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GOVERNOR GOODRICH is "agin" the plunderers. Too bad he didn't think of that for his first message to the Legislature instead of the last.

WE SUGGEST that if the county of Marion still owes Arthur White \$600, it be attached to pay the \$500 assessed against him in the Criminal Court and unpaid at the last reports.

CHICAGO POLICE have ordered gas projectors to rout criminals. They might be adapted for use on those gambling emporiums with so many partitions of which the Indianapolis police complain.

THREE WOMEN appeared in Judge Pritchard's office to ask the authorities to close gambling houses in which their husbands had lost all their wages. Yet Prosecutor Adams did not show sufficient interest in the case against Dan Smith to have a prosecutor in court!

The Community's Bogie Man

Indianapolis today faces the tremendous problem of restoring to the general citizenship confidence in the ability and integrity of men in its public life.

Distrust has become so general that it is interfering with the civic affairs of this community.

Distrust of the administration of the community chest resulted in a failure of the campaign to accomplish sufficient to justify it.

Distrust of the county administration has led taxpayers to protest against any further improvement contracts.

Distrust of the school board has led to a demand for curtailment of a much needed building program.

Distrust of the ability of the authorities to combat shop lifting and thievery has led to the incorporation of an organization to deal with those who rob business houses.

Distrust of the city administration has become so general that there is not only protest against improvements but openly expressed suspicions of grafting in connection with the purchases of equipment and supplies.

In short, this community has lost confidence in its government, in its civic organizations and even in men of unimpeachable character whose only desire is unselfishly to serve the community.

The causes of this distrust are apparent to any one who takes the trouble to consider the situation. The remedies are not so easily discerned.

Of the various manifestations of this distrust probably none is so wholly without justification and as lamentable as that which is now interfering with the community chest.

Boiled down, this particular distrust is based on dissatisfaction with the manner in which the war chest was administered. Citizens of Indianapolis have never been sufficiently informed as to the distribution of the money in the war chest to form an intelligent conception of what was done with it. Failure to make a clear accounting of war chest money and to see that such an accounting reached all contributors is probably the only criticism of the war chest administration that merits any consideration, and that failure would not be of moment were it not coupled with the psychological distrust of the day, forming thereby a sentiment that is creating deplorable opposition to a wholly meritorious cause.

The directors of the community chest have taken cognizance of this lack of public confidence in the war chest to the extent of seeking to make it plain that the administration of the community chest is in the hands of citizens whose unselfish interests in public affairs have been demonstrated time and time again and against whose character and motives no one can honestly lay a single imputation.

It is indeed unnecessary for the Times to express its complete confidence in the integrity and the ability of such citizens as L. C. Huesmann, chairman; Fred M. Ayres, Mgr. Francis H. Gavish, Mrs. George C. Hitt, Fred J. Hoke, E. A. Kahn, Robert Lieber, J. W. Lilly, W. J. Mooney, E. A. Perkins, Franklin Vonnegut.

These names on the committee ought to be sufficient assurance to every one that the community chest will be properly administered and it is no reflection upon any of these citizens that the entire community is not confident of their ability properly to function.

The truth about the unfortunate lack of confidence that has been displayed toward the community chest is that the people of Indianapolis have faith in the individuals who are connected with it but are also conscious of an influence too vague to be defined which they honestly fear will prevail over the good judgment of these directors.

This influence, which we have termed general distrust for want of a better designation, is the bogie man of Indianapolis.

It is the creature of neglect, smug indifference and weakness. It has grown to enormous proportions because those who should have been quick to sense and combat it have not been alert.

Today we have opposition to the letting of contracts for public improvements which is not based on opposition to improvements, but on unwillingness to trust public officials to exercise good judgment in an unstable market.

The lack of confidence in the public officials is easily explained. We are paying more taxes than we ever paid before and actually have fewer discernible improvements to account for this heavy taxation.

Time and time again public attention has been called to waste of public funds, to mismanagement, and in some instances to plain graft.

No action has resulted from these disclosures. The waste continues, the mismanagement is not righted and in the public mind the suspicion is confirmed that graft exists whether it does or does not.

The result of this failure to avoid the appearance of evil is the substantiation of the public feeling that evil exists.

This public feeling that all is not right in the community has become so widespread that half the community does not trust the other half. Those who are in the public eye have not the complete confidence of sufficient of the community to command its cooperation. Without the help of those who have fallen under the spell of distrust there can be no general civic movement in Indianapolis.

As we said before, the remedies are not easily discernible. The community chest directors attempted to allay distrust by divorcing the management of the chest from the management of the war chest. The action was not sufficient to restore confidence.

It is our candid opinion that a complete restoration of public confidence in civic affairs will not be obtained until a new leader appears on the horizon; that public confidence in governmental affairs will not be obtained until an example is made of some one who has betrayed the public trust; that Indianapolis cannot obtain cooperation among its citizens until one part of them ceases to scoff at the suspicions of the other and the other ceases to feel because of this scoffing it has no place in the affairs of the community.

Every attempt to suppress the truth adds to the lack of confidence.

Every failure on the part of the proper authorities to investigate conclusively indications of wrong strengthens the local suspicion of protected bad faith.

Confidence in each other must be restored in Indianapolis.

Confidence will not be restored until it is demonstrated that the safeguards of the community against wrong are functioning without partiality and without interference.

A Little Goes a Long Way

The finest thing about the annual Christmas seal sale is that its appeal and its response are alike almost universal. The Marion County Tuberculosis Association each year is supported by a very large percentage of the people of the city and county, for the reason that it asks contributors to give only as much as they can easily afford. Contributions of one or two dollars are welcome, although many people contribute more than that. The budget that carries the work of the association through a year is so small that every addition helps. Each dollar, purchasing 100 seals, may mean one or two extra visits by nurses to some poor persons suffering from tuberculosis.

Preventive and educational activities against tuberculosis has been found the best means of checking the "white plague." This kind of work does not cost a great deal of money. It requires constant vigilance, however, and a fair sized working organization of visiting nurses, doctors and lecturers. It is probably fair to say that the Marion County Tuberculosis Association makes a dollar go as far as any similar charitable organization in the country. That is the reason why Marion County annually buys Christmas seals.

If you have not yet invested your \$3 or \$5 in the anti-tuberculosis campaign, it is time you bought your supply of Christmas seals.

WHEN A GIRL MARRIES
A New Serial of Young Married Life

By Ann Lise

CHAPTER CIX (Continued.)
"Tell me," I begged. "A friendship has to be two-sided—it goes both ways, Betty. Won't you tell me? If I could help you a little—"

"Not tonight. Soon perhaps, Anne." As Betty spoke the phone rang and the operator announced that the car was waiting.

"That's like good old Tony—I might have known he'd attend to every detail and kick his guests quite about servants' title-tattle," murmured Betty.

WILLIE had come to Anatomy Norreys. There was no end to his delight having Betty back in town, and the "chum" I had chosen to accompany us.

"By jove, Betty B., if ever two women belonged—ought to be friends—it's only two!" he cried with unconscious flattery. "I'd like to be the fairy godmother to this friendship. It's so right—so eternally right!"

No wonder that our evening was a glorious success! Betty sided and abetted our plans for the canteen, and at her suggestion she became banker—arranging to forward me each week Mr. Norreys' hundred dollars. Also at her suggestion we planned that the "benefactor" appear next day at the canteen—quite incognito, simply as an interested visitor.

We settled all that within an hour and then lingered for several more in the stimulating and satisfying conversation

that three who like and respect each other can find in investigating each other's minds and viewpoints. Just before I left, I said, "I'll be back to my door—and I hurried upstairs, dreaming happily of how I'd help Betty completely at peace. A few hours before I had felt utterly lonely; now I knew that I could never again be lonely, for I had two real friends.

Jim wasn't in, but I didn't let that depress me. I undressed quickly, got into bed and lay in the darkness dreaming happily of how I'd help Betty completely at peace.

Then Jim, step, creaking cautiously over the flooring.

"I'm awake, Jim," I called.

A moment later he came into the room, switched on the little night lamp and stopped blinking down at me—almost sheepishly.

"Poor little girl! I hope you weren't too lonely, honey."

Something in the tone of lordly pity struck his shamed little-boy-caught-at-the-jam-pot expression made me laugh.

I propped myself up on one elbow.

"I wasn't lonesome at all—at least not for very long. You see, Mr. Norreys had come to the canteen and I went with him and—"

Before I could finish my sentence Jim, who had sat beside me, leaped to his feet, his face turning brick-red, his eyes bazing.—Copyright, 1920.

(To Be Continued.)

PUSS IN BOOTS JR.

By David Cory.

Well, let me see. We left off in the last story just as the little man of the wood ran into the castle to tell the noble Duke that he had found the thieves who were stealing the roses. And in the next five hundred short scenes that came the Duke and we moved up to the two couriers, who were presenting their heads off, before the little man of the wood had covered the roses with snuff powder, as I told you before.

"Seize them!" commanded the Duke to the guards who had followed him. And when they were bound and about to be led away the Duke turned to the little man of the wood and said:

"I have seized them and then last sneezed out!" And the Duke laughed very loudly at his own joke, and so did Puss who was hiding behind a bush, who was laughing with me?" asked the Duke, looking about him, for you may be sure the two couriers were not laughing, No, sirree. They didn't see anything funny, and, besides, they were too busy sneezing to do anything else.

"It was I who laughed, your Royal Highness," said little Puss Juniper, stepping out from behind his hiding place.

"You are a good joker, and a joke better," said the Duke. "And this so pleased the Duke that he invited Puss into the castle, and before they went inside, he turned to the little man of the wood and said: "Henceforth thou shalt be the guardian of my castle."

So the little fellow was made Seneschal of the palace, and that night, when every one was asleep, he woke up Puss and asked him to come with him. And what do you suppose he did? Why, he cut little holes in the walls and floors, so that he could squeeze through in case the great doors were closed, and in this way he would be able to creep through the great palace without being seen. And he did this for a long time, finding out who were faithful and who were not, and he told all this to the Duke, who was so pleased with the little man that he gave him a little toy palace to live in, where he had his own little bed and chairs and tables.

But oh, dear me! I'm getting away ahead of my story, for I forgot to say that those little holes were all made Puss had to go back to bed and the next morning the noble Duke begged him to stay and had a visit, so Puss did, and he had lots of fun creeping through the holes with the little man of the wood.

Well, one evening, as the little fellow was creeping through the castle from one hole to another, he came into the room of the Duchess. Now, the Duchess had a little baby boy about a month old. And as little as the little man of the wood was, he was as big as a little dwarf, you know—picked it up in his arms and carried it away to his little palace. And in the next story you shall hear what happened after that.—Copyright, 1920.

(To be continued.)

LEGAL TERM FOR SUICIDE.

Q. What is the technical term for a suicide? L. W.

A. The legal term is "felon de se" literally, "traitor to himself." Blackwell says: "A felon de se, therefore, is he that deliberately puts an end to his own existence, or commits any unlawful act, the consequence of which is his own death."

TREATY OF GHENT.

Q. What was the Treaty of Ghent? T. T.

A. This was the treaty that concluded the War of 1812, between Great Britain and the United States.

PART OF EUROPEAN CONTINENT.

Q. Are the British Isles part of Europe? H. J. C.

A. The British Isles are part of the European Continent. Originally, they were joined to the mainland, forming part of the continental shelf. The North Sea and the English Channel are merely indentations filled in by water when the land sank.

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BELONGS TO NO LADY.

Q. Is the expression "Ish-ka-bibble" really Yiddish? P. E.

A. Students of Yiddish say that "Ish-ka-bibble" does not belong to that language.

ORIGIN OF STATE FAIRS.

Q. Who originated state fairs? D. L.

A. Elkanah Watson, a prosperous merchant of Albany, N. Y., originated the idea of agricultural fairs such as State and county fairs. Through his influence in 1819, the New York Legislature appropriated \$10,000 a year for six years for premiums on agricultural products and family manufactures. Since such fairs have become quite general.

TEXAS LEAGUER DEFINED.

Q. What is a "Texas Leaguer"? C. P. G.

A. This is a baseball term applied to a batted ball that loops just over the infield, but not far enough for the outfield to catch it.

LONGEVITY OF BIRDS.

Q. Which bird has the longest and the shortest lives? T. B. V.

A. The Bureau of Biological Survey says such birds as warblers, wrens, sparrows, etc., are the shortest-lived birds; while swans, geese, eagles and parrots are among the longest-lived birds.

ABBREVIATION EXPLAINED.

Q. What is the meaning of the abbreviation D. V.? J. R. S.

A. The letters "D. V." are the accepted abbreviation for "Deo volenti," meaning "God willing."

PRODUCTION OF ACETIC ETHER.

Q. What is acetic ether and how produced? J. R. W.

A. Acetic ether is more generally known as acetic ester. It is an ester of acetic acid, especially the ethyl ester, or ethyl acetate, a colorless liquid of agreeable odor. The aroma of vinegar is partly due to its presence. Acetic ester is obtained in the action of metallic sodium on the ester formed by the union of acetic acid and ordinary alcohol. Acetic acid is the sour principle of wine.

WHEN'S INLINE, but do not compel." L. W.

A. The legal term is "feo de se" literally, "traitor to himself." Blackwell says: "A felon de se, therefore, is he that deliberately puts an end to his own existence, or commits any unlawful act, the consequence of which is his own death."

Mercury and Venus are in strongly adverse aspects today, according to astrology. Jupiter and the Sun are mildly adverse.

Women come much into public notice at this time through some national movement, the mersa foretell.

This is a way most favorable to all high ambitions that women cherish and should be helpful in efforts toward their realization.

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