and the conquest of new territory when their troops took possession of Vera Cruz.

These two things were very desirable and the government was fortunate in having been able to bring them about. Had mediation not intervened immediately after our occupation of Vera Cruz that tactless blunder

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NEXT time you step into the corner store, take a look around. Of all the articles on the shelves, how many were on your list five years ago? Make it ten years, and you will find that most of the things you buy today--and could not do without--were not even made then.

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Your whole standard of living has been raised--and why? Because the men who make these better things are telling you that you will be more comfortable, happier and healthier if you use these higher grade goods.

It is advertising that makes it possible for you to buy "the best" right at your corner store. It is advertising that encourages the inventor to make new comforts and new utilities and enables you to buy them almost immediately after they are perfected.

The late J. J. Hill once said: this "high living" costs more. True for J. J.--but it is worth more. And leaving the cost aside, do you want to go back to buying jam out of a pail, oatmeal out of a barrel, raisins out of sticky boxes, or tea exposed in an open chest?

Do you regret the money you paid for a Player Piano?

Would you forego the new style razor?

Isn't a Tungsten worth a thousand candles?

Would you now be enjoying these if enterprising manufacturers had not told you about them in their advertisements.

Isn't life better because we have new and higher standards of living? Let us thank advertising for it.

Advice regarding your advertising problems is available at all times. An inquiry will bring our representative (Phone 570)--no obligation on your part whatever

would have cost us the lives of hundreds of American citizens who would most assuredly have been massacred.

That the continuation of the mediation proceedings which have been dragging at Niagara Falls for so long will result in any good whatever, either to the United States or Mexico is extremely improbable.

We have never had the opportunity to mediate with anyone but Huerta, and that gentleman, even with his government wabbling down the road to destruction, has had to the fullest extent, to him, glorious opportunity of defying and insulting the American government to his heart's content. The only possible hopes from mediation come from conferences with the Carranza and Villa crowd and so far they have consistently refused to even discuss the question of an armistice or to admit that this government has any right at all in the question of Mexican internal affairs.

As this editorial is written, arrangements are being discussed to bring the "warring factions" in Mexico face to face in a conference at Niagara Falls. Even if the arrangements terminate successfully and emissaries from Carranza agree to confer with the Huerta delegates it hardly seems possible that anything definite can come from it. We imagine that the gentry of both factions know each other too well to have any confidence in promises. If Villa enters Mexico City its going to be mighty unhealthy weather there for one Victoriano Huerta and that is all there is to it.

All this taken with the very imminent possibility of a final split between the Carranza and Villa factions of the Constitutionalist party certainly does not yield, at least to the American public, any very cheering hopes of a satisfactory outcome.

The optimism of the administration, however, seems to increase with each passing reverse. We'll have to hand it to them for optimism, any way. The rest of the people, including one General Frederick Funston, who is on the ground and ought to know what he is talking about, have come to the conclusion that mediation is hopeless and that the time for some definite action has arrived.

We were made \$700,000,000.00 poorer on last Monday when the Supreme Court handed down the decision that the clause making the government lands donated to the transcontinental railways revert to the government valid. That's just about \$7.00 a person.

Virginia's Reformation

Col. Alfred R. Williams of the Roanoke Times is making a rather extensive tour of the grand Old North State gathering data and information relative to prohibition and its workings in this State.

Col. Williams is on the anti-prohibitionist side of the argument that is about to split Virginia into more parts than "all Gaul." Col. Williams for a long time was on the staff of the Richmond Virginian and left that paper on account of his anti-prohibitionist views. We greatly fear that judged from his standpoint his mission to North Carolina will prove far from fruitful. North Carolina has tried prohibition and likes it. It is not strictly observed all over the State it is true, but neither was any other law and progress towards a better observance of this law is being made every day.

Many speakers from North Carolina will doubtless invade Virginia by request and explain prohibition and its workings to the citizens of the sister State. Many other supporters of both sides of the question will probably follow on Col. Williams' heels; in fact, the prohibition question in Virginia will be argued principally on the merits and demerits of the North Carolina law.

It is not only on the prohibition question that Virginia has much to learn from North Carolina; our banking laws, our criminal records, our road system, our increase in property values, are all points that may be studied with advantage by Virginians.

The Bosses Dilema

The recent State Democratic Convention, the one, Terese, where they murdered the Progressives and buried the corpse with appropriate ceremonies, has left in its wake instead of harmony, howling--from the progressives--and recriminations and explanations, both amusing and absurd, from the bosses who ran things.

All of which is very distressing to the noble hearted bosses and goes to show the ingratitude of constituencies. At a very conservative estimate, sixty per cent of the press of the State are emphatic in their condemnation of the proceedings of the convention, about twenty five per cent mildly disapprove, the other fifteen per cent, with a few exceptions are on the fence.

As the utterances of the press are simply the reflection of the sentiments of the people, it is a fairly safe bet that some of our

eminent gangsters are going to rue the day they did it to the progressives. The public conscience in matters of government are aroused and the whys are becoming very embarrassing to the leaders.

The Convention was most noted by what it did not do: it left the question of the constitutional amendments on the table, when party policy and party honesty emphatically demanded that a vigorous expression of opinion on these amendments be made; it utterly disregarded the demand for a Statewide Primary Law, a just and equitable system of taxation (which is urgently needed on account of the present demoralized condition of the finance of the State) and other important matters unnecessary to mention.

In spite of the convention, the next legislature will probably pass a statewide primary law. At any rate such a bill will be introduced. It behooves the citizens of every county to secure from their representatives and senators an expression as to how they stand on this question. If the people will bestir themselves there is yet time to make absolutely sure the passage of such a law.

And no law is more vitally needed in North Carolina.

Certainly Reprehensible

"Gentlemen," said a Congressman, "a member of this House has taken advantage of my absence to tweak my nose behind my back. I hope that the next time he abuses me behind my back like a coward he will do it to my face like a man, and not go skulking into the thicket to assail a gentleman who isn't present to defend himself."

—Sacred Heart Review.

Sign Your Name

We this week received a communication from Route One that we cannot publish because it wasn't signed. An editor can make enemies enough and get into trouble enough on his own account without dabbling in other people's private affairs. Besides he can't run as he could seventy-five years ago. Nix for the unsigned articles.—Athens (Wisc.) Record.

He Builds his House

Peter A. Peterson, who has a claim out in the Jarbor neighborhood, returned last week from Omaha, where he took unto himself a wife. He purchased ten head of milk cows and brought them back with him, and will go into stock-raising right.—Mallette Co. (S. D.) News.

Stop, Look, Listen!

A lawyer recieved \$10,000 for suggesting these words to a railroad.

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