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ANOTHER reduction which sounds good but means nothing is a fractional drop in the price of gasoline.

TRAFFIC congestion might be relieved by an ordinance prohibiting those floppy galoshes the girls are wearing.

JUST WHAT does the motion picture industry think it has purchased in engaging Will Hays at \$100,000 a year?

AND the prohibition bureau might have accomplished a lot more if it had not been unfortunate in the selection of some of its directors!

PERHAPS, the President believes trying to settle that Chile-Peru dispute will be good practice for United States diplomats.

NEWSPAPER headline writers have displayed no great enthusiasm over the convention of the Indiana Ophthalmologists and Oto-laryngologists.

A CRIPPLED YANK selling lead pencils on the curb doesn't get half the attention he received when he marched along the same street a few years back.

PERHAPS, when we have a new Postmaster General a government appointee can expect to receive his commission within two or three weeks after it is mailed.

A Judicious Selection.

The appointment by President Harding of Lillian Russel Moore, the former actress, and her husband Alexander P. Moore, as special commissioners of immigration to investigate the humane side of the American immigration problem abroad, was no doubt the result of a knowledge of Mrs. Moore's great work as a humanitarian.

It is estimated that Mrs. Moore spends as much as \$150,000 annually in her charitable work. She must therefore come in contact with the ways and means of the very poor class of people, such as most immigrants are, and understand them better than some one who views the subject from a distance.

There is no question, but that it is a very good plan to have the immigration situation investigated on the other side of the waters thus helping those who are not prepared to come, and avoiding the necessity of returning undesirables, who may become a burden to this country at any moment if allowed to remain. There is the low type of mentality to be considered, those addicted to anarchism. It is generally known how greatly our Nation has suffered from the havoc of the bomb fiends.

The solution of the immigration problem is very important to our country. The largest percentage of immigrants to this country come here to acquire what they consider a fortune in order that they may return to their native land, where our money has high exchange value, and live comfortably. They live meagerly here, spending little. This is not the best thing for our country. We welcome immigrants of the right sort, and we believe that they should come here with the intention of making their permanent home. This type makes the best citizens. There are many many thousands of acres of land in this country on which they could settle to their profit and the general good of humanity. Immigrants of this type should have preference over others.

Incidentally, it is asserted that Lillian Russel Moore is still a very beautiful woman, although it has been years since she was last seen on the stage, and that her youthful appearance has been retained because of her kindly feeling for others. This is a gentle hint for those of us who, like Ponce de Leon, hope to find the fountain of youth.

A Party Division?

Regardless of the cock-sureness with which Mayor Shank is proclaiming that Indiana wants Albert J. Beveridge in the Senate, the forces that are seeking to nominate Mr. Beveridge will encounter a most formidable opposition from Senator Harry S. New.

The Senator, backed by the Administration at Washington, has been building a machine of immense proportions in this State for months. Federal patronage has been a useful lever, party organization has been another means and back of both is the fact that New is not without his personal friends in every part of the State—friends whom he has made in a political way and friends upon whom he may count for the last ounce of effort in his behalf.

The Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette declares that "it is evident that the fight is not merely between Beveridge and New, but between two very distinct wings of the party and must be fought to a finish."

The Louisville Courier-Journal says:

"Americans who dearly love a fight, the more especially a political fight, have reason to be glad that Senator New will remain in the Senate and make the race to succeed himself in that body from Indiana against Mr. Beveridge. Here are two middleweight battlers of the Middle West, both fit as a fiddle, neither of whom knows when he's whipped, and both spelling for a match. It's good news for the fans."

A local observer expressed the opinion recently that although the people of Marion County might want Beveridge the chances were very good that New would carry the county. He based this observation on the fact that the finely organized group of men who are backing New are of the type that do things politically, while the Beveridge organization is composed more of either inexperienced or less earnest advocates. "The backers of New," he declared, "are those whose jobs and prosperity depend on putting him over. The backers of Beveridge are more of the type who think Beveridge the better man, but have little to lose in event of his defeat."

However that may be, it is very evident that there is going to be a battle royal in Indiana this spring.

III-Timed Indignation

The indignation of purchasing agents generally that the newly elected majority of the school board should, after creating the position of purchasing agent appoint a lawyer of no experience to fill it, is natural, but not as complete as it should be.

The action of the board in naming an inexperienced man to fill this position is no more reprehensible than naming a State field examiner to be business director.

Nor is either of these appointments any worse than would be the name of a grocer or dentist or auto salesmen to be superintendent.

It is, however, wholly natural that totally inexperienced school board members whose previous training has given them no conception of how to operate such an extensive business as that of the public schools should fail to see the necessity of employing qualified men to conduct school business. They doubtless reason that since they know nothing about school business and have been intrusted with the conduct of it, there is nothing wrong in selecting employees who know no more than they do.

Now is a poor time for the purchasing agents to complain. They, and the community in general, should have thought of these things before they elected Adolph Emhardt, Dr. Marie Haslep and Charles L. Barry to the board.

Political Efficiency

Efficiency in the postoffice department has become a huge joke. In this department, as in every other under the present administration, the jobs are being handed out as rewards for political service. Ability and experience receive very little, if any, consideration. Civil service has become a theory and not a condition.

One of the most flagrant examples of these facts is the action of the department in discharging outright and apparently without cause, other than political reasons, three of the men who have been holding responsible positions in the Indianapolis postoffice and filling their places with men of less experience. Of course, the three men discharged are Democrats and as such could expect little. But even so, it is an outrage to discharge men of years of experience in order that party job seekers may be accommodated. Surely a place could have been found for these employees somewhere in the service.

Does "efficiency" imply only an efficient political organization?

NIGHTGOWNS AT \$125 PER IS MAE'S IDEA OF ECONOMY

Train Ends Career of Vampire—Mr. Dawn Preaches a Strange Doctrine

Elmer was a small town boy who suddenly became a man in Paris.

Ice cream parties in his home town in the States never caused Elmer to feel any great thrill of living.

When he saw Cleo, a music hall favorite of Paris, that was the time that Elmer graduated from a "small" character into a man of the world.

Cleo treated him to all the gay places of Paris, aided him in landing a contract for Elmer's firm in the United States and after doing all that for our Elmer, Cleo falls in love with him, takes him to the bright lights and returns to Elmer's home town, Gosh.

The town was there, even the brass band. The home folks didn't know that Elmer had "gone and married" a show lady.

What a sensation Cleo caused when she left the train and faced Elmer's home and folks. The citizens held a meeting and decided that the old place was not going to be a good example. So Elmer and Cleo shook the dust off their feet and went to New York.

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