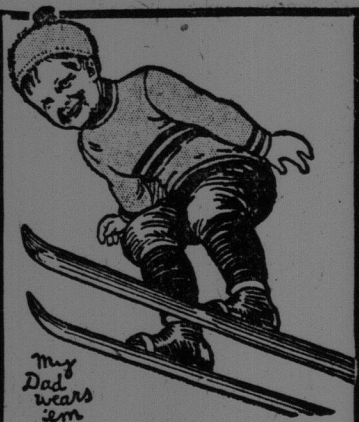


RADICALS ACTIVE IN MEXICAN SCHOOLS

Women Teachers Aggressive in Labor Alliance, Says Haberman.

How radicalism has swept through the Mexican schools, imbuing its teachers and students with notions which many unionized teachers consider decidedly extreme, is told by Robert Haberman, professor of sociology and economics in the University of Mexico, now in New York. "The Teachers Union of Mexico City is fearless in its co-operation with the labor forces," he said. "Not long ago women teachers lay across railway tracks to prevent cars from running during a strike and could only be driven away by turning a hose upon them. Mexico does not pretend to be a democracy, yet she elected the present Director of Education after an eight-day campaign during which the schools were closed. The president of the board of education is thoroughly radical and wants only teachers imbued with modern ideas. "He encourages students to elect their college presidents, deans and other higher officers and to vote for their removal if unsatisfactory. Students now go on strike for various reasons. Recently a director had to be removed before they would return to classes. "The fact that Mexico is now reducing her army is of interest to teachers, as all the money saved from the war department is automatically transferred to the department of education. Mexico is installing kitchens in her schools on the theory that children cannot learn on empty stomachs. She has many printing plants and is eager to get books containing radical ideas. Every school is to have a council, and ultra-modern teachers are in great demand. The educational plan of the university includes extension schools to train the older teachers in the newer theories. "The condition of Mexican women is tragic. They are generally looked upon as essential to supplying creature comforts strictly within the home, and not in need of education nor diversion. Some



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of the modern women have, therefore, taken the matter in hand and are working hard to liberalize their sex to some degree. Knowing that they could not induce them to leave their homes to hear public lectures, since they have never been trained to stop working for such a purpose, the leaders have installed about 250 sewing machines in ten community centres to attract women there. Then, amid the whirl of the machines, they talk of the opportunities enjoyed by American women, and try to

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wake them to the need of demanding something more than the routine drudgery to which they have been accustomed for centuries."

TROY'S MERRY-GO-ROUND

The merry-go-round, the merry-go-round at Troy!

They whirl around, they gallop around—man, woman, and girl and boy!

So sang Roden Noel, a genuine poet; and the theme was worthy of his muse. For annually, you must know, in the first or second week of August, the regatta frenzy descends upon us; and for three days we dress town and waterside in bunting and bang starting guns and finishing guns, and put on fancy dresses and dance and walk in procession and stare at fireworks. But the centre and axis of our revelry is always the merry-go-round (locally "the Whirlies") on the town quay.

There yachtsmen, visitors, farmers, and country wives, sober citizens, and mothers of families gather tripetally and are caught together in a whirl under the naptha lights around the crystal, revolving pillar. But let the poet take up the tale—

They circle on wooden horses—white, black and brown, and bay—

To a loud, monotonous tune that hath a trumpet bray.

All is dark where the circus stands on the narrow quay.

Save for its own yellow lamps that illumine it brilliantly,

the parish council being far too wise to waste any public gas on regatta lights.

They spare the rates and leave public illumination to the private enterprise of sweet-stalls (or "standings"), confetti stalls, stalls at which you shoot at eggs or bob celluloid balls at narrow-necked bowls of gold-fish, or hurl wooden ones at bottles, to be rewarded for your success.

Above all, our Public Lights Committee trusts to the merry-go-round, as it

Pours a broad, strong glow over an old-world house with a pillared porch below;

—From "News from the Duchy," by Quiller Couch.

PAID \$10 TO A POLITE STRANGER

Said He Was Collecting in Moncton for Wholesale House.

(Moncton Transcript.)

A merchant who conducts a grocery business in Union Street, reports to the police, having lost \$10, which it is said was paid to a stranger who said he was the representative of a wholesale firm.

The merchant's wife, who assists in conducting the business, observed the stranger entering the store. He very politely asked for the "boss." On being informed that he was then out on a minor business affair, and would be back shortly, the stranger replied that it was alright, he was taking orders on groceries while waiting and asked as a new man for a prominent wholesale house in the city.

Upon being questioned as to the whereabouts of his predecessor the stranger asserted that he had been transferred and promoted. The would-be traveler then quoted all lines of groceries needed, with decline in prices, etc., with as much ease as any experienced traveler would do.

After consideration and listening to this the lady stated all lines mentioned were on stock and did not therefore require any.

He then said he would do some collecting for the firm—thus saving him a trip. The lady in good faith drew the bill and paid him the sum.

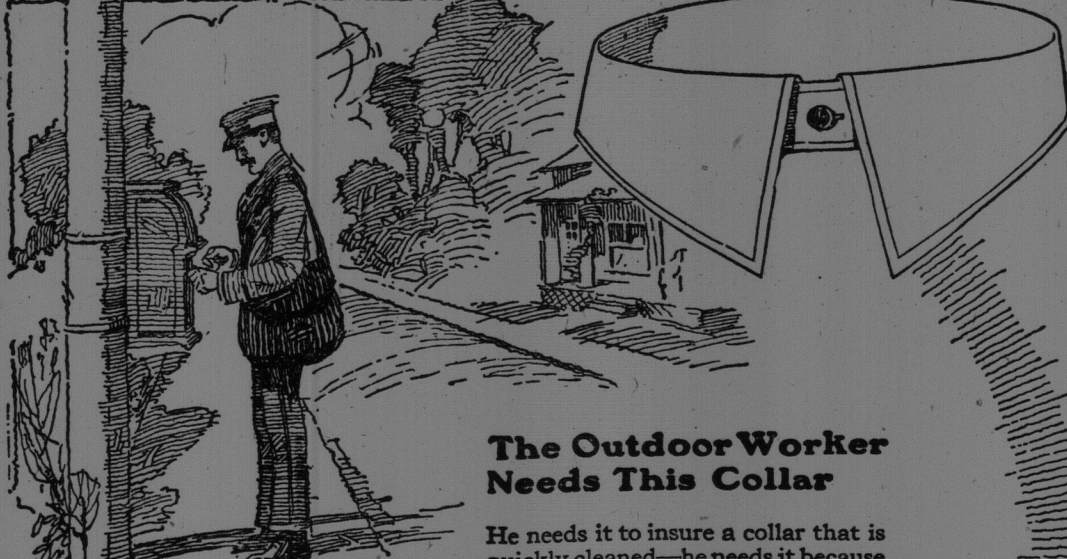
The would-be traveler upon being asked for a printed receipt of the firm's answer that he must have left them in the office. He then receipted the amount on the invoice signed a name, probably not his own and politely departed.

Suspicion arose in the lady's mind upon his restlessness in departing, and at once she notified the firm of the affair only to learn that they knew nothing of the man to whom she had paid the money.

Police investigation followed only to learn that he had boarded a train. Chief Hutchinson and his staff are at present working on the case. A north street lady reported having paid \$5 to a man, who claimed to present a publishing firm, and she fears that it was the same man, and she fears the lady in the grocery store paid the \$10.

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