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DRUMMING UP WAR WITH MEXICO

There is new trouble between the United States and Mexico and unless certain tactics are dropped there will be bloodshed.

Take the attitude of The Washington Post, for example. The Post, it should be remembered in this connection, is owned by Ned McLean, the friend of Fall and the late President Harding and the man who was used for a screen for a time in the passing of \$100,000 between Edward L. Doheny and Fall.

In discussing the situation in Nicaragua as it relates to the difficulties between the United States and Mexico, a recent editorial in the Post said in part: "If war should develop between the United States and Mexico it will not be the fault of the United States. The American people have no grievance against the people of Mexico."

"The fact that communism and not imperialism is making an attack upon the republic of Nicaragua does not alter the obligation of the United States to enforce the Monroe doctrine in all its vigor. Communism is merely another phase of imperialism. It seeks the advantage of a few oligarchies under the pretense of fighting for the proletariat. It is a deadly enemy of the American system of self-government as was the French occupation of Mexico. But for the Monroe doctrine and Abraham Lincoln Mexico would have been under the heel of European imperialism. It has passed under the heel of communism, which is destroying the ancient rights of the people. Communism is now seeking to extend its power over other republics in defiance of the Monroe doctrine."

"The movement, if continued will involve destruction of American life and property. Therefore, if it continues, it will provoke war." Here we find a newspaper in close touch with big interests and not far removed from the administration and its friends already absolving the United States from any blame should there be war with Mexico.

The words in the editorial, thinks the Greensboro News, "represent the full flower of the arrogant, belligerent, bullying attitude toward Mexico. The questions between the two countries are complex... but the way to get at a solution of the unsettled question is not to

rattle a sword and talk complacently about the impending conflict. We shall certainly go to war if that kind of spirit governs our approach to a solution of the difficulties and we should certainly please an important group of the American people if we were to go to war."

Greer is at the bottom of the newest difficulties with Mexico and the issue may as well be accepted as such. Oil companies with big grants in Mexico, grants secured for nothing, are complaining about certain laws governing the grants. And here we have the fine example of prominent men and prominent newspapers taking for granted the fact that the United States will trump up other causes for war while the whole thing is hinged about covetousness.

Under the new Mexican law owners of oil reserves who acquired title prior to the enforcement of the Constitution on May 1, 1917, are required under penalty of forfeiture to apply within one year for confirmation of their titles, and to accept concessions for not more than fifty years from the time exploitation work began. This is the rock upon which threatens to go to pieces the rickety structure of friendship built up in the last few years between the United States and Mexico.

The Christian Century says: "The strength of the Porfirio Diaz dictatorship was in two privileged classes—the Church and the landowners; and the coffers of that dictatorship were kept filled by grants of land, oil and mining rights to the concession-seekers of the earth. For absurdly small sums these foreign soldiers of fortune, some times as individuals and some times as corporations, secured immensely valuable natural rights. Mr. Edward L. Doheny, for example, secured the 280,000 acres of the Hacienda del Tulillo, the foundation of his immense holdings in oil lands, for \$325,000! And some idea of the average size of these foreign holdings is given by the announcement that the petition filed with the Mexican government by the British oil interests, accepting the provisions of the new law, while it represented only 401 lots, contained a total of approximately 200,000,000 acres!"

The Charlotte News meets the issue squarely when it says "outsiders have been plundering Mexico of her riches, and the present Mexican government is seeking to regain for her nationals a part at least of their national heritage." Americans have been the chief plunderers and their selfishness, their determination to keep what they have and their utter disregard for arbitration has led them to believe they can bully the United States into a war with the Mexicans.

MORE COULD BE DONE.

The law passed a few years ago requiring all applicants for marriage licenses to be examined by a physician has done some good but it has not corrected all the evils by a long shot. The trouble is not with the law but with physicians.

By this we mean more could be done under the law if it were rigidly enforced. We are not in position to ascertain such information but we would like to know how many couples seeking the physician's certificate of health are really examined.

We do not mean that all physicians pay no attention to the law, but we do mean that many of them are careless about it. There have been instances in Concord where health permits were secured by couples in no condition to be married. No doubt the same thing has occurred in every other city in the State.

The medical professional as a whole should not be held to account for the faults of a few of its members, to be sure, and that is why we believe the law would accomplish more if changed so as to require county health officers to make the examinations. If there is no county health officer then one physician in each county should be appointed to make the examinations.

The law was not sponsored by the medical profession in the State, it is said, and the physicians no doubt would not object to such a change. By having one physician designated to make examinations any laxity in the enforcement of the law could easily be traced to its source and the profession as a whole would not suffer as it does now because of the indifference and carelessness of some members.

November was one of the wettest in the past forty years, North Carolina records show. The rain fall during the month was about two inches more than normal, while in some sections it was as much as 7 inches above normal. December too, has been exceedingly wet, and a check may show more than an average precipitation during the month. The State is about 80 inches short on rain for the past two years, and any excess can be easily used. Perhaps the winter as a whole will be wetter than usual and that by Spring we may have regained some of the loss suffered during the unusually dry summers of 1925 and 1926.

WISECRACKS.

President Coolidge asks Congress to support the present policy of government, but fails to say what it is.—Gadsden Times.

No, it isn't that Senator-elect Smith has halitosis.—Tampa Morning Tribune.

There is little or nothing in Mr. Mussolini's photographs or the things he says to suggest that he dumps his own ash trays.—Danville (Va.) Bee.

In gambling it isn't the first loss that is so expensive; it's getting it back.—Troy (Ala.) Messenger.

Arguing with a woman has about as much effect as back seat driving.—Albany-Decatur (Ala.) Daily.

The movement to put more melodious whistles on locomotives is one that should be carried out "foot sweet."—Nashville Banner.

Taxidermists and taxidrivers are much alike, except that the latter skin a higher class of animals.—Daily News, St. Petersburg.

The Wall Street Journal opines that if stock exchange seats continue to rise they'll soon be as expensive as seats in Congress.—Gadsden Times.

DANVILLE MINISTERS DARES THE IRE OF MILITANT HAM.

Raleigh Times. North Carolina has had a good deal of experience with Rev. M. F. Ham, whose revivals in numerous cities and towns have as a rule created excitement, divisions and hysteria requiring a long period for recovery. He has worked out a smoothly functioning system of religious ballroom which generally brings down the bacon. He knows something of mob psychology and is a master of impetuous speech. When his meetings get to going well, he has the community in which he is working pretty well divided between the hypnotized and the browbeaten.

Danville, Virginia, has had experience with Mr. Ham of the usual kind, and recently it was proposed again to invite him to come to the city for a series of meetings in April. According to custom the Ministerial Association was called to extend the summons. To general surprise the pastors refused to lend their sanction to the proposal.

Immediately the part of the city which is capable of partisan feeling over a revivalist was up in arms. A mass meeting was held at the Y. M. C. A. Laymen present voted to ask Mr. Ham to come notwithstanding. Ferocious speeches were made denouncing the action of the clerics. Fundamentalism raised its head. The Ku Klux Klan is featured in the controversy. Four months before the meeting is to start, there is every evidence that it already has sharply divided the congregations of the leading churches.

It remains to be seen whether Mr. Ham's general contains the kind of sand that will bring him into open conflict with organized methods of barnstorming evangelistic science for him to do so. Usually the procedure is, first catch your ministers, and then have them turn their churches, lend their choirs, boost among their congregations for the success of the show in the big tent. As a rule, the ministers so approached yield the point with as much grace as possible. They "co-operate," even if by doing so they disrupt their own ministerial routine, take a back seat for weeks while an alien shouts a crusade of soul-winning, see large amounts of money collected for expenses and good-will offerings, finally to be left to cope with the embittered, the sliders and the emotionally spent who make the back-wash of what frequently becomes a community orgy that sobers up slowly and with pain. True, the ministers in such a case tacitly concede the implied charge that, as pastors, they are weak and irresponsible failures. But they hold on meekly while the big man comes whooping in from abroad, and even try to look as if they like it.

Danville ministers, having suffered once, have stiffened their back-bones. Rev. Mr. Ham, if he comes will have the opportunity of smashing some of the churches to the implied charge that, while he accepts their aid, but he will find a fight in which the officials are not fixed in advance and where the public will have a chance to take sides. We imagine the Danville news—as pretty a scrap as was ever imagined—will not be pulled off.

THE ESTIMATES TRUE.

High Point Enterprise. The latest report on cotton production in the United States for 1926 seems to prove the authenticity of the federal crop estimates. Evidently, if the new figures are approximately correct, the bureau condition reports that have been furnished from time to time during the year are justified.

The attacks that are made on the cotton crop estimating service are shortsighted and foolish. Maintaining business as to facts does not soften the blow when the actual conditions are damaging to the growers' welfare. Market reactions from time to time indicate that the estimates are scrupulously kept secret until the day of revelation and this and former comparisons of them with genuine reports show that they are compiled faithfully and expertly.

The grower has no just kick at the service Uncle Sam is rendering. He should encourage statistical interest on the government's part, because it is only through full realization of all the facts of the trade and the textile industry that the southern cotton grower can hope to work out his own problems.

THE GUILTY.

High Point Enterprise. Outstanding men of Raleigh—leaders in church and fraternal circles, in business and industry, enterprises—are charged with the murder of L. G. Forsythe, victim of a run runner's tragedy. The charge is made by Captain A. L. Fletcher, world war veteran, speaking before a meeting of the Lion's club.

The buyers of whiskey maintain the condition that convictions and induces such crimes. Captain Fletcher says that the run runner would go out of business except for the patronage of these pillars of the social life of every community.

Is he right in his charge? Of course he is right? The men who are making the market for whiskey are not only unconsciously or carelessly superinducing murders like that of Forsythe but other crimes that are worse. It is bad enough for Forsythe to lose his life by violence but it seems that he was taking his chances with known dangers. Others, men, women and children, are almost equally unsafe because of underworld operations financed by the sale of bootleg. The money that finances them is derived, as Captain Fletcher observes, from the purses of respected men who are law-abiding generally, save and except for the contempt they show for the prohibition laws.

Captain Fletcher is pointing his finger at the guilty men.

This talk about "bankrupts" for the Charlotte Speedway need not worry. The Speedway is there; all it needs is reorganization and an advertising campaign. The Speedway may yet remain a big asset for Charlotte.—Raleigh News and Observer.

The Hickory Record and The New Bernian are advocating a law that will require lights on all vehicles. They declare that the law applying to automobiles ought to be extended to all vehicles on the public highways.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Fearing the competition of the smiling of lady barbers, the men barbers of Honolulu have appointed an anti-firting committee to watch feminine shops.

ANOTHER NEGRO HELD IN ASHEVILLE KILLING

Sam Caldwell, Who First Informed Police of the Crime, is Lodged in Jail.

Asheville, Dec. 28.—Sam Caldwell, negro taxi driver, joined William Avery and his wife, Mary, in the city jail tonight and members of the police department felt that progress in the task of unravelling the most baffling Christmas mystery in the history of the city has been made. Officers from the negro section where the lifeless and horribly mangled body of Miss Mary McGuire, 71-year-old nurse, was found are expected to join those already in custody about half a dozen suspects. Wild rumors about the negro quarters tonight brought a dozen or more badly scared negroes to the police station to inquire if some member of their families was being held "on suspicion." Some of them were persistent and the sergeant on duty had difficulty in making them believe that the jaws to the new jail had not closed upon the one sought. Amusing incidents of this kind stood out in sharp contrast to the sordid drama that was being revealed bit by bit, the story of the murder of Asheville's most loved and highly respected woman.

It was Sam Caldwell who called the Avery house, where the "chitting stunt" was in progress, to inquire about the woman who had been found dead. He had called from up town many blocks away from the scene of the crime and when taken into custody could not explain the occurrence to the satisfaction of the police. He made an attempt at an alibi, according to the officers, but this was contradicted by other facts in hand and when he refused to talk further he was placed in a cell in the city jail to think it over.

While the officers are by no means convinced that they have the murderers, they are certain that the more recent developments point to murder rather than accident. Work that has been done quietly is expected to bring additional developments tonight and the police are hopeful that once started the investigation will gather sufficient momentum that all the facts surrounding the brutal murder of the nurse will come to light.

Rewards totaling \$1,000 were increased today to \$1,400 when Governor A. W. McLean, on behalf of the state, offered the difference. More money is expected and this is hoped, will have a telling effect in solving the mystery.

Fenner and Beane Cotton Letter.

New Orleans, Dec. 28.—Cotton was moderately reactionary today owing to a renewal of hedging selling on a small scale and realizing by recent buyers. There was also some selling for a reaction on theory advance had gone far enough. Weakness in stocks was a contributing factor. The weather was bad with rains over all states except northwest but temperatures were low in that section and a cold wave was predicted on heels of the rains. The weather somehow seems to have lost its stimulating effect, probably account recent advance. There was therefore little to stimulate or discourage from a buying in view of disposition of many recent buyers to cash their profits. Exports continue run heavy and are now 825,000 bales ahead of last year. Exports are expected show further gains as freight rates to continental ports have been reduced 35 cents a bale beginning January 1. Trading sentiment is reactionary at moment and indications are that prices will work some lower, before realizing movement runs its course.

FENNER AND BEANE.

May Use Cotton Seed For Fertilizing.

Phone Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Dec. 23.—Some farmers are thinking of using their surplus cotton seed for fertilizing purposes next year. Were it not for the fact that such favorable exchange can be made with the oil mills in most instances, it would be a good plan to follow," says Prof. C. D. Williams, Head of the Department of Agronomy at State College.

"Where anything like an equal exchange, pound for pound, for cottonseed meal can be made, the exchange should be made, as the fertilizing constituents contained in the meal will be worth about twice as much as the total of those contained in the cotton seed themselves."

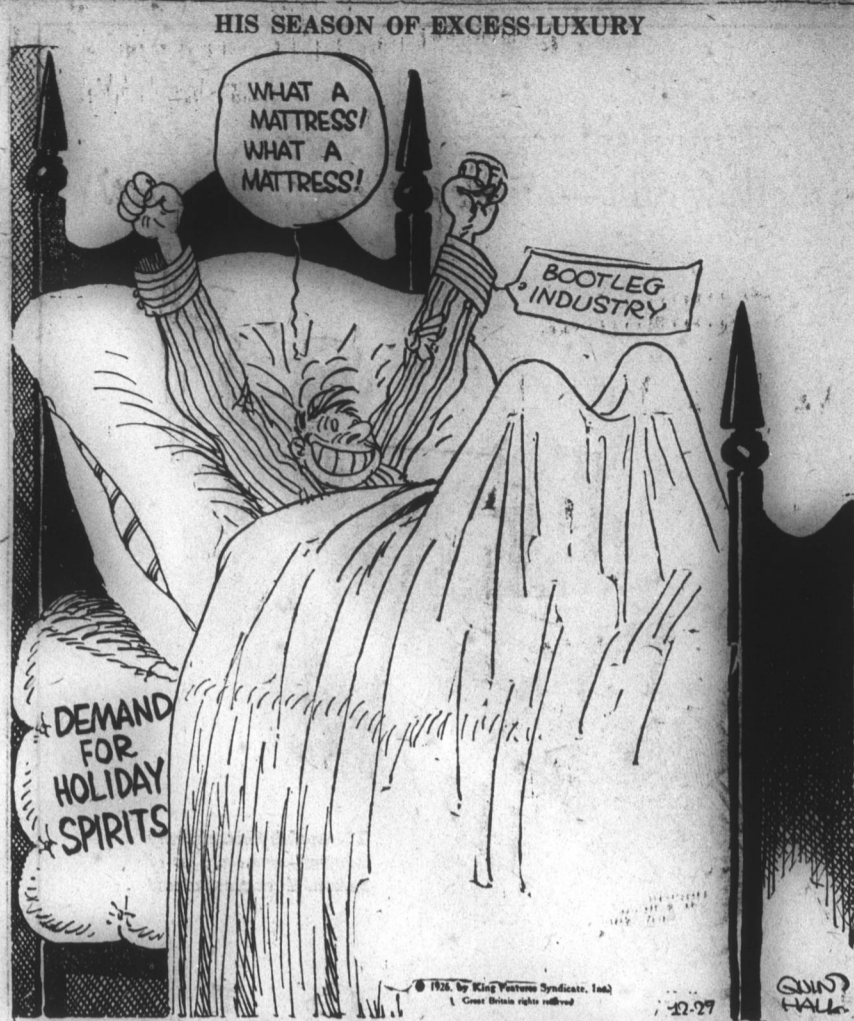
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