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For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. Isaiah 65:17.

An Ugly Threat

A n ugly threat emanated from the White House Friday evening. Happily it was an empty threat, according to later developments. Empty because it is officially insisted that correspondents misinterpreted certain responses by President Harding to certain hypothetical questions put to him.

The threat, as broadcast to the world in Saturday morning newspapers, was that the President was not only prepared, if he thought necessary, to seize and operate the coal mines, but to draft labor for work on the railroads. Since then it has been officially explained that the President recognizes the probable necessity for congressional action in case the Government desires to take over the mines or railroads and—which is far more important—that the only “draft” he can make upon American labor is a “moral draft.”

So, it seems, the President has a clearer understanding of such things than the United States Constitution, and of the inherent liberties of the American people than those correspondents who jumped to the conclusion that we were about to see the amazing spectacle of forced labor in this country.

Put it to yourself: “How would you like to be told by Warren G. Harding or anybody else that you had to work, whether you liked it or not, on penalty of being thrown into jail?”

That is the sum and substance of the threat which Friday evening’s reports would have had us believe was an official threat from the White House. It was not made clear just whom the President was going to conscript, but it was alleged quite definitely that the President felt he had the right, or at least the might, to force any class of citizens into the mines, the railroad shops and onto the railroad rights of way, even in a peace-time emergency.

The Constitution specifically limits the powers of the President, his Cabinet, even Congress, and it specifically protects certain rights of American citizens, particularly their rights to labor, when, where and as they will in time of peace. The White House must know that the vast majority of American citizens will appreciate that the principle underlying these rights is the very soul of this free country. Finally it should have been known—and it seems it is beginning to be realized now—that the vast majority of American citizens would uphold any man who resisted any such forced labor order.

Granted it was an empty threat it still was an ugly threat and typical of the “to hell with the working man” theory of government to which powerful influences in this country are endeavoring to commit the President and his Cabinet.

Indiana and Lincoln

RECENT unveiling of the Nation’s majestic Lincoln memorial at Washington, where the career of Abraham Lincoln closed in immortal glory, may well spur Indiana into some definite action.

Kentucky, where Lincoln was born, and Illinois, where he gained fame, have provided suitable memorials. But Indiana has done practically nothing, although it was here that Lincoln spent fourteen formative years of his boyhood, living in a rude Spencer County cabin.

It has remained for citizens of Indianapolis to take the first active steps toward creating a perpetual reminder that Indiana is really a Lincoln State. Organization of the Indiana Lincoln Memorial Association with Dr. Frank B. Wynn of Indianapolis as president is the sowing of seed that should find fertile ground in the minds and hearts of all Hoosiers.

A small tablet is all that today marks the Lincoln cabin site in the village school grounds at Lincoln City. Its foundation is partially composed of the hearthstone before which the boy Abraham lay and studied by the firelight of logs.

In the past the Lincoln cabin site and the nearby grave of Lincoln’s mother have been virtually inaccessible to travelers, but with the steady construction of State highways through Lincoln City tourists will soon be able to reach it easily.

Whatever form Indiana’s monument to the cabin days of Abraham Lincoln may take it will certainly be a guide post pointing the way for the youth of today to the power and efficiency of a simple life.

THE REFEREE

By ALBERT APPLE.

COLD.

The world’s coldest place right now is seven miles up in the air above the equator. It is colder there than at the same altitude over the North Pole.

Directly under this coldest place, the thermometer is registering higher than anywhere else on earth.

Only a few miles of air separates us from intense cold. Fool-proof airplanes eventually may enable us to take cold plunges in the upper air. That would beat swimming in the water.

SAMARITANS

Nine million Russians now are being kept alive on American food. This means, one Russian is being fed by every twelve Americans. It is pretty good Samaritan work, considering hard times.

When it comes to foreign charity, we are entitled to be a trifle condescended. There is not quite as much Samaritanism here at home, among ourselves.

WIVES

Dr. Anna Hochfelder, Democratic candidate for the Senate of New York State, says no woman should be permitted to get married unless she can convince authorities that she can earn a living for herself and children in case her husband dies.

That condition already exists, almost universally. When widowed, American women develop amazing resourcefulness and step forth as competent bread-winners. A few have to fall back on public aid, but probably less than 1 in 100.

American women are made of “real stuff.” Emergency proves it, even in the case of individuals seemingly helpless in luxury.

LUSITANIA MAY DISCLOSE TRUTH WHEN SALVAGED

Speculation Continues About Cargo of Unfortunate War Victim.

COUNT LANDI IS CONFIDENT

Company Expects to Bring Big Liner Out of Her Bed of Sand.

By United Press

LONDON, July 17.—Speculation is rife here and on the continent as to the possibility of raising the Lusitania.

Whether the salvaging is successful or not, revelations of historic import are expected to follow the attempt.

Did the Lusitania carry munitions? That is the most question which the salvaging operations are expected to clear up.

The German press is taking a particularly keen interest in the project. Berlin papers, which have recently been devoting considerable space to discussions of war guilt, are agitating for the appointment of a German official witness of the salvaging attempt.

Count Charles Zarardi Landi, who will command the specially-equipped salvage ship, Seepfer Paratus, is confident of success.

“The Lusitania,” he told an interviewer, “lies in 280 feet of water on a clean gravel bottom. No attempt has ever been made to raise her because the limit of diving supplies has hitherto been not much more than 120 feet. The new diving suit which I have invented will enable my men to work at a depth of 500 feet.”

“Do you expect to bring the Lusitania home under her own steam?” the Count was asked.

Engines Disabled

“Perhaps not,” the salver replied. “I expect to find her engines disabled by the torpedoes that severed her main steam pipe, thus instantly stopping all her mechanical functions when she was hit. Had that fatal torpedo struck thirty feet further forward, the Lusitania would never have sunk. She could have limped along those few miles and been safely beached.”

Count Landi, an Italian by birth, is a naturalized British subject. He spent years in Canada at ship salvaging and hydrographic surveys.

For the Swimmer



Here is a swimming suit to delight the swimmer who wants a decorative costume as well as a practical one.

The best possible use has been made of some black and white striped wool. The bathing cap has a good sized pool of rubber of a type hardy enough to weather any storm.

Life is too short.

If You Are Well Bred

You return all gifts you have received from your fiance when you break your engagement.

In case any wedding presents have been received you return these to the sender with a formal note stating that the engagement has been broken.

UNUSUAL FOLK

By NEA Service

NEW ORLEANS, July 17.—In a prosperous little grocery store at Royal and Clout Sts. John Fleming, owner, cheerfully waits on customers, gets things from the shelves, weighs sugar and other commodities, and performs all the duties of a grocer. Fleming has been blind for thirty years.

He knows exactly where everything is and can move around on his job as rapidly as could one who sees. Not only this, but Fleming can recognize his customers by their footsteps and always has a cheery word for them as they enter the shop.

Up to the time he was 30, Fleming was steward at an athletic club. Here, on a night in 1892, he was opening a bottle of champagne. It exploded and blinded him. Undiscouraged, Fleming devoted himself to the grocery, and made good.

Typewriting Good For Worry

Typewriting is suggested by one doctor as a good change of occupation for people who are inclined to worry.

Danish Salons Get Free Baths

Any member of the Danish parliament is entitled to free service at any Turkish bath establishment in the country.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

Hello, Bill!



FRENCHMAN HAS ALARMING VIEW OF UNCLE SAM

Capitalist Brigandage Is Referred to in His News-paper.

AGAINST WORKING CLASS

Documents From I. W. W. Are Quoted to Sustain His Indictment.

By United Press

PARIS, July 17.—Romain Rolland, who before the war was considered one of the foremost French writers, but who took himself to Switzerland and launched the pacifist novel “Above the Tumult,” while his compatriots were hurling back the Germans, came out in the socialist paper, L’Humanité, with a blast against “capitalist brigandage in the United States.”

An editorial note of L’Humanité explains that M. Rolland has received from his friends in America a series of documents relating to the “unnecessary campaign of violence on the part of the capitalists against the vanguard of the working class movement in California.”

Rivals “Black Hole.”

The documents consist of charges made by I. W. W. leaders that members of that organization have been locked up in California jails in conditions rivaling the Black Hole of Calcutta.

“This,” says M. Rolland in a letter to the editor of L’Humanité, “is merely one episode in the universal reaction and I fear stupid public opinion won’t be stirred in the slightest degree. But some friends of mine have told me that perhaps if these documents were published in France, under my signature, the hypocrisy of the ruling powers in America might be unmasked.”

Q.—Does the United States prescribe the costume of knee breeches for ambassadors? If not, why did Ambassador Harvey wear knee breeches at court in England?

A.—The United States does not have a prescribed costume for its ambassadors. When Ambassador Harvey wears knee breeches and silver buckled shoes to court in England he is simply conforming to the custom of that country—diplomatic and well-bred thing to do.

Q.—Is there any question as to the parentage of Abraham Lincoln. Was Thomas Lincoln really his father?

A.—So far as is known and generally accepted the parents of Abraham Lincoln were Nancy Hanks Lincoln and Thomas Lincoln, and all statements to the contrary seems to be slanderous.

Q.—When was slavery abolished finally in the United States of America?

A.—The Emancipation Proclamation was dated Jan. 1, 1863, but the constitutional amendment forever abolishing slavery in all the territory of the United States was finally ratified July 28, 1868.

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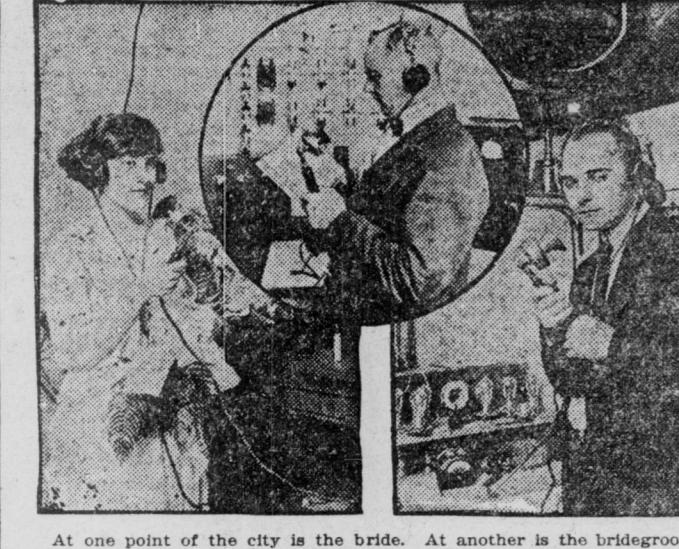
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Marriage By Radio



DOCTOR CALLED FOR VOLCANO IN THROES OF DEATH

‘Madame Pele’ Thought to Be Gradually Dying Out.

‘PATIENT MAY BE REVIVED’ Threatened Eruption Fails to Throw Off Any of Molten Mass.

By United Press

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—whether they have a dying volcano on their hands is the question which is now worrying residents of Hawaii, according to Dr. L. Friedaelander, noted Italian volcanologist.

So worried were the citizens of the “Paradise of the Pacific” that they employed Dr. Friedaelander, and asked him to diagnose Kilauea, of “Madame Pele,” as they call their volcano.

Active Last Fall

“Madame Pele” started out last fall in a very active manner. The lava began rising higher and higher, and the lakes of the molten rock became redder and brighter. The lava continued to rise steadily until it was within 100 feet of the top shortly before the first of June, and threatening a spectacular eruption.

Then it suddenly turned ashen grey, and began to decline. Apparently the great weight of the modern sea had reopened one of the mysterious outlets which pours the lava back into the bed of the ocean hundreds of miles away—no one knows.

Return Before Long

“Madame Pele” will return before long, Dr. Friedaelander declared on his arrival in San Francisco from Hawaii. “Hawaiians have nothing to worry about. There is lava in the crater, just as before, only it is much further down. Probably its underground outlets will become clogged or smaller now that the great weight of the immense volume of lava is removed, and if such is the case, a new rise in the level may be expected before long.”

INDIGNANT

Declares “Yoke of Unionism” is Unfair.

To the Editor of The Times

President Harding, in his home town talk July 4, along with other things, said “The foremost thought in the constitution is the right of freedom and the pursuit of happiness.

Instead of dissipating the oscillatory signal energy, it is actually generating oscillatory energy—the power being supplied by the batteries.

“Men must be free to live and achieve. Liberty is gone in America when any man is denied the right to work and live by all that work. It does not matter who denies him. A free American has the right to labor without any others’ laws.”

Those expressions sound wondrously good and just. They have the ring of that spirit of Americanism