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WHEN engineers disagree things become almost as serious as when doctors disagree.

IT APPEARS that the Mingo mine war is one in which watchful waiting does not pay.

WHAT would some of the Indiana constabulary propagandists do if the Hoosier State had one tenth the trouble being experienced in West Virginia?

PROHIBITION officers have announced they will make no attempt to keep the disarmament conference dry. If some delegate signs something that does not meet the approval of the folks back home he will have a good alibi.

Not Without Prejudice

The United States will enter the disarmament conference with a doubt as to the utility of the parley, which she herself has summoned, and a firm belief in future warfare and strife, if the words of the chief executive reliably reflect official views.

"It is perfectly futile to believe there never may be armed conflicts," said President Harding yesterday in addressing the Army and Navy College. This statement, coming on the eve of a Congress to which the eyes of a war weary, debt burdened world have been turned in a rising hope that Mars could be forever banished from the earth, is a grave disappointment.

If the chief executive feels that wars cannot be stopped into what will the disarmament conference resolve itself? Will it become a "bargain counter" in which the powerful Nations will trade with each other for support? Will it be the breeding place for an alliance to meet the conflict that is to come?

If the leaders of other nations feel, as does President Harding, that future conflicts will come, it is futile to talk disarmament, for each must arm for the day that is to come.

Nations think through their leaders.

America, therefore, will enter this conference with outspoken doubts as to its practicability. The American statesmen will assemble at the parley table with mental reservations.

There is a feeling within the breast of every true American that the world war holocaust must not be repeated. They are prepared to back the President to the limit in bringing about a reduction of the staggering armaments that each year take their incredible toll of wealth.

America, the first to espouse the cause of disarmament which every nation fervently wishes for, must continue her lead in a movement that may emancipate mankind from warfare.

If America's leaders sense the hopes, the aspirations, the prayers of the people correctly, they will gather around the conference table with a firm resolve that there is the framework for universal disarmament and permanent peace.

Coins and Stamps

When the war was on, little or no attention was paid to coins or stamps, but as peace is established, these ever fascinating articles again present themselves. Indeed, the Government itself is engaged in special issues of money and series of stamps.

In Boston old and rare coins, some of which existed hundreds of years before the beginning of the Christian era are shown at a meeting of the American Numismatic Society. The United States mint is now putting out another hundred thousand more Pilgrim Tercentenary coins and these will be sold for \$1 each, though the denomination is only half that value. So great is the demand for such coins that they will all be taken up at once.

Of equal interest is the postage stamp in its many varieties. Recently in Paris half of a collection sold for over a million francs. It is reported that a 2-cent blue Hawaii stamp of 1851 brought 156,000 francs. In times of normal exchange this would be a fine fortune alone.

The Confederate stamps of America are so scarce that some bring a fortune. Only recently a variety heretofore unknown was found among the war correspondence of a governor of Virginia. The presence of stamps on old war envelopes converted estates which were regarded as of little value into modest fortunes.

Special issues or changes in stamps are so numerous that an amateur cannot keep a record complete. There were 3,500 varieties bearing the picture of Queen Victoria. The present queen of Holland and the mother of the present king of Spain have both appeared many times on issues on their own kingdoms. In the United States but three stamps bear pictures of women. They were of Martha Washington, Queen Isabella—who assisted Columbus, and Pocahontas.

It is told of an old banking house in New York that stamps of large denomination of each special issue are purchased in great number. These are used as foreign correspondence where postage rates are high, but by sale of the used stamps to collectors the bill is very materially reduced. A 50-cent Columbian exhibition stamp of 1892 sold in England, after use, for 50 cents.

The collection of coins and stamps is a compilation of history and has a distinct use. It is really no child's play as might be presumed.

Not Indianapolis People!

That very small part of this community which is set upon saving a few dollars by depriving school children of proper school buildings is now much concerned because it says "the people of this city have been insulted" by the school board's ultimatum to the tax board.

As the school board addressed only the tax board and the ultimatum does not contain the names of any citizens, it would appear that the only "people" who could possibly have been "insulted" were the members of the State tax board. Two of them do not live in Indianapolis and that reduces the possibilities to one Philip Zoercher, who, we submit, is immune to insult. Consequently, if there has been any insulting, it has been done by those few selfish persons who appear to believe that the public of Indianapolis is devoid of brains sufficient to discern plain lying propaganda from truth.

The present school board has been compelled to increase its proposed tax levy to collect some of the money which the obstructionists prevented previous school boards from collecting when it was much needed. An attempt is now being made to arouse opposition to this increase and the hope is expressed that the taxpayers of the community will remonstrate against it.

If it were possible to submit this question to a referendum the results would be overwhelmingly favorable to the increased levy.

But the reactionaries who are opposed to this levy eliminated provisions for it before they started their propaganda. Also, they are now desperately fighting to prevent a referendum on the question of a plaza to be added to the State war memorial.

Their belief appears to be that through some unknown process they have become the spokesmen for the people of Indianapolis and their present ambition seems to be to make it appear that their prattle is the voice of the taxpayers of Indianapolis.

Did He Mean It?

The usual "alibi order" of the chief of police to the men under him to enforce the law in reference to gambling and bootlegging was given out at the police station Thursday. It came no earlier and no later than it always comes on election years and it was no different from the dozens that have been given out before.

Whether this order was meant or was not meant will be shown in the next few days. If Jerry Kinney really intended that the police should suppress gambling there will be great and unusual activity on Indiana avenue between the yellow bridge and Illinois street, and no policeman will be removed from the district for interrupting a gambling game as was done before the primaries.

If, on the other hand, the chief was merely keeping the records straight, the members of the force will be duly advised that his instructions mean nothing and nothing will come of them.

It is one thing to advise policemen to enforce the law on their beats for public consumption only and it is another and so to advise them and mean it.

At this time it is impossible to tell whether Jerry Kinney meant it or not.

The STORY of NINETTE

By RUBY M. AYRES

Who's Who in the Story

NINETTE, a tiny waif who first saw the light of day in cheap lodgings in a dull road in the worst part of Balham, is adopted by

PETER WHEELER, who shared his meager earnings as a scribe on a London paper, with the friendless babe. NINETTE moves to the home of

PETER NOTHARD, an editor, who rescues her from sickness and poverty and takes her to his sister, MARGARET DELAY, who has a home in the country. NINETTE is introduced to

ARTHUR DELAY, Margaret's husband. DOROTHY MANVERS, a former sweetheart of Nothard's, is a guest at Margaret's house. In a lovely old place near by lives the wealthy

WILLIAM FELSTED, whose only son, DICK, frequently visits the Delay's home.

RANDALL CAVANAGH, a wealthy man of London, who confesses that he is her father.

NINETTE returns to the Delay's home for her things. Arthur Delay apologizes to her and Margaret suggests that she stay there until she has made other arrangements, but this does not appeal to NINETTE and she leaves hurriedly for Nothard's house, leaving her things unpacked.

CHAPTER XXIX.

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"Well—well—just asked eagerly." Has anything happened?

"I've been to see Cavanagh," he looked away from her. "He will be here to fetch you in an hour."

NINETTE was a strong breath.

"Oh," she stared at him with wide eyes. "Then it is true? She asked breathlessly.

"Yes, I have every reason to believe so."

He seemed to avoid looking at her. "And do you still think him a black-guard?" she asked slowly.

"I can't answer that question?" "Yes, please."

"Then all I can say is that nothing I have heard this morning has in any way made me alter my opinion of him. I am sorry."

She laughed scornfully.

"Oh, please don't let that worry you," she sneered.

"I was not proposing to do anything so silly," she said.

She watched him with stormy eyes. "At any rate," she broke out then, "He can be no worse than your brother-in-law," she saw him wince, and added, "NINETTE, I'm a very good girl, and I ought not to have said that."

"Why not? When it is probably the truth?"

Nothard walked over to his desk and began sorting through some letters, and NINETTE said after a moment:

"Well, I suppose I had better put my hat on." She waited, but he made no comment, and she turned away and went upstairs.

The weight of depression was still with her, and she stood for some time looking round the room, which she was leaving forever, with rather sad eyes.

She had been very ill here—for weeks, and very unhappy, and yet she was conscious of a very real regret that she was leaving it forever. She was going to a new life, she felt, and she had always craved—she would be rich; she would have more money than she knew how to spend. It seemed an incredible thought, and no longer one so very distant.

"NINETTE, I'm a very good girl, and I ought not to have said that," she said, and she went slowly downstairs again.

NINETTE went into the kitchen to say good-bye to the housekeeper. She had never cared for her, but now she kissed her with very real affection and hoped that they would meet again soon.

"I hope so, too, miss, I'm sure," was the answer. "And I'm sure you'll be happy, if it's true what I heard that your father is a very rich gentleman and has come back from the dead, as you might say."

NINETTE laughed.

"It sounds like a fairy tale, I know," she admitted, and then she started colorless to her cheeks as the bell rang shrilly through the house.

"Oh, I suppose that must be for me!" she faltered.

She rushed back to Nothard and caught his hand with eager, excited fingers. "Is that my father? Has he come for me?"

He glanced past her and out of the window to where an extravagantly appointed closed car stood at the gate.

"I think it must be," he said, and then as she would have darted away again, he caught her arm and spoke rapidly.

"NINETTE, this is probably good-bye for now. Your life will take you in a very different direction in future to mine. Your father does not like me and I—well, I have told you my opinion of him—foolishly perhaps, and so—" he broke off as NINETTE said hurriedly.

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INSTALL NEW PYTHIAN ORDER

Institute Branch of Knights of Khorassan.

Gus Meese, Imperial prince, Dramatic Order, Knights of Khorassan, who recently was elected at a meeting of the order at Chattanooga, will assist in the institution of Shamba temple, at Castle Hall, in Ohio street, tomorrow evening—the first temple to be instituted under his administration. The class will number more than 200.

The initiation will be in charge of a selected team, under direction of J. Burdette Little, royal vizier, and J. M. McCullum, secretary of the local temple.

At the close of the ceremonial, plans will be laid for a big class for the grand lodge meeting October 4, when more than five hundred Pythians from throughout the State are expected to come to Indianapolis to obtain the degree.

Insurance Agents in Annual Conference

About eighty agents from all parts of Indiana, and officers of the company, were present at the banquet of State agents of the Public Safety Insurance Company at the Chamber of Commerce building last night, held in connection with the annual three-day conference of the agents, which opened yesterday.

The speakers at the banquet included Carl G. Winter, president; Charles W. Foltz, secretary-treasurer; Thomas J. Murray, Jr., State insurance commissioner; Bernard Kirby, general counsel, and W. Scott Denning, second vice president. Following the banquet the visitors attended a theater party.

A dinner for the agents will be given tonight at Page's country home, and the meeting will be concluded Saturday with a luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce building.

Ye TOWNE GOSSIP

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—By K. C. B.

TAKE HEART.

YOU LITTLE men.

OF FIVE foot, one.

OR FIVE foot, two.

OR THEREABOUT.

HE'S OF your clan.

YOU LITTLE men.

AND YOU'D be proud.

HAD YOU been there.

FOR ERNEST.

IS A funny man.

WHOSE AIM it's been.

TO MAKE men laugh.

AND so he has.

AND so he did.

THE OTHER night.

BUT SOME wise man.

OF FIVE foot, nine.

OR FIVE foot, ten.

OR MAYBE more.

WROTE HIM a play.

WHERE TRAGEDY.

COMES STEALING in.

TO STILL the laughs.

AND THEN it was.

THAT ERNIE grew.

AND SEEMED to me.

TO FILL the stage.

AND I sat there.

AND SOFTLY cried.

AND UNASHAMED.

I LET the tears.

GO COURSING down.

MY FURROWED face.

AND AFTERWARD.

I LAUGHED again.

WHEN THINGS came right.

AND WENT my way.

INTO the night.

A WORSHIPPER.

OF ERNEST TRUCK.

ACTOR MAN.

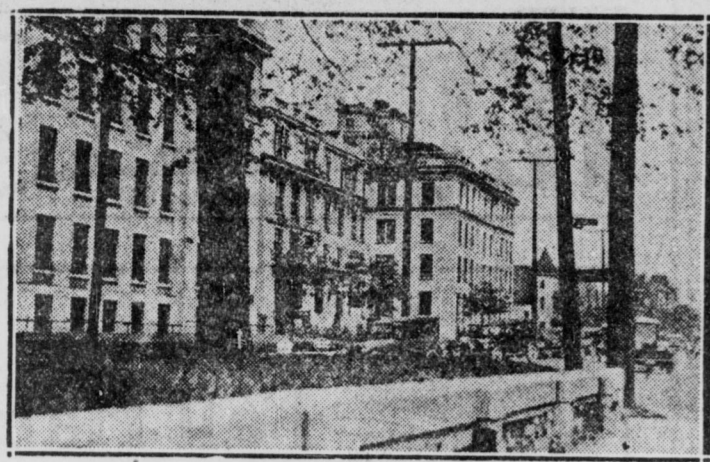
OF FIVE foot, one.

OR FIVE foot, two.

OR THEREABOUT.

I THANK you.

Do You Know Indianapolis?



This picture was taken in your home city. Are you familiar enough with it to locate the scene?

Yesterday's picture was west in Sixteenth street from Senate avenue.

Highways and By-Ways of Lil' Ol' New York

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By RAYMOND CARROLL

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—New York City's traction problem is different only in degree and local conditions from that of all other cities in the United States.

After a grueling forenoon in the offices of the New York transit commission with Commissioner Leroy T. Harkness and others, and a weary afternoon with President Frank T. Hedley and his "right bower," George Keegan, and other members of the transit commission, one feels fairly competent to set forth some of the pertinent facts that are of national interest. Nothing short of a miracle can save the Interborough (operator of subway and elevated lines) from bankruptcy. It will be a "white" of a receivership. Those directly affected are 5,500 bondholders of \$39,000,000 worth of 7 per cent notes, 20,000 bondholders of \$100,000,000 worth of 5 per cent bonds and 17,500 stockholders of Interborough capital stock, issued and outstanding, aggregating another \$55,000,000 in all, 40,000 widely distributed investors who put their money into what they thought was as safe as Government bonds.

The Interborough operates 224 miles of single-track subway lines and 125 miles of elevated roads, chiefly in Manhattan and the Bronx, with spurs extending into Brooklyn and Queens Borough. It has 15,000 employees and is by long odds the world's leader in transportation, having carried the year ended June last, 1,013,000,000 passengers.

A receivership in bankruptcy prevents preferred creditors from walking off with all the assets; everybody comes in on an even keel. Nine other operating railway companies of the greater city already have sought the protection of the Federal court and are now in the hands of receivers. In addition, the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, the holding company of the Brooklyn system, and the New York Municipal Railway Corporation.

Much being heard about the possibility of the city taking over the subway for operation in case the Interborough collapses. This view is held by Mayor Hylan. Nothing could be wider of the mark. The reason is that the lease from the city has been pledged by the company as security for the bonds issued by the company. The course to be followed is the event of default of the Interborough, the city would have to close and take over the lease and operate the subway themselves, which they probably will do.

Rotarians Entertain Departing Students

RUSHVILLE, Ind., Sept. 2.—The Rushville Rotary Club has invited over fifty college students of this city who leave in a few days for their schools, to be their guests at a dinner next Tuesday night.

An address will be made by Thomas C. Igo. Other guests at the dinner will include the wives of the members.

Mexico City in Midst of Centennial Play

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 2.—Thousands of visitors poured into this city today, to attend the centennial celebration which opened Thursday. General McArthur, superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., has sent word to President Obregon that fifteen or twenty West Point cadets will come to this city during the celebration.

One of the largest parades ever seen in Mexico will be held Sept. 27, when 10,000 soldiers will march.

Masonic Home Gifts Ready for Inspection

FRANKLIN, Ind., Sept. 2.—A large ornamental fountain, a gift to the Masonic Home here by Raper Commandery No. 1, Indianapolis, has been completed at a cost of \$5,000 and placed in the center of the circle about which the buildings of the home are grouped.

The brick and stone arch entrance to the grounds, presented to the home by the Keystone and Royal Arch Masons of Indianapolis, is expected to be completed this week. The arch is said to have cost \$5,000.

Out of Work; Suicides

KENDALLVILLE, Ind., Sept. 2.—Dependent upon poor health and the fact that he had no work, caused Zachariah Varian, 59, to commit suicide by shooting himself with a revolver here late Thursday.

Mr. Varian had been a life-long resident of Noble County. The widow, a son and a daughter, both married, survive.

London Idle Start Rioting in Streets

LONDON, Sept. 2.—Heavy forces of police were massed at Woolwich today to prevent threatened unemployment riots. Representatives of the unemployed, called on the board of guardians demanding relief for the families of the men. While the delegates were making their demands, 10,000 employed gathered in the streets, threatening sabotage unless help were extended. As police reinforcements arrived, the demonstrators broke ranks.

Sues Eastern Indiana Hospital for \$10,000