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ARE they really admitting they had an earthquake in California?

ONE THING about a democracy, anybody can announce for a political office.

A MAN named Githoff has been fined \$200 and sentenced to 180. He apparently failed to.

THAT DEMONSTRATION at the Statehouse should be a cue for legislative campaign promises.

AS USUAL, they are going to make an investigation in Washington after the tragedy has occurred.

ABOUT THE TIME we get used to the present street car arrangement somebody else will have an idea.

SAYS ENGLAND WILL NOT Hold Election Soon—headline. No one can ever make that statement concerning this country.

MAYBE after this the public utility companies will begin to realize that the public is something else besides a crowd that pays bills.

THE TELEPHONE COMPANY probably feels worse about that demonstration than any one else, after all the trouble it had making out its bills on the basis of increased rates.

Keep the Game Clean.

The prompt action of the faculties of the University of Illinois and Notre Dame University in disqualifying their leading athletes, for participating in professional football games, thus eliminating them from future appearances in behalf of their schools, cannot fail to be an influence in favor of more wholesome sports.

Shocking as may have been the revelations that grid stars so far forgot their own honor and that of their colleges, to compete in prohibited professional games, the discovery is one more step in the universal trend to place sports, college and professional, on a higher plane.

The American people love athletics, and for that reason the game should be kept clean at all times.

In the last year or so many epochal things have taken place in the heroic riddling of athletics of influences that had degraded, or threatened to degrade, them to a point where the public was ready to turn its back on the game forever.

For instance there was the stand of Comiskey in ousting the greater part of his world champion baseball team, when it came to light they had sold their professional honor.

There was the action of Supreme Arbitrator Landis in bringing the famous Babe Ruth to time, for deigning to think that he was superior to organized baseball.

There was the action of the New York boxing commission in barring boxers who failed to meet the requirements of the association.

We find in our own community public support of the plan to establish a boxing commission in Indianapolis, which would properly regulate and supervise boxing bouts.

The whole tendency is to place athletic competition on a clean basis and thus insure its permanent retention in the hearts of the public.

Those college officials who, without a moment's hesitation, wrecked their teams in order to purge them to the taint of professionalism, cannot be commended too highly.

The game must be kept pure at all costs.

Ashamed of It?

It is becoming the habit of the public service commission of Indiana to pose as a court when subjected to criticism, and as an administrative body when it is more convenient. In the dual capacity its members seem to think there lies a loop-hole, through which they can escape responsibility to the people of Indiana.

But it is hardly likely that this can take place and in the meantime it is preposterous to regard a body that submits its solemn judgments to the Governor for his approval before promulgating them as a court. Nor is it possible to regard a body that undertakes to interpret the laws of the State, as does the commission, as an administrative agency.

In its efforts to function, both as a court and as an executive, the public service commission is doing some ridiculous things. For example, refer to the order in the Bell Telephone case. This order was ready for promulgation last Monday when the appearance of ten thousand rate citizens caused the commission to withhold it. It was ready for release Tuesday when it was sent to the Governor for his approval, probably with the idea that the Governor's shoulders were broad enough to take the odium of a rate increase from those of the commission members.

In the meanwhile the city of Indianapolis was supplied, sub rosa, with a copy of the order and the Bell Telephone Company commenced making out new bills at the increased rates.

Something is decidedly rotten in Denmark when a public body seeks a favorable opportunity to promulgate a public decision on a public question.

A Mistaken Theory

Middle of the block loading of street cars in the downtown section of Indianapolis was a mistake that Mayor Shank's administration could not rectify too soon.

Practical experience has demonstrated that instead of speeding up the cars it delays them to just about the extent that the skip-stop in the outlying districts hurry them.

This middle of the block loading plan was the suggestion of the local engineers' society, and while it might have appeared beneficial as a theory it has not proved practicable in operation. The results of its adoption have been to crowd street car patrons into narrow safety zones, reached with great inconvenience and considerable danger. From the standpoint of the car patron the system is a dangerous nuisance. From the standpoint of the company it is a handicap inasmuch as it delays rather than expedites loading. From the standpoint of the motorist it is a hazard.

Among the recommendations of the committee that rerouted the street cars, was one to the effect that loading stations be established at points which were deemed best by the representatives of the company and the city. It would be well if these authorities got together and established new loading points before the public patience is tried to an extent that places in jeopardy all the changes that have been recommended.

A Shrewd Appointment

President Harding is not without resource and acumen when his Administration is threatened, as he demonstrated in transferring Senator Kenyon from the ranks of the belligerent Senators to the Federal Circuit bench. By one act the President rid Washington of a formidable opponent of the "old guard," and supplied the Eighth Federal Circuit with a good judge.

As a Senator, Kenyon was one of the leaders of the "bloc system" which threatened the control of Congress by the Republican party. He was one of the leaders whose utterances were generally so free of radicalism as to get swift attention and considerable support.

The Senate will miss him and the loss will be felt far more than will be his influence on the bench.

Senator Harrison was obviously correct when he declared the appointment an attempt on the part of the President to break up the agricultural bloc. The wonder is that this method has not been tried more, both in Washington and in Indiana, where the old guard of the Republican party finds itself so sorely beset.

LAURA MURDOCK WAS TOO HUMAN FOR OWN GOOD But Frances Starr, Who Created the Role, Defends Laura for Being Human

Laura Murdock, the central character in "The Easiest Way," is a complex individual.

Laura craved success, fine clothes and a gay life, and for these she chose the "easiest way" in obtaining them.

Years ago, Miss Starr created the Laura Murdock role and the character was widely discussed. Miss Starr admits that Laura is not ideal, but claims that she is human.

But let Miss Starr tell you about Laura.

"Laura isn't ideal, but she is human most people will admit," Miss Starr says. "People sometimes will argue of being too human, but they perhaps have done just as incredibly in their own way, as Laura did in hers. Those who accuse Laura of weakness have probably never been placed in such a position; those who have been similarly beset by misfortune will be less eager to revile her. There she was, a lonely, emotional girl, without a penny or a friend in a city that takes little note of the agonies suffered by the destitute and friendless."

"She had voluntarily cut herself off from her old associates, who lived in a way inharmonious with her new aspirations, and she was only an indifferent actress unable to get a foothold without a word from some wealthy patron of the theater. Naturally, that word was not spoken and Laura was reduced to desperation. Laura, moreover, was a dependent girl, because she had never been trained to care for herself."

"I'm sometimes asked why Laura didn't hunt for some other work. Those who put the question, I fear, don't realize the temperament of the actress. She is a great speculator, always waiting for her chance, always waiting for an opportunity to show her metal. Suppose someone falls ill and she is suddenly called on to fill the role. She must be ready to take it at moment's notice. If she is selling ribbons behind a counter she can't keep in touch with the managers in their offices. We've all been broke at some time. Even when there isn't a penny in our purse we cheerfully wait like Micawber for something to turn up," Miss Starr states.

"The 'Easiest Way' opens Thursday night at English's for three days.

ON VIEW TODAY.

The following attractions are on view today: "Two Little Girls in Blue," at English's; "Miss Lulu Bett," at the Murat; Ivan Bankoff at Keith's; "Melo-Drama," at the Lyric; "Revue of 1922," at the Park; "Boomerang Bill," at the Ohio; "The Sign of the Rose," at the Circle; "The Law and the Woman at Loew's State; "Three Little Ghosts," at the Alhambra; "Sky-High," at the Isis and "The Three Musketeers," at Mistar Smith's.

HERE IS HOW CARROLL BECAME UGLY AND THIN.

If you are acquainted with the inside facts back of the appearance of the play girl in the theatrical successes that come into their own on Broadway, you may know how Carroll McComas came to be given the leading role in "The Easiest Way" now playing at the Majestic Theater. But if you are the average theatergoer the story will be interesting in its revelation of how an actress' determination can encompass what appear to be insurmountable obstacles.

Carroll's reputation had been built upon her successes in so-called sweet ingenue types. No young actress excelled her in such roles. She was not to be beaten when she wanted to play, when she heard that Brock Pemberton was casting "Miss Lulu Bett," she paid him a visit, told him she had read Zora Gale's book, and was convinced that she could play the heroine of the story.

Mr. Pemberton scoffed at the idea. He told her that, first of all, she was not thin enough for the role and secondly, she was far too pretty. She replied with the assertion that she could

SEVEN QUARTS OF PEARLS COVER BETTY



The Income Tax Made Clear

Deductions for Personal Exemption Determined by Your Status Last Day of Taxable Year—Head of Family Explained.

By JOSEPH A. BLONDELL.
Treasurer of The Baltimore Sun.

In accordance with Section 216-F the amount an individual may deduct for personal exemption is determined by his status on the last day of the period for which the return is made, which means, in other words, if your return is filed for the year 1921, then your status Dec. 31, 1921, determines the exemption to which you are entitled.

Questions and answers are given below to make this more clear.

Q. I was unmarried up until Nov. 28, 1921, on which date I was married, what exemption may I claim?

A. If through force of circumstances, a person is obliged to maintain his dependent children with relatives in or a boarding house, while he lives elsewhere, the exemption as head of a family is lost.

Q. I was married, living with my wife until Dec. 3, 1921, on which date I got a decree of separation. What exemption may I claim?

A. As you were not living with your wife Dec. 31, 1921, you are treated as a single man and, therefore, only allowed a personal exemption of \$1,000.

Q. My wife died Oct. 1921. What exemption may I claim?

A. As you were single Dec. 31, 1921, you are allowed a personal exemption of \$1,000.

Q. Up until 15th of December, 1921, I had three children under 16 years of age. My net income for year 1921 aggregated \$2,500. Am I allowed \$400 for each child or a total of \$1,200?

A. No. As you only had two children living Dec. 31, 1921, you are allowed a personal exemption of \$400 for each child over \$1,000 plus \$200 for a married man.

Q. What is meant by the head of a family?

A. Treasury regulations class as head of a family a person who actually supports and maintains in one household one

or more individuals who are closely connected with him by blood relationship, by marriage, or by law, or who are right or entitled to family control and protection for these dependent individuals as is based on some moral or legal obligations."

In the absence of continuous actual residence together, whether or not a person with dependent relatives is a head of a family within the meaning of the statute, depend on the character of the separation.

If a father is absent on business, or a child or other dependent is away at school or on a visit, the common home being maintained, exemption as head of a family is lost.

If through force of circumstances, a person is obliged to maintain his dependent children with relatives in or a boarding house, while he lives elsewhere, the exemption as head of a family is lost.

The regulations further state, however, "if a dependent without necessity (Note the last two words) continuously makes his home elsewhere, his benefactor is not the head of a family, irrespective of the question of support."

HEAD OF A FAMILY FURTHER EXPLAINED.

The Treasury Department further endeavours to assist the taxpayer to ascertain if he is, in fact, the head of a family in the following:

Q. A widower has a child over 18 years of age, whom he supports, who is away from home attending school. What personal exemption may I claim?

A. He is entitled to claim a personal exemption of \$2,500 as head of a family provided his net income is under \$5,000. If the net income is above \$5,000 he may claim only \$2,000 as a personal exemption.

Q. I am a widow with two children under 16 years of age. My net income is \$4,000. Am I entitled to claim a personal exemption of \$2,000?

A. No. As you only had two children living Dec. 31, 1921, you are allowed a personal exemption of \$400 for each child over \$1,000 plus \$200 for a married man.

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The poor old sweet costume, which has a long snaky train trimmed with band of real ermine and wonderful head dress of rhinestones and white Paradise, took six weeks in the making. Special sketches were first made to Miss Wheeler's order and then every detail executed under her supervision. But the result is worthy of a tressus of a way they should.

Miss Wheeler is not only a comedienne, but an artist in the matter of clothes.

"I believe that women the world over love to look at a good looking frock, particularly on the stage," says Miss Wheeler. And I think the conscientious actress is willing to go to all sorts of pains in order to satisfy this very natural desire. That is why I design every one of my own frocks. It is simple

enough to walk into a shop and pick up a costume that will do.

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And the young lady came back at the specified time. Came back twenty pounds thinner and as slim as a reed. Her hair was sleeked back, her clothes were downy. Mr. Pemberton capitulated on the spot. Not to the point of promising her that she could

would play the role, but he said he would let her rehearse it and prove what he said.

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Dr. Bedrich Stepanek, the minister of Czechoslovakia, has presented President Harding with five splendid volumes of photographs, illustrative of the great Czechoslovak "Olympiad" of 1920. They show thousands upon thousands of the finely trained men, women and children who comprise the country's mighty "sokol" or national gymnastic league. No fewer than four hundred thousand persons are identified with the organization, which is sixty-one years old, and is at once an institution of education, patriotism and physical culture. The Czech and American "sokol" consider their "sokol" the model of the world's future national defensive establishments. From that standpoint President Harding was much interested in the graphic presentation of the "sokol."

"Upheld the American standard of living," was an oft-repeated slogan at the manufacturers' convention. Speakers for the American valuation said the standard would be in the hands of American manufacturers.

President Harding stressed the same point in almost the last pledge of his campaign in November, 1920. The occasion was a rear-platform talk in a thriving little Ohio industrial town, near Springfield. The work folk came to the railroad yard in their thousands during the noon-day pause. Mr. Harding told them that if he became President there should be in anything which he could prevent, to bring down the highest standard of living in the world—that long enjoyed by American labor.

Opinions remain as divided as the garment in question whether it is donne or produced or coquetry. Candor requires admission that the general shape effect is not displeasing.

There will be inquiries into the building inspection laws, grain elevator probes, damage suits and the rest of the picture after the accident that ensues on snow or ice.

It is to be hoped that the jobber at \$15 a dozen and walls to the consumer at \$1 a