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MR. GIVANS should consider the difficulties of imposing the existing penalties before seeking to increase those for burglary and robbery.

IF JUDGE PRITCHARD keeps on barring attorneys from his court it may be possible to clean up the gang of repeating offenders in time.

IS DENNY BUSH now serving his sentence to the Penal Farm while visiting the Criminal Court, or is that still a matter for adjudication?

HERE'S PROGRESS Canadian confidence man, former army aviator, built airplane and flew away. Police followed, used machine gun, captured fugitive—wireless message.

IT WOULD BE really interesting if Mr. Adams would reveal the real purpose of holding the grand jury for two days instead of explaining that it was to investigate a rumor of jury fixing.

MUNCIE'S GRAND JURY courageously expressed dissatisfaction with the judge. In Indianapolis the best that can be expected is expressions of consternation that a judge should be criticised.

THE GAS COMPANY is using considerable space in which to tell the public how it is interested in increased gas rates, but the fact that the public will have to pay the increase is sufficient.

A SUIT to recover an alleged overcharge of the county in 1914 has been filed the last week of the attorney general's term. Evidently a desire to leave something to remind the public of his term in office.

OVER IN ILLINOIS, where land is so valuable that it is suspected some of it has been sold for coal, the price has dropped as much as \$150 per acre below the inflated values of recent date. Land values are true measurements, for living and all wealth comes from land. So if the winter can be weathered and taxes are not too high, the public may live to see what Mr. Harding's administration will do.

Candidates for Mayor

In these days when the people of Indianapolis are speculating on the question of who will be the next mayor, it is peculiar indeed that so little attention is being paid to the qualifications of the prospective candidates.

Every little coterie that has a particular ax to grind has a special candidacy to present.

There is what is known as the administration man, the anti-administration man, the courthouse man, the business man's choice and the so-called popular candidate.

In no case does there appear to be any earnest effort to seek out a candidate around whose banner all might unite in the firm belief that if elected the candidate would be everybody's mayor.

Dick Smith meets with Doc Morgan and Charlie Jewett and back of the subsequent first page publicity given Morgan's alleged health crusade looms Morgan as the News-Jewett choice for mayor.

A group of business men suggests that the next mayor ought to be of the type of Ernest Smith and it remains for the irrepressible Bob Tucker to tout him in the Cincinnati Enquirer as the probable nominee.

Lew Shank objects to being read out of the race by some of his constant opponents and he immediately becomes the specter from which a lot of fearful politicians flee in fear.

A lot of "suspended sentence guys" join hands with the "grand jury adjournists" and think how pleasant it would be to have their "friend" in the city hall and immediately consideration is given to Jim Collins as a "strong candidate."

And the real truth about the whole affair is that there is not a possibility on the horizon for whom the citizens as a whole care to vote.

Sooner or later a candidate will be hand-picked for the voters of this city and will receive their votes. Ninety per cent. of the voters will neither know nor care whether he is fit or not.

The other 10 per cent. will further his campaign because of other than altruistic purposes and in the course of a year or more after the election the citizens of Indianapolis will awaken and wonder why the government has not been improved.

But Why Worry?

I took a professor of the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, lecturing in Lowell Institute recently, to estimate that in the year 2100 A. D. the United States will have a population of 197,000,000 souls.

This is interesting, but why worry? It calls to mind wise predictions of the past, that all the coal would be mined in a few years, that the water supply was no longer conserved on account of disappearance of forests and that the community's morals were all gone to the dogs.

As a matter of fact, human nature is so constituted that men could all live as Eskimos—eat dog—while the fur kept them warm, if necessary. Already it is boasted that hydraulic development furnishes a third of the horse power of the nation, and that it is in the infancy of development. New coal fields in Alaska and in China are said to be sufficient to supply the world for ages. As to having too thick population, does not China or India furnish an example of what can be done, although no American wants to live in such a state of society? If a Chinese gardener can exist on an acre of land, so can an American should the occasion warrant.

It is not the density of population that should cause worry, it is the development of ideals which will protect the under dog that should ever be the solicitude of the nation and should cause the laying of a proper foundation for future generations. In this regard our forefathers of Revolutionary War fame did well by the present generation and there is hope that future generations will have occasion to recognize present efforts along the same line.

Russia's Bluff Called

Evidently the leaders of the Russian nation have failed in the big bluff they were putting up here in the United States, for Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, the Bolshevik envoy of the soviet, has been ordered to cancel all contracts and to go home.

This severs all commercial relationship with that form of government in Russia whose tenents forbid the ownership of private property and which apparently knows nothing of the sacredness of a contract. The American Government has not been fooled nor indeed bluffed by the action of Russia, no matter how much we would like her markets nor how good her stolen gold and confiscated wealth would be in America.

Not long ago, Washington B. Vandenberg obtained an immense concession of land in Siberia and came back to America with a great noise, loudly proclaiming the virtue of the Russian soviet, but it appears he was simply an adventurer and was used as a cat's paw by the Russians to seek recognition from the United States of their government. Now that the scheming Martens of fame for his subtle efforts to overthrow the United States Government by force has been ordered back to Russia and will depart, all the concessions and contracts obtained by Vandenberg are canceled by the Russian Government.

If the contracts for supplies amounting to a quarter of our public debt in figures, were made by the Russian government because the Russians needed the supplies and intended to pay for them, that government would not have canceled them when its ambassador was found to be persona non grata to the American Government.

It is therefore evident that the soviet leaders in Russia thought the only thing necessary to do with the United States was to throw out a bait for some big contracts for supplies and that the United States would thereby become a party to the insidious doctrine of vandalism and oppression preached by them. Their gift to Vandenberg sought to hasten this recognition, but the whole bubble burst when Martens was ordered deported. It is strange indeed that out of the millions of people in Russia some one could not take his place, if he was here in good faith.

Nations are like individuals. If Russia really wanted supplies, the could get them, provided she had honest money to pay for them, but the dream of Russian leaders of wrecking the world in order to build up their form of government has been so desperate in its workings in Russia that it made no impression in America. So the Russian nation will take its toll rags and go home. It is well that the whole scheme collapsed as early as it did.

BILL DUNCAN TALKS TO MOVIE FANS
On Temperament and How to Cure It

William Duncan, the well-known Vitagraph serial actor and director, comes to the front with these words of wisdom. He says the public has been bored long enough on the subject of temperament as a requisite of art artist.

"Take it from me," says Mr. Duncan in true movie style. "We know most

many of them of so-called temperament by ordering them out of the studio. The quickest and surest cure for temperament," says Bill, "is liberal application of brass knuckles, sand bags, black jacks, ball bats or copper-toed boots. That will fit it out of the studio. The best way is to give a good example by showing an even temper yourself and if it doesn't work show them the gate."

ON VIEW TODAY.

The offerings of the theaters and the movies today include: "The Charm School," at the Murat; the "Marcus Show of 1920," at English's; the Santos and Liays "Revue," at Keith's; popular vaudeville, at the Lyric and Broadway; musical comedy, at the Indiana; musical extravaganza, at the Park; "Poly With a Past," at the Colonial; "Dintz" at the Circle; "Conrad in Quest of His Youth" at the Ohio; "The Testing Block," at the Alhambra; "Prairie Trails," at the Regal; "Help Yourself," at Mister Smith's, and "The Life of the Party," at the Isle.

HOROSCOPE

"The stars incline, but do not compel!"

THURSDAY, DEC. 29.

Jupiter rules in benevolent aspect today, according to astrology, dominating all planetary direction.

It is a rule under which to buy on speculation, to take unusual risks in business, for the stars promise good luck in trades of every sort.

White Jupiter is friendly bankers and financiers should be especially fortunate. There is a forecast of new lines of cooperation that may be beneficial to business.

Persons whose birthday it is have the augury of happy fortune for the year.

Children born on this day probably will have great energy and the ability to concentrate successfully on any task. Those subjects of Capricorn usually rise rapidly in life—Copyright, 1920.

PORTRAITS ON BANK NOTES.

Q. Is there a standard picture which appears on all paper money of a certain denomination?

The denominational portraits appearing on Federal reserve bank notes have been prescribed for future issues of all kinds of currency. The portrait of Washington will appear on all \$1 bills.

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