

of the order opening up to entry the shore of Controller Bay before anybody else, and was on the spot with his surveyors before the news of the order of the opening could have reached him or anyone else in Alaska through official channels. Dick Ryan put through the opening order in some way and was its first beneficiary. This the President's laborious letter of auto-exculpation does not explain away. Was there anyone looking for an opening order, but Dick Ryan? Apparently not. He appears to have gone to work to do what no one was pushing for but the man who took instantaneous advantage of his doing it. The case is like the President's signing another man's report and that post-dated in exculpation of Ballinger. There's a big smear over all the President's actions with regard to Alaska and only all the facts will satisfy the public. Gifford Pinchot's declaration that Ryan was the first man ready to take what he wanted, after permission was granted to anyone to make entry, and before anyone else could possibly know the permission was given, is a terrible facer to the President. It leaves the scandal still at the President's door. Yes; the President should explain his explanation of this remarkable case of Die Wacht Am Ryan!

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#### Madero's Course in Mexico.

Chicago Tribune (Rep.), July 19.—Mexico is in better shape than might have been expected. The wonder is not that there are disorders, but that there are not more. Madero may think that De la Barra is not aggressive enough in his policy of suppressing brigandage and preventing conflicts between armed factions. It may be that Madero has complained of the continuance of Diaz adherents in office and suggested that they be supplanted by Maderists. All that, however, is not good warrant for believing that Madero seeks the establishment of a government limited to his own personal following. There is evidence which shows his concern that the elections shall be free and honest. It has been ordered that no provisional governor of a State shall be a candidate for election as governor. Men who may be ambitious in that direction and who now hold the office under the provisional government must resign if they intend to enter the campaign as candidates. That applies to men who have supported Madero. The electors are to be freed so far as possible from the influence of officialdom. Precautions are being taken that the voters shall understand the election laws and their own privileges and rights. Circulars describing the franchise rights are being printed at government expense for general distribution and instructions will be furnished. So far as can be judged the intent of Madero and his followers is to safeguard the franchise and insure the Mexican voter in his rights. That Madero himself will be the beneficiary there is little doubt. His political enemies are disorganized and it is true that he is giving them little opportunity to organize, but no good reason has appeared as yet to challenge the patriotism of the Madero family.

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Nothing astonishes men so much as common sense and plain dealing.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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#### THE HOUSE.

When first the builder builds him a house,  
 'Tis naught but a wooden box—  
 A thing of lumber, boards, and planks,  
 Of shingles, beams and blocks;  
 And when 'tis built 'tis still a box,  
 A box to the very minute  
 Some honest fellow takes the house  
 And puts a woman in it.  
 Then, though it has no gabled front, no turret, tower  
 or dome,  
 Then is the builder justified, the box becomes a  
 home.

And why should a man dwell in a house  
 Until he lays his head  
 In the windowless room of the earth-scooped house  
 On the hillsides of the dead?  
 Let him steer the ship by the pilot stars,  
 And dig in the sunless mine;  
 Let him dwell with his flocks on the summer hills,  
 And live like a tree or a vine.  
 The sky is the roof for a brideless man, and the seas  
 are his to roam,  
 Till he turns to his bride in the builded house, and  
 the box becomes a home.

Why should a man live in a wooden box?  
 The ends of the earth are far;  
 I let him forth to the lands of the Southern Cross  
 And the lands of the Polar star!  
 And meet it is for the brideless man,  
 And the dower of his birth,  
 To draw his strength from the roofless sky  
 And the face of a fenceless earth.  
 So let him forth till his thoughts shall turn (grown  
 sick with the roofless dome)  
 To the woman shrined in the builded house, when  
 the box becomes a home.

And when he is sick of the winds of the sky,  
 And the old sea's ancient strife,  
 Let him shear the bills of their pines, and build  
 A box around his wife.  
 And then will his chimneyed, pine-built box  
 Become a templed shrine,  
 And he'll grow to the virtues that love a roof  
 And thrive with the door-yard vine.  
 And then he shall turn from the unfenced earth, and  
 the sea with its far sky dome.  
 To the woman shrined in the builded house, when  
 the box becomes a home.

—Sam Walter Foss.

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#### GENERAL SHERMAN.

Condensed by Bolton Hall from an Article by Him  
 in the Christian Endeavor World.

General Sherman's "March to the Sea" does not seem to me to be the greatest episode of the General's life. The greatest I think is his im-