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Saturday, August 9, 1913.

PRESIDENT WILSON AND MEXICO.

President Wilson seems to be mixing things merrily up in his dealing with the Mexican situation. As a successor to Henry Lane Wilson he has appointed the governor of Minnesota ambassador to Mexico, and yet he has refused to recognize the Huerta government. To whom, therefore, is the new ambassador to present his credentials when he arrives in Mexico? President Huerta also adds to the gaiety of the nations by declaring that if his government is not recognized by the United States before the new ambassador arrives there, the said ambassador will not be granted audience. Rather peculiar situation, isn't it?

A DROP IN GERMANY'S BIRTH RATE.

It has become a sort of axiom that Germany's population is increasing at a very rapid rate, and that this gives her an immense advantage over France. But it now appears that the German birth rate is declining. In the years between 1871 and 1875 there were 43 births to a thousand inhabitants. In 1910 there were less than thirty. The decrease occurred chiefly between 1905 and 1910. In Berlin there were 20.83 births per thousand in 1910, as compared with 46.9 in 1876.

The theory generally accepted by economists is that the birth rate depends upon the supply of food. The more food, the more births. But this is offset by the tendency of prosperous communities to regard large families as unfashionable. Perhaps Germany has been affected in the latter way.

WHAT'S IN THE DAY'S WORK.

This is the task appointed: To hold the vision of a final arrival at some fitting destination; to maintain undiminished a sense of personal worthiness; to be defeated in each foolish dream of the younger life, and so to be disciplined into a larger vision, made more sure by adversity; to be delayed for most of a lifetime—and yet to believe in the strength of the human spirit to surmount pain, outlive sin, and defeat malice and envy; to believe in the gradual but all-conquering power of good will; to be saddened but not embittered; to be beaten but not conquered. That is the stern business set before us.—Collier's Weekly.

Victoria, B. C., is to have a statue of the Queen who was named after the city made famous by Sir Richard McBride.—Toronto Star.

A Stratford machinist attempted to cut the throat of the lady who refused to marry him. What says the old proverb? Love will find a way.

Making the auto masher's punishment fit the crime, why not puncture the tires or confiscate the spark plug, and thus deprive him of wings?

It cost Columbus \$8,000 to discover America, a sum of money which wouldn't go far toward discovering Broadway in these lobster palace days.

The Marquis of Waterford is taking legal action against George Toth, who claims to be the real heir. The marquis naturally wants a troublesome tooth like that pulled.

COUNCIL OF SEVEN SHERLOCKS ASSEMBLES IN SCOTLAND YARD

SEVEN GREAT DETECTIVES HOLD FREQUENT MEETINGS FOR THE SOLUTION OF KNOTTY PROBLEMS PRESENTED BY LONDON'S CRIMINALS.

Scotland Yard is like an enormous spider's web, with threads stretching to every part of the metropolis, and to every corner of the world, ready to enmesh the pickpockets in Hyde Park or bring back the murderer who has fled to the uttermost limit of civilization.

The middle of this web is a large, barely furnished room, in which, at regular intervals, sit the mysterious Council of Seven. From this room every quiver of every thread of the police web is felt and responded to immediately, and from it the most efficient detective force in the world is controlled.

Supposing a mysterious murder has taken place. As soon as it is discovered the news is at once sent to Scotland Yard from the division in which the body has been found, and in a few minutes a motor car moves swiftly out of the Yard bearing a tall, grey faced, grey haired man. It is Sir Melville Macnaghten, head of the famous C. I. D., and leader of the Council of Seven.

Sir Melville Macnaghten keeps in close touch with the developments of the mystery, and if it presents unusual difficulties he calls in Superintendent McCarthy and the five chief inspectors at the Yard, thus forming the famous Council of Seven.

Such a council was held when the dismembered remains of Mrs. Crippen were discovered in Hill-drop Crescent. From that time until Inspector Dew arrested Crippen in Canada, the seven were sending out their threads in all directions, picking up the clues here and tracking down the movements there, which finally landed Crippen on the scaffold.

The council deals with everything which presents unusual difficulties, deep mysteries of all kinds, from that of the Dublin jewels to the disappearance of Mr. Martin. In five short minutes they can, by means of an ingenious tape machine, circulate orders, news or descriptions to the chief divisional stations simultaneously.

Sir Melville Macnaghten, who has been the chief of the C. I. D. for about ten years, looks very little like a Sherlock Holmes. Altogether, however, he has been over twenty-three years at the Yard, and has been one of the chief movers in solving hundreds of criminal mysteries. While he has been head of the Council of Seven they have been called together by him to solve such difficult mysteries as the Moat Farm, the Merstham Tunnel murder, Crippen and the murder of Miss Barrow by Seddon.

His right hand man, when the Council of Seven meets, is Superintendent McCarthy, who has risen from a uniformed constable patrolling his beat in Islington to second in command of the most famous detective force in the world.

John McCarty joined the force when he was 20, and a few years later he was sent to Havre on special service work, where he was one of those invisible watchdogs that are set all round the ports of Europe to keep a lookout for criminals on the "wanted" list.

In 1903 he became chief lieutenant to Superintendent Quinn, who is head of the special service branch of Scotland Yard. At that time he dealt with Indian seditionists, high political offenders, high political offenders of kings, princes and well known people. He was at Madrid when the bomb was thrown at the King and Queen of Spain on the occasion of their marriage.

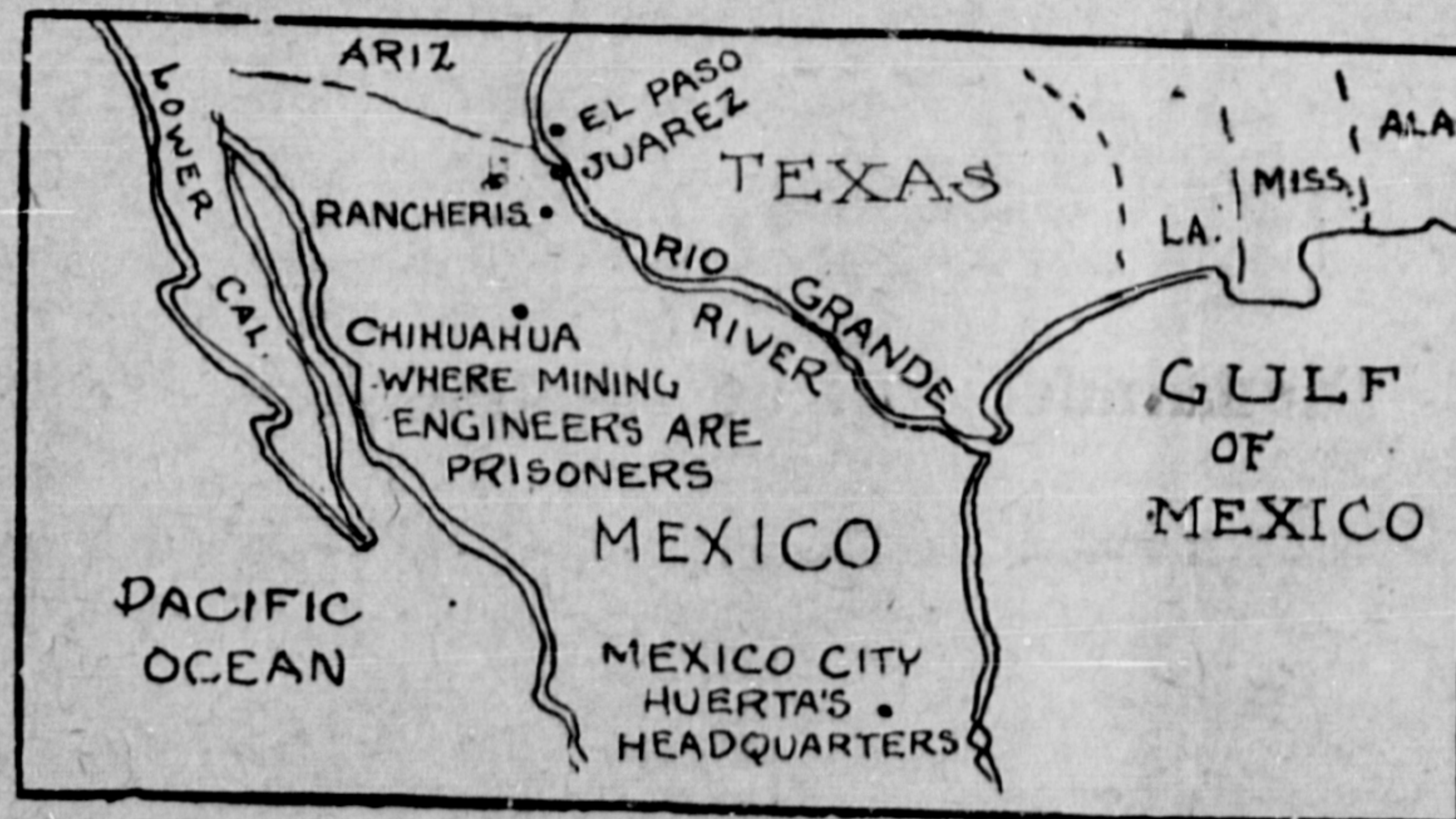
The most recently appointed of the Council of Seven is William Gough, who succeeded Chief Inspector Divall at the beginning of April. It was Inspector Gough who worked up the case against Goudie, the famous absconding bank cashier.

At the moment of writing, the Council of Seven is really only a council of six, owing to the appointment of Chief Inspector Bower to be chief inspector of the criminal investigation department of the Port of London. Inspector Bower's most recent big case was the arrest and conviction of Williams, the "hooded man," for the murder of Inspector Walls at Eastbourne last October.

AFTER RADIUM

Search After That Metal Starts in Australia.

Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 5.—Four years ago a party of scientists left London in a world tour in search of radium. Mr. Keith Bushell, one of the party, is now in Sydney with the intention of organizing an expedition with the object of ascertaining whether the radium which is confidently believed to exist in Australia is of sufficient importance to science to warrant it being worked.



CANADA'S OWN TROUBLE IN MEXICO.

Added interest is given to the latest Mexican troubles by the fact that a Canadian engineer, Bernard Macdonald, is among those held captive by Mexican troops. He was born in Pictou, Nova Scotia, 55 years ago, spent much of his life in mining in Rossland, but has recently been employed principally in Chihuahua City, Mexico. President Wilson has demanded his release, with some United States citizens. It is said that they were captured so as to force the United States to show her hand in the affair.

TO KILL ROTHSCHILD

Nobleman Arrested for Threats Against Millionaire.

London, Aug. 5.—Threats to kill Lord Rothschild unless he paid \$150,000 led to the arrest today of a German clerk, Heinrich Kremerskoten, who wrote to Lord Rothschild at his Piccadilly residence demanding the money under penalty of death. The Scotland Yard authorities laid a bait by leaving a large sum of money in a West End cafe, where Kremerskoten stipulated it should be left. When he appeared there he fell into the hands of detectives.

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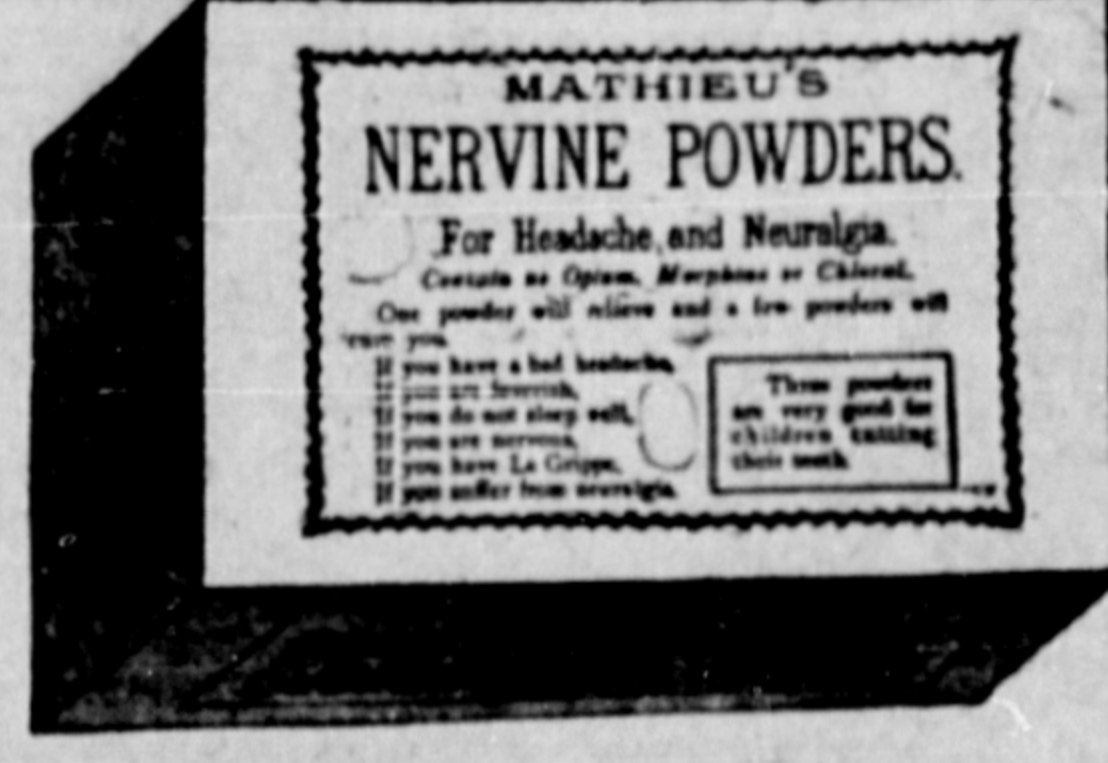
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