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INDORSEMENT of Lenin and Trotsky by our own Jim Goodrich is not likely to win any great amount of favor for them in Indiana.

BETTER NOT attempt to hold your breath until that cross-town line is established in Twenty-Ninth street.

THE HASTE with which Postmaster Bryson was installed in office is only equalled by the deliberation with which his appointment was accomplished.

CHEER UP, there are indications that the Northwestern road will be open to traffic next winter, if the fill in the approach is settled in time to lay a pavement!

DOUBTLESS our evening contemporary was influenced to speak of the part the Star had in the defeat of Mr. Thomas Carr Howe by the fact that the morning paper not only supported Mr. Howe, but predicted his nomination.

A Grave Mistake

The proposed disruption of the carefully planned rerouting of the street cars on the suggestion of Mayor Shank, who created the committee responsible for the rerouting, is a grave mistake.

Neither Mr. Shank nor the board of works, to whom he has suggested the changes, has given the time or attention to the subject that was given it by the committee appointed for that purpose. Neither is endowed with such ability as to be able, in an off-hand manner, to suggest betterments to a plan which is the result of hours of careful study.

This is demonstrated by the suggestion of the mayor that Riverside cars be turned south at Illinois street instead of at Washington and Meridian streets. The committee's plan provided for seventy-six cars going south each hour in Illinois street between Washington and Maryland streets and only forty-five in Meridian street. By his suggestion the mayor raises the number in Illinois street to eighty-four and reduces the number in Meridian street to thirty-seven.

The committee's plan left forty-six cars in Maryland street between Illinois and Capitol and eight between Meridian and Illinois in Maryland. The mayor's suggestion raises the forty-six to fifty-four and provides for no west-bound street car service in Maryland street between Meridian and Illinois.

In addition to all this, the mayor overlooks the quite obvious advantage to the east and southeast sections of the city in having the Riverside cars establish contact with the East Washington street cars at Meridian and Washington streets, an arrangement which makes direct and convenient transfer for those persons riding the Irvington cars who wish to reach the west side business section of Indianapolis.

The mayor's further suggestion of a through line from Mt. Jackson to Irvington, one car each way every half hour, will not serve to give satisfaction to either the patrons of the East or West Washington street cars and is a scheme that was finally abandoned as impracticable by the committee after much deliberation.

Unquestionably, Mayor Shank's desire is to relieve congestion in the downtown section of Indianapolis and to provide for car riders the best service possible under existing conditions. That is exactly what his committee did in formulating the recommendations it gave him and in amending those recommendations Mayor Shank is now, thoughtlessly, adding to the congestion he wished to relieve and interfering with the best service to street car patrons.

Whether or not the mayor's suggestions have been approved by the street car company, which seems to be on very friendly terms with the board of works, is somewhat of a question. The company participated in the committee hearings and its representative approved the committee's recommendations as practicable and in line with the purpose of relieving congestion. Since then the company appears to be extending the same sort of an indorsement to other plans which are exactly the opposite of those approved in the committee sessions.

Where Justice Miscarries

The attention of the general public and of business executives particularly is called to the series of articles starting with this issue of the Times in which the conviction of James L. Kilgallen for contempt of the Marion Criminal Court is discussed.

The decision of the Supreme Court of Indiana in this case is so far-reaching and so totally contrary to the general conception of the law that it behoves every citizen to beware of it. While the ruling is of particular importance to newspaper men, it is hardly less important to the executives and owners of any business, for in these days of advertising, circular letters and house organs, it is not inconceivable that the same kind of comment which appears in a daily newspaper may appear in a publication sponsored by any business house.

And if the ruling of the supreme Court in the Kilgallen case is permitted to stand, it is not improbable that sooner or later the president, or the manager, of a business institution will be haled into court to answer for an alleged contempt committed by some one in his organization with whom he may have only a speaking acquaintance or no acquaintance at all.

In the event of such a happening, the accused man must remember that the Supreme Court of Indiana has held that the mere fact that the accused had no knowledge of the act of his fellow employee, or having such knowledge lacked the power to prevent the act, is no defense in Indiana.

The law is noted for its peculiar quirks and the outcome of any court action is hard to anticipate, but it is unbelievable that the highest court in this State is content to allow such a miscarriage of justice as has been brought about in the Kilgallen case to stand as a precedent for the years to come.

Of this we are certain: No innocent man should be punished for the acts of another over whom he could exercise no control.

And if such a thing is possible under the laws of Indiana and the Constitution of the United States it is time that every citizen of this commonwealth knows and realizes the menace to his future liberty.

They Stand by Newberry

Senator Borah wanders from the point. No brand of shame was put upon Mr. Newberry by giving him his seat in the Senate. Shame is a subjective emotion. It must be felt. It cannot be communicated, like the measles. Newberry, simple soul, didn't know any money was being spent for him in Michigan. What has he to be ashamed of? As for the Republicans who stoutly voted to give him his seat as they were bound to do, one of them felt the least shame. Can you imagine Henry Cabot Lodge being ashamed of anything in politics which he thinks it necessary or expedient to do? There they were, the old group of irreconcilables, Lodge, Brandegee, McCormick, Wadsworth, the chief enemies of the treaty of Versailles, consummating the transaction by which they compassed its defeat. They seated Newberry originally because without him they could not have organized the Senate, could not have filled up the Foreign Relations Committee against the treaty; without his aid and vote Mr. Lodge would not have been chairman of that committee; he could not have had the opportunity to prepare that report on the treaty which included friendly nations.

Like loyal pals these Republican Senators had to stand by their accomplice. Even Mr. George Wharton Pepper, newly brought into that chamber, cast his vote for Newberry. The memory of that vote will be a rich heritage for his kin. His first act as a Senator of the United States was to express his approval of a transaction, involving an indictment and conviction to be sure, but gloriously sanctified as the means by which we were delivered from participation in that great criminal project of all the centuries, the covenant of the League of Nations.

It was foreordained that the Republicans should stand by Newberry. He helped them drag the country from its high and honorable place of moral leadership. He was a necessary part of the plot that in its success has kept the nations in a turmoil, in prolonged disturbance and uncertainty; that has postponed indefinitely the day of economic healing. They could not desert him. They incur now only the reproaches of that part of the community who are sensitive about the purchase of a United States Senator for \$200,000. Had they turned their backs upon their accomplice they would have been condemned by all the distinguished moralists in the country, and, in transactions of this nature, regard must be had for the opinions of that class.—New York Times.

Indiana Pure Food Laws Cited as Model for Nation

New York Expert Tells of Visit Here for Pointers on Administration.

By L. K. RUSSELL
Food Expert of the New York Evening Mail.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Hundreds of people in Indiana know the pure food laws of the Nation over look Indiana as the place where pure food laws are the safest, and where they deliver the goods best, in the form of sanitary living conditions, for the people as a whole?

Into New York drift chemists and food manufacturers from all of the States. They tell their stories of blasted hopes at home, or political interference that spoiled their good work. And then they come to Indiana and speak of that State as one in which plans really were worked out until they now serve as models for entire States and the nation.

"I take this into two elements. They praise the pure food laws. But they are not content with that. They tell how political interference was attempted in most other States with the result that administration of the laws broke down. In Indiana, on the other hand, the inspection force was right to look to just one thing—impartial enforcement and results based on such a policy."

PERSONALLY INSPECTS
HOOSIER SYSTEM.
After hearing for many a month about the Indiana situation I happened to have the opportunity of stopping off in the Hoosier State and of meeting the man who keeps Indiana's name at the top of the roll of honor in the pure food map. In the Statehouse I found the veteran chief inspector of the State food and drug department.

Bruner was his name—Alfred W. Bruner—and he had been chief inspector so long that one felt it was in a great, successful business house instead of a

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