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AND THE NEXT DAY dawned clear and bright in Indianapolis.

LOST, STOLEN OR STOLEN—the labor vote that was all against Senator Watson!

ANYHOW, one has to marvel at the amount of noise made by the few Democrats who conducted the campaign.

NOW, let us see if it isn't possible to lay aside partisan influences and introduce a few economies in public affairs.

The Overwhelming Verdict

The remarkable feature of yesterday's election, both National and State, lies not in the result but in the overwhelming majorities accredited to the Republican party.

There can be no question that the verdict throughout the country was completely against the Democrats. In the nation the voters appeared to have demanded a change in the political complexion of the administration. In Indiana they seemed to be generally satisfied with the situation.

Contrary to the expectations of both Republicans and Democrats, there was not an appreciable amount of scratching, in no case enough to leave a cause for regret for the Republicans.

Summed up, the fact is that the verdict of the electorate of the United States was against the League of Nations, on which the Democratic party made its fight, and in making certain that the results would be so, the voters swept away the influence of every other issue.

The election of Mr. Harding and a sufficient number of Senators and Congressmen to give control to the Republican party places the responsibilities of National Government squarely up to the G. O. P.

The overwhelming defeat of the Democratic State ticket makes it unnecessary for any further dispute over the policies in Indiana.

Marion County's vote is an evidence that the people of this community are not dissatisfied with their present local government.

The Democrats were merely mistaken in their conception of the public mind and there remains nothing for them to do except congratulate the winners and retire as inconspicuously as possible from the field on which they met not only defeat but rout.

Officially Betrayed

The most discouraging feature of this election was not by any manner of reasoning the defeat of deserving candidates nor the loss of important issues.

It was the deplorable fact that either through inefficiency or criminal intent, hundreds of Indianapolis citizens were deprived of the right of franchise presumed to be guaranteed them under the Constitution of this Nation and State.

The election laws of Indiana do not impose an undue burden upon the electors. As a whole they are simple and easily understood. Compliance with them is not a hardship and it is proper to assume that there are no legal voters who are not willing to comply with all the requirements of the law.

The serious situation that developed Tuesday and cost so many persons their votes was the direct result of the deceit practiced by officials on whom the voters were invited to rely and did rely.

No person who desired to register failed of registration in this community except through deception or betrayal of some public official.

Hundreds of voters who believed they had done all that was necessary to comply with the law found that they were not entitled to vote because some petty official on whom they had relied at his public invitation had failed to perform those acts which he was required by law to perform or the performance of which he voluntarily took upon his shoulders.

We are firmly of the opinion that if we had a proper method of recall or a fair method of ouster, there are a number of officials who would be summarily relieved of their offices in Marion County.

Not even blind partisanship will condone the acts of which some of our officials have been guilty.

However, we have neither the recall nor a practical method of impeachment.

Resentment of betrayal or inefficiency, that might otherwise be directed against the individual office holder, is turned into distrust and contempt for our Government by such exhibitions as the disfranchisement through clerical errors of hundreds of citizens.

One cannot expect much respect for government to linger in the mind of the individual who has been robbed of his right to participate in that government by the very officials who are presumed to represent it.

The protection of our governmental institutions themselves demands summary punishment for those officials who, through neglect or criminal intent, prevented any person from exercising his constitutional right to vote.

Time to Call at Halt

Now that this election is over and for a year there can be no particular effect produced on the partisan politics that is the curse of this community, it is time for the good citizens of Indianapolis to unite in a demand for the protection of their interests through the proper functioning of public officials.

It is time to put a stop to the interference with the grand jury and the courts through the politically created inefficiency of the prosecutor's office.

It is time to curb what the State board of accounts has denounced as the "reckless and illegal extravagance" of officials who have control over the public treasury.

It is time to make it unpopular for such institutions as the board of sanitary commissioners to make "gifts" of \$21,000 to a surety on a contract in order to make that surety live up to its bond.

It is time to prevent such waste of the taxpayers' money as was involved in the purchase by the sanitary district from J. P. Goodrich and others for \$175,000 of a garbage plant worth not more than \$10,000.

It is time to put a stop to the expenditures of approximately \$17,000 annually for the poor quality of janitor service at the courthouse.

In short, regardless of politics, for politics will be adjourned for a few months at least, it is time that the citizens of Indianapolis get together and overhaul the outgo of their money through the treasures of both the city and county.

There is no taxpayer, Republican or Democratic, who does not know that there is appalling waste in the financial affairs of Marion County.

There are few who have not felt this waste in the form of increased taxes in the last year and there is none who will not feel the waste appreciably when he pays his taxes next May.

High taxes have become more than a campaign issue in Indianapolis. The progress of the city is being hampered by the heavy drain imposed upon capital without reason.

It is only a short step to the place where persons who possess capital will find it to their interests to remove it from the jurisdiction of what has been called the "tax-eating machine" in Marion County.

When persons fortunate enough to have acquired a competence find that they cannot endure the tax drain upon them in this locality they are going to transfer their funds to another.

When capital begins to leave the corporation every citizen thereof will be injured.

Indianapolis is today exceedingly short of dwellings. There is no incentive to build when building entails the certainty of high valuation and high tax levies.

Investors in rental properties have been compelled to raise rents repeatedly to keep abreast of the high taxes and these high taxes are the direct reflection of "indiscriminate and wasteful" expenditures of public money.

Neither the home owner nor the renter can escape the burden of waste.

Regardless of party affiliations, regardless of property worth, the citizens of Indianapolis who would conserve their own interests must become interested in curbing the extravagances of our local government.

Now that the election is over there remains the necessity of calling a halt on the waste and the inefficiency which has resulted in an increase to the taxpayers of \$6,000,000 in the bill they will pay for government next year.

WHEN A GIRL MARRIES
A New Serial of Young Married Life

By Ann Lisle

CHAPTER 92 (Continued.) "I can't tell you, Jim," Jim replied in a tone that sounded as if he were telling himself on my mercy. "It's the first of the month. Have you noticed that pile of bills on the table? The rent is paid up to the thirty-first. I can't waste all that money. Surely you won't ask me—because of hysterical notion?"

"Jim, are you going to tell me—in the first thing you ever asked of you?" I demanded, quickly.

"Oh, I wouldn't say that, dear," I protested. Jim, laughingly.

"Well, I went on unheeding:

"I tell you Tim Mason tried to make love to me—to me, your wife! Now will you stay in his apartment at a figure that's really a personal favor—"

"To you, I suppose?" interrupted Jim. "Anne, please don't develop into one of those silly women who thinks that every man who glances at her is in love with her. Men say that they don't mean. And now that we've disposed of Mason—suppose you give me an idea if I'm to expect you to stay out till all hours every time you go to the Canteen?"

"Wait a minute, Jim—let's get this straight," I replied, in a voice of tried muck calm and even. "You want to stay in this apartment because it's a great bargain—and as you choose to believe that Tom Mason tells you in explanation of his presence here, I tell you he annoyed me. And you reply that you don't want me to be the sort

HOROSCOPE
"The stars incline, but do not control."

THURSDAY, NOV. 4.

During business hours of this day kindly stars rule, according to astrology, but the evening is exceedingly menacing, but in the afternoon, Saturn also being until late in the afternoon, Saturn also being friendly. After sundown, however, threatening stars rule, for Saturn changes to evil sway, while Mercury and Uranus are adverse.

There is the most promising rule for business and commerce, the stars forewarning organization and efficiency so well developed that the greatest profits are assured, especially in all lines of manufacturing.

Persons whose birthday it is may have rather an unsettled year. They should change and should be careful in the handling of their money.

Children born on this day may be restless and fond of change. These subjects of Scorpio are often successful in adventures. Girls have the sagacity of fortunetelling.

"This is a dangerous task," said Mr. Hercules, "for the King of the West, who rules over the country called Hesperides, has a faithful dragon who acts as

of silly woman who thinks every man who looks at her is in love with you."

"The first man of reason, Anne—what do you want me to do? Go out and fight a duel with Mason? If this isn't all a segment of your imagination, tell me—did anything happen?" For instance, did Tommy kiss you?"

"I felt myself stiffen and solidify into a mold. I had never been angrier in all my life, and yet I was only cold—icy cold."

"No!" I said curtly. "No—after all I can't take care of myself, which is perhaps just as well under the circumstances."

Jim's answering laugh was ugly.

"A young wife who can—take care of herself doesn't come strolling home at 10 o'clock at night. You haven't yet learned to tell me where you were."

"Wearily I realized that now I was not going to ask for an audience. Jim had called after him his friend Atlas who had been sent to him by Hercules, holding up the blue heavens. So Mr. Hercules would get the golden apples if Puss would take his place, and then Mr. Atlas began to laugh, for of course he knew that Puss Junior's shoulders would not even hold up a little white cloud.

"Let me take your place while you go for the apples," said Mr. Hercules, when the stars were under the blue heavens.

"We've got to do something to do it quick," said Mr. Hercules, "and he looked about him and not very far off, on a mountain top, he saw his friend Atlas, who holds up the blue heavens on his shoulders, you know."

"Climb upon my back," said Mr. Hercules to Puss, and then he went up that mountain in less time than I can tell you, and told his friend Atlas what he wanted him to do.

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And in the evening, when the stars began to show, he would have to cover the fruit with his mighty Mr. Hercules, whose fame has been written in rhyme and story by ever so many great writers—Copyright, 1920.

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PUSS IN BOOTS JR.

By David Cory.

In the last story you remember Puss helped Mr. Hercules to recover his oxen from the robber giant. Well, this so pleased Mr. Hercules that he invited Puss to go with him on a journey to the West to help him recover the golden apples of the Evening Star.

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