

A True National Policy

Unanimous ought to be the verdict of the United States in favor of the administration's plan for organizing a larger permanent military establishment with a trained reserve.

A regular army of 140,000, as proposed, will yield a mobile force of about 65,000 in continental United States, which is the best that can be called reasonably safe.

The plan calls for a large reserve, to be made up chiefly of young men who will enlist for six years, with the understanding that they will spend two months each year in training for three years, and remain in the reserve for another three years without undergoing the whole annual training period.

The new enlistments in the regular army would be for six years, two years with the colors and four in reserve. It is estimated that the regulars, reserves, and national guard would make up, at the end of six years under this plan, a total of more than 1,200,000 trained

men who could be called on for instant service in time of need, and who would enter the army as trained soldiers, needing only hardening and field service to make them first class fighting men.

The problem of officers will be met by enlarging the output of West Point, by encouraging the national guard, and by greatly extending the military training facilities of civil establishments, schools and colleges, and student camps. Officers of the new "continental army" would be drawn largely from civil life, and officers' schools would be continued quite independently of the schools for the line troops.

The plan for increasing the navy is at least as important as that for the army, if not more so. The navy is the first line of national defense, and always will be. It must be large enough to defend both coasts and the outlying possessions, and to resist any attempt at landing, at least long enough to permit the assembling of the land force.

The whole country will be solidly behind the administration in this program. It makes for peace. It is the surest guaranty of peace. The extreme pacifists who will oppose such a reasonable program are the real enemies of peace.

The state department will have its little jokes: "Counsellor Polk gave assurance that the state department would do all in its power to urge Carranza to safeguard American interests in Villa territory."—News Dispatch.

Servis is kindly warned that the Germans cannot be stopped by typewriter slaughter; in ten days she will have the bond invading force wiped out, at the present rate, but she will still be victoriously progressing backwards while the invaders continue to advance with terrible losses.

Mexicans Must Redeem Mexico

Villa's forces continue to crumble, as his leaders fall away. It is beginning to be recognized that the really sound readjustment of Mexican political affairs must come henceforth through channels of peaceable activity, rather than through killing and property destruction.

There has been sacrifice enough. Patriotism, of a sort, has amply proved itself. The new patriotism in Mexico must be the patriotism of peace, not of rebellion. If the new Carranza government will fulfill its guaranties, insure protection in Mexico for foreign interests, and promote domestic tranquility, safety, and law within the domain it controls, all the powers can justly give it their moral and financial assistance.

Mexico, and all Mexicans, must realize by now that the United States has no improper designs on the republic. Under abundant provocation, the United States has withheld its hand. But patience has its limitations, and it cannot be expected that the people of the United States have fully abdicated their international rights.

A fair chance, a fine chance, will be given Mexico to redeem herself. But the task is a huge one, and Mexicans must assume the burden.

Will Need More Police

El Paso can well afford to take a pointer from Los Angeles and prepare for an extra police force this winter. Los Angeles has just decided to put on 35 extra men and will add a total of 100 in all probability.

That the situation there is little different from what it is in El Paso will be gained from the following interview which the chief has given the papers: "Last winter more than 1500 vagrants were arrested. Of this number, more than 60 were burglars and hold-up men wanted in various cities for crimes they had committed prior to coming to Los Angeles."

"It is a crisis we must meet and face squarely, and the police department is going after it with both hands ready for fight. Driving men from the riverbed to the residence sections does no good. They will go to work or get out, and traveling will be easy for them compared to the work already mapped out for them, if they insist upon remaining."

El Paso will need extra men along the river, along the different railroads and through the residence section. The action of Los Angeles will result in turning the tramps this way and El Paso, Tucson and other towns will have to prepare to meet the situation. The local authorities are alive to the need, and the extra expense will no doubt be approved by citizens.

Next year will be the biggest and best year in El Paso's history. It will take a large "budget fund" to do all there is to do and let the good work go forth. A minimum of \$50,000 should be set, and enough additional subscribed to allow for slippage.

Short Snatches From Everywhere

A stitch in time will often save one from embarrassment.—Pittsburg (Pa.) Sun.

Too often the wages of sin are paid also to blameless persons.—Albany (N. Y.) Journal.

When the dove of peace gets back to Mexico it won't know the place.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Signs of the times—Flannel underwear in store windows and flannel cakes on the bill of fare.—Shreveport (La.) Times.

Our Uncle Woodrow is to marry a descendant of Pocahontas. This does not show away in his inside pocket the John Smith vote.—Waco Times-Herald.

It's an easy guess what the new Mrs. Wilson will decide, if the president asks her advice about running for a second term.—Oshkosh (Wis.) Northwestern.

A story writer declares that "Mabel's eyes swept the room as she spoke." More people would be willing to sweep rooms if they could do it that easy.—Temple (Texas) Telegram.

Britain's chief recruiting officer says, "When we have enlisted 5,000,000 more men the Germans will know it is no use to continue fighting." Why not just sit down and wait for the German troops to die of old age?

El Paso has a large permanent population of Spanish speaking people. It is our duty to ourselves to find out the best way to make them efficient producers and progressive citizens, whatever the handicaps under which they arrive here. This is neither charity nor politics, but baby sense.

One baby out of every six born in the United States dies before the age of 1 year. In New Zealand, only one out of every 150 babies born, dies within the first year. This problem of high infant mortality is one that has never received the attention it merits in this country. Hogs, cattle, and wheat receive more care from the national government.

One of "Gap's Boys" Pays Him Great Tribute; Regrets His Own Boy Cannot Know Benefactor

I FEEL more keenly the passing away of Henry L. Capell than of most any friend that has passed into the great beyond," said Edgar Kayser, cashier of the First National bank and one of "Gap's boys."

When the Carrancistas got to Juarez and Carranza's cousin Andres G. Garcia, they will clean up the town. Conditions will be radically changed, and it is possible that prohibition will go in where now saloons and resorts are wide open. Gambling will have a grim put in it, and the so-called "bad men" will divide before the reform program is adopted.

"Ragtime music is heard continuously in the streets here," said Prof. G. Alexander of the El Paso public school. "I do not mean this as an epitaph or a talk of rioting in both the soldiers and loyal, as far as I can perceive."

ABE MARTIN



Speakin' o' preparedness who remembers th' ole sayin', "What funny things we see when we haint got a gun?" Why is a rich bachelor?

Party Issues Are Patent Medicines To Politics Politicians Were Here Before We Had Smallpox

THE world has long been in doubt, but there should be no question, as to whether politics is or are singular. Every one will admit that politics is singular—extremely so.



When a bad politician dies St. Peter puts Plaster of Paris in the keyhole.

Agents, wars, legislatures or other afflictions. Noah was the first great politician. He got all his family together and Joseph worked the stock scare on the Egyptians. Samson slew 10,000 Philistines with the jawbone of an ass, while the best that can be done with a tooth is to pull it out.

HOW SO LOTT!

"Oct. 21 is to be observed throughout the world as Edison Day," said Fred J. Feldman. "At the Panama-Pacific exposition a special celebration will be held and Edison's many inventions, Oct. 21, 1877, is the date on which Edison produced the first commercially practicable incandescent lamp."

WELCOME PROFESSOR HOWSON!



I GUESS I'VE GOT 'EM ALL OFF, COUSIN HOWSON



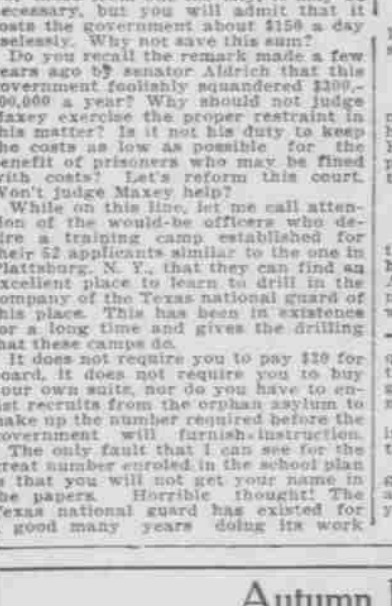
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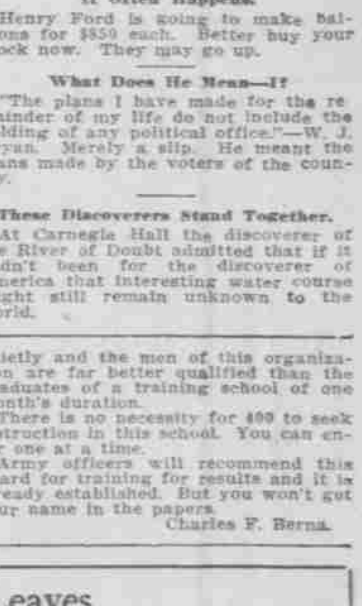
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PROFESSOR YOU MUST EXCUSE COUSIN WILLIE.



"From what I can understand there is a hunter's paradise in northern Chihuahua," said Samuel A. Vaughn. "I have information that there are thousands of ducks on Guzman lake, on the west side of the Juarez mountains. A traveler just up from that country declared that he never saw so many ducks in one locality."

"Great interest being taken in the movement for the organization of the Colorado society in El Paso," said R. H. Jenks. "When we meet to organize Tuesday night we will have over 100 ready to go into the organization, and that will not represent more than half of the El Pasoans who formerly lived in Colorado and are therefore eligible to membership. We have not found a former Colorado man who is not keen to join the proposed society, and we believe that by the time we are thoroughly organized we will have at least 200 members."

"The inner circle close to Gen. Villa is constantly plotting his mind for bad political purposes," said Hector Remon. "and it is not safe for any honest official in his government to continue with him while such men remain between the general and the good influences which ought to prevail in Mexico. Mexico will not get lasting peace with dishonest and evil influences. The 'inside' with Villa, until Villa's forces are completely overthrown."

"Junquez is still quiet despite the rumors and reports of living 'snout,'" said Council T. D. Edwards. "The city naturally worried at this time with news of the defection of some of the

Autumn Leaves

THE autumn leaves are falling, and poets heave a sigh, and say that nature's calling on living things to die. A pensive melancholy fall month to poets bring; but I am fat and jolly and gambol as I sing. I do not think of heaves when autumn sephyras fall, but write some cheery verses, and eat nine kinds of kale. The skies are dark and dreary, the rain begins to spout, but people should be cheery unless they have the goat. The wind is chill and snappy, the earth is dank and wet, but people should be happy, unless they are in debt. The wind will soon be piling big snowdrifts on the plain, but people should be smiling unless they are insane. I love all kinds of weather, I love the autumn well, when we all sit together around the fire and yell, and keep the corn-popping, each in his easy chair; the autumn leaves are dropping—it's little that I care. The autumn leaves are falling; I left the blamed things fall; my phonograph is squalling, "Dear Days Beyond Recall." There's firelight on the rafters, and kiddies on the floor, around me joy and laughter, and neighbors at the door.

quietly and the men of this organization are far better qualified than the graduates of a training school of one month's duration. They are necessary for 400 to seek instruction in this school. You can enter one at a time. Army officers will recommend this guard for training for results and it is already established. But you won't get your name in the papers. Charles F. Berna.

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