

STABLE GOVERNMENT NEED OF MEXICO

President Wilson having given formal sanction to the plan of the Pan American conference to extend recognition to the Carranza government in Mexico, it is expected that all other American republics will take the same action.



VENUSTIANO CARRANZA (UPPER) AND PANCHO VILLA

Stable government is the need of Mexico. Carranza has been recognized by the United States and other American republics. The Carranza government is expected to be stable.

DREYFUS COMMANDS FORT

Here of Spy Trial, He Volunteered For War.

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The restoration of Major Dreyfus to active command in the French army at this time, when his country is at war with her arch enemy, must be looked upon as the most complete vindication of the French artillery officer from the charge that at one time he sold secrets to Germany.

Mutual Sorrow. "Harold, papa calls you a fortune hunter. I'm sorry I'm rich." "So am I. Every body will say that you bought me."—Life.

OVERCOMING A DIFFICULTY

Problem in Housekeeping Solved by a Compromise.

"Please, sir," said the janitor, "the new tenant has come." "The new tenant? I'm not going to move."

"I have a written lease." "So have I," said a feminine voice in the hall, and a young, pretty and tastefully dressed woman stood in the doorway.

"A lease to these apartments?" "Yes, a lease to these apartments." "The agent has blundered."

"In what way?" "He has issued a lease to me for the same term."

"Well? What are you going to do about it?" "That is very difficult to decide."

"Come, I want to get my things in at once. The first van, containing the kitchen utensils and table stores, should be here in an hour. I have been worn out with this interminable packing and tearing down things. As soon as the van arrives I shall want to get a little luncheon."

"I, too, am hungry, having had no breakfast. I have all the paraphernalia for a meal, but that confounded cook of mine has been taken ill."

"Poor man, have you no one to manage your household?" "If I starved to death not a human being would care. I will get you a luncheon. I love to cook."

"Bless you, madam, my stomach yearns." "An apron." "There is in the kitchen. You will have to make it for what you want."

The lady disappeared and the man sat waiting in the dining room. Presently he went to a closet, took out a bottle and rapped at the kitchen door.

"You must keep out of here. We have no chaperon. I am for the present your servant."

Catching a glimpse of her through the partly opened door he saw that she looked very neat in a clean white cooking apron she had found and a paper cap she had made. Then he went back and listened to the sputter of broiling chicken and the preparations generally.

"Can't I help you?" he asked, going to the door again really to catch another glimpse.

"Not unless you care to set the table." "How stupid of me not to think of it!" And away he went to the closet for the linen, to the butler's pantry for the dishes and to the sideboard for the silver.

Presently the kitchen door opened and the new tenant, with her sleeves rolled up, showing a pair of plump white wrists, a dish in each hand, entered.

"You have forgotten the glasses," she exclaimed.

"No, I have. Here they are." "And the pepper and salt and the carving knife and fork and a lot of things."

"What have you prepared?" "Broiled chicken, French fried potatoes and coffee," said the new tenant.

"It is the company that especially pleases me." "Thank you. Now, let us proceed to business. We must settle the matter of the occupancy of this flat."

"What do you say to a compromise?" asked the present occupant.

"I would agree to that." "I would want on what basis?" "You leave the flat to me."

IN THE SPORTING WORLD

E. W. Mahan, Captain of Harvard's Football Team.



Photo by American Press Association.

Edward W. Mahan, fullback and captain of Harvard's football eleven, is capable of kicking a goal whenever the crisis of the game demands. Besides being a kicker of note, he is one of the best men in a broken field game has produced. Last year against Princeton he showed his mettle, and it was his two field goals that gave Harvard his first points.

As it turned out, Mahan's kicking would have been sufficient to win for Cambridge, as Princeton failed to score. Great is the fame of Mahan at Harvard. Mahan got his schooling in kicking from Charley Brickley. He is also Harvard's premier baseball pitcher.

Chess Congress. The chess masters' tourney in New York city the coming winter is in honor of the Rice gambit. It is twenty years since Isaac L. Rice, the scholar, musician and patron of the royal game of chess, invented this opening which bears his name.

The tourney will begin Jan. 8, the opening round scheduled to be played at the Manhattan Chess club. Invitations have been sent to a group of the foremost chess players, including J. R. Capablanca of Havana, F. J. Marshall of New York, A. A. Alechine of Petrograd, Boris Kostic of Budapest, Edouard Lasker of Chicago, J. W. Showalter of Georgetown, E. B. Jefferson of Memphis, N. T. Whitaker of Washington, N. W. Banks of Detroit, who recently challenged F. J. Marshall, and others of the leading American chess players.

Professor Rice has consented to act as president of the congress and has donated \$1,000 to be given as prizes.

An Unusual Baseball Play. An unusual freak baseball play occurred in a recent game between the Athletics and the Cleveland club at Philadelphia. In the second inning, with two out, Lajoie on third and Healy at bat, with two strikes and two balls called, Pitcher Garrett made a wild hurl, which struck in front of the plate. Healy struck at the bounding ball, which hit Catcher O'Neill's mask and rolled back to the diamond, while Healy ran for first. Garrett ran in from the box and, picking up the ball, touched out Lajoie, who was trying to score from third, retiring the side. The net result of the play was that Garrett saved his record from a wild pitch and secured a put-out; Healy was safe at first on a missed third strike and the side was retired all on one play.

An All Around Athlete. George Goulding, the Olympic champion walker and undoubtedly the greatest heel and toe expert of this or any other generation, has decided to try his skill as a long distance swimmer. Recently he swam across the bay at Toronto, and he did it at such a pace that an aquatic veteran who saw him thought he would be even more of a success as a swimmer than a walker.

Aquatics will be the third sport adopted by Goulding. He began as a distance runner. In that role he competed in the London Olympiad of 1908, and, although he did not win, he showed fine form and stamina. Soon after word he ceased the walking game.

Sulphur in New Zealand. Sulphur deposits are found on White Island, in the Bay of Plenty, on the coast of the North Island of New Zealand, about thirty miles from the mainland. This island, which covers about 850 acres, attains a height of 900 feet on one side and opens to the sea on the other. Its topography indicates an old crater, and the boiling lake on the island, which is one of the awe inspiring sights of New Zealand, is a further evidence of volcanism.

After the New Zealand Sulphur company had spent \$100,000 in preparation for mining sulphur in this locality a volcanic disturbance wrecked the camp and killed ten men.

The Truth. "Why don't you go to your friends? Why do you come to me to borrow money?" "Well, I'll tell you. I don't want my good friends to know that I have to borrow money."—Detroit Free Press.

A Pleasant Time.

It was Thursday afternoon, and the housemaids were in great evidence on one of the trolley cars. Presently one of them came in and took her seat and at once discovered an acquaintance sitting opposite her. Leaning across the aisle, she said:

"Hello, Annie! Where you livin' now?" "Oh I'm workin' away out in the suburbs now."

"Ain't it terrible lonesome out there?" "No, not a bit. You see, the house is on a corner, and there is a church on the next corner and a fire engine house on the opposite corner and a police station on the other corner. Yesterday there was a funeral in the church, and the fire engine was called out three times, and two men was run into the station, all in one day. Then the couple I lives with don't git along very well. So, take it altogether, there's plenty doin' all the time, an' I never git a bit lonesome."—New York Tribune.

Force of Habit. "Funny things happen, even on street cars," stated old Dad Bing. "Tuther day I got on one that was entirely empty, and at the next corner it stopped and let another gent on. He was a middle-aged person with a faraway look in his eye, and instead of taking his choice of seats he grabbed a strap and hung there, awfully and flapping like a fresh caught fish."

"I don't aim to be inquisitive, podner," says I, "but if it's a fair question why don't you set down?"

"Why—why," says he, "I could do that, couldn't I? But, no, alas! It is too late to change the habits of a lifetime. I never saw an empty seat before!"

"So saying, he clung and swung clear downtown, and I went along just to look at him."—Kansas City Star.

Hazel Twigs. Hazel twigs long have been used as instruments with which to dig water under ground. The twig has at various times been credited with many marvelous powers. Not only could it discover water, but concealed loads of metal, especially silver, were betrayed by the hazel, which according to tradition, was guided by the pixies who guarded the treasures of the earth.

In France the divining rod of hazel was used in the pursuit of criminals, while in many of the methods of investigating the future the burning of hazel nuts played a part.

A Magnetic Island. The island of Borgholm, in the Baltic sea, may be regarded as a huge magnet. Although the power of attraction is not so great as to draw nails and bolts out of approaching ships, the magnetism works a good deal of damage in that it deflects the needle of the compass so that it cannot be depended upon. The effect is perceptible at a distance of nine and a half miles.

His Guess. Mrs. Bacon—This paper says distinct traces of light have been detected in the ocean—depths of more than 2,000 feet by an English oceanographical expedition. "Mr. Bacon—Some of these careless mariners left the gas burning, I reckon."—Yonkers Statesman.

Ever Happen to You? Bill—it is said there are 925 separate operations in the manufacture of a watch that sells for a dollar. Jim—Well, there are more than that when one has stopped and a fellow is trying to make it go.—Yonkers Statesman.

A Truthful Sign. Mr. Longear—By the way, did you ever know that large ears are a sign of generosity? Miss Beauty—Of course, Mr. Longear. They are a sign that nature has been generous.

Made Sure of the Pie. A young girl who carried her dinner was observed to eat her pie first. When asked why, she replied, "Well, if there's anything left it won't be the pie, will it, now?"

Worldly Wise Parent. Daughter—Ma, Mr. Bankleigh is coming here tonight. If he should ask me to marry him, how shall I answer? Mother—Promptly, my child.—Boston Transcript.

There is no piety in keeping a unjust promise.—German Proverb.

Origin of Mersdray. According to the highest authorities, mersdray finds its starting point in the totemism of prehistoric man. In the barbaric custom of painting or carving the totem on one's face, the nose and sides of canoes, weapons, pillars in front of houses, etc., and in tattooing it on the various parts of the body we have the real origin of the insignia that are so precious to the upper ten thousand of today. It was in the ignominious expiation of the savage that he came down a crane or a bear or some other animal that the various "costs of arms" of the "big game" of the present time found their inception.—New York American.

A prominent physician says that if people would eat less they would never have appendicitis. It sounds reasonable. No man ever starved to death and had his appendix examined by the coroner.

Jan Kubelik's heir just born reveals "distinct traces of talent for the violin," according to the fond father. The talent revealed by the newborn heir of most people is rather for the bagpipes than for the violin.



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Transcontinental Terminals

AMONG the many wonderful things worth seeing at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, which President Hadley of Yale has described as "the most beautiful and inspiring exposition the world has ever seen," the Transcontinental demonstration of the Bell System has won distinction and has been awarded the Grand Prize of Electrical Methods of Communication.

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