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CONGRESS should enact an immigration law excluding lecturers.

THAT PREPARED statement didn't sound like it had been dictated by the mayor.

Lucky Mr. Shank

No one in Indiana has more occasion today to congratulate himself on the peaceful dispersing of the crowd at the Statehouse Monday than Samuel Lewis Shank, mayor of Indianapolis.

Mr. Shank was the dupe of those intent upon destroying him throughout the whole of the organization of the demonstration he led last Monday. He was induced by his enemies to set the stage for his own public funeral and the most remarkable thing about the whole demonstration is that the people of Indiana are today lauding rather than damning Samuel Lewis Shank.

The same little group of self-willed manipulators of public affairs who once brought about Mr. Shank's ruin to suit their own purposes aided and abetted him in the organization of this demonstration because they confidently expected that from a peaceful crowd of citizens there would develop a howling mob with the mayor of the city at its head.

Against the advice of his best friends and at the urging of those who have injured him in the past and are only awaiting the proper opportunity to destroy him now, Mr. Shank called on the spirit of discontent and unrest that prevails in Indiana for a demonstration against the public service commission. He was confident without reason that it would be orderly. He risked a mob and the lives of many without purpose.

One brick hurled by an irresponsible member of that crowd through the window of the Governor's office would have afforded his unrepentant slanders the opportunity they sought to denounce him as the inciting influence and the directing genius of a mob intent on the overthrow of our government.

The brick was not thrown and the unscrupulous strategists who laid the trap for the elimination from public life of the mayor of Indiana's largest city were disappointed.

Yet, their disappointment was not complete. They succeeded by their manipulation of Mayor Shank in sending a chill down the spinal cords of men whose support is necessary to the success of the Shank administration. They succeeded in creating a tremendous doubt as to the safety of the city of Indianapolis under his administration. They succeeded in the first of their efforts to make Mr. Shank appear before the State as wholly irresponsible, even dangerous.

Even though the remarkable ability of the man to control thousands of his fellow citizens prevented the violence that was expected and saved Mr. Shank from the ignominy of standing as the leader of a mob, there was rejoicing last night in the camp of his secret enemies.

Opportunity has been afforded to strike a blow at Governor McCray by quoting a thoughtlessly uttered sentence in big type. Spleen against the chief executive of the State and his appointees which they were too cowardly to originate had been uttered without malice or forethought to be heralded to the State with malicious intent and diabolic care.

As we said before, Mr. Shank is to be congratulated. In offering himself as a sacrifice to those who hate him he escaped being burned on the altar he helped erect. In listening wholly to the advice of those who boasted of their intent to ruin him before half his term as mayor is over he has done nothing worse than invite the antagonism of the Governor of Indiana, shake a great deal of the conservative element's confidence in him and leave his objective no nearer accomplished than it was before he started.

But we sincerely hope, for the sake of those who have given loyal support to Mr. Shank and who look upon him as more than a success for a day, that the mayor will not again trifle with the rebellious spirit of the public at the behest of any one. Another such gathering may not be so peaceful, and inasmuch as it accomplishes no lasting good it should not be permitted to mask even a temporary evil.

Mr. Shank now stands committed to a program that calls for the abolition of the public service commission. He has offered nothing constructive to offset its destruction and we sincerely doubt whether in his own heart he favors his announced program. His opposition to the proposed merger of several utilities is merely an incident to his campaign. His declaration of belief in home rule is a popular appeal. But before any citizen of Indiana can afford to follow him he must make clear whether he intends to pursue a safe and sane path or whether following him means to be led to the point of rebellion against government.

The mayor's friends will look upon him now as a stronger man than before he staged his demonstration. His enemies will take some satisfaction from the knowledge that the higher he goes the greater may be his fall.

The Gentle Art of Ignoring Beveridge

The supporters of Senator Beveridge have probably never entertained the delusion that the Republican State committee would keep its hands off the senatorial race, but if any were so foolish they have been disillusioned by the happenings in Indianapolis this week. The campaign opening was arranged for the Republican Editorial Association banquet, and Senator New invited to speak. Mr. Beveridge was as utterly ignored in the invitation as though he were a total stranger. Then the State committee met. It sent a committee forth to invite Senator New to advise it and to comfort it with his special brand of eloquence. The committee had no difficulty in finding the Senator, who was conveniently near—just as though some little bird had told him that he might be invited in. But no committee was sent out to look for Beveridge. Thus the participation of the State organization in the campaign in an active way is shown. In this district the district chairman is being counted upon to "deliver" Allen County and the district to the junior Senator. Under the convention system Mr. Beveridge would stand but scant chance. Even under the primary he would be handicapped but for his rather ardent personal following, among which are numbered not a few practical politicians who know a thing or two. The action of the editors and the State committee in Indianapolis this week will only tend to intensify the determination of the former Senator's supporters and battle royal is as certain as the rising of tomorrow morning's sun.—Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette.

MAYOR SHANK'S DEMONSTRATION

The demonstration organized by Samuel Lewis Shank yesterday as a protest against the actions of the public service commission. Unless this is headed there is grave danger that the pendulum will swing to the other extreme, for the spirit of the Declaration of Independence is still strong in the hearts of the American people. They know that they are "endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights" and that government "derives its just power from the consent of the governed" and "that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it."

Just as in the early days steps to "alter or to abolish" must, because of conditions, start with a popular protest and follow with an orderly correction. So we have the beginning of a "protest" and open protest against the government of our forefathers and if it is properly conducted will make the change at the polls.

The writer of the foregoing has made a true analysis of the situation. Contrary to the opinion of many, Mayor Shank is merely an incident in this affair.

Mr. Shank assumed the responsibility and the leadership of the demonstration and it was a fearful responsibility. He risked the future of himself and his administration and his ability to control the crowd and prevent an riot.

His ability to stage this orderly protest depended on the confidence of the crowd in his sincerity and honesty and he succeeded.

Regardless of whether there is merit in his position against the public utility commission, Mr. Shank has demonstrated an ability to define and direct public

MEN AND BUSINESS

By RICHARD SPILLANE

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P HILADELPHIA, Jan. 31.—Something must be done to bring down the prices of coal. Despite the fact that this country is remarkably fortunate in its possession of great fields of fuel, and nowhere else on earth is there such an amount of machinery used in mining, coal costs today are a great burden for the people to bear.

Take anthracite, for instance. That is the coal commonly used in the homes of the East. Today it costs about 150 per cent more than it did ten or twelve years ago. There are tremendous wastes in connection with it. These wastes can be corrected. There are excessive expenses in its production and it handling. These must be reduced.

There is little variation in the amount of anthracite produced year by year. The average is 80,000,000 tons. Of that total, about 11 per cent is required for coke production.

Anthracite comes in a variety of sizes. Where the veins are level the percentage of large coal is high. Where the veins slant the percentage of small coal is greater. But year by year the percentage of sizes brought out averages about as follows:

Large Sizes—Broken, 4.2 per cent; egg, 14.3 per cent; stove, 19.7 per cent; chestnut, 25.6 per cent; total, 62.8 per cent.

Small or Steam Sizes—Pea, 0.2 per cent; buckwheat, 14.4 per cent; rice, 7.2 per cent; buckwheat No. 3, 3.5 per cent; boiler, .8 per cent; others, 11 per cent; total, 36.2 per cent.

THE large size command, generally speaking, a ready sale, but the small sizes, in spite of the anticipated demand that they have to be sold at less than cost of production. The anthracite mine operators put the cost of producing their coal at \$5.55 a ton. The average price they obtain for grades below pea, they say, is \$2.25 a ton. To make up for the loss on the small sizes they have to add to the price they charge for the domestic sizes, so it happens that the price of egg, stove and chestnut, in the mine, ranges, from \$7.00

Obviously, one answer to the problem, in part at least, is to make the

low-size coal more attractive and marketable. The low sizes have just recently been put into use, but they don't fit in. They can be used in plants that have special grates for them, but then they meet the competition of bituminous. What's more—and this may seem ridiculous, but it is true—the American people seem to run to fashions and the vagaries of fashion in coal, as they do to garments and a lot of other things. One season egg will be in full demand and chestnut will be out of favor.

Even in steam sizes, buckwheat number one and buckwheat number three, sometimes termed barley, will be in favor, while rice will lag dreadfully. Pea was hard to sell all through the year 1921.

The way to make the small sizes more valuable is to devise grates suitable for their use generally or to use them in briquettes. Both of these methods are practicable, but, unfortunately, is almost as difficult to change the bad habits of a people as their food.

But the change is coming. And here is how it is coming about.

IN Europe they use briquettes to a considerable degree. They are compelled to do so. Germany uses 16,000,000 or 18,000,000 tons of coal in that country.

The great trouble with briquettes is that no one thus far has discovered a binder that is smokeless. The American is smoky. Anthracite is smokeless. When he gets an anthracite briquette and smoke results he objects strenuously, so strenuously that he boycotts it. Ordinarily, the binder has been coal-tar pitch. It is declared that one of the students long struggling with the problem has devised a binder that is satisfactory or nearly so. It produces smokeless briquettes.

Almost as important, possibly more important, is the invention of a new style furnace for the home. Some remarkable claims are made for this furnace. They would seem questionable if not confirmed by some of the manufacturers in anthracite cities. In this furnace it is declared the small sizes of coal can be used with as full, if not greater, efficiency than the big furnace burns the stove sizes now used.

The anthracite authorities confess there's a big work of education ahead to get the American people to see the virtue of briquettes and to install the new style furnace, but they appreciate now is the time for starting it.

I have indicated my opinion of the work of Mrs. Hale. Her grandaunt is never been excelled on the stage. You will love her funny little tootle; you will chuckle at her attempts of shake off her years and be independent.

They will laugh when Dwight Deacon's mother, who has been done over by a beauty doctor, is taken by Emma Janer, who carries off the part of the first love, and dashes it to the bottom of the sea.

Louise Kellogg, who has a powerful true dramatic soprano voice takes the part of Nilson and her singing of "Gypsy Trail" is encored and re-encored. The two young swains are splendid and have unusually good voices.

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