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Where Education Falls.

All over the country, at ever-increasing cost, we are constructing splendid buildings for the service of primary and higher instruction of all the children and young men and women. We are training teachers from the scholastic standpoint, and are trying to make the schools serve in a better way the individual preparation for industry, commerce, and agriculture. But we are almost wholly failing to utilize the educational system for the specific training of citizens in their various duties as such. The consequence is that the standards and methods of our political and organized life are lower than those of our private life. There is perfect consistency between the ideals of those who glorify peace, and the aims of those who would train every American boy to be ready to help maintain peace in any time of emergency or danger. We are not getting anything like the social and public values that we ought to be reaping from our investment in schools and education. Scholarship is not popular in our universities and colleges. Athletic life furnishes no proper outlet, because it is vicarious and quasi-professional. A few young gladiators monopolize the athletic activity of our institutions, and the vast majority are taught to look on and yell for the maintenance of college or school spirit.

Thus our great institutions, though more and more costly in their appointments and maintenance, are painfully aware that they are not producing the results that ought to be manifested. Many of their students—a possible majority—cannot write a well-phrased or correctly spelled letter. They do not know Bible, or Shakespeare, or Charles Dickens. They are not capable of reading the editorial page of a good newspaper. This criticism does not apply to all, but to what in at least a good many large institutions must include fully half of the undergraduates. It would be unjust to locate blame in any specific quarter. The faults lie deep in our current life, and are widespread. There are great resources of worth and of power latent in those very youths who do not find themselves absorbed in the study of textbooks, or held to discipline by the sternness of the football coach. But there is a gospel of social and public duty, accompanied by certain practical applications, that might be used to bring out the earnestness and personal worth of thousands of these young men. They should be strongly impressed with the gravity of the issues of this momentous time in which we live. Without much if any additional burden to the taxpayers, every one of these students of high schools, normal schools, colleges, and universities could be so taught and trained as to be well prepared to exercise many of the usual, and some of the unusual, duties of citizenship. Such training would benefit students in their health and morals, would give them a finer sense of private as well as public duty, and would furnish them with various kinds of practical experience and knowledge that would redound to the welfare of our political and governmental life.—Review of Reviews for September.

W. C. T. U. Meetings.

The members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Sumter county will hold their meetings and declamation contests at various places in the county, as follows:
Bethel Schoolhouse, Privateer, Thursday, Sept. 9, at 8 p. m.
Oawego, Methodist church, Friday, Sept. 10, at 8 p. m.
Dalzell, Methodist church, Sunday, Sept. 12, at 11 a. m.
Bethesda church, Hagood, Sunday, Sept. 12, at 5 p. m.

Revolt in Yucatan.

Washington, Sept. 6.—Another serious outbreak involving a revolt against Carranza for the control of Yucatan, was reported today by United States Consul Canada, at Vera Cruz. Six hundred Carranzistas at Progreso mutined, killing the newly appointed governor and a few others.

Government Will Back the Banks; Now Will Banks Back the Farmer.

The cotton situation is clearing and brightening every day. The effect of England's contraband order had been fully discounted in advance and produced no further depression. Now the clear-cut message of Mr. Harding of the Federal Reserve board and the ringing letter of President Wilson make another point perfectly plain. That point is that the government is going to back the banks and it demands that the banks back the farmer. President Wilson's vigorous declaration in behalf of low interest rates on cotton loans is especially notable.

The thing to do is for farmers in every neighborhood to organize, formally or informally, and find out just what the local banks will do. Last year it was repeated, stated by the minority of bankers who were willing to lend money on cotton, that few farmers applied for such loans. Let not that be said this year. We must keep the crop from being rushed to market at present prices, and that means that farmers must avail themselves of all the cooperation afforded by banks—for many owners must have advances in order to meet pressing obligations. And remember this: It hurts prices just as much for your neighbor's crop to be rushed to market as for your own crop to be. Consequently we should have neighborhood action everywhere, with the stronger farmers joining to help the weaker ones.

"If it were only twelve months later and our Federal Reserve banking system were in operation," Secretary McAdoo said to the writer a year ago, "we could handle this cotton situation without any trouble." That system is in operation now, it is on trial, and the United States government positively asserts that the banks can finance the crop—and at reasonable interest charges—if they will. It's up to the system and the banks. And we appeal to them to see that aid is extended—not primarily to the commercial and speculative classes, but to the man at the bottom, the man whose sweat and labor actually produced the cotton. And unless such aid is extended, it is only fair to say that somehow or other we are going to get a system that will recognize its duty to agriculture as well as to commerce, manufactures and transportation and that the whole agricultural South will at once move with hurricane-like force for an absolutely new deal in banking.—Progressive Farmer.

An Appeal to Citizens.

We are engaged in a supreme effort to rid the State once and for all of the evil effects of the sale of liquor. The approaching election is the most important which this State has held in a quarter of a century. It is of the utmost importance that every citizen should go to the polls prepared to cast his own ballot, and also prepared to give his time and his energies and his best judgment to obtaining a full attendance of his neighbors at the polls on election day.

In behalf of the moral welfare; in behalf of the physical welfare of the present and future generations of the State; and in behalf of the financial prosperity of our State, we appeal to every citizen to register his own conviction and to make the majority against liquor so great that there may be no doubt as to the real sentiment of this State, and as to the power and influence back of the enforcement of the law after it is voted. (Signed) Steering Committee for South Carolina.

Death.

Mrs. Sallie E. Blanding, widow of the late Major O. Blanding, died on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, after an illness since Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Blanding was 78 years of age. The funeral services were held from the residence of her son, J. D. Blanding, No. 18 South Salem Avenue, at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Blanding is survived by two sons, Messrs. W. B. and J. D. Blanding, and two daughters, Mrs. J. R. Nettles and Mrs. R. D. Bradford, all of this city.

Death of a Little One.

Wm. Henry, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Wilkerson, died Monday, August 30th, and was laid to rest Tuesday morning in the city cemetery. The little fellow had been a sufferer almost the whole of his short life. In his home-going heaven is made the more attractive to the stricken parents. To the bereaved parents friends extend sincerest sympathy. May the God of all comfort sustain them in this their dark and trying hour.

The Unlucky F's.

Honolulu, Sept. 5.—The three submarines of the F group remaining since the loss of the F-4 were put out of commission today when the American steamer Supply crashed into the flotilla while docking here. The vessels damaged were the F-1, F-2 and F-3.

SOLDIERS SHOOT BANDITS.

RETURN FIRE ACROSS THE RIO GRANDE.

Less of Danger Now by Cooperation of Carranza Authorities in Withdrawing Troops.

Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 5.—Two Mexican bandits were shot today by American soldiers who returned the Mexican's fire across the Rio Grande at Cavazos crossing, about 40 miles above here. At the same time the gravity of the situation was somewhat relieved by the active cooperation of Carranza military authorities who removed Carranza troops from the river bank at Cavazos crossing. Several troop trains arrived here today, the beginning of a movement which will increase the United States border patrol to 4,000 men. The troops which arrived today, the Fourth infantry, will be stationed at Fort Brown here, the Twenty-sixth infantry moving to Harlingen, 25 miles north of this city, and within quick reach of all the disturbed area. Col. Robert L. Bullard, in command of the border patrol, has established his headquarters at Harlingen, Col. A. P. Blockson taking command of the troops here.

Maj. William Hay, chief of staff of the department of the south, also arrived today.

One Carranza officer and a civilian are known to have been killed in yesterday's fighting at Cavazos crossing. At least a dozen other Mexicans were seen to fall during the fighting and were believed to have been killed or wounded.

Only one American soldier was wounded. His injuries are not serious. Today's engagement was brief, the Mexicans, believed to have been part of a band which last week looted several stores near Mission, Texas, retiring after two of their number were wounded. The Mexicans opened the fight by firing on an American soldier stationed in a tree to observe movements on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande. None of the Americans was wounded.

Earlier in the day a detachment of Mexican troops assembled at the river crossing but they were withdrawn when Col. Bullard reported their presence to the Carranza consul here.

Col. Bullard said today that last night's order calling all troops at Fort Brown to quarters was issued to have a force quickly available to send to points along the railroad near Brownsville where it had been reported Mexicans were cutting wires and railroad bridges were threatened with damage. The night passed without any incident which necessitated ordering out the troops.

AMERICANS UNDER ARMS.

Stand Ready to Meet Any Emergency That May Arise on the Border.

Washington, Sept. 5.—All United States troops on the Mexican border were under orders tonight to be in readiness to meet any emergency. War department officials said extraordinary vigilance had been ordered as a result of repeated raids in American territory by Mexican brigands and soldiers and renewed reports of preparation for an organized invasion from across the Rio Grande.

As long as the Mexican raiders continue to appear only in small bands it is understood they will not be followed into their own territory. Officials indicated that the American commanders would not hesitate to pursue the enemy until they were completely routed should there be anything like an organized invasion of the United States.

Persistent reports that some of the Mexican raiders who have been slain wore Carranza uniforms and that there is a concerted move by some Carranza leaders to arouse Mexican sentiment against the United States brought a denial tonight from Eliseo Arredondo, Carranza's confidential Washington agent.

The Pan-American conferences may meet this week. They now are awaiting Gen. Carranza's reply to their appeal for a peace conference.

CONFERENCE ASKED FOR.

Carranza Commander Wants to Talk to Funston.

Washington, Sept. 6.—The commander of the Carranza forces at Matamoras has asked for a conference with the American commander in that vicinity, Gen. Funston reports today. He proposed to confer on the international bridge.

In the Police Court.

The following cases were disposed of in the police court Monday: Johnnie Belcher, exceeding speed limit in automobile, forfeited bond of \$10.

Henry Robertson, non-payment of street taxes, \$5.00 or 10 days.

J. D. Brown, non-payment of street taxes, bond of \$5.00 forfeited.

GREEK PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS.

Adopts Stringent Law Against Contraband and Takes Recess Till October 28.

Athens, Sept. 5 (via Paris).—After passing a stringent law against contraband, congress adjourned until October 28. Premier Venizelos made no statement regarding the foreign policy his government will pursue.

The pressure of the allies on Greece regarding territorial concessions to Bulgaria apparently has slackened. Interested diplomats declare it is now up to Greece to act.

BOLL WEEVIL IN GEORGIA.

State Entomologist Calls for Quarantine.

Thomasville, Ga., Sept. 4.—The first cotton boll weevil has entered Georgia, State Entomologist E. Lee Worsham announced here late today, after a conference with George H. Smith, of the Federal board of entomology. The weevils came from Alabama, Mr. Worsham said. Very few traces of the pest have yet been reported.

Athens, Ga., Sept. 4.—State Commissioner of Agriculture J. D. Price, who reached here today on a State-wide tour, received a telegram from State Entomologist E. Lee Worsham asking that he re-establish quarantine against the boll weevil in the extreme southwestern counties of the State. The message stated that the weevil had been found as far as Boston, in Thomas County.

The quarantine was raised only a few weeks ago. Commissioner Price said that fresh precautions will immediately be taken.

LOST—About two miles from Sumter, near Charleston railroad, two setter puppies, four months old. One brown and white with brown ears; one white, with light tan spots. Liberal reward for return to E. B. Lowry, at the postoffice.

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