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TO CORRESPONDENTS

The Semi-Weekly Journal's appeal, made a few weeks ago for more news from country correspondents, had a noticeable effect as we immediately received a number of most interesting letters.

We regard the letters from our country correspondents as one of the means the Journal has of being of service to the section of country through which it circulates.

Senator Bailey continues to appear to feel that if he doesn't keep busy the constitution will be thrown on the scrap heap.

VIRGINIA'S FISH COMMISSION

The Journal has received a copy of the report of the Virginia Commission of Fisheries.

By virtue of its policies it has saved millions of bushels of immature oysters, which have multiplied into marketable stock.

These results have been accomplished by means derived solely from the direct revenues, while annually turning in from \$25,000 to \$50,000 per year net profit to the State.

Virginia has North Carolina badly beaten in the oyster and fish industry and one of the reasons that this is true is that Virginia has an active fish commission to look after the industry and make it a "go."

MEXICAN AFFAIRS GOING FROM BAD TO WORSE

Matters go from bad to worse in Mexico. The latest development and the most serious of all is the slaughter of the deposed president and vice-president, Francisco Madero.

The particular regime which claims to be the government says that it is by no means responsible for the shocking affair and that it will investigate the slaughter of the two men and try to see that the guilty parties are punished.

In Mexico City, according to the dispatches, many believe that the official explanations are misleading and that Madero and Suarez were accorded the same summary treatment as Gustavo Madero, who a few days previous was subjected to the notorious fugitive law, resulting in his being shot to death by guards.

However, with some show of truth President Huerta and Francisco de la Barra, the foreign minister, have issued long statements which perhaps have satisfied some minds that they are not responsible for the death of the two men, but that they fit as a result of an effort of friends to liberate them.

The United States is adhering to its previously announced policy of non-intervention. Friday it informed the Mexican government that it would expect Madero to be given a square deal, but even if it wanted to, it could not well go back of Huerta's solemn assurance that nothing that has happened is consistent with his desire and intention to give Madero a fair trial.

Undoubtedly the people of this country do not want this government to carry a chip on its shoulder with respect to Mexico. The killing of Madero and Suarez was a most shocking deed, but this country cannot undertake to guarantee safety to the people of Mexico, whether they be deposed officials or humble citizens.

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of undeserved pardons under Governor Dix, it is charged, was done on a considerable scale, the occasion being a consideration in cash, which however did not go to the Governor himself, but to the men who convinced the Governor that this or that person was a fit subject of clemency.

Affairs are pretty tolerably exciting in Mexico, but according to the headlines in the News and Observer, the important question is what is the Wake Water Company going to do?

Ambassador Wilson is hopeful about the new regime in Mexico, but the press dispatches which bring news of his optimistic views also tell of the execution by the government of ninety-five soldiers who revolted at the slaying of Madero.

President-elect Wilson has announced that he will call the extra session of Congress for April 1. That appears to be about as early as the special session could have been called.

Unless things brighten up in Mexico, Governor Wilson will begin his term of office under circumstances that are more than ordinarily trying.

The man who gave its name to the anti-trust bill says that it is stronger than any other anti-trust bill that has been introduced in the General Assembly in the last few years.

When Uncle Sam gets ready to intervene in Mexico, North Carolina as usual will be ready to go first and without delay stay longest.

Joseph Daniels is pre-eminently a man of peace. With him as Secretary of the Navy a naval program of retrenchment in battleship building may be looked for.

One reason why Governor Wilson hasn't taken time to get posted on administration affairs may be that he has been too busy getting things in shape to get something accomplished when he actually takes up the duties of his exalted office.

The municipal campaign in New Bern is exceedingly slow in getting under way. Can't somebody start something? We believe a little political activity in this town, provided it is of the pernicious sort, would be desirable.

President Taft is said to be very much puzzled because Governor Wilson hasn't shown a desire to get in complete touch with affairs that will confront his administration.

GETTING GOOD MEN FOR CABINET POSTS.

With rather strong evidences of accuracy the report is out that several cabinet positions have been definitely settled upon. They are W. J. Bryan for Secretary of State, Joseph Daniels for Secretary of the Navy, A. S. Burleson for Postmaster General, Louis D. Brandeis for Attorney General, William G. McAdoo for Secretary of the Treasury.

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NORTH CAROLINA AS A GRITTY STATE?

The Richmond Times Dispatch in an editorial published in the Journal today gives North Carolina high praise for its decision to provide a six months

school term. Virginia has not very much the advantage of North Carolina in the length of its school term, standing forty-first while North Carolina stands forty-seventh, and the Times Dispatch, holding North Carolina up as a criterion, says to its own State, "Go thou and do likewise."

MEXICO'S KNOTTY PROBLEM.

The problem of the Mexicans is a big one. The Norfolk Virginian Pilot says: "The facility with which revolutions, affecting the personality of rulership, are effected in Mexico evinces strongly the fact that the masses of the population are in indifferent whether this or that one of the contestants for power wins temporary ascendancy."

Of course, too, it is a fact that whatever befalls Mexico does so because of the essential qualities of its people. If the great mass of them are indifferent to the course of events, fly-by-night revolutions will continue to erupt and live their little day only to be succeeded by others equally as short-lived.

So the remedy for Mexico must be applied at the bottom, rather than at the top. The remedy depends more on the great mass of the people than upon the few men of position who foment and maintain revolutions.

NORTH CAROLINA WANTS SCHOOLS.

North Carolina is leading all Southern States in prompt and vigorous measures to improve her educational facilities as a result of finding the State in forty-seventh place in the nation. The Legislature has just passed a law providing for a public school term of not less than six months in every school district in the State.

So convinced were the Carolina lawmakers that something had to be done that there was practically no opposition to the provision itself. The only argument against the increase of the tax was that the State treasury faced a deficit of \$700,000 and no possible means of raising the money necessary for the schools was presented.

No more encouraging sign of Southern progress has been given in recent years than this firm determination to provide education at any cost. It attacks the problem in the right way: by deciding what must be done for the honor and growth of the State, and then going on to finding the funds.

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BASKETS FOUND BRISK DEMAND

Araphoe, Feb. 26.—The basket party given at Baird's Creek last Saturday evening was a complete success in every way.

YOUNG MEN BOUGHT LIBERALLY AT BAIRD'S CREEK PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lewis spent Saturday and Sunday at Stonewall visiting relatives and friends.

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AMERICANS' DEAL GROWING GREATER

In Graver Danger Now Than Before the Huerta Regime Went into Power.

ATROCITIES IN COAHUILA

Washington, Feb. 26.—Startling evidence that American lives and American property are in even graver peril than they were before the Huerta regime in Mexico has been received by the State Department.

From consular reports and telegrams the government learned that the climax of atrocities against Americans has been reported in Coahuila, the north-central part of Mexico, and all along the American border.

The consul at Matamoros, Diaz, reported that Colonel Jesus Carranza, brother of the Governor of Coahuila, arrived in that town at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by 200 armed men, and announced his purpose of preserving order, although there had been no disorder up to that time.

From the consul at Durango word was received that the Copper Queen mine, owned by the American Smelters Security Company, was sacked February 23 by a band of armed guerrillas numbering sixty.

Undisputed by these reports, the State Department let them take the usual course. Consul Garrett, who was attacked by Mexicans while doing his best to protect the lives of his countrymen, was ordered to make a report to the department, giving all the facts.

As an indication of the terrorism that exists through the Mexican territory, Theodore C. Hamm, Consul-General at Durango, reported that 200 of the garrison at Torreon have revolted, and are arming against Huerta.

Despite these dispatches, which followed each other into the State Department with alarming rapidity today, there was no change in the settled policy for the government to "give the Huerta-Diaz regime a chance."

CHILD POISONED BY CLERK'S ERROR

Misunderstood Prescription Causes Death of Little Boy in Richmond.

DOCTOR PRESCRIBED TWO GRAINS OF CALOMEL WITH SIX GRAINS OF SEC-HARCHEL PEPAIN.

Richmond, Feb. 26.—A misunderstood prescription delivered over the telephone caused the death early yesterday morning of four-year-old Robert LeMasurier, son of Captain and Mrs. Joseph LeMasurier, of 3127 West Franklin street.

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with the patient until he died, just about daybreak. I then reported the matter to Coroner Taylor.

REV. MR. MILTON MADE MEMBER OF COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina held yesterday in Washington, Rev. W. H. Milton, rector of St. James church in Wilmington, was elected a member of the committee to succeed Rev. F. N. Skinner of Beaufort, who resigned because of the fact that he is to take charge of a church in South Carolina.

ERNUL HAPPENINGS.

Ernul, Feb. 26.—George Ippock, who is attending the Southern Shortland and Business College at New Bern, spent Sunday here with his parents.

Miss Mahala Barrington is visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Allie Barrington of Vanceboro is spending a few days in our neighborhood.

Moses Ernul and Herman Simpson of Askin were visitors here last Sunday night.

MRS. LARAMORE TELLS TROUBLES

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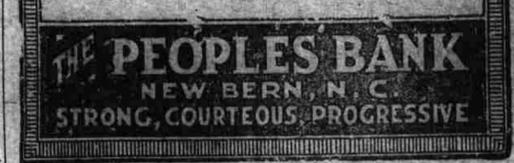
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