

Signs Of The Times

Comments, Politically and Otherwise, on Present-Day Topics

People have the habit of making reprisals and not all of them are at the polls. For example, newspapers and magazines which go against the will of the majority usually pay for it. Many of the metropolitan dailies which were so bitter against President Roosevelt last campaign have lost circulation to their pro-Roosevelt competitors. On the contrary, the New York Post, one of the largest newspapers which supports the President, has made decided gains in subscribers. The Saturday Evening Post is reported to be paying heavily for its reactionism. At any rate, the Post stations a young woman in leading drug stores and newsstands in Indianapolis every Thursday to accost customers and ask them to buy a Post. This is a costly way to build up its lost circulation. And its lost prestige. The young woman hear some bitter things said against the Post's anti-Roosevelt policy.

Lient. Gov. James H. Price of Virginia won the nomination for Governor recently with a record-breaking majority. The vote was about eight to one. The significant thing is that Mr. Price is an outspoken pro-Roosevelt New Deal Democrat. His victory, therefore, is a thorn in the side of the Old Dominion's political machine, operated by Senators Carter Glass and Harry Byrd, two politicians who have steadfastly opposed Mr. Roosevelt except when they went home to garner votes for re-election. Mr. Price's overwhelming victory in the heart of southern conservatism should send a shudder through Senators who have fought Roosevelt and are coming up for re-election this year. When Postmaster General Farley told Democrats at Akron, O., the other day that there would not be any administration reprisals against Senators who opposed the judicial reform bill, he probably had in mind the results of the Virginia primary. The voters can be trusted to deal properly with politicians who have embezzled their ballots.

The summer meeting of the Democratic editors will be held at French Lick, Aug. 27 and 28. This famous spa built by the late Senator Thomas T. Taggart, is very dear to the hearts of Democrats. Once when the editors were meeting at Bloomington some years back Tom Taggart invited the entire group to come to his French Lick hotel as his guests. His son, Thomas D. Taggart, is carrying on the generosity of his father. In these days of mounting costs, he has given the editors and their political friends a rate of \$6 a day, American plan. Young Tom Taggart is talking a lot about his four-year-old filly, Marcia, which won the Crete Handicap at Lincoln Fields, Chicago, recently. Marcia, coming from behind, scored in track record time of six furlongs in 1:10.25. Her brilliant performance raised her to top honors among the nation's fillies in eight starts. It added \$2,330 to her earnings, increasing them to \$11,470.

Two Indiana counties hit the hardest by the depression were Howard and Lake counties. The reason: They were principally industrial centers. New Kokomo, the county seat of Howard, is booming again. The latest cheering news is that Chrysler Corporation is to spend \$450,000 to remodel one of the idle Haynes factory buildings. Auditor Joseph E. Flinerty's announcement that Lake county's finances on August 1 were the best they've been since hasn't had a deficit. Regardless of all this, there are die-hard Tory newspapers in Kokomo, Gary and Hammond constantly pounding away at Roosevelt.

Democratic leaders are definitely concerned about the diminishing number of party newspapers in Indiana. Within the last few weeks a Democratic daily and a Democratic weekly have fallen into the hands of the enemy. At Princeton the Republican Clarion-News bought out The Daily Democrat, while at New Albany the defunct Ledger was gobbed up by The Tribune, an extremely partisan Republican paper. For more than four years the Democrats have been in power in Indiana, yet the Democratic press has gradually grown weaker in number. Every political party knows the value of a strong press. The Republican papers gained a strong footing in Indiana during the long years of G. O. P. rule, and with the trend in the newspaper field toward consolidations. Many of the Democratic papers seem financially unable to buy out their rivals. Every party paper that falls into Republican hands is a distinct loss to the Democratic party.

More honor—and more work—come to Senator Sherman Minton. One of the important committees is that charged with inquiry into the lobbies at the Capital, the pernicious men who work against public interest and whose dollars and entertainment replace judgment. It is Minton's new job to investigate these lobbyists and ex-

pose them. Senator Black, before appointment to the Supreme Court, made a great record along this line. He had a reputation as a cross-examiner and the men he summoned failed to hide the effects of their activities. His elevation places Minton as chairman of the committee. There were a number of committed sessions before Congress meets again and friends of Minton expect him to be able to ferret out the public enemies who infest the capital building. His own record in defending the people against utility companies in the state and reducing charges was outstanding. His experience there will be of benefit in his new job, for among the lobbies kept in Washington, one of the most active is that of the utility companies. News of his elevations to this post is bad news for the utilities, but good news for the people.

Caring for the insane, the feeble minded and the epileptics is a tremendous responsibility for the State of Indiana. And the cost is startling. Taxpayers who grumble about paying out so much money for support of the state seldom stop to think where the money is spent. But getting back to the institutions for mental cases, Indiana has eight of them. In these institutions are a total of 11,123 patients, of which 5,580 are male and 5,543 are female. In the penal and correctional institutions there are 6,591 inmates. Of this number only 413 are women and 6,178 are men or boys. In the mental and penal institutions are a total of 19,714 persons, or a thousand more persons than in the entire city of Logansport.

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

It can hardly be doubted that the people are restive under the slow and uncertain processes of the law.

This was the President's comment when he signed the measure which reorganizes the lower courts. It was his reply to those who have fought the reform of the Supreme Court.

For the dispute was not only slowness, but the uncertainty of court decision. When Congress passed New Deal legislation, the people had to wait for months before the court made up its mind. The chance, of course, was that it would be declared unconstitutional of the majority of that court did not agree with it in policies. The court became law makers, not law interpreters.

The history of the court was not such as to give the people confidence in its wisdom or sincerity.

The reversal by the court of a former decision within a year and buy the same judges on the Wagner Act took from the court the vestige of dignity and respect.

The Justice revealed themselves as makers of laws. They held the veto power over any law passed by Congress.

Of little use to the people was the long and difficult way of obtaining a majority of Congress. Usually the court required years. Then, when the bill was finally passed by Congress, the Supreme court declared it unconstitutional.

The judges interpreted it—not in the light of today—but in the light of the past. Modern life travels much faster.

To those who raise the cry of dictatorship, the answer is that we have dictatorship by the dead hand of the past. It forbids change. It holds the veto over the elected representatives of the people. From that situation, there has been no escape.

PRIZE FIGHTS TOP ALL RADIO PROGRAMS

A prize fight is not regarded as the most important, educational, social, sporting or human event of the times. But prize fights appear to draw listeners from about one-half the population of the United States, which is far in excess of any, and all other classes of broadcasts except of course the President's fire-side talks.

There are thirty million radio receiving sets in the United States, according to official statistics. Radio broadcasting stations are able to compute the number of receiving sets turned on to receive any program, through accurate registry of the increase of power. Wholly dependable methods enable the radio stations to verify the number of receiving sets in use by a survey of a big time broadcast as it progresses.

When King Edward broadcast his "swan song" the listening audience in the United States was 40 to 50 per cent—whereas big prize fights have far exceeded even that big audience. Great football games and top commercial and musical programs do not get such whooper audiences.

A VACATION AT HOME.

For those who have been unable to take a vacation during the summer, the Baltimore Sun suggests that it is not yet too late to have all the thrills of a summer resort right at home. Here is how it may be done:

Move into the smallest bedroom in your house; if possible one immediately over the kitchen.

If your bed is soft and downy, put a couple of bricks in it.

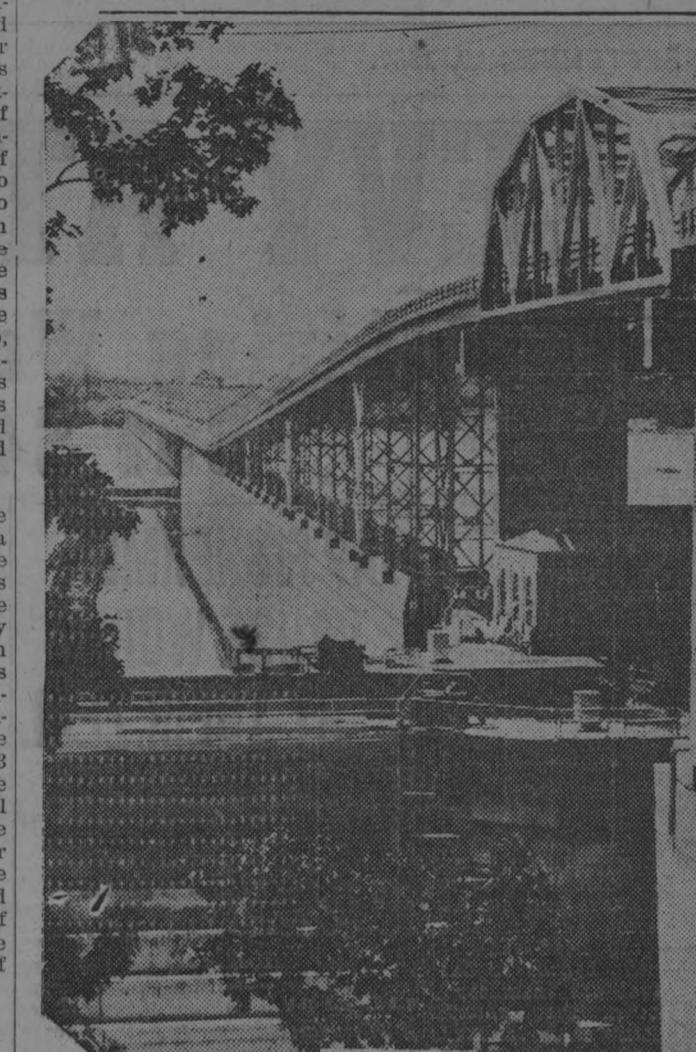
Dig a hole in the garden, get into it and cover yourself up to the neck. When you get tired of this diversion, wash yourself off with the garden hose.

Don't have any clothes washed for two weeks.

Sit on a rough board in the sun and hold a baited fishing line in your hand.

If you wish to take a quiet nap in the afternoon, put a radio next to it.

Huge Wheeler Dam Is Completed



View of dam

Here is an excellent view of the newly-completed \$35,000,000 Wheeler dam near Chattanooga, Tenn., part of the Tennessee Valley Authority system designed to provide cheap power and irrigation for the vicinity.

Tribe Corners Liberian Iron Money; Exchange Value Raised By 100 Pct.

to your bed and turn it on full blast.

In the evening, remove the screens from the bedroom windows so that the mosquitoes can get in to you.

Go up to the roof and expose yourself to the sun until you are nicely burned. Then take whatever exercises will make you stiff and sore.

When you have wearied of all this and wish to return to a normal life, send yourself a bill for \$20 to \$25 a week and don't forget to give a nice fat tip to the cook.

CURB EXPORTS OF WAR MATERIAL

Measure Will Be Introduced In Congress To Stop Shipments

Washington, Sept. 10.—Chairman Sam D. McReynolds of the house foreign affairs committee announces he would push legislation at the next session of congress to curb exports of American steel and scrap iron, now pouring in near record volume into foreign war machines.

The announcement followed revelation by the department of commerce that exports of scrap and finished iron products in July boomed to 461,391 tons—only 69,978 tons below the monthly average for 1917, when World War demands were at their peak.

Japan, England in a bloody undeclared war with China, is purchasing more scrap and finish iron and steel products than Germany, Italy, Russia, China and Great Britain combined, a commerce department report showed.

McReynolds, a Tennessee democrat, indicated that the prohibitory legislation would be molded upon the 74th congress act barring export of the plate products except strict license by the state department. He said the proposed bill would be introduced by someone other than himself.

PANTHERS PLAY OPENER TONIGHT

Central Catholic of Ft. Wayne to Offer Open position

The Panthers are all set for their opening football engagement with Central Catholic high school of Ft. Wayne tonight under the lights at the local high school athletic field. It will also be the initial contest for Central Catholic.

The Ft. Wayne school will have the advantage of having several veterans back while only four debutantes have returned for duty at the local school. An entirely new backfield will perform for Coach Farris.

The Farrismen were sent through an intensive drill under the lights last night and appear ready to give the upstate school a battle, although they will undoubtedly be outweighed.

A large crowd is expected to be on hand for the opener, some for curiosities and others to give the Panthers their whole-hearted support. Season tickets will be on sale at the gate. The contest will start at 8 o'clock.

A Chinese company will make Diesel-engine trucks at Nanking. Mining is booming in Norway.

DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS—CIRCUIT AND SUPERIOR COURT ALLOWANCES SUBSEQUENT TO PUBLICATION

JULY 1, 1937.

M. H. Pickle, Salary \$145.00

Warren Smith, Salary 19.60

John Colenda, Salary 75.00

David J. Stewart, Salary 7.75

Carl Jernigan, Salary 3.50

Howard Stewart, Expenses 4.80

John J. Johnson, Salary 7.50

Cleo Tull, Salary 49.20

Grover Knotts, Salary 29.70

John Noland, Salary 11.70

Chas. Marker, Salary 130.00

Geo. Nelson, Salary 104.00

Wm. J. Noland, Salary 104.00

Frank Kennedy, Salary 100.00

John Lester, Salary 100.00

Chas. J. Noland, Salary 100.00

Fred Shoenmaker, Salary 101.20

Reuben Baker, Salary 11.20

John J. Noland, Salary 104.00

James Niccum, Salary 104.00

Willard Cox, Salary 104.00

Charles M. Noland, Salary 104.00

Golda Hindman, Salary 101.20

Carl East, Salary 75.00

John W. Noland, Salary 100.00

Sherman Pittenger, Salary 100.00

Howard Smith, Salary 100.00

Wm. J. Noland, Salary 100.00

Frederick A. Arbogast, Salary 104.00

Ind. Flour and Feed Co., Exp. 132.00

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CLINIC 84.04

S. G. Jump, Exp. 20.00

Ind. Gen. Service Co., Exp. 125.00

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