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That fellow who suggests alligator-wrestling as a means of exercise  
should try "breaking" a bronco.

The average fellow can anticipate with pleasure the number of days prior to Christmas, but how about the house-cleaning season.

London is about ready for the great spectacle and Britshers hope it pays financially. King George may sympathize with his brother before its over.

The country now watches the success or failure of the Canadian method of dealing with strikes and also wonders what will happen when the sit-downers attempt to take hold of the Fort plant. It shouldn't be long until the correct policy is determined.

In contrast to the sit-down strikes, this section of the country witnessed a picture Sunday of happy families riding around in their family cars. They enjoyed the rest which the Sabbath afforded and present day problems were forgotten. The country may be suffering from a lot of ills, but it hasn't gone to the dogs.

Fort Wayne is considering one-way traffic on Calhoun and other important streets. Such a system is more or less confusing to strangers, but what are cities going to do when traffic can't move? Probably more drastic methods of routing travel will be made in the next 10 years in view of the constant growing number of cars in use. Our present streets were never built for auto routes.

The United States Supreme Court has ruled that municipal water works plants perform a governmental function and are therefore immune from Federal taxation. In Indiana, the supreme court has taken an opposite stand, holding that municipal plants should be taxed. It is likely that the Indiana case will be appealed to the United States court before municipalities pay their taxes on water and light plants.

We have never seen the Japanese cherry trees in Washington, but pictures of them carry a thrill for those not privileged to sojourn to the Capital. It would be a shame to remove them in order to build a memorial on the site. Surely there are dozens of places in

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Washington where such a memorial could be erected, saving the trees, planted under the direction of Mrs. Taft. In the spring of the year no place is as beautiful as the border of cherry trees around the basin in Potomac park.

The principle of the popular referendum on war may be deserving of high praise, yet practical obstacles appear which inject grave doubts as to the value of this humanitarian proposal. The object of such measures now pending in Congress is to ascertain beyond any doubt the sentiment of the people toward armed conflict, rather than submitting their fate to the votes of Congress or to influences which might sway the lawmakers' point of view. Several factors bring doubt on the wisdom of the referendum plan. Two of them apply directly to complex phases of modern warfare. The popular vote would not be taken if this country were compelled to wage a defensive war. Yet one of the most difficult questions to answer is when a war is purely defensive.—Indianapolis Star.

THE DEMOCRATIC IDEA:  
The democratic idea has more meaning, more vitality, more profound sanction today than it ever had before. The evidences in modern life of the truth and value of contrary tendencies are accidental and temporary evidences. Democracy has not solved all its problems. Democracy requires a high degree of spiritual enthusiasm and of scientific method, thinking and planning to keep the boat from being rocked and to keep the nation holding steadfastly to its course. The face of the world has been set resolutely for two thousand years and with increasing understanding of the means for securing it, in a certain direction. And that direction is a democratic direction.

The opportunity and the responsibility which we have as citizens, as democrats and as human beings is, on its institutional side, one thing: it is to understand, to implement, and to increase the areas in which the democratic aspiration makes itself manifest. And on its spiritual side it is one thing: it is to affirm and to be constant in the belief that under God we know no better thing to be than brothers, and to do than to act with wise fraternal and loving concern for the growth and discovery of self with the loss of self-seeking and the gain of finding a world of persons progressively set free.—Shining Lines.

Household Scrapbook  
By Roberta Lee

Washing the Chamois  
Wash the chamois in a basin of water to which a few drops of ammonia have been added. Do not wring it, but dry as quickly as possible in a hot sun or over a fire, rubbing vigorously with the hands to prevent hardness.

Gravy Hints  
If gravy is lumpy, beat with an eggbeater until the lumps disappear. When gravy does not brown as it should, add a tablespoonful of strong coffee. The addition of a tablespoonful of cream to brown gravy gives it a delicious brown.

Labeling Tins  
Gummed labels placed on tin cans will adhere readily and securely if they are first moistened with glycerine.

TWENTY YEARS  
AGO TODAY  
From the DailyDemocrat File

April 13, 1917.—Congress debates proposal for seven billion dollar bond issue.

Whiskey distillers volunteer to cut down amount of grain used in manufacture of alcohol fifteen million bushels a year during the war.

Martin-Klepper company adds \$3,500 worth of modern machinery.

Reports of flags in the sky come in, alarming many.

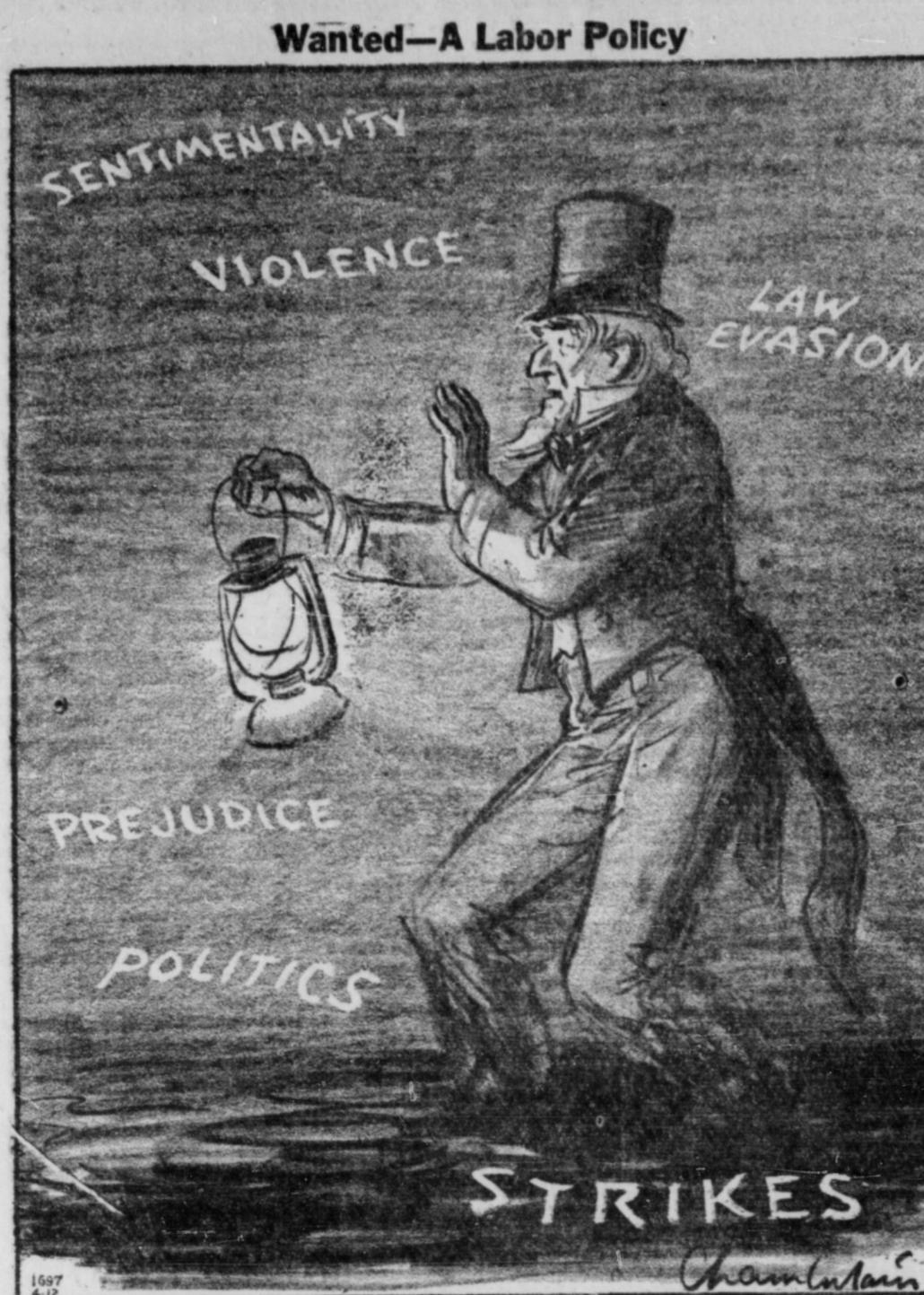
George Ineichen elected president of the Adams County Knights of Pythias.

Clinton Kerr of Monroe, fighting with French forces, is the first Adams county man to be injured in the World War. He was shot in the thigh in the battle of Arros. Is recovering and expects to be at front again soon.

Smash Plot To Cash Spurious WPA Checks  
Washington, April 13.—(UP)—Secret service chief Frank J. Wilson reported today to secretary of the treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., that secret service agents had smashed an extensive plot to counterfeit and cash WPA wage checks. Fifteen of the alleged conspirators are under arrest in Chicago, Milwaukee, and Los Angeles.

According to Wilson, the alleged ringleader was Paul Masolotti, former WPA foreman now in custody in Los Angeles.

Fear Woman Drowned As Bus Leaves Road  
Brunswick, Ga., April 13.—(UP)—The driver and 21 passengers of a Pan-American bus en route from Miami to New York were injured today when it plunged off the high-



## Wanted—A Labor Policy

COMPENSATION  
RULES LISTED

State Unemployment Compensation Board Adopts Rulings

Indianapolis, April 13.—(UP)—Fraternities, sororities, student boardings and hospitals today were exempt from provisions of the Indiana unemployment compensation law as applied to remuneration paid students in the form of board, lodging or educational facilities.

Proposal to eliminate the institutions from payment of student unemployment compensation was adopted at a public hearing yesterday before the unemployment compensation board.

Clarence A. Jackson, director of the division, said students themselves would not be affected as far as payments are concerned since under the amended law employee contributions on wages were eliminated last March 31.

The board adopted three other rules governing administration of the law.

A second rule places a specific value, for contribution purposes, on meals and lodging furnished to employees who are not in the student class.

In employers' contribution reports meals would be included as equivalent to wages of 25 cents for meal and lodging on a basis of 40 cents a day or if supplies on a monthly basis, meals would be valued at \$15 a month and lodging at \$10.

Another rule provides that an employer subject to the law must give immediate notice to the board when he sells his business in order that his account as an employer

may be closed.

The fourth rule merely defines the word "week" as used in the law as meaning the calendar week ending at midnight Saturday.

Modern Etiquette  
—BY—  
By ROBERTA LEE

Q. Should a young man, engaged to be married, resent it if the girl's father asks him questions pertaining to his financial affairs, business, position and health?

A. No. The father has a perfect right to be concerned about everything that might affect the happiness of his daughter.

Q. Is it discourteous when going with a person, for this person to show a lack of interest in what is being said?

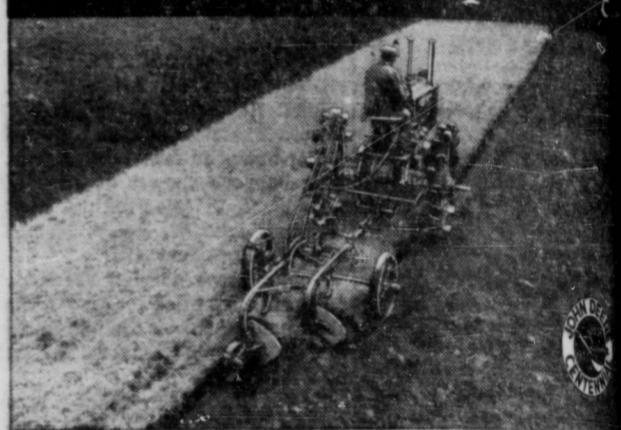
A. Yes. This is one of the most frequent acts of discourtesy.

To be a good listener is one of the surest ways to gain friends, business, position and health.

A. The usher goes first to the woman, and last to the man.

If there is no usher, the usher should go first.

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## Former Ambassador Larz Anderson Dies

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., April 13.—(UP)—Larz Anderson, 70, former U. S. ambassador to Japan and minister to Belgium before the World War, died here today after a long illness.

## Recommend Mishawaka Coach Be Discharged

Indiana, Ind., April 13.—(UP)—Cass county prosecutors relied today upon the testimony of pretty Mary Katherine Klooz, 16-year-old Logansport high school girl, to send Roy Stansberry, 42-year-old automobile salesman, to the electric chair for the murder of her mother last September.

Opening statements by attorneys and preliminary testimony were concluded yesterday and Mary, believed to have been the only witness to the crime probably will take the witness stand today.

The state charges that Stansberry had been having an affair with Mrs. Ruth Klooz for years but that Mrs. Klooz' affections cooled and she sought to end their relationship. When she refused to

accompany him on an automobile trip, the state contends, Stansberry deliberately murdered Mrs. Klooz in her own home.

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Virginia Loveland, of Ogden, Utah, co-ed at the Brigham Young University, thinks more of dramatics than being a beauty queen. That's why blonde Virginia withdrew from a leading position in the race for Utah queen to present an original drama, which she wrote, directed and played a leading role.