

LACK OF BOOKS DEFEATS RILEY HOPE FOR KIDS

Empty Shelves Confront
Youngsters in Library, Memorial to Poet.

EVERY ONE CAN HELP

BY CHARLES E. RUSH, LIBRARIAN.

"What a beautiful room this is!" exclaimed 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 hygienic everything that they touch. She has exercised their muscles on playgrounds and kept fresh the very air that they breathe. Great thought is put upon their bodies, while their minds 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 mental food. But the situation is indeed pathetic. These 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 will read to find. From the age of 10 to 12 children naturally are more voracious 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.

But 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 children'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 so careful in handling books as their elders, though we try to instill this into them, and, of course, children's books wear out faster and must be replaced often."

The children's department has been forced to hold up orders for 4,643 replacements of worn-out books, such old favorites as "The Little Prince," "The 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 attendant coming out of church with the loud greeting:

"Well, I finally got it!"

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

"Why, 'The Bears of Blue River,' and it's some story, believe it or not."

RIOT OVER HANDFUL OF BOOKS.

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

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

The matter was that there was a handful of dirty books on their shelves and these they had read time and again. One boy tore up his card in disgust 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 of ours. But 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 burdens from our backs.

There is scarcely a man, woman or child in this city who will 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 beautiful and fitting memorial to a poet whose 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 successful, for during the first twenty days of February, records show that men were arrested on charges of drunkenness. Police, however, claim that 50 per cent of this number became intoxicated on various brands of hair tonic, 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 turnkey today. "Four were brought in on stretchers Saturday and one was so bad we called an ambulance and sent him to the city hospital. Hair tonic makes 'em wild."

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

APPEAL TO EVERY ONE.

Mothers and governesses who have brought their small charges to the children's room during the quiet morning hours and have been disappointed in not finding clean picture books, or even any picture books, for 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 readable library, so 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 that these juvenile readers have not yet lost hope. If you appoint yourself a committee of one to help fill these shelves with books they are clamoring to read these children will certainly arise and call you blessed—and to will the spirit of Riley, their friend.

LOSES CENTER OF POPULATION

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

SPENCER, Ind., Feb. 21.—The "rush" of Jimmy Herrin was over today. The 60-year-old farmer sat back in his armchair, 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 newspaper reporters, photographers and movie camera men.

Astronomers from Indiana University decided that the first calculations which placed the center of population on Herrin's farm were wrong. That thirteen should go to Melvin Sims, living two miles away, Professor Cogshall determined the spot was on a steep hillside of the Sims farm. It is marked by a Beech tree on which the professor carved "Center of Population, 1920."

There are six houses within a mile radius of the tree. Two of these are uninhabited. Two hundred yards away is the home of Oliver Renard. Whitehall, the nearest hamlet, is two miles east.

The place is one of the most primitive in Indiana. Automobiles cannot go within a mile of the tree.

It is planned to erect a permanent monument beside the tree.

Milk Producers to Form 'Co-op' Company

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, 2413 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 "America's 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 conservatism.

A new foreign trade, a bonus for export 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 offering amounted to \$107.58. The series of Big Meetings will close next Sunday with an address by Bishop William A. Quayle.

At the boys' Big Meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday, Earl M. Hites, major lieutenant of the Volunteers of America spoke to about 120 boys. Several reels of moving pictures were presented. Paul Birchfield led the singing and Cecil Isaac and Gert Iversen, boy leaders, had charge of the meeting.

Next Sunday will be observed as News-boy's day.

SINN FEIN AGAIN USE FIRE BRAND

10 Manchester Mills in Flames
From Kerosene Use.

MANCHESTER, Feb. 21.—Sinn Feiners for a second time attacked Manchester mills in an incendiary campaign. Inflicting damage of almost \$200,000 in ten days over the week-end. Several factories were completely destroyed.

All ten fires broke forth simultaneously, indicating the campaign has been planned with great care. All had been started with hay 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 chance of a union of Ireland and England forever," declared Archbishop Mannix of Australia, in a speech in this city. "The people of Ireland are being bludgeoned 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 British forces have taken the offensive.

The thirteen were killed near Middleton, County Cork, yesterday afternoon, when the Second Battalion of Hampshire surprised the Sinn Feiners in a house. Eight Sinn 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 avoiding attack. Meanwhile Republicans were making a determined effort to do away with "informers."

Men suspected of giving the crown forces help are being sought relentlessly. Two farmers, Matthew Sweetman and William Connell, were the last victims. Both were found at their homes, Sweetman being led away from home. Earlier two young men were killed, their bodies being placarded with warnings to other "informers."

BROTHER OF CORK MAYOR ARRESTED

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Sean MacSwiney, youngest brother of the lord mayor of Cork, has been arrested, charged with a crime punishable by death, according to a cablegram received today by Lawrence Russell, member of the Irish Parliament, and representative of republic in Chicago.

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.

Cost and Efficiency Engineers to Hear Federal Tax Expert

By HARRY KAY.

"Fair weather for auto show week." Is this possible?

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Persons who recall with a shudder what the weather has been each spring at the time the automobile dealers put on their show will agree that Orman undoubtedly is a bit off his onion.

"Yes, we will have at least decent weather this spring, for the first time," declared Mr. Orman today. "What I mean to say is that I feel it in my bones

that the weather man is going to let up on us—he has been riding us hard every spring show for the past eleven years, with rain, sleet, snow and a hedge pledge of even worse—including the memorable flood of 1913, when we were all but washed away entirely."

"But this year I believe the weather gods are on our side. The mild winter may, of course, wind up in a general meteorological catastrophe which may, equally of course, hit us amidsthips of auto show week, March 7 to 12. Again I say, however, that I don't believe it. This is one year when we are destined to have mild weather."

"Show week will be devoid of rains or snows. Why? Well, for one thing, the new moon the other night was lying flat on its back with its heels up in the air—a real for sure dry moon."

"Show week will, also, not be cold; that is, not bitterly cold. The matter of snappy chill cuts no figure, anyway, because the big show building at the State fair ground has a whole of a heating plant and the show visitors will be comfortable. Just so the people get to the show without shivering through rain, snow and slush—and they will this spring, sure as shooting."

Orman is hereby awarded the genuine bar-wire sofa pillow and hand painted

METHODS RUIN TOBACCO MEN

Growers May Organize Exchange System.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—The tobacco crisis in Lexington, the largest loose leaf tobacco 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. Hundreds of growers are facing ruin, with far less than production cost offered for the 1920 crop, which is the largest yield ever known.

Some authorities declare the crop is marketed in a manner which produces of less important crops would regard as a short cut to financial ruin. Specialists of the Bureau of Markets blame primarily the auction 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 certain time of the year and sold to the highest bidder.

"The grower of burley tobacco, confronted by a highly organized buying force, sells his crop with an unorganized selling force," says one authority.

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

INVESTIGATES WOMAN'S DEATH.

Coroner Robinson is investigating the accident, in which Anna Razer, negro, 920½ Colton street, was so seriously burned Saturday that she died at the city hospital last night. The woman, it is said, had been paralyzed for several years. She was sitting near a stove and the flames burst out and caught her clothing.

WEATHER 'LAYS' OFF AUTO SHOW

So Forecasts John B. Orman,
Rain, Snow, Flood Veteran,
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Two Held After Cops Say They Find Booze

John Kress, 180 Bright street, was arrested on the charge of operating a blind tiger Saturday night. The police allege they found four pints of whiskey in Kress' residence.

Louis Abrams, 460 South Meridian street, was arrested by Sergeant Tooley on a charge of violating the prohibition law. The police allege they found a quart of whiskey and several empty bottles at Abrams' place. Henry Abrams, a member of the House of Representatives, interceded for Louis Abrams with Judge Walter Pritchard and Louis was released without being required to give bond.

GIRL STRUCK BY TRUCK.

Ruth Greathouse, 6 colored, daughter of Archie Greathouse, 2331 North Capitol avenue, suffered a broken leg last night when she was struck by an automobile truck driven by Gaylord Herrod.

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"Every Picture Tells a Story"

Help Your Kidneys Fight That Cold!

Is a cold, or grip, keeping you miserable? Are you weak, tired, all worn out—tortured with dull, persistent backache and sharp, cutting pains? Do you seem to be getting worse instead of better? Likely, then, your kidneys need help! Colds and grip fill the blood with poisons, which the kidneys must filter off. This sudden rush of new work has no doubt weakened your kidneys and that's why you feel so weak and depressed, and suffer that constant backache and those stabbing pains. You may have headaches and dizzy spells, too, and some annoying kidney irregularity. Don't wait, then, until serious kidney disease sets in. Help your weakened kidneys with Doan's Kidney Pills. Doan's have helped thousands. They should help you. Ask your neighbor!

These are Indianapolis Cases:

Wright Street	Shelby Street	East Wabash Street
Lars P. Hansen, retired cabinet maker, 1115 Wright street, says: "Now and then my back got to hurting me and my kidneys wouldn't act regularly. I passed the secretions with a smarting sensation to the point of pain. In years and it seems when cold weather comes on I always get worse. I read about Doan's Kidney Pills and got three boxes. When I had finished taking them I felt all right. Doan's have always done me good any time I have since used them, and I am pleased to recommend them."	Mrs. A. Bany, 1713 Shelby street, says: "I had an awful time with my kidneys and the cause I attribute to overtaxing my strength when house cleaning. My back started to ache and it nearly killed me with pain. There seemed to be a terrible pressure on my head. Kidney pills and got three boxes. When I had finished taking them I felt all right. Doan's Kidney Pills gave me more relief than anything I ever used. Three boxes cured me and I am pleased to give Doan's my indorsement."	J. E. Davidson, retired flagman, Penn. Ry. Co., 527 E. Wabash street, says: "My kidneys were weak and I wanted to pass the kidney secretions several times during the night, which was very annoying. My back was weak and when I stooped forward and tried to straighten up, a catch would take me through my back. Dizzy kind of feelings came over me. I started to use Doan's Kidney Pills and it was no time before they began to help me. My kidneys were weakened and I have never had any more backache."

Doan's Kidney Pills

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500 Hit-and-Miss pattern rag rugs, in 25x50-inch size. Our regular price \$1.75. Sale price, 98c each.

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\$1.35 Genuine Burlap Back Linoleum, 85c Sq. Yd.

First quality, absolutely perfect linoleum, in a large assortment of patterns.

Imported Chenille Carpet, \$11.75 Sq. Yd.

This beautiful carpet is 12 feet wide without seams, and about one-half inch thick. In two colors, blue and taupe. It was bought to sell for \$18.00 a square yard.

High Grade Seamless Axminster Rugs (Size 36x70 inches)

Fall Price	\$12.75
Regular Price	\$10.50
Sale Price	\$8.75

Felt Base Linoleum Mats (Size 18x27 inches, 24¢)

Felt Base Linoleums, 49c Sq. Yd.

Good patterns for selection.

Highest Grade Royal Wilton Rugs (Size 27x54 inches)

Fall Price	\$19.75
Regular Price	\$15.50
Sale Price	\$10.75

High Grade Seamless Axminster Rugs (Size 6x9 feet)

Fall Price	\$40.00
Regular Price	\$34.50
Sale Price	\$29.75

Highest Grade Tapestry Brussels Rugs (Size 9x12 feet)

Fall Price	\$50.00
Regular Price	\$42.50
Sale Price	