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County's Birthday

County today starts on the second century of its existence as one hundred years it has arisen from a tree-covered swamp to a modern city. In the history of Marion County is epitomized the history of the building of the Middle West, the permanent modern miracle. Marion County was established as a governmental unit there in the first row of cabins built of newly hewn logs, lining a strip of prairie want of a better name, a road. The settlers attempted to clear the soil between attacks of chills and fever. The county has a population of a little more than 350,000 and rapidly. It is the site of the metropolis of Indiana, one of the cities of the State and the Middle West. The first history of Marion County, a short time when compared with the progress generally, has seen the coming of the railroad, the automobile and the airplane as methods of travel; the developed telegraph and the more recent wireless as communication; modern sanitation with the electric light, natural artificial lights, the modern skyscraper and the modern building. With the benefit of all these things and many others and Indianapolis, for they are almost one, have arisen out of the wilderness to a position of importance and wealth. The taxable property in Marion County is more than \$600,000,000.

Coming of an anniversary there is a tendency to look into the past as well as into the past. No one living can anticipate with any accuracy what the next century will bring to Marion County. It is presumptuous even to attempt to predict what developments at quarter of a century will bring. The location of Indianapolis Marion County and their relative importance in the commercial and industrial scheme of the State and the country assures a steady growth in population. How rapid this growth will be and what is the progress of invention will make in the nature of this development can not even be made subjects for a guess. Time only will tell. Marion County having reached the century mark and with the past that mark it is to be hoped that before the second century old there will come a simplification in the governments of the two nations and possible consolidation of the two governments. As now stand there is a great duplication of effort. The county has only organized and expensive government functioning in a district, if the city of Indianapolis were left out, would be one of the smallest, at the smallest, in point of area in the State. One of the first steps on the path of progress in the new century should be the simplification of county government. This is a problem that is really acute and one is faced in no other county in the State to such a serious degree as here.

Jazzless as Jazz Antidote

Jazz music, imported from the underworld dives of Buenos Aires, to sweep America in 1913. Sailors brought it into New Orleans. It went up the Mississippi River. Negro roustabouts on the levees and new varieties of jazz "blues." Tramps, in their camps, which call "jungles," caught the infection. They called jazz "snowbird" or "snow" being the underworld name for cocaine and a "snowbird" being dope fiend.

Infectiously the epidemic of jazz spread over the country, evolving in jazz melodies to a form of jazz life characterized by fatalism, indifference, recklessness and immorality. Simultaneously, the jazz germ swept Europe. In "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" you read sneeze's fine description of France being worked to a high pitch of jazz nationalism.

Psychiatrists recognized the jazz epidemic as one of the peculiar aches of social neurosis, or hysteria, which periodically sweep countries or even the whole world. The tango craze was one of these psychic epidemics. The international wave of social hysteria culminated in the World War, violent international insanity.

The reaction is on. People are becoming normal again—thinking my thoughts. Jazz is passing. During the jazz epidemic there has been a lot of worrying about Young America. Youth in general seemed to have gone off, on a tangent of wild prodigalism.

One morning the country woke up and was amazed to learn that the janglers had gone crazy on wireless. The radiophone had corralled all enthusiasm. The wireless craze had developed far enough to know that it's going to be the most powerful antidote against jazz. The who is tinkering with Hertzian waves has his feet on the ground, is taking clean thoughts, training his brain, soaking up useful knowledge. The wireless fan is vaccinated against jazz, just as boys of a generation ago were kept in a healthy, normal mental state by playing in building shanties, collecting bones and old junk in alleys, listening to street fakers, staging amateur minstrel shows, stringing toy telegraphs.

Respecting the Law

Making a joke of the law is a most dangerous and vicious tendency. Newspapers are full of jokes about the evasion of law. The stage plays are based on the same subject. All grades of society enjoy boasting about the methods employed to get around legal restraints. It is to be seen in the air to mock the authorities, block them in the performance of their duties and make heroes out of the violators. Yet the people who laugh heartily at law breaking would be the first to shout anarchy in this land of ours.

All civilization is founded upon law. Without law there would be no and revolution. Yet whenever certain elements of organized society find themselves restrained from the practice of license and held within the bounds of true liberty, they endeavor to overthrow the particular laws which have proven irksome, or render futile their enforcement. The most effective method employed is to let fly the shafts of ridicule, are faced at this period with deliberate and insidious propaganda to create a demand for the repeal of laws by giving out the impression that laws are ineffectual because they are not capable of being enforced. While this dangerous attitude is directed primarily toward the constitutional amendment, it goes much farther and incites revolt against all laws. It is the duty of the citizen to obey the laws of the land, it lies within the jurisdiction of the courts to create the proper respect for law observance, and it unquestionably devolves upon the properly constituted officials to enforce the laws correctly and properly and without prejudice.

Provisions are made in our government for the protection of the individual and his rights, and the citizen can avail himself of that protection, but respect and disregard for law should never be countenanced.

Indian Propagandists Busy

A false conception of the true conditions in India has been given the world by Indian extremists who have exhibited an unusual facility in reading propaganda, especially in the American press, according to a Madras (India) Mail.

"Lies, misrepresentation and the wholesale suppression of truth are stock materials of these revolutionaries," says an editorial in the Mail. "In their hatred of Great Britain they stop at no mean trick to deceive their fellow countrymen and the peoples of other nations."

The paper gives the lie to statements of the National Indian Congress Chicago that hundreds of natives were shot down and houses destroyed British troops, and proves that pictures of disturbances published in the country were taken many years ago during the Punjab disorders.

"We in India know that the opposite is the truth," continues the Mail, that the British forces have been busy endeavoring to prevent the Moplah rebels from burning houses and committing similar outrages.

We have, however, to thank the National Indian Congress in Chicago for one valuable admission. Extremists in India have been busy denying all connection with the Moplah rebellion. Their fellows in America are much more frank about this matter. * * * The main point is that we have here a frank avowal that the extremist organizations in India have been and are connected with the Moplah rebellion. We are thankful for these admissions. They certainly serve to prevent loyal and abiding India from being lulled into any false sense of security by effusions of Gandhi or the prison-born axioms of Mahomed Ali. These lies are far more harmful to India than Britain, and they tend to distract India's trade and ruin credit."

GOVERNMENT
'Of the People, by the People, for the People'

Paternalism Threatens Our Educational and Domestic Systems.

The predominating purpose of the advocates of paternalism is the reaching out for new fields which may prove prolific sources of employment for an army of useless, inefficient political hangers-on. There are before Congress many bills which would attempt to mold the entire educational system of the United States in the form dictated by a small group of so-called educators, from central headquarters at Washington. Gradually there is slipping into our school system the cold and destructive hand of paternalism. It boldly asserts that the children are the property of the State and that they must submit to the control of zealous regulators and inspectors in all matters pertaining to home, life and health, bodily conditions, clothing, feeding and mental classification and segregation. The paternalist, in his various guises and disguises, is imperceptibly but surely displacing the educational department in its constitutional function to operate and control the schools, and is displacing the State in the control of the educational system. Any educational system in order to be true to its name, must be elastic and easily adaptable to changing conditions. Under cumbersome government control this is impossible. Under the political influence, which would at once enter into the control of this new field, party advantage would come first and educational values last. There would be no incentive for individual advancement.

Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, in a recent report, makes most strenuous objection to such measures and the evils of government control and interference in educational matters:

"Once more to tap the Federal treasury under the guise of aiding the States and once more to establish an army of bureaucrats in Washington and another army of inspectors roaming at large

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By K. C. B.

HOW LONG ago. . . .

THAT IT was born. . . .

OR WHO it was. . . .

THAT GAVE it birth. . . .

I DO not know. . . .

BUT I do know. . . .

THAT IF I could. . . .

I'D FIND myself. . . .

A GREAT high hill. . . .

WHERE ALL the time. . . .

THE SUN came down. . . .

AND NO clouds hung. . . .

EXCEPT ON days. . . .

WHEN WARM rains fell. . . .

TO QUENCH the thirst. . . .

OF GROWING things. . . .

AND ALL the time. . . .

THESE GROWING things. . . .

SHOULD HOLD the life. . . .

OF SPRINGTIME days. . . .

AND BIRDS would come. . . .

UNTO THIS hill. . . .

THAT I would choose. . . .

AND THERE they'd sing. . . .

THEIR ROUNDELAYS. . . .

AND BE so glad. . . .

THAT THEY had found. . . .

THIS HILL of mine. . . .

THEY'D ALWAYS sing. . . .

THEIR SWEETEST notes. . . .

AND ON this hill. . . .

THESE WOULD be paths. . . .

AND SHADEY nooks. . . .

AND EVERYTHING. . . .

THAT WOULD invite. . . .

THE OLD and young. . . .

IF SO it be. . . .

THEY WERE in love. . . .

OR BECKONED there. . . .

BY LONESOMENESS. . . .

AND I would build. . . .

UPON THIS hill. . . .

WHERE ALL might see. . . .

A MONUMENT. . . .

OF LASTING stone. . . .

AND I would cut. . . .

IN LETTERS deep. . . .

INTO THIS stone. . . .

SOME SIMPLE words. . . .

SO ALL might know. . . .

IT WAS put there. . . .

IN GRATEFUL thanks. . . .

"ALL-RIGHTEE"! . . .

ON THE telephone. . . .

I THANK you. . . .

G. O. P. CAN'T SHIFT BLAME, WRITER SAYS

Rejection of Peace Treaty and League of Nations Assounds Civilization.

To the Editor:

Dear Sir—It is now apparent to all who are watching political events as they are developing, that our Republican friends are going to claim that our present deplorable condition was not caused by the election of Warren G. Harding, but that it is an aftermath of the great World War, and that could not have been prevented. This position is untenable.

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