

# MEXICO NOT SO BAD OFF

SAN ANTONIO, April 1.—Gen. Villa gave out a statement today that if he won the control of Mexico, he would make it a "dry" country.

"My country is now suffering from the liquor traffic, and the children of the poor are the sufferers," he said.

BY DAVID BRUCE.

CHIHUAHUA, Chihuahua, Mexico, March 31.—I shall never forget my first day here in a Mexican city—Chihuahua, the capital of the Villa government, 45,000 population.

I came expecting to see horror and starvation, suffering and an arrogant soldiery. And instead I saw a peaceful, comfortable, well-fed population. I saw people who four years ago had never worn shoes or tasted meat; and all of them wore shoes—American-made shoes, at that.

This, of course, is the seat of the Villa civil government, which is organized much more efficiently than I imagined possible.

Sees Little Drunkenness. Villa's hand is quick to appear where questions of public interests are involved and the civil authorities fail to get results.

Before coming here I had some vague picture of a country groaning in distress; of a soldiery given over to license, robbery and rapine.

There are no such conditions in Chihuahua. Nor are there such conditions, according to reliable information, in Torreon, Aguas Calientes or Guadalupe.

I have seen less drunkenness during the three weeks I have been here than I have seen in any United States city in a like period.

Further, of the Mexicans I have seen drunk, only three or four were soldiers. I have seen more drunken Americans than Mexican soldiers and civilians combined.

I have never seen a woman insulted here. And if a drunken soldier or officer should insult an American woman he is shot.

I also thought all business would be at a standstill here. It is not. Of course it is not running full blast, but there is quite a respectable amount of it going on.

Smelter Busy. The smelter, five miles out, is running to capacity. The mines at Santa Eulalia, Casti and other places are running, although the operators—Americans—are threatening to close down because the government is trying to increase their taxes from 5 to 12 1/2 per cent.

Crops of all kinds are grown in the surrounding country wherever there are the two requisites—men and water. The street cars run every day.

The gun factory, of course, runs night and day; as does the pigmy mint which turns out copper 5 centavo pieces, the only coin money in northern Mexico just now.

Wages Going Up. Naturally the question of business brings up the awful stories of starvation one hears in the states. If you have read much of the conditions in Mexico before the revolution you doubtless remember the standard wages for a peon was 20 cents a day and that no peon ever wore shoes or ate meat. The peon doesn't have to work for that any more. His wages are going up and the pay of over-priced Americans imported here by the American corporations is going down.

Have Opera, Too. A Mexican widow became enamored of an American and considerably shocked our countryman by proposing to him. She strengthened her plea by the statement that he had only to give her 60 pesos or \$6.75 to run her household each month. Regardless of this amazing economic arrangement the American refused, but Mexicans tell me she could have done it and they could have lived well.

Someone might ask what these revolution-stricken people do to amuse themselves. Well, here in Chihuahua, a town of 50,000, we have grand opera every evening at El Teatro Centenario. And I am compelled to remark that it is very good grand opera.

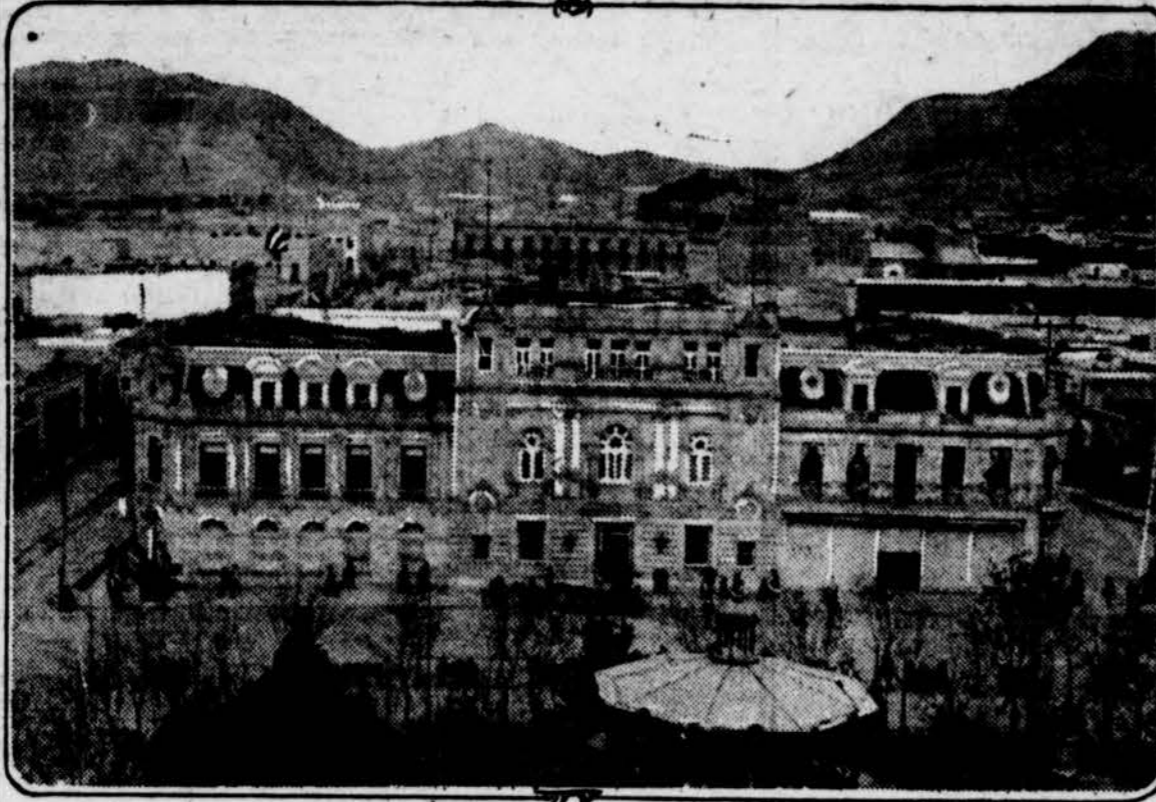
They have a pianist who plays Chopin's Polonaise as I do not believe it was ever played before.

Then there is El Teatro de los Heroes, where a stock company plays an excellent show each evening. There is a thriving squad of moving picture shows and the best band on the continent plays for the public in the Plaza every Thursday and Sunday morning and evening.

BUILDING SHOWS GAIN. Last month's building records in Tacoma increased over those of March a year ago. The figures of Building Inspector Snyder are: March, 1914, \$137,900; March, 1915, \$192,406.

We cordially invite the ladies to call and see our new line of hats at the Our Hat Shop, Public Market Bldg.

## In Bandit Villa's Capital



IN GEN. VILLA'S CAPITAL. BIRDSEYE VIEW OF BUSINESS SECTION OF THE CITY OF CHIHUAHUA WITH THE BEAUTIFUL CITY HALL IN THE FOREGROUND.

## FARM WOMEN WANT BETTER ROADS, LESS HOURS OF DAILY TOIL

What the farm women of this state want is better transportation, so a bulletin published by U. S. department of agriculture testifies.

One letter from a woman says: "Can we not have some U. S. money for backwoods roads? The school is so far away and the road so muddy that it is awful. The road building in this county

has cost thousands of dollars, but at present it is all in the hands of grafters."

Another woman wrote that the greatest boon the government could bestow would be more extended rural free delivery, especially now that parcel post has come in.

Still another wrote: "We should have an eight-hour labor law."

ed to him by the Landgrave of Hesse-Cassel. This money was given the Landgrave by the British government in payment for the services of Russian troops in the American revolution.

**City Will Enforce Freight Ordinance**

Because several teamsters in Tacoma had complained against street car-express competition, the city council today started a movement to force the T. R. & P. Co. to do all its freight hauling at night.

An old ordinance, long unenforced, it is declared, specifies that all electric freight hauling must be done after 7 p. m.

City Attorney Stiles was ordered to investigate, and Commissioner Mills was delegated to interview Manager Bean of the T. R. & P.

**Rothschild's Death Shock to England**

LONDON, April 1.—Lord Rothschild's death, late yesterday, was a shock to the whole country. The king and queen were among the first to send condolences to the wife.

Rothschild was head of the great European banking house, which was started by Mayer Ansel, with \$40,000,000 entrusted

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means that berry growers and shippers near Tacoma will be able to ship to Helena. Butte and other intermountain points for a cheaper rate than ever before. In many cases, this lowered rate will mean just the margin which will enable valley growers to control all this market.

**CHARGED WITH TWO CRIMES.** Said to have robbed the general store of J. W. Humphrey at Buckley this week, and to have set fire to the place, Metro and John Kosar, father and son, farmers, were brought to Tacoma last night by Marshal M. C. Flattery. A burglary charge has been placed against the men, and it is probable an arson charge will follow.

**VICE-PRESIDENT REVIEWS FLEET**



From left to right: Admiral Howard, fleet commander; Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall and Vice President Thomas R. Marshall. The picture was snapped during the vice president's recent review of the Pacific squadron of the U. S. fleet in San Francisco bay off the World's Fair grounds.

## GEO. V. OUT AS A "DRY"

LONDON, April 1.—King George V has added his name to those of David Lloyd-George and Lord Kitchener in the cause of prohibition for England.

He offers not only to give up the use of all alcoholics in his household, but also to use his influence for the passage of a parliamentary enactment for national and absolute prohibition.

In a letter written by the king to Lloyd-George yesterday, it was stated that the one big cause for prohibition at this time was that the workmen in the ammunition factories were lacking in efficiency because of drink. This would have the effect, said the king, of leaving the men in the field without necessary weapons and supplies.

**Denies Youngs Receivership**

Judge Easterday today denied the application of Henry Young and I. B. Young for a receivership of the R. A. B. Young Press. Henry and I. G., respectively the father and brother of R. A. B., declared the necessity for a receiver rested on the alleged fact that there was owing them \$3,000 in wages; and that the plant was not worth this amount.

**Milwaukee to Build Lumber Feeder Line**

SEATTLE, April 1.—The Milwaukee has announced the building of a feeder lumber line from Goshen, Whatcom county, to Wellcome, northeast of Bellingham. It will tap an exceptionally rich tract of virgin timber.

**HOW TO GET RID OF DYSPEPSIA**

Don't Rely on Medicine; Don't Go on Freak Diet; Common Sense and an Antacid Usually All That Are Needed.

"If you have dyspepsia indigestion, sour stomach, belching, distress after eating, heartburn or any other stomach trouble due to hyperacidity (the usual cause of stomach troubles), you should take no medicine to act upon the stomach itself. That is positively not the way to cure the trouble. Again, you should not half starve yourself by going without the nutritious food that you need to rebuild waste tissues. Some foods are not good for people even when in perfect health—very rich, sweet, highly seasoned dishes. Avoid these, but eat fairly substantial meals of plain foods. Eat slowly. Even if you drink nothing but water, you should not drink with meals. Drink before and after your meals. Do not take pepsi or other artificial digestants. If you follow the foregoing simple instructions it is probable that you will not need any medicine at all except, if you want to call it medicine, a little antacid after meals. The best antacid is ordinary bisurated magnesia, which can be purchased at any drug store. This is not to act upon the stomach but on the contents of the stomach. The antacid, as you can learn by consulting your dictionary or encyclopedia, is merely to neutralize or counteract the excess acid so the stomach can digest the food normally. Take a teaspoonful of bisurated magnesia in a little cold or hot water after each meal. You should get immediate relief, even if your case is severe. Careful, moderate eating and the use of bisurated magnesia should put your stomach in normal condition in a short time; if you have not allowed dyspepsia to advance to the extreme stage of developing stomach ulcers.

**RENTON COAL No Spot Little Ash GRIFFIN TRANSFER CO. Auto Delivery. KAIN 555**

## PRETTY GIRL VICTIM OF APRIL FOOL

Gertrude Holmes, age 22, waitress in a Pacific avenue cafe, was the victim of a mean April fool joke today.

And Gertrude wants revenge. The April fool joke caused her to lose the largest part of one pearl-like tooth, right in the center of her pretty mouth. The cheery smile in days gone by was wont to bring many patrons to her station in the cafe. But now her smile is ruined, temporarily, anyhow.

Gertrude wants the guilty man arrested, or she'll bring suit for damages to her beauty.

A regular patron, she charges, handed her a sack of candy at breakfast. After he had gone, she bit into one of the chocolates. But instead of a cream filling, the chocolate contained a good sized piece of gravel. And Gertrude bit so hard that one of her front teeth snapped off near the root.

The panic-stricken girl rushed to police court, but was told by Constable Mathies that she could not have the man arrested for an April fool joke. So she hurried away, declaring bitterly that she would bring suit against the man whom, she declared, had ruined her beauty.

Uses Her Finery As Ladder to Liberty

Taking advantage of the liberties given last night during a motion picture show at the Fort Steilacoom asylum for the insane, Mrs. Swena Nielson of Seattle, an inmate, dressed herself in all the finery she could lay hands to, made a rope ladder of other garments, and slipped through a second-floor window to the ground.

She escaped from the asylum enclosure, boarded a street car, and came to Tacoma. Because of her well-arranged attire, the conductor had no suspicion that she was an escaped patient. Police officers today searched throughout Tacoma for the woman without success.

**CHURCHES TO OBSERVE GOOD FRIDAY TOMORROW**

All the Episcopal and Catholic churches of Tacoma will celebrate Good Friday tomorrow with special services. In most churches there will be morning and afternoon worship, the services lasting three hours.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE.** We have never before sold a remedy with the QUICK action of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ka, the appendicitis preventative. ONE SPOONFUL relieves sour stomach, gas and constipation AT ONCE. Many medicines and all injections act only on lower bowel; Adler-ka acts on BOTH upper and lower bowel so effectively that A FEW SPOONFULS clean the tongue, drive away "dopey" and tired feeling, and prevent appendicitis. THE INSTANT action is surprising.

The French Drug Co., 1156 Pacific Ave.; Owl Drug Co., 904 C St.

**FREE MOVIE TICKET**

The Times' movie party for its boy and girl readers last Saturday was such a success that it is to be repeated this week, and probably every week for some time to come. Last week there were 2,530 of our little guests at the four Joe Bonds' houses.

This week there are five theaters between which you may choose. They are at 24th and Pacific av., 38th and Park av., 33rd and K sts., 46th and M sts., and the Ruston theater in Ruston.

Simply clip this coupon, kids, and present it at any of the five theaters and it will admit you between the hours of 1:30 and 6 p. m. Saturday afternoon to a special program arranged by Joe Bonds for the Times youngsters.

**FREE Baseballs for Tacoma Boys**

(COUPON NO. 1)

Circulation Manager of the Tacoma Times: I want to help you give free baseballs to the boys of Tacoma, so I hereby authorize you to deliver The Times to me for a period of two months and thereafter until ordered stopped, at the rate of 30c per month. I am not now a subscriber of The Times.

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone .....

**BOYS! BOYS! Get a Baseball Free**

The Times wants to give away 500 baseballs to 500 boys in Tacoma, and offers one free to any boy in Tacoma for five minutes' work. HOW? Take this baseball clipping and get two new subscribers to sign these coupons to take The Times, bring them to the Circulation Department of The Times, Cor. 9th and Commerce, and get a dandy baseball. Each ball is packed in a separate box. That's all there is to it. These baseballs are going to go fast, so be one of the first boys to secure one. Just get these coupons signed. Do not collect any money. Hurry now and secure one of these balls. Two different balls to choose from. Remember, the coupon must be filled out by people who are not now taking The Times.

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## BERTHA'S THROUGH WITH W. A.

You might say that Miss Bertha H. Brosinski is practically through with W. A. Sargent, whom she claims as her former fiancé. In addition to a more or less frigid attitude to Mr. Sargent, she is starting one criminal and one civil suit against him.

If she is successful in both cases, her alleged former duke will not only do a little turn for larceny, but will also have to blow back with some money which he raised by pawning various jewels which she gave him, so she charges.

Apparently, it's the old, old triangle. Sargent, a married man, constantly was in trouble with his wife. Three times she sued him for divorce. Twice they were reconciled by Attorney Selden; the third time the divorce went through.

All this time, charges Miss Brosinski, he had promised to marry her as soon as the divorce was over. She gave him valuables, which he pawned, she says, to pay the expenses of the divorce. This he offered to do, but she wished to wait the statutory six months.

By the time this was up, Sargent once more had been reconciled to his former wife and they were re-married.

Wherefore, Miss Brosinski's feeling of dispassion for Sargent.

**FEAR DRIVER OF WRECKED AUTO WILL TAKE LIFE**

SEATTLE April 1.—Just when the deputy sheriffs were about to release Chauffeur Kumai, who drove the ill-fated auto in which four pioneer Washingtonians met death Monday, his friends interceded and begged the officers to detain him for a while yet.

They said that he was so griet-stricken because of his part in the affair that they were afraid his reason was affected, and he might kill himself. In addition to the worry and anxiety Kumai has been through, he has been weakened physically by his repeated attempts by diving in the cold river water to rescue the victims.

He will be held for a time at least.

**Three Funerals Today.** Funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Prosen and Miss Margaret Lenora Denny, three of the victims of the Seattle accident at Allentown, will be held this afternoon. Following joint services at 1:30 o'clock in St. Mark's church, Rev. E. V. Shaylor, officiating, Mr. and Mrs. Prosen will be laid to rest in the family plot in Lake View cemetery.

Services for Miss Denny will be held at 3 o'clock at the family residence, 1220 Boren avenue, with Rev. W. H. G. Temple, assisted by Rev. Hugh G. Ross, officiating. Interment will be in Lake View cemetery. Members of the Pioneers of Washington

are expected to be in attendance at both funerals.

Mrs. Carkeek Better. The arrangements for the funeral of Mrs. Harriett Foster Beecher, the fourth victim of the accident, have not been completed, and awaits the arrival of relatives from California.

Mrs. M. J. Carkeek, the owner of the ill-fated automobile, who miraculously escaped death, is recovering at her home, although suffering from the shock of the accident and the death of her friends.

Resolutions of regret are coming in from pioneers' associations all over the state.

Many Tacomans were among those who came to attend the funerals.

## Easter Flowers

We have the largest and best selection of flowers obtainable.

Just a look into our beautiful store will convince you of that.

We grow our own stock, therefore our prices are most reasonable.

We extend to you an Easter invitation to our store.

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