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NEW FIGHT on Soldiers' Bill—Headline. Had it ever stopped?

RUSSIA and Germany say they will bear their cross together—a double-cross.

WHICHEVER way it goes, then, some of those Shank leaders will have been on the winning side.

IN LONDON they have temporary movable lawns. Many of our lawns are temporary, but not movable.

The People and the Primary

Tomorrow the voters of Indiana, both Republican and Democratic, will go about the serious business of selecting the nominees who will represent their parties in the election this fall. By the wise provisions of the direct primary system the people themselves, and not the party bosses, will be the final judges as to the fitness of the candidates; at least they will have that opportunity.

The people are vested with a tremendous responsibility and they should perform their duty with a circumspection commensurate with the occasion. Half of the nominees chosen will have a voice in national affairs, in State affairs and in the administration of our local affairs. You are about to select men who, when they enter the office to which they aspire, will have a vital relation to you personally. Your judgment should not be weakened nor distorted by the blind partisanship and factionalism that, unfortunately, is a part of our political system, and you should exercise the same calm decision in the voting booth that you would in determining some question of your own private life.

The oratorical guns that thundered for weeks have been parked; the manipulators, who have been increasingly active, must now leave their work to the ordinary voter; the bosses await the verdict that will show whether they have been retained in the graces of the people or cast out; the eyes of the country are fixed upon the Hoosier ballot box.

The cry of fraud has been raised by partisans and the Governor and the mayor have seen fit to issue warnings that crookedness at the polls will not be tolerated. Once again it is hoped there will be nothing done tomorrow through the instrumentalities of narrow, blinded factionalism that will besmirch the fair name of Indiana and cast a shadow over the successful nominees.

The Modern Telephone

Few persons, except those intimately connected with the work, realize the vast detail involved in the construction and operation of the modern telephone.

A trip through the local building of the Indianapolis Telephone Company is a revelation in telephone mechanism and working efficiency.

The primary switchboard here is the longest continuous primary board in the world and the mechanism behind the board is confusing in its intricacy.

More than five hundred men and seventy-five auto trucks are needed in Indianapolis for the construction and maintenance of the service.

When it is necessary to add new wires to the present system, whenever possible, instead of placing them on poles in the old fashion, many hundreds of tiny wires are placed in a lead cable and laid in the ground.

The recent combination of the manual and machine switching gives the public the benefit of the two former telephone systems with the use of one phone.

A knowledge of the detail with which a telephone operator must be familiar, and the many calls which she must answer in a limited space of time incites a desire in the observer to be more humane to these human models of patience.

While a great many business men use the long-distance telephone, it is doubtful if they lay due stress on the time and money saving features of the phone as compared with a railroad trip to the point of their interest.

Indianapolis can be justly proud of its telephone system which grew from one hundred phones in 1878 to more than seventy-four thousand at present.

Don't Rock the Boat

Give busted Europe a chance. Don't desert the ship. Don't rock the boat. Lloyd George, the greatest statesman the world has produced, is doing everything possible to get order out of chaos, confidence where there is distrust, work where they are loafing, credit instead of usury, and peace where there is war. It's a big job and if Europe will stick to him and the balance of the world have patience, he will succeed.

The great war was no sooner begun than the great men of the age began planning what would happen and what to do when it was done, when the "mad on" was over, when the world had to face the loss of ten million men killed, the support of twenty million crippled and sick, and the destruction of one hundred billion dollars' worth of property accumulated the past century. Economically the world was set back fifty years in less than five.

The first conclusion arrived at was the necessity of reducing the cost of government (taxation) and eliminating as far as possible future wars. The United States was the one great power that could start something and not be accused of being purely selfish. Our country was yet strong and in no danger. We advocated a naval holiday and this went through, stopping the ruinous expenses of building big navies. We proposed in reality a treaty on the Pacific Ocean Islands, which was an agreement to let things stand as they now are and preventing any one outside the governments now interested butting in. Both these propositions carried and reduced the cost of government and chances of war.

So there is a "hole in the bottom of the feet" which must be stopped before Europe can begin to get back on its feet—that hole is the standing armies of France, Russia, Poland and Italy. They eat up and cost more than their countries can earn in times of peace, and there is nothing to pay the cost of the receivership. Therefore the necessity of a military holiday as well as a naval holiday.

Now we arrive at the Genoa conference of the European governments to which Germany and Russia were invited. It is called an economic, or economy, conference—and in this case, relates to the cost of running different governments. It was proposed that the chief aim was to try and find a way to make the money of Russia, Germany, Austria and other busted European countries, where their money is worth less than one cent on the dollar or really nothing, have some value, so these countries could begin trading with the world again. Before the war these countries were good customers of the United States, but now that their money is worth nothing we cannot sell them, and it hurts our trade, and we are beginning to feel it, especially in the export of our agricultural and manufactured products.

The Germans and Russians have been getting together for a long time. They money of each country was worth nothing so they started even. One had factories, the other raw stock; so they traded. They were afraid to sign an open treaty for fear they would not be invited or seated at the Genoa conference, so they arranged everything in advance and signed up after they arrived at Genoa. They took a chance of being kicked out or breaking up the meeting. I don't think they gave a darn—they had been recognized and if they were the cause of busting up the whole show it would give them much prominence in the world and there would be a divided opinion in every country, whether they should have ever been invited and, as usual, they would make trouble and lose nothing.

Here again the statesmanship of Lloyd George showed itself in punishing the Germans just enough so they didn't pull out and letting the French save their face, although for a while it looked like the French frog would desert the ship, and the Italian would rely on his rope of macaroni, while Uncle Sam looked on with much interest and concern.

If this conference does not break up, an understanding will be arrived at that will produce, through the League of Nations, the disarmament of Europe—which will save enough, when they go to work, to provide interest on what they owe us, which will cut our taxes in two and give the soldier's bonus. Watch the Genoa economic conference, it may be much

MELLON HOLDS UP RULING ON WILSON FUNDS

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WASHINGTON, May 1.—Pending further consideration of the decision, Secretary Mellon has ordered David H. Blair, commissioner of internal revenue, to withdraw his ruling holding contributions to the Woodrow Wilson foundation illegal. The announcement was made by Mr. Mellon, after sending a letter to Senator Carter Glass of Virginia informing him of the Treasury's decision to rescind the ruling temporarily.

It was Senator Glass who first raised the cry of discrimination against the Wilson foundation in the taxation of gifts to the fund. He and other Democrats, including Senator Mr. Blair's ruling in view of former decisions by the internal revenue bureau holding gifts to both the Roosevelt and McKinley Memorial Associations, deductible by taxpayers from income taxes.

In his letter to Senator Glass, Mr. Mellon said that he had no knowledge of the Blair ruling until the Democrats raised their storm of protest. He said that the case of the Wilson foundation differed from that of the McKinley Memorial Association, "but he continued to seem to me that in the present ruling due consideration has not been given to the effect of the Congressional interpretation as to what constitutes an exclusively educational purpose in the incorporation of the Roosevelt Memorial Association."

Ye TOWNE GOSSIP

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By K. C. B.

Dear K. C. B.—would appreciate your very much if you will give your conception of the modern flapper, so-called finale hopper. In your column in the immediate future. I thank you.

TORRINGTON DOLAN.

MY DEAR Dolan.

I'M NOT quite sure.

I REALLY know.

WHAT A flapper is.

BUT IF it means.

THE MODERN girl.

OF TENDER years.

THEN I'M for her.

WITH ALL the wins.

AND ALL the vigor.

THAT MARKED my love.

FOR THE modern girl.

OF TENDER years.

WHEN I was young.

AND I'LL admit.

SHE DIFFERS much.

FROM WHAT she was.

IN THOSE old days.

AND THERE is less.

OF MODESTY.

AND SIMPLE charm.

THAN THERE once was.

BUT TIMES have changed.

AND ADULTS now.

THE MOST of them.

HAVE CHANGED with them.

AND I don't know.

IF IT'S for better.

OR FOR worse.

I ONLY know.

THAT WE can't hope.

FOR BETTER bread.

OF BOYS and girls.

THAN IS the breed.

THAT GIVES them birth.

AND BRINGS them up.

AND I know, too.

YOU CAN'T expect.

TO REAR a plant.

TO PERFECT bloom.

IF YOU permit.

THE WEEDS to grow.

AND SAP the life.

THE PLANT should have.

AND IN this day.

THERE are more weeds.

THAN THERE once were.

AND SO.

I'M FOR the flapper girl.

AND IF she's not.

JUST WHAT we'd like.

IT IS our fault.

I THANK you.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The poor ye have with you always, and whenever ye will ye do them good; but me ye have not always.—Mark 14:6.

Nor she with traitorous kiss her Savior stung;

Not she denied Him with unholly tongue;

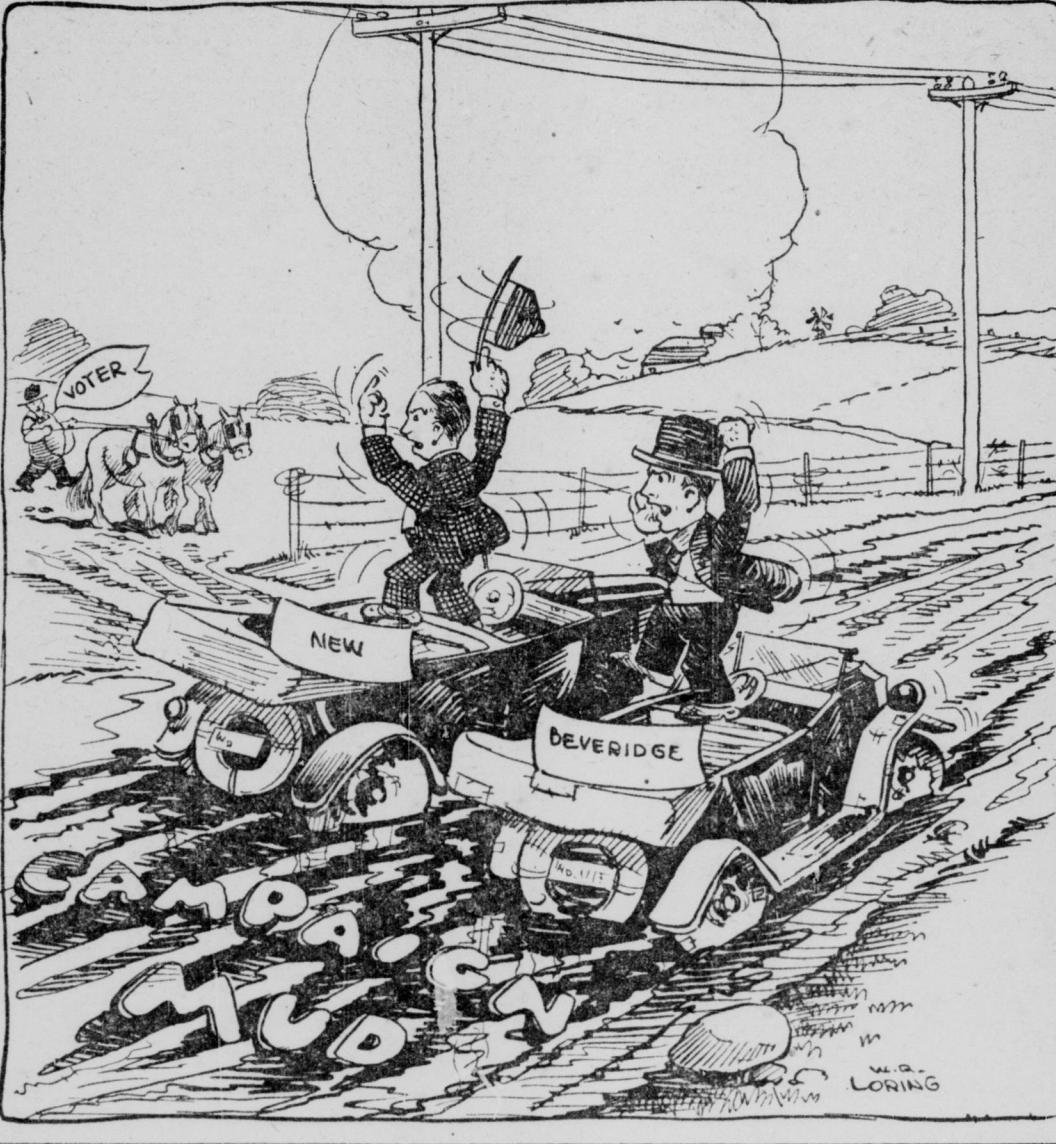
She, when apostles shrank, could danger brave.—

Last at the cross, and earliest at the grave.

—Aron.

BY GOLLY. I'LL SURPRISE MAGGIE AN' INVITE THE COUNT DE MILES TO HAVE DINNER WITH US. SHE'LL THINK I'M GOIN' IN FER SOCIETY AN' SHELL STOP NAGGIN'—I'LL CALL HIM UP!

Which One Will He Pull Out?



VOTING PLACES

Precinct boundaries in the election tomorrow in many cases are not the same as those used in the last city election. A list of the voting precincts to be used in the primary follows:

FIRST WARD.

Pet.

1. 230 North New Jersey street.
2. 306 North Davidson street.
3. 328 East Market street.
4. 434 East Market street.
5. 620 North Delaware street, (front room).

EIGHTH WARD.

Pet.

1. Trig's barber shop, corner Main and Seventh streets, Broad Grove.
2. Schoolhouse, University Heights.
3. School No. 9, Bluff road.
4. Glenn Valley schoolhouse.
5. School in Southport.
6. Schoolhouse in Greenwood.

PIKE TOWNSHIP.

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