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INDIANAPOLIS is beginning to feel left out without a murder mystery.

ONE pleasant aspect of the campaign is that both sides are pleased with the registration.

THAT ANNUAL story that the price of turkeys will be high on Thanksgiving almost ceases to be news.

AFTER seeing the industrial exposition, how are those purchasing agents going to resist buying Indianapolis-made products?

A DISPATCH from Chicago says the crooks are leaving the cities and operating in the small towns. Is Indianapolis considered a small town?

DEMOCRATIC politics may quiet down if the school board enforces that edict against Miss Julia Landers' participation in the campaign.

MONIED MEN as leery of wrangling Congress as groundhog is of shadow—headline. While the less fortunate of us are only grimly amused.

JUDGE LINDSEY says if the eighteenth amendment cannot be enforced it should be repealed. Isn't it a question of the will to enforce it rather than one of ability?

DOES a "reasonable limitation of armaments" mean that the armed forces of the United States will be cut down to the minimum while Japan is permitted to build up her navy to second place?

## Hope for a 'Clean-up'

The most satisfactory development in the affairs of "Francis the Confessor" is the fact that at last the stories told by the Louisville burglar are being investigated by the grand jury of the United States District Court and what prosecutions result will be in the court of Judge Albert Anderson.

In no other way would it have been possible for the citizens of Indianapolis to see the prosecutions based on the Francis story stripped of the influences of local politics.

Try as he has been trying and doubtless would continue to try, Prosecutor Evans could not overcome the very apparent apathy of the police department toward any investigation that involved any of its members.

Regrettable as it is, even the unsophisticated must admit that in the past our county grand jury and county court has been subjected to such political pressure as to lessen the respect which the public should have for its findings.

The Federal authorities doubtless will find much in the stories told by Frank Francis to engage their attention. Francis has told of the importation of stolen liquor from Louisville, of the transportation of stolen cars from Indianapolis to Dayton, and there is a well-defined suspicion that if he were hard pressed he might throw some light on the delivery to campaign headquarters of at least one load of booze just previous to the last primary.

In common with a great many others who are more or less familiar with the way things are done in Indianapolis, this newspaper has heretofore despaired of the possibilities of the Francis affair resulting in permanent good to the community. The opposition to a thorough investigation of the Francis charges is so powerful that it did not seem likely the confession would be used for any purpose other than further to besmirch the character of the one candidate involved.

However, there is now more than a possibility that attention will be directed to the lawless ring of politicians and officials who have operated year after year in this city. Francis has lifted the lid off this most interesting exhibit and there now is afforded an opportunity to take a look at the whole works.

The untiring efforts of Judge Anderson to prove to the community that his court is not hampered by political affiliations and that he is no respecter of persons give rise to the belief that the Federal authorities will not stop until they have sifted the charges made against persons other than J. Herbert Hartman.

Frederick Van Nys, as district attorney, now has a chance to do an everlasting good for Indianapolis. With the aid of the Federal grand jury and such investigators as he can direct, he shortly should be able to determine whether Francis' confessions are real or are the result of careful coaching designed only to affect the municipal election.

We do not believe the Federal authorities are nearly so likely to accept that part of Francis' confession which affects political candidates as true and renounce the rest of it, as have been the State and city authorities.

Here is a chance to clean up the affairs of the "good government and clean politics" ring of Indianapolis and this community has such faith in Judge Anderson's court as to believe the chance will not be overlooked merely because it will prove an unpleasant thing to a lot of the "good people" of Indianapolis, whose power heretofore has been sufficient to prevent such a clean-up.

## It Can't Be Done!

"In the present status of the world, universal disarmament is beyond hopes of realization," is the pessimistic pronouncement of President Harding in a letter concerning the peace parley.

Why?

Is not the world tired of the burden of armament?

Has not all Europe drained its resources and spilled its blood in a struggle that teaches no more lasting lesson than that of the folly of war?

If the present status of the world is such that universal disarmament is beyond hopes of realization, when may we expect a status wherein such a hope is possible of realization?

Is President Harding mistaken, or does he mean that those same influences that made universal disarmament impossible through the League of Nations have determined to make universal disarmament impossible through the Harding conference?

Does the President mean that he has not the ready substitute for the League of Nations, which he promised us before the last election, that he knows now that the objects of the League of Nations can be attained through nothing else and that he would prepare us for the failure of his own Administration to carry on the struggle for universal peace in which we left our dead in Flanders field?

What disappointment must the Republican party accept with the acknowledgment of its leader of the impossibility of accomplishment of that which it promised!

How dismal it must be for Mr. Harding's supporters to remember that "where there is a will there is a way" as they ponder on his weakly voiced statement that "it can't be done!"

## Which Is Most Important?

To compel the Standard Oil Company, or any other corporation, to attempt to do business in Indianapolis without any better police protection than was afforded its two filling stations that were robbed yesterday is a reflection on the city government that the community can ill afford.

One station, located at one of the busiest street intersections of the city was robbed in the night by safecrackers who apparently took all the time they desired in the operation without so much as a passing fear of being disturbed by the police.

Another station, and the collector of the company, was held up in a populous part of the city just before the sun reached its zenith and about all the police have been able to do about either affair is to express their untrammelled surprise.

Of course, it must be pleaded in defense of our most excellent police department that a certain burglar, captured elsewhere, has been keeping a large proportion of the force actively engaged in framing alibis against charges made and charges expected, but even that important duty can hardly be regarded as of such vital importance as to take precedence over the prevention of daylight robberies.

Isn't it about time Chief Kinney and Inspector Fletcher ceased devoting all their time to protecting the policemen involved by "Francis the Confessor" and took some steps to protect Indianapolis against safecrackers and daylight banditry?

## CITY PLAN BODY SAID TO FAVOR EXPERT FOR JOB

Executive Secretary to Be Selected Within a Few Weeks.

Sentiment in favor of the appointment of an out-of-town man with experience in city planning to the post of executive secretary is strong among members of the city plan commission. It was said by persons close to the commissioners today. The commission will be faced with the necessity of deciding whether it will select an experienced city planner or a local man recommended by politicians in the next few weeks.

The ordinance, which is being drawn for the commission to operate upon the rest of this year is expected to be passed by the city council next Monday. When this money becomes available the commission will start functioning in earnest, according to members. Appointment of the executive secretary, who under the law may receive as high as \$10,000 a year, probably will be made of the first months after the appropriation is made.

It is understood that several men are seeking the executive secretaryship, including a number of men with planning experience from other cities and some residents of Indianapolis. Among the latter is Claude S. Wallin, secretary to Mayor Charles W. Jewett.

Some members of the commission are strongly in favor of getting an expert for the job for two reasons. First, they desire to have the assistance of some one who knows something about the job the commission is up against and, second, because they hope to keep the commission out of politics. The commissioners were selected on a non-political basis and it was the intent of the framers of the city plan law that party considerations should not enter into its work.

## Ye TOWNE GOSSIP

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By K. C. B.

I'M WRITING this.

FOR I have a letter.

FROM AN unknown man.

WHO SAYS to me.

THAT a friend of his.

BROUGHT INTO town.

FROM HIS summer place.

A BOTTLE of hooch.

ALL CAREFULLY wrapped.

AND IN a bag.

AND CHECKED the bag.

IN A checking place.

AT A famous depot.

AND MAILED the check.

TO THE man who writes.

AND IN the morning.

EXCITED WITHIN.

AND CALM without.

THE MAN who writes.

TURNED IN the check.

AND GOT the bag.

AND HURRIED home.

AND TOOK the paper.

FROM OFF the bottle.

AND MADE discovery.

HAT THE cork was drawn.

AND THEN replaced.

WITH THE hooch poured out.

AND WATER poured in.

AND HE was so sore.

THAT HE took the bottle.

AND MIXED up a mess.

THAT LOOKS like hooch.

BUT IS deadly stuff.

AND WRAPPED it up.

AND PUT it away.

IN THE little bag.

AND TOOK it down.

TO THE same check room.

AND CHECKED the bag.

AND IT'S down there now.

AND the man himself.

IS WAITING around.

WATCHING TO see.

IF ONE of the clerks.

FALLS DOWN in a fit.

AND IT'S nothing to me.

EXCEPT I feel.

IF I can prevent.

A MAN being murdered.

I OUGHT to do it.

IN SPITE of the fact.

THERE ARE so many men.

WHO ARE out of work.

I THANK you.

THIRTEEN-COURSE LIMITE.

PEKIN, Oct. 13.—A memorial presented to the government asks that in the interest of economy not more than five bowls and five plates be served to guests at ordinary banquets. Government officials have been severely criticized for extravagant entertaining.

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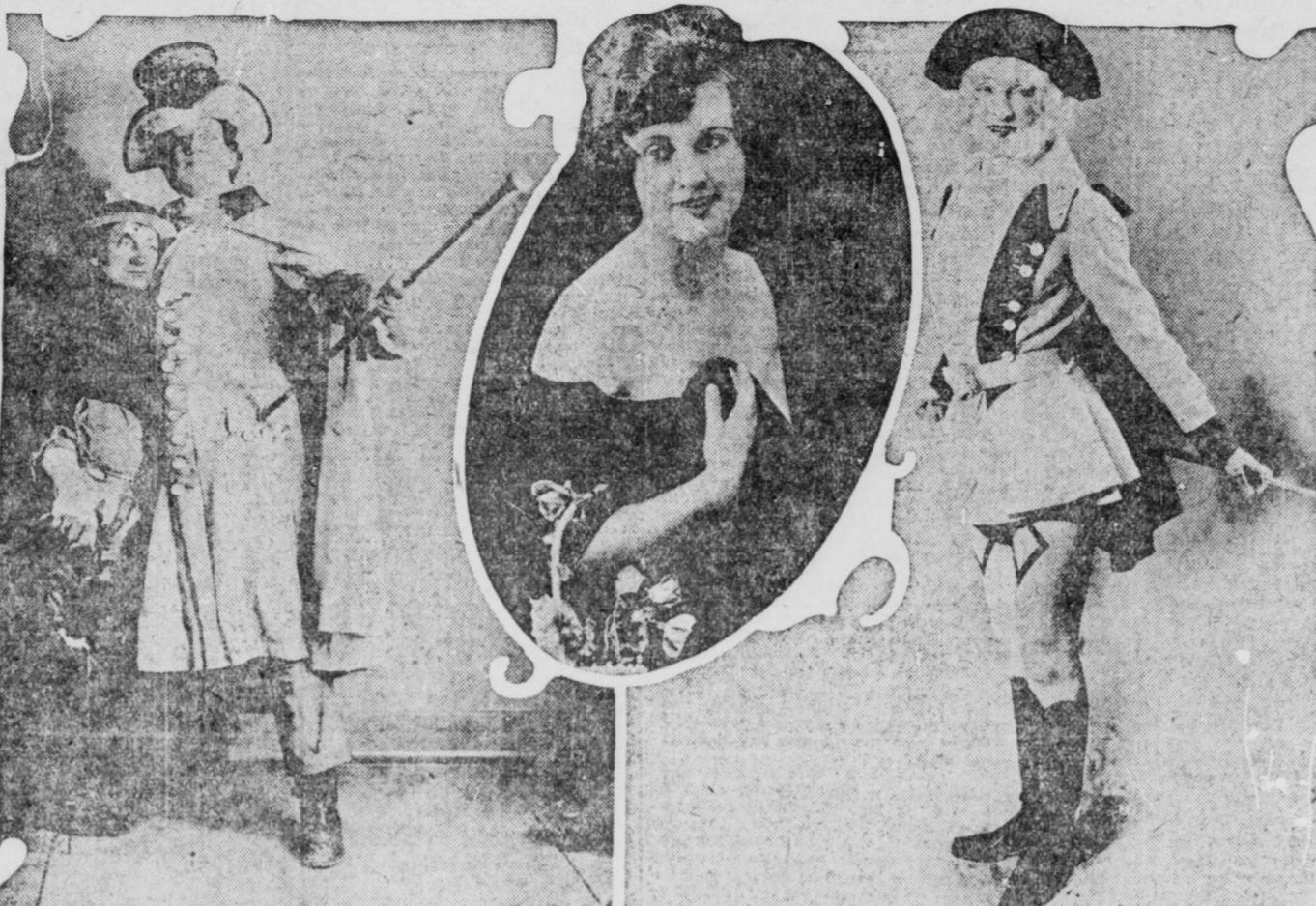
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BRINGING UP FATHER.

## HOPPER AND WILSON TO APPEAR IN REVIVAL OF 'ERMINIE'

At English's for a Week's Engagement Opening Monday Night



Left-Hand Picture—Francis Wilson and De Wolf Hopper as they appear in the first act of "Ermine," to be at English's next week. Center—Miss Lillian Glaser as Ermine.

Right-Hand Picture—Miss Madge Lessing as De Launey in the first act of "Ermine."

## TREE PLANTING POINTS GIVEN IN PARK BULLETIN

Special Service of Local Park Division Gives Free Advice.

Pointers on tree planting are contained in a bulletin issued today by the special service of the city park department. Here is the bulletin:

"Shade trees used about the home grounds should be selected, planted and placed with care. A bulletin says that trees should be planted behind the house to form a background, and on the sides to frame the dwelling, but they never should be planted directly in front of the home, as this will obstruct the view and detract from the general effect of the landscape planting. We often see the mistake of planting shade trees in the center of the front lawn. This is wrong, because not only does the tree grow, but it breaks up the wide expanse of lawn, making it appear much smaller in extent. It is also a point to bear in mind that as the trees become older they spread and planting too close will cause the house to become damp and prevent the entrance of sunshine."

"The special service Department Public Parks, which are all the and trees are suggested and advice free of charge upon application relative to the exterior decoration of the home grounds."

## MEN AND BUSINESS

By RICHARD SPILLANE

Special to Indiana Daily Times and Philadelphia Public Ledger. On the Road, Oct. 13.

AVERAGE of \$310 a head was paid for pure-bred Holsteins at the Yakima fair. Small farmers were the principal buyers. This Washington country promises to be a dairy section par excellence. The farmers seem to consider the character of their stock more than anything else. The cattle are ideal. It is believed to be so equable that a minimum of food is required for animal warmth, and as a result the cattle get the fullest benefit from the grain and other vegetable matters produced.

OTHER STAGE AND SCREEN NEWS.

Samuel Cummings, manager of the film, "Some Wild Oats," which opens a limited engagement Sunday at the Broadmoor, engaged the services of Miss Lillian Glaser, executive secretary of the Indianapolis Church Federation and Dr. W. K. King, assistant secretary of the Indiana State board of health, have endorsed this movie because of its "message" and warning against a certain social evil.

On Sunday at the Ahmaburg, "Without Rude," a drama adapted from Rudolf Steiner's "The Bird of Paradise," will open.

Other attractions on view today include, "The Bird of Paradise" at the Murat; "Rae Samuels" at the B. F. Keith; popular vaudeville at the Lyric; vaudeville and movies at the Rialto and Broadmoor.

The scenes of "The White Peacock" are laid in Spain, but among the principal characters are some English people like those whom Miss Petrova is engaged to the leading druggist of her home town. The girl follows him to the metropolis, and adopts two disguises. She first appears as a famous actress, model, and social attraction.

In each of these disguises she meets her Sweetheart from "back home" and submits him to the acid test of distortion. There is an unexpected and surprising climax in which things turn out just the

opposite from what the spectator has been led to expect.

William Scott and William S. Hart are chief among those to appear in support of Miss Petrova.

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