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PERHAPS our Indianapolis police know best when it pays to investigate alleged confessions!

WHAT has the tax board got against the next city administration and the next city school board?

AS A campaign collector, Francis would have us believe that Herbert Hartman is a great success!

HOWEVER, barricading a bridge will not tend to give the taxpayers any return on their investment in it!

NO ONE is likely to assert, however, that liquor found in the desk of a business man was being offered for sale!

ISN'T IT strange that the necessity for investigation depends so much on the persons against whom charges are being made?

AS MR. SHANK seems to realize, there is no more hazardous occupation than running for office in Indianapolis!

THE NEW State superintendent of public instruction has some good ideas. The public will eagerly watch his efforts to carry them out.

WHAT BUSINESS has a prosecutor acting as counsel for a woman who is subject to prosecution in the court where he is presumed to function?

IF a signed and sworn confession is "only newspaper statements," what in the name of common sense constitutes evidence on which to make an investigation?

"FATTY" ARBUCKLE and one of his lawyers are reported to have split because the lawyer demanded \$50,000 and "Fatty" thought \$5,000 was more reasonable. Apparently, the comedian sees a lot of lean years ahead.

ON THE THEORY in operation in Indiana, that tax problem before Congress should be left to a commission representing Mexico, Jugoslavia and Japan, or any other three countries that the League of Nations or some one else might choose.

## Why Protect Any One?

The people of Indianapolis are entitled to complete investigation by every possible agency of the charges made by Frank Francis, Louisville prisoner, of law violations by politicians, election officials and policemen, as well as investigation of those charges made against J. Herbert Hartman and Samuel Lewis Shank.

No justification whatever can be made of the very evident purpose of the members of the Jewett administration to attempt to prove Francis' charges against Hartman and neglect even to investigate his charges against the others whom he mentions.

The Francis statement has been made public in its entirety. The Indianapolis police have already acted on information contained in it and Chief Kinney will find it extremely difficult at this late hour to hide behind the doubtful assertion that the police have nothing but "newspaper statements" and evade his plain duty to order an investigation of the conduct of members of his force.

By no theory worthy of attention can the chief or any other public official attempt to read the Francis statement and declare that while it may be the truth in its references to Hartman it is not the truth in its references to members of the police force and others.

Francis has either exposed corruption and law violation on the part of Indianapolis policemen and others or he is the most monumental liar that has ever spun a yarn for local consumption.

It is up to Chief Kinney to investigate the whole of the statements made by Francis and then tell us what, if any, parts of it are true.

In addition to charging that Hartman received stolen goods, Francis charges that policemen aided him in delivering whisky to a polling place.

He charges that a Lieutenant of police advised Hartman to leave town so that he would not have to pay election crooks for their services.

He charges that two detectives were drunk on election night.

He charges another city employee with accepting two bribes to deliver the votes of his precinct.

He charges one man with having voted fifteen times in the primary.

He charges one firm with having received \$1,600 worth of stolen liquor.

He charges others with having bought stolen diamonds.

He charges that an Indianapolis attorney "framed" the jail delivery in this city a year ago last July, which delivery has never yet been explained to the satisfaction of the public.

In addition to the charges made under oath by Francis it has become known that the detective department of the Indianapolis police, under Inspector Fletcher, were provided with pictures of both Francis and his wife, were informed that both were wanted for law violations and failed to arrest either, although Francis says he visited police headquarters in the course of his primary activities.

It certainly is not to be expected that this community will condemn J. Herbert Hartman on the strength of Frank Francis' statement and at the same time reject as untrue the charges made against others in the same statement.

What is absolutely necessary to the welfare of this community is a complete unraveling of the primary affairs described by Francis. If J. Herbert Hartman is guilty of the charges made against him he should not only be defeated at the polls but prosecuted at the bar of justice.

And by the same token, if the members of the police force and other city employees and election participants are guilty as charged they should be ousted from the public pay roll and made to face the courts.

Why are our board of safety and our chief of police so unwilling to investigate any of the Francis charges that do not pertain to Hartman?

Is the police department of Indianapolis afraid that an investigation of charges made against its members will reveal both its incompetency and its corruption?

Is it possible that only candidates for office are subjected to prosecution for law violations in this city?

Let us have the truth about this Francis statement, no matter who is involved!

## Taxation, but No Representation!

The gentlemen from Rockport, Greenfield and Irvington, who constitute the State board of tax commissioners, have given another exhibition of the superior qualifications which they claim to possess in consideration of the tax rates for Indianapolis.

They concluded after mature deliberation that they knew better than the elected members of the school board and the city administration what sums of tax money would be necessary to operate the school city and the municipal city next year, and out of their infinite wisdom there came a new tax levy which will have to suffice for the people of Indianapolis, although only one resident of this city participated in its establishment.

Just to show that the three gentlemen know more about the municipal government than the officials whom the poor, blind populace of Indianapolis elected to office four years ago, the tax board took 2.5 cents off the municipal levy.

Just to demonstrate that they had the power to cripple the Indianapolis school system and proposed to exercise it in retaliation for the refusal of the school commission to continue to employ the incompetent Mr. Hitt as business director, the gentlemen from out-State also deducted 7.7 cents from the school city levy.

There is no use quarreling with them about it. The "best tax law possible under our Constitution" gives them the right to cripple the tax units as they please. This is a part of the Goodrich "centralized government" idea and the people of Indianapolis whose schools will suffer because of these three gentlemen may only recall Jim Goodrich's plea: "I want the power, you hold me responsible."

Unquestionably, the schools will continue to function as efficiently as the tax board will permit.

And some day, let us hope in the near future, the school children of Indianapolis will not be handicapped through the plenary power conferred on residents of either Rockport, Greenfield or Irvington, to overcome the best judgment of the men Indianapolis elected to manage their school affairs.

## In the Realm Where Woman Reigns

Keeping House  
With the Hoopers

The Hoopers, an average American family of five, living in a suburban town on a limited income, will tell the readers of the Daily Times that the many present-day problems of the home are solved by working on the budget that Mrs. Hooper has evolved and found practical. Follow them as they go about the business of their home life and learn to meet the conditions of the high cost of living with them.

## FRIDAY.

The first meeting for the year of the Mayfield Women's Club convened promptly at 3 o'clock and as was always the case at opening meetings, there was almost a complete attendance. The absence of Mrs. Hooper was noted by the president, who spoke of the serious illness of her mother and expressed her sympathy for her trouble and her regret that she could not be present at the first meeting of the club, which sentiment she knew would be endorsed by all the members. Although no mention was made officially of the Bride's absence also, a number of the women inquired for her and were interested to hear of her self-sacrificing service in helping Mrs. Hooper nurse Betty.

The president spoke of the proposed work of the section of domestic economics for the coming year, with the announcement that Mrs. Hooper would be the chairman and leader of the department. She inquired if there was any responsibility to be made by the group of women who had been meeting with Mrs. Hooper during the summer or if they had any suggestion to make as to the work.

Miss Hooper, as spokesman for the group, reported that they had worked out several sample budgets based on their individual incomes and were ready to discuss the items at length as soon as the section began its work regularly with Mrs. Hooper. She suggested that as many women as were interested should signify their interest in joining the section as soon as they could be present. "And in the meantime," continued the president, "the general discussion before

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