

EASY TO RAISE BANDIT ARMY

Manuel Lozado Made Hunger His Chief Recruiting Sergeant and Thereby Rose to Power.

Manuel Lozado, the Mexican bandit, whose remains now lie in the cemetery near Tepic, in the newly made state of Nayarit, gave the key to the whole Mexican problem by his strategy in organizing armies, declares Charles Johnston, in The Atlantic. Lozado was notable because he waged war against three presidents, Benito Juarez, Lerdo de Tejada and Porfirio Diaz, and because he raised and equipped armies of peons strong enough to attack great cities like Tepic and Guadalajara, in a struggle lasting from 1870 to 1877.

It was Lozado's custom, when a new campaign against the central authorities was in contemplation, to send his bodyguard down from their lairs in the high Sierras to the fertile plains, with orders to cut down all banana plants, thus destroying the chief food supply of the native villages.

The peons starved for a while, and watched their women and children starve, then they came up the mountains in a body and begged Lozado to enroll them in his army of bandits to lead them forth to plunder, which for them meant simply food.

This gives a clue to the situation, declares Mr. Johnston, because it shows that banditry and plunder are the last resources of hungry peons, pressed beyond the verge when their meager sustenance is cut off.

MARKS RICHELIEU'S TRIUMPH

Why Eleventh Day of November is Known in French History as the "Day of Dupes."

Few people know that the whimsical title, "The Day of Dupes" has been given to the 11th of November, 1630, and that it was so named on the occasion of the triumph of Cardinal Richelieu over his enemies, who imagined they had cast him to the ground, never to rise again.

Marie de Medici had prevailed upon her weakling son, Louis XIII, to dismiss him from office as prime minister, and this scheming woman had no difficulty in persuading the fickle and weak-minded king to carry out her wishes, and, furthermore, to raise to that dignity Richelieu's mortal enemy, the Marshal De Merillac.

Richelieu was prevailed upon by his friends to make one last effort to prevent the ruin which seemed ready to fall on him. With this view he proceeded to Versailles, then only a small hunting lodge recently purchased by Louis, where he had an interview with his sovereign.

The result was that the king again surrendered himself into the cardinal's hands, and Richelieu succeeded in binding the chains on Louis more firmly than ever, establishing himself with a sway which was absolute. He did not fall to take vengeance on his enemies, and among others the Marshal De Merillac was brought to the scaffold.

Football Language in Britain.

However the ordinary journalist may have to curb his pen, the descriptive reporter of football can still give rein to his fancy and his rhetoric with little fear of the sub-editorial blue pencil.

To him a match is usually a "tourney," and the ball lends itself to such varied description as "the leather," "the oval," "the globe," or even the "bounding sphere." If the players hail from Sheffield they are "knifegrinders;" from Northampton, "cobblers;" from Luton, "strawhatters;" from Reading, "biscuiters;" from Devonshire, "cider drinkers;" and from West Ham, "hammers."

The swift runner is "twinklefooted," or has "brilliant hoofs." If a player is skillful in head play, he "uses the cranium with brilliant effect," or does "good brain-box work." If the ball hits a man on the nose, he "receives a smacker from the spheroid on his proboscis."

Brother Dutton's Noble Work.

The American secretary for the Mission to Lepers estimates that there are not fewer than 2,000,000 lepers in the world, 6,000 of whom have been converted to Christianity. Apropos of this, the Hawaiian legislature has offered to pension Brother Joseph Dutton, who succeeded Father Damien at the leper settlement on Molokai. Brother Dutton has not been off the leper island for 35 years, and has spent \$10,000 of his own money to relieve the poor creatures among whom he lives. But he refused the pension, wishing no reward and expecting to work on to the end in the cause to which he long ago devoted his life. The world has heroes of whom it rarely hears; and it cannot be otherwise than that such self-sacrifice must win a higher reward than governments or the plaudits of peoples can confer.

Jewelry Awaiting Purchasers.

A note of interest from London concerns a pearl necklace, valued at \$1,500,000, which is in London awaiting sale. It is probable that the necklace will be offered by public auction. The pearls are remarkable not only for their size, but for their delicate tinting. There is at the present time much very valuable jewelry in process of realization on behalf of Russian and other owners, who have no option but to convert it into cash.

Some Cheese.

Tillamook county, Oregon, expects to make and sell over 5,000,000 pounds of cheese this year.

MARKED EPOCH IN INDUSTRY

Experience of Years of Warfare Should Have Effect on Coal Mining in This Country.

The inventory of the nation's resources that the war made necessary brought to light many new facts about coal mining which will be of lasting value to the industry and to the public. As long as the war lasted these incidental lessons were lost sight of under the pressure of meeting the emergency created by the shortage of fuels, but with the return of peace the experience gained during the war is being gathered together in a series of reports on the industry, the first of which, "Coal in 1917," by C. E. Leshar, has been published by the United States geological survey, department of the interior.

The period from 1914 through 1917 and 1918 and into 1919 may be regarded as a distinct epoch in the coal industry, of which the year 1917 represented only one section, but a section which, if not the most remarkable for its achievements, was at once the most chaotic and the most momentous in the history of the industry.

In response to the unprecedented demand the bituminous mines produced 551,790,563 tons, or nearly 10 per cent more than the output of the year before. The anthracite output was 99,611,811 net tons, an increase over 1916 of 13.7 per cent. The total output of both hard and soft coal was thus over 650,000,000 tons.

This record output was accomplished by a labor force of 603,143 men in the bituminous and 154,174 in the anthracite mines. In spite of the draft the number of workers in the bituminous industry was greater in 1917 than in 1916.

UNCLE SAM'S GAME RESERVE

Island of Afognak, on South Coast of Alaska, Peculiarly Adapted for the Purpose.

One of the most picturesquely interesting parts of our national domain is a large island off the south coast of Alaska. It is called Afognak and is about 65 miles long by 40 in width, with a very irregular shore line and deeply indented by bays.

It is the property of the government, and in 1892 was set aside by President Harrison as a game and fish reserve. The important purpose that it serves is that of a preserve for salmon, all the finest varieties of which run up its stream in great numbers at the breeding season to spawn.

Afognak is a mountainous island, of volcanic origin, its loftiest peak rising to an elevation of 1,300 feet. In the interior are a number of large lakes, which are the breeding grounds of the salmon. One of these, Letnik lake, is seven miles long, and on its shore is located a big government fish hatchery.

In the days of long ago, before the United States bought Alaska, the salmon fishery of Afognak was operated by the Russian-American company, which established on the island a colony of its superannuated and pensioned employees. These were Aleuts, whose descendants today compose the native population, somewhat more than 400, though their blood is much mixed.

Soldiers and Banana Growing.

The New South Wales government has not been long in providing its returning soldiers with work. One of the enterprises undertaken with this object is the cultivation of bananas on a large scale. There is no fruit crop that yields such a quick return as the banana and in the present flourishing state of the market no better undertaking could have been selected, given the right men. It is not work for the lazy. But among the demobilized troops are plenty of men who are young, tough and teachable. Four hundred acres have been taken as a beginning and each settler has 12 months' probation before a black is intrusted to him. A grant of \$625 is advanced to each settler for implements, stock, and house-holding material. The soldiers have already started and enjoy their rough life in the hills. The experienced planter, Mr. C. Rose, who is in charge, sees nothing but success ahead in reward for their efforts.

Prickly Pear Proving Pest.

Australia is suffering from a prickly pear pest, which takes advantage of the rivers as a means of spreading. Shoots break off from the parent plant growing along a stream and the part is carried downstream to found a new colony. Thousands of acres are being ruined yearly owing to the ravages of this plant, and no means have been discovered of stopping its march. Rolling, spraying and poisons have proved ineffectual, and it is hoped that some scientist may find some commercial use for the plant.

Indian Women Progressing.

Oklahoma Indian girls are as much interested in the canning campaign as their paleface sisters. In Backham county, Okla., they attend all the meetings held by the home demonstration agent, and this year made an excellent booth exhibit of the fruit and vegetables they had canned and dried. One Indian woman also exhibited 100 chickens of her own raising.—Exchange.

London's Housing Problem.

The London housing board has inspected 2,000 houses that may be converted into flats. Of these 1,000 have been approved and work is to be commenced immediately. Work has also been begun on 8,000 houses.



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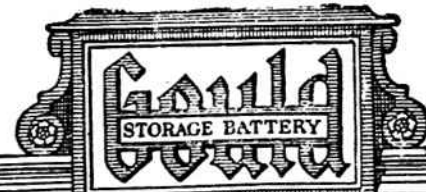
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