

LACK OF BOOKS DEFEATS RILEY HOPE FOR KIDS

Empty Shelves Confront
Youngsters in Library, Me-
morial to Poet.

EVERY ONE CAN HELP

BY CHARLES E. BUSH, LIBRARIAN.
"What a beautiful room this is!" ex-
claimed a visitor to the Riley room for
children at the Central Library.

"Yes, if there were only enough books
to go around," said a cheerful youngster
beside the counter waiting for a good
book to be brought back.

Indianapolis gives much thought to
her children. She has sterilized and
fumigated their homes and their schools.
She feeds them daily with milk to keep
them well nourished. She has tried to
make hygiene everything in the touch.
She has used their muscles on play-
grounds and kept fresh the very air that
they breathe. Great thought is put upon
their bodies, while their minds after
school hours are often left to take care of
themselves. These youthful minds are
quite as active as their bodies and need
plenty of proper nourishment.

The library is the natural provider of
this kind of food. But little children is in-
deed pathetic. The little readers hungry
for books are under-nourished. They
can't get the fairy and animal stories
that their imaginations crave. Given any
encouragement whatever, such as a bright
cover, a rattling good story inside with
several attractive pictures, almost every
child wants to read. From the age of
10 to 12 children naturally are more
informed readers, so much so at times
that their anxious parents are sure they
are going to be lazy, good-for-nothings
because they have to be pulled from their
books and made to do their tasks about
home. This is as it should be. If your
boy at this stage of his life shows these
symptoms be assured that he is perfectly
normal and well balanced.

**NEEDS ALL KINDS
OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS.**
The library is poorly equipped to
cope with these young tastes. It needs
thousands of children's books. When
Miss Carrie E. Scott, supervisor of chil-
dren's work in the Indianapolis Public
Library, was asked of what books the
children's room was in the greatest need
she said:

"Literally all classes. Children are
naturally not as good as their books as
their elders, though we try to instill
this into them, and, of course, children's
books wear out faster and must be re-
placed often."

The children's department has been
forced to hold up orders for 4,643 re-
placements of worn-out books, such old
favorites as "Tom Sawyer," "Little
Women," "Robinson Crusoe" and "Little
Black Sambo."

To show how books are at a premium
among our children just now, one little
boy was heard to call a library attend-
ant coming out of church with the loud
greeting:

"Well, I finally got it!"

"Go what, sonny?" asked the young
librarian when she was within speaking
distance.

"Why, 'The Bears of Blue River,' and
it's some story, believe me!"

**RIOT OVER HANDFUL
OF BOOKS.**

An assistant in the children's room
heard a few days ago a mad riot in the
little boy's corner. Going over, she re-
primanded them sharply.

"Children, children, you can't act like
this in the library. What is the matter?"

The matter was that there was but a
handful of library books on their shelves
and that they had to turn and again
One boy tore up his card in despair, and
the librarian didn't much blame him.

Books are the tools with which to make
good citizens. We form clubs to discuss
how to rear our children. We engage
lecturers to tell us. We are dead in
earnest about these children, and there
there is such a simple way out. It is
this—keep a good book in the hands of
each child. It will remove mountains
of books from our backs.

This is a scarcely man, woman or
child in this city who does not want to
have the fun of helping to suppress these
book riots among children. There are
parents who will want to fill the fairy
tale shelves, now so empty, as a beauti-
ful and fitting memorial to perpetuate
the memory of their child. Others will
deem it a pity that children are growing
up with no intimate acquaintance with

Records of Police Show Drunkenness More Pronounced

Efforts of the police to make Indianapolis dry are evidently not suc-
cessful, for during the first twenty
days of February, records show eighty
men were arrested on charges of
drunkenness. Police, however, claim
that 50 per cent of this number be-
came intoxicated on various brands
of beer, a lemon extract and
Jamaica ginger.

The number of men arrested on the
charge of drunkenness, police claim,
during February this year is about
double the number arrested in the
same time during the years when the
State was "wet."

"They are sure wild," declared a
turn-of-the-century man, "we were right
in putting up stretchers Saturday and one
was so bad we called an ambulance and
sent him to the city hospital. Hair tonic makes 'em wild."

the recited men of Caldecott or with
the dainty Greenaway children.

APPEAL GOES TO EVERY ONE.

Mother and governess who have
brought their small charges to the chil-
dren's room during the noon hour
and have been disappointed in not
finding clean picture books, or even any
picture books, "or the children, will want
to give to the library the picture books
that these children have outgrown."

Parent-Teacher clubs will insist on the
children having an ample and read-
able library, that they may come for books
with anticipation and never go away in
disappointment.

Roller skates, bicycles, go-carts, dogs
and kiddie cars outside the door of the
children's room testify to the joyous
little readers have not yet lost hope. If
they are absent from these shelves with books
they are clamoring to read these children will
certainly arise and call you blessed—and
will the spirit of Riley, their friend,

LOSES CENTER OF POPULATION

Jimmy Herrin Sees Professors
Pick Spot on Neighbor's Land.

Special to The Times.

SPENCER, Ind., Feb. 21.—"The 'rush'
of Jimmy Herrin was over today. The
60-year-old farmer sat back in his arm-
chair, free from the gaze of the curious
and reflected on his short-lived fame
which followed announcement that the
center of population of the United States
had moved to the Herrin farm. Jimmy
can go ahead cultivating his little plot
of ground now uninterrupted by news-
paper reporters, photographers and
magazine men.

Administrators from Indiana University
decided that the first calculations which
placed the center of population on Herrin's
farm were wrong; that the honor
should go to Melvin Sims, living two
miles away. Professor Cogshall determined
that the Sims farm was on the line.

The thirteenth were killed near Mid-
ton, County Cork, yesterday afternoon,
when the Second Battalion of Hampshe-
rines, under the Sims Feiners in a house.
Eight Sims Feiners were captured, the
military escaping with one man slightly
wounded.

The battle was taken as warning here
that government forces have definitely
abandoned the plan of awaiting attack.
Meanwhile Republicans are making a
determined effort to do away with "the
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relentlessly. Two farmers, Matthew Sweet-
man and William Connell, were the
last victims. Both were found at their
homes, Sweetman being shot within his
house. Earlier two young men were
killed, their bodies being buried with
warnings to other "informers."

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in India. Automobiles cannot go with-
in a mile of the tree.

It is planned to erect a permanent mon-
ument beside the tree.

Milk Producers to Form 'Co-op' Company

Special to The Times.

RICHMOND, Ind., Feb. 21.—Directors
of the Milk Producers Association of
Richmond will organize a cooperative
company. The organization will buy
milk and cream from its members and
distribute the products.

A suitable building will be secured as
a collecting and distributing agency. The
movement was made necessary, officials
declare, in order that they might obtain
a fair price for their product.

\$1,500 FIRE ON NORTH SIDE.

Fire caused a loss of \$1,500 at the home
of Dr. George Baldwin, 3143 North Illinois
street, last night. Defective wiring is
blamed. The residence is owned by H.
Kennedy.

URGES FAITH IN FUTURE OF U. S.

Big Meeting Speaker Sees
Prosperity Just Ahead.

J. C. Herbsmann, Seattle, Wash., spoke
at the Men's Big Meeting at English's
Theater Sunday afternoon. His subject
was "American Need." The address was
an appeal to Americans to bring about
readjustment of conditions by reforming
themselves and cultivating an implicit
faith in the future of the Republic.

The speaker predicted an unprecedented
year of prosperity if Americans keep
themselves on a sensible plane of con-
servation.

A new foreign trade, a bonus for ex-
service men, gradual disarmament and
an immediate response to the call of
starving peoples in foreign lands were
advocated by the speaker.

The Y. M. C. A. quartette sang. The
series of Big Meetings will close next
Sunday with an address by Bishop Wil-
liam A. Quayle.

At the boys' Big Meeting at the Y. M.
C. A. hall, Ed. Birchfield, Lieut. Col. and
Lieutenant of the Volunteers of America
spoke to about 130 boys. Several reels
of moving pictures were presented. Paul
Birchfield led the singing and Cecil
Isaac and Gerib Thorson, boy leaders, had
charge of the meeting.

Next Sunday will be observed as News-
boys' day.

SINN FEIN AGAIN USE FIRE BRAND

10 Manchester Mills in Flames
From Kerosene Use.

MANCHESTER, Feb. 21.—Sinn Feiners
for second time attacked Manchester
mills in an incendiary campaign, in-
licting damage of about \$20,000 in ten
fire, over the past year. Several fac-
tories were completely destroyed.

Ten fires broke forth simulta-
neously, indicating the campaign has been
planned with great care. All had been
started with kerosene drenched in kerosene.
Firemen were unable to respond to all

calls.

CHANCE OF IRISH UNION DESTROYED

EDINBURGH, Scotland, Feb. 21.—The
present government has destroyed the
chances of a union of Ireland and Eng-
land forever," declared Archbishop Man-
nix of Australia, in a speech in this city.
The people of Ireland are being blud-
gered every day. The goings on are a
disgrace to civilization and to Great
Britain."

BRITISH KILL 13 IN SURPRISE ATTACK

CORK, Feb. 21.—Burial of thirteen
comrades shot in battle brought to Sinn
Feiners today the knowledge that Brit-
ish forces have taken the offensive.

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METHODS RUIN TOBACCO MEN

Growers May Organize Ex-
change System.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—The tobacco crisis
in Lexington, the largest loose leaf to-
bacco market in the world, is declared
in reports received here to be the most
serious that has confronted the people
of Kentucky since the Civil War.

Tobacco that brought 25 and 35 cents
last year has been selling for 3 and 5
cents a pound and some even has been
converted into fertilizer.

The crop, which normally ranks fourth
among crops of the United States and
returns more than \$1,000,000,000 annually,
is disposed of at auction each year.
The number of growers are facing ruin,
with far less than production cost of
fertilizer for the 1920 crop, which is the
largest yield ever known.

Some authorities declare the crop is
marketed in a manner which producers of
less important crops would regard as
a short cut to financial ruin. Specialists
of the Bureau of Market Research, primarily
in the section system of sales in certain
sections and the private contract
system in others. Tobacco is one of the
few crops hauled to one place at a cer-
tain time of the year and sold to the
highest bidder.

The grower of burley tobacco, con-
fronted by a highly organized buying
force, sells his crop in an unorganized
manner, says one authority.

Serious consideration is being given
to the establishment of a tobacco exchange
system modeled largely on the line of the
grain exchange system, with "hedging"
facilities.

INVESTIGATE WOMAN'S DEATH.

Conner Robinson is investigating the
accident in which Anna Rizer, negro,
9204 Colton street, was so seriously
burned Saturday that she died at the
city hospital last night. It is said, had been paralyzed for several
years. She was sitting near a stove and
the flames burst out and caught her
clothing.

Burns Self to Death

LONDON, Feb. 21.—A verdict of suicide
while insane was returned at the inquest
into the death of Dr. Maurice Paterson,
of Newton Abbott, who poured kerosene
over himself and then set himself on fire.

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