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WHAT has become of the man who insisted that the Goodrich regime was seeking to reduce, not increase taxes!

HARD any arrangements been made to supply Carl Bernauer with his customary drug while he is in jail awaiting a second trial?

What About Our Taxes?

Most noticeable for its absence in the city campaign which is now approaching white heat is a definite program on the part of any candidate for providing what the people of Indianapolis most wish—a reduction in the municipal expenses that are paid by the taxation of property.

Investigation of the finances of Indianapolis discloses that in the last year the "operating expenses" of the city were increased more than two million dollars, causing a disbursement of approximately eight million dollars merely for the normal maintenance of the corporation.

In addition to this tremendous sum, more than two million dollars was assessed against property owners for street improvements.

Ten million dollars a year is a tidy sum to pay for the government of a city of 350,000 inhabitants, but it does not, by any means, constitute the whole sum that residents of Indianapolis are expected to put up for their government.

Taxes that fall upon public utilities, such as the gas, water and street car companies, are collected by an indirect method from the citizens of the city who are patrons of these utilities. The taxes of public utilities are classified as operating expenses by the public service commission and rates are established to provide revenue sufficient to pay them.

The Indianapolis Street Railway Company is now asking greater revenue in order that it may take care of taxes amounting to approximately \$250,000 a year. The Indianapolis Water Company recently obtained increases in rates for the same purpose. The Citizens Gas Company pleads for more revenue to meet taxes, and while the two light companies have not yet been heard from, it is not unlikely that they and the telephone company will seek some method of charging increased taxes directly to the citizens of Indianapolis.

It is apparent that at least a million dollars will be taken from the pocketbooks of property owners of Indianapolis in order to permit the utilities to meet the increased taxes which are to be collected to enable the city administration to meet increased expenditures.

This is the vicious circle to which property owners and property renters object without, in many instances, realizing against what phase of the government their objections lie.

Those who do not own property in Indianapolis are nevertheless affected by the high tax rates. They pay the landlord's taxes in their high rents. They pay the merchant's taxes in the additional price which the merchant must charge for his wares in order to take care of a constantly increasing overhead.

For the last four years or more the State has been tinkering with the tax laws and politicians have been assuring us that high valuations do not necessarily mean higher taxes.

Experience has taught us better. For no sooner were the valuations of Indianapolis property fixed at a higher level than ever before than the tax rates were moved back to approximately the level that existed before valuations were increased.

Not a single candidate for mayor of Indianapolis has outlined a method by which he hopes to reduce taxation. All have, in general terms, declared themselves opposed to high taxes, in much the same manner that a candidate professes loyalty to the Nation.

It is unfortunate that there is not a more general realization of the problem of the day, not only among the candidates, but also among the voters.

Why Secrecy?

We do not care very much for the society of the man who has no consideration for dogs. There seems to be something missing in the make-up of the individual who has no sympathy for the dumb animals who have proved themselves such faithful companions of men, such loyal and constant friends.

And we question very seriously whether we would care to risk human life under the knife of a surgeon who harbors no compassion for a helpless puppy that is ready at all times to yield up its life even for no better purpose than that man can see the throbbing of its heart.

For that reason, we confess that we cannot understand the attitude of the surgeons under whose directions dogs undergo fearful operations at the Indiana University School of Medicine.

The medical profession has advanced to a point where operations of any kind can be conducted painlessly, where convalescence can be obtained without suffering, where even the mental condition of a patient may be controlled.

One would think that since a large measure of these great boons to humanity are attributed by surgeons to the assistance given them by the multitude of dumb animals that have given up their lives in the advancement of science, the surgeon would feel that he owes to his brute ally all the consideration that he can give it.

There is a right way and a wrong way of conducting the experimental and instructive surgery that goes on in the medical school.

If it is conducted the right way there is no reason in the world why an open door policy should not be maintained. There is no reason why the world should not know what goes on behind the closed doors of the surgery.

If it is not conducted the right way, there is every reason in the world why the public should know it, and knowing, force a cessation of the methods employed.

Secrecy has no other purpose, in connection with the operating on dogs at a medical school than to cloak the methods with which these operations are conducted.

Only a mistaken idea of the public concern closes the doors on public representation and observation.

Not one valid reason can be advanced for secrecy in the dog surgery of the Indiana Medical School. Hundreds of doubts of sincerity and propriety are raised by this secrecy.

Can Indiana University afford to ignore the destruction of confidence in its instructors when such destruction is wholly unnecessary?

A Laudable Purpose

Whatever opinion may be held of the method he has adopted, no honest man can find fault with the purpose of the suggestion by Ed J. Robison of the appointment of a committee of seventy-five citizens to work for a clean city primary.

Heretofore, time and time again, the expressed will of the public has been defeated in party primaries.

It was so when Taft was proclaimed the unanimous choice of the Seventh district over Theodore Roosevelt in the most corrupt primaries ever held in Indianapolis. It was so when Samuel Lewis Shank was deprived of a nomination corruptly given to Charles W. Jewett. It was so when Hiram Johnson was defeated by primary manipulation in favor of Leonard Wood. For years past the crowd that controls the primary boards has been the successful crowd at the primaries and the stories of corruption that have been told, corroborated and are susceptible of legal proof are a crying shame in this community.

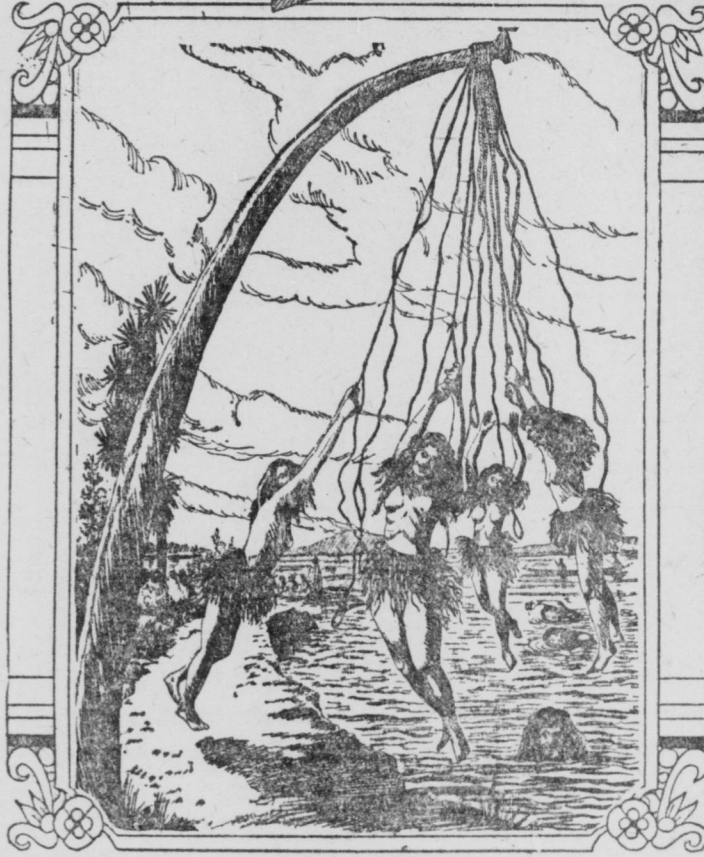
We have no desire to attribute to the supporters of Mr. Thomas C. Howe any inclination to debase the coming primaries in his favor, but we cannot refrain from pointing out that the ardent supporters of Mr. Howe are the same persons who supported Taft against Roosevelt, Jewett against Shank and Wood against Johnson. And in each of these races the men they supported won by corruption in the primaries.

Mr. Robison charges that his efforts to insure a clean primary are received in a "noncommittal manner" by the backers of Mr. Howe. If this is true it is a mistake.

Sooner or later the people of Indianapolis will have a clean primary and will elect their choice to public office. The course of those who would impose their will on the community by fair means or foul is almost run. This primary may not see the end of their effort, but the end is in sight.

And no man is big enough to become mayor of Indianapolis who is not ready to do all in his power to insure that the selection of a mayor be not debauched by the election crooks who have heretofore succeeded in upsetting the expressed will of the electorate.

The Maoris of the Past



By W. D. BOYCE.

OTORUA, New Zealand—We are in the heart of Maori land, and having made the trip by rail from Auckland to Rotorua, site of the boiling sulphur springs, I no longer wonder why the Maori (pronounced Mowrie) fought so desperately against the white man. It was to save for himself and his descendants the wonderful lands with which nature has endowed New Zealand. On the eight-hour journey from Auckland a vast panorama of fertile fields, well laid out farms and neat, well-kept homes and barns is followed by a succession of bush-covered mountains and great forests whose undergrowth reaches to the very edges of the hills themselves.

Rotorua, the place to which the tourists always are urged to come, is not so much in itself. It is operated by the government as a bathhouse and sanatorium town, where the ill may come to receive the benefits of waters of innumerable kinds, or where the sportsmen may find fishing in Lake Rotorua and the smaller streams which run into it, and where the tourist in search of scenery or the weird sights of geysers, boiling water springs or hot mud pools may get his fill.

The government encourages New Zealanders to see their own country. I could hardly believe it when I was advised that for about \$60 I could buy a ticket covering all the New Zealand railroads over 3,000 miles and ride on the ticket for six weeks. There was no limit to the use of it. You could travel day and night and repeat trips as often as you liked. The result is that all New Zealanders become well acquainted with their own country, taking the North and South Islands together is about 1,000 miles long. The area is twice the size of the state of Illinois. Here you find every variety of scenery, mountains, valleys, plains, ferns and trees and everything we have in Yellowstone National Park with the Mammoth cave of Kentucky thrown in. A man born in New Zealand who has used his "holiday ticket" good for every spot in his country would find nothing new in traveling the world over. I see no use of him leaving his own country for new sights. The government, in addition to selling this ticket, runs a tourist bureau and looks after every detail of travel without charge for the service.

To me Rotorua and its principal attractions were not thrilling or awe-inspiring for I have seen Yellowstone Park, and it is by far the grandest of the two. But nowhere in the world have I seen another people just like the Maori. Maori had at Whakarewareware called Waka for short, two miles from Rotorua, I found the Arara, the largest and most interesting of the twenty principal tribes of Maori now in existence.

Where the Maori came from originally no man knows. They themselves have a well-remembered legend that tells of a great tribe hundreds of years ago which became weary of continual battling with enemies and, inspired by the dream of a medicine man, set out in a fleet of war canoes and after many weeks of plying the Pacific Ocean, landed on the rocky coasts of what now is northern New Zealand and found ready to hand a veritable Paradise not inhabited by man. But the spot from which they came has never been located definitely.

Learned scientists have found what they consider ample proof that the Maori came from Hawaii. Others pick out Tahiti or Tonga as the original home, while equally learned men profess to have discovered in our own United States carvings and utensils which indicate that at some far distant time the Maori roamed the North American continent. Certainly they are Polynesians in every way and are associated by blood some where in the past with the natives of some of the South Sea Islands.

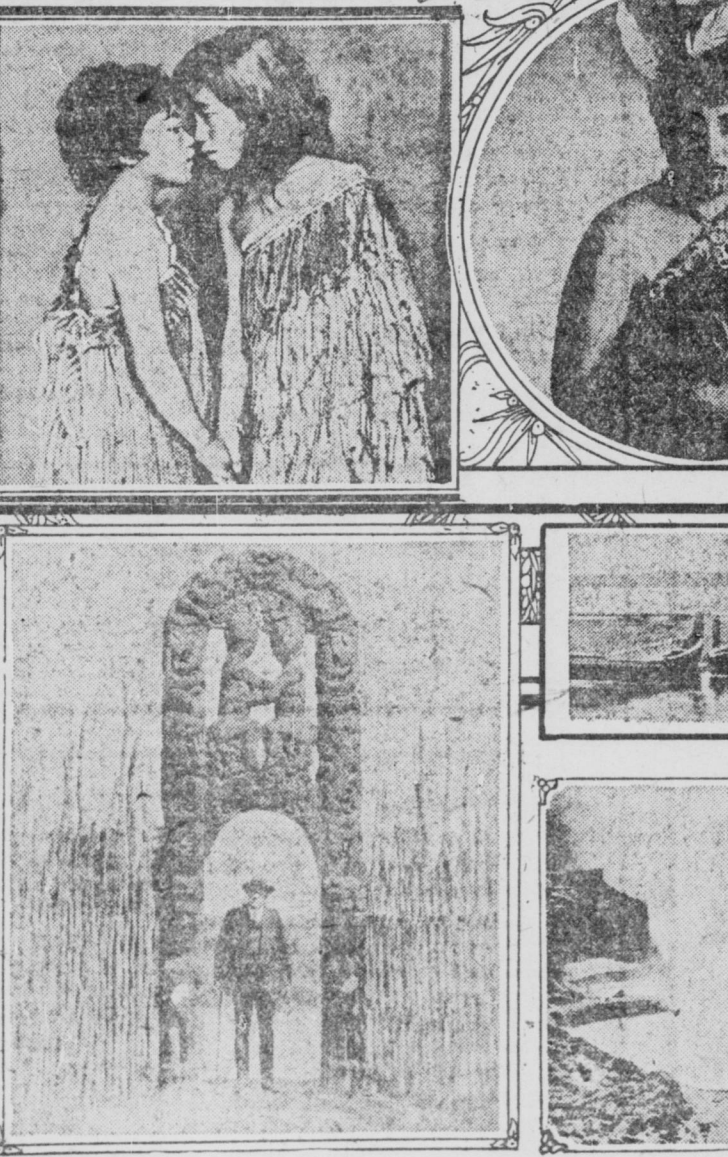
The Maori today is able to trace back his family line for many generations of twenty-five years each, some of them being able to repeat, parrot-like, the names of their ancestors for as many as forty or fifty generations. But when it comes to concrete facts as to their origin and history before the white man, or pakeha, came, they are dumb. A study of their legends gives one a large collection of fanciful tales of impossible happenings and without any links by which these legends can be connected with known historical facts of other peoples. Certainly the old time Maori never handed down to their sons any record of the tribes of hundreds of years ago. They had no signs or symbols characters like the American Indians which made history. That their memory was short is indicated by the fact that when Capt. James Cook visited them in 1769 the Maori had no knowledge of the fact that 77 years before Abel Tasman had been there and had had a battle with the natives, through his inability to understand that they were not enemies.

CASE OF MUTUAL MISUNDERSTANDING.

By the appearance of these strange white men, their chief sent a herald to announce that he would visit the strangers about their ships. But Tasman and his Dutch crew mistook the herald for a chief set out from shore with several canoes of warriors as an escort Tasman sent a boat to warn his second ship against treachery. The boat collided with the first and the two ships were wrecked. Maori, believing they were attacked, began to fight, killing four Dutchmen. Tasman at once fired a broadside into the canoes and left with his ships. Tasman's account of what little he saw of the Maori, although he and his men did not set foot ashore in New Zealand, described them as so blood-thirsty and war-like that the far-away islands which now made up New Zealand were shunned by white adventurers for more than a century. When Cook came he was not so easily daunted as had been Tasman and, despite the fact that at first the Maori were quite inhospitable toward him, he remained for six months, sailed around the islands and went ashore without any more than one real clash right after his first landing.

Cook was different from the ordinary explorer, for he treated the natives with kindness and justice and finally won their regard. He never was able to go between the various Maori tribes, but from those tribes with which he was in close touch we get the first authentic record of these interesting people.

The Maori of old belonged to a straight-lined, haughty and war-like blood race. Although all of them spring from the same source they never yielded to the leadership of any of their own number. Tribes were formed by close blood relationship and each tribe was governed by itself. Today the same condition exists. There are a score of principal tribes and each of them is divided into minor tribes between which there still exists bad blood which was fanned by some outrage hundreds of years ago and for which the cause may be unknown now. The old Maori was fond of tribal meetings at which all questions



Top reading from left—Maori girls at play before civilization reached the country. The tree shown in the picture was bent over the bank of a lake near Rotorua. From its tip were suspended ropes woven from native flax. The girls used these as swings until they became tired when they dropped off in the water. The tree is gone, but natives still point out the stump.

Girls illustrating the old Maori salutation, rubbing noses. Kissing was unknown until the advent of the white man. "Tena Koe" is the Maori greeting, meaning "hello" or "that's you" and is familiar to visitors, as these girls are not formal in the matter of requiring an introduction.

A Maori belle of other days. Tattooed lips and chin are seen now only on the faces of very old women for the younger generation has changed its ideas of beauty. The girl in the picture wears a greenstone brood lock piece suspended above her neck. Today the new greenstone, "tikik" it is called, is made in Switzerland and sent to New Zealand to be sold to tourists as genuine Maori work.

Next is an old timer who has many a story to tell of the days when the Maori and Pakeha (white man) were fighting to see which would become supreme.

Only a handful of these old natives remain. A chief in ceremonial costume is shown at the top right. He has lived many years, but is aged and ragged and is a good type of the Maori of old. Tall, straight-limbed and proud, the Maori was first and last a warrior. Now the old Maori are fond of shaking hands with white strangers and are more affable than the younger men of the tribes.

Bottom—An old-time chief whose tattooed face tells a story of war and great achievements in his youthful days. Each line has a significance to those who can read it. It is said a Maori chieftain who once went to England warned an artist who was painting his picture to be sure to get every line in, as they were a record of his personal history and deeds of daring. Only those of extreme youth or lack of courage did not have tattooed faces fifty years ago.

To the right and slightly above picture of the old-time chief, Mr. Boyce is shown standing in the entrance to one of the pua which were the old-time forts of the Maori in war times. The gates were barely wide enough to admit one person at a time and were ornamented with typical Maori wood carvings. In Maori lived there were no extraneous heat or cold that made it necessary for him to have any more than bare shelter, and rugs or blankets made out of hemp, today with modifications, are caused by the coming of the white man.

TRIVIAL INCIDENTS. CAUSE OF WAR. So strong was the ill feeling between the tribes that in times the villages were deserted and the tribes lived in a constant state of war, or preparedness for war, inside their pas, or fortifications, from which they issued only in force.

Tribal incidents often led to long and bitter warfare. For instance, the burning of a war canoe of the Arara tribe by a force of Waikato, who apparently made no distinction between the canoe and the crew, led to a war which gradually involved almost every tribe on one side or the other until all of Maori land was engaged in the game of bloodshed and revenge.

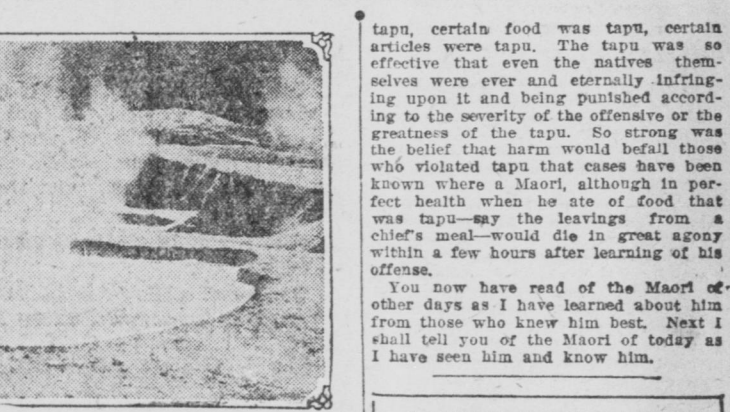
Periods of peace and then periods of wars between tribes. Finally the white man came and, as white men generally have been inclined to do the world over, made roughshod over the natives, violated their tapu, or sacred things, and brought on war between whites and Maori, which ended only when friendly Maori helped the whites in such manner that the others were subdued. Alone, it is doubtful if the white man at that time could have held his own against the shrewd Maori in the battles in the forests and mountains he sided by other equally as shrewd Maori, the end was inevitable.

It is believed by those who have made close study of the subject that the Maori's definite patience was born during those long war periods inside their fortresses. It was in those days that they developed the art of fancy and intricate wood carving which is the admiration of visitors from all over the world. Not daring to go outside, the men turned their attention to carving to keep them busy.

The Maori were able through skill and patience to fashion wonderful weapons and ornaments out of granite and the iron-like greenstone and the women perfected the art of taking rough New Zealand flax and from it and the feathers of gaudy colored birds making close woven capes and coats and kilts.

Where the savages of other races daubed or painted their faces with colored mud for war, the Maori, who have proved his courage, was permitted to have tattooed upon his face, limbs or his body scroll work and lines of the most fantastic designs, each of which meant some event in his own life or that of his ancestors. Tattooing is at best a slow and painful process, and what some of those warriors of long ago must have endured is painful to contemplate. When they were at hand when he didn't prefer to eat his food raw. There is no characteristic pottery or vessels of metal in Maori land. Their homes were simple huts of thatched straw, for where the

SKILLED IN WAR. The Maori man was not an adept at making things which had no connection with war, for mostly he was a fighter. His dashboards were big clumsy things of shell, with barbed points. He didn't need any gardening implements, for the women did all the work. He didn't have to devise any weapons for killing big game, for there were no four-footed creatures except native rats, until after Cook came and supplied pigs from which the island later was stocked. Birds he trapped by ingenious methods. The sun was obtained at times by millions of wild pigeons, some of which are still left. He didn't have to build fires, for the boiling springs were at hand when he didn't prefer to eat his food raw. There is no characteristic pottery or vessels of metal in Maori land. Their homes were simple huts of thatched straw, for where the



carving the Maori would start at one corner of the timber and cut out the figures in detail as he went along. He did not lay out a design beforehand, but carried it in his head, yet when the work was completed both sides were found to be as nearly identical as if they had been laid out with calipers.

Continuing to the right is a view of Lake Rotorua on a placid morning and beneath it is shown the boiling pools of Tikitiki in the heart of Maori land. Lake Rotorua is in the general region of New Zealand and the town of Rotorua is conducted by the government as a resort where the ill may go to receive the benefits of waters of innumerable kinds. Two miles from Rotorua are the Arara, described by Mr. Boyce as the largest and most interesting of the Maori tribes.

The figure at the right of the view of Lake Rotorua shows a Maori costume made of closely woven New Zealand flax and the feathers of gaudy colored birds with ornaments fashioned out of granite and greenstone. The Maori in the long war periods in their fortresses developed great skill in the fashioning of wonderful weapons, capes, coats and kilts.

the custom of mura—in reality nothing but the plundering of those who were guilty of some breach of tribal law or etiquette. Quite often the law of mura was taken advantage of in that the enforcers pillaged all of the offending person's belongings for something that he no reasoning could have been his fault. For instance, suppose that a man had accidentally killed a boy of a tribe. As soon as the boy's relatives learned of it they would march in a body to the home of the offender. One of their number would announce his intention of killing the man and the two would engage in a battle to all intents and purposes deadly in character. The first scratch, however, would be sufficient to end the duel and then the mob would ransack the house of their victim and cart away everything he owned. At the same time they would help themselves to food which he would in advance, would have ready for them while he sat quietly by and clapped pleasantly with the avengers. Of course the next day he might have his chance to pillage some of the others who got behind him in advance, would have ready for them while he sat quietly by and clapped pleasantly with the avengers. Of course the next day he might have his chance to pillage some of the others who got behind him in advance, would have ready for them while he sat quietly by and clapped pleasantly with the avengers.

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THE FIRST INAUGURATION.

Q. Please give some details of Washington's inauguration. G. K. A. General Washington desired a quiet entry into New York, but his progress was a continuous ovation, accompanied with the ringing of bells and firing of cannon. A civil and military escort from the frontier of Pennsylvania, with Governor Mifflin at the head, met him at his public entrance into Philadelphia. At the point of embarkation to cross the Delaware River, women had erected a triumphal arch. At Elizabeth Point, a delegation of both houses of Congress met him in a splendid barge. Governor Clinton had provided carriages for his arrival in New York, but Washington preferred to walk to the Capitol. The ceremonies commenced at 9 a. m. April 30, 1789, with services in all the churches. Afterward General Washington rode in a coach of state to the Senate chamber, where he was conducted to the chair of John Adams. The oath of office was administered on a balcony in front of the Senate chamber, in full view of the street, the balcony containing only a table and a Bible. The General wore a dark brown suit of American make, a dress sword, white silk stockings and silver shoe buckles. For a few moments he was overcome by emotion. The oath was administered by the chancellor of the State of New York. The inauguration address was delivered in the Senate chamber and thencewards to the whole assemblage in front of St. Paul's Church.

THE MAN WAS HANGED.

Q. Is it proper to say "The man was hanged" or "The man was hung"? P. L. S. A. When referring to the past tense is "hanged."

LENGTH OF NEW YORK SUBWAY.

Q. How many miles of subway and "L" tracks are there in New York City? T. T. S. A. There are over 600 miles of subway and "L" tracks in New York City.

HOOP SNAKE DESCRIBED.

Q. Is there such a thing as a hoop snake?