

WHILE WORLD BURNS

WHILE President Harding confines himself to jamming the ship subsidy bill through the Senate, it is not disconcerting to call his attention to this condition:

England and Turkey are preparing for war. The Poles threaten to drive the Lithuanians from Memel, whereupon Russia would march on Poland and France would back Poland in the war. Serbia is getting ready to invade Bulgaria to collect reparations, and Bulgaria's national pastime is fighting. The Lausanne conference concedes eastern Thrace to the Turks, and Greece is reorganizing her army.

War, war, everywhere! And Uncle Sam? Oh! he's the "innocent bystander" and chief creditor! Unless he takes leadership, with that international conference plan to settle things, he'll be listed among the ancient nations before he gets a dollar of the billions owing him. This may be a cold-blooded, business way of looking at it, but it is predicated upon sound business principles.

IS THERE A HELL?

IN HIS pulpit at the Church of the Ascension on fashionable Fifth Ave. in New York, Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, eminent Episcopalian divine, voices his disbelief and doubt in the apostolic succession, the immaculate conception and virgin birth of Christ, in salvation through the blood of atonement, a literal devil, hell, and in the literal interpretation of the scriptures and the infallibility of the same.

In another equally distinguished pulpit, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, Presbyterian minister, goes Dr. Grant one better by declaring that disbelief in the aforesaid accepted dogmas is unimportant, and allows that a man can disbelieve all of them and still be a good Christian.

Whereat hundreds of strictly orthodox ministers and thousands of good people are sorely disturbed, fearful that the church is going to the bowwows and religion itself to ruin.

Well, let them fight out those details of salvation, and while the authorities on church dogmas are so deadlocked at the fine art of hair-splitting, we will try to derive some comfort from a few unsophisticated reflections.

These same alleged heresies probably disturbed the orthodox church of Ur of the Chaldees when Abraham decided to quit manufacturing idols and obey that impulse to go into a land into which he believed God was sending him.

The professional theologians of the time of Micah were doubtless wrought to a fine frenzy when that great prophet called down anathema upon them for their bloody sacrifices and long-winded prayers, and a few generations later, when Jesus attacked the orthodox church of His day, the theologians finally conspired with politicians and slew Him.

So liberality struggles along through the ages. Even theology, with all its blunders and halts, is dynamic rather than static. It goes forward, like and with science, with many a stumble, but nevertheless forward.

Today we have practically ceased to kill folks for their beliefs, and even trials for heresy, such as that which threatens Dr. Grant, are less popular and frequent than a generation ago. We laugh at the idea of the old churchmen of the middle ages debating on how many angels could pass through the eye of a needle at once.

And we, theoretically at least, are coming more and more to believe in that broader theology, "Whatever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

WAIT FOR RADIO MOVIES

PHOTOGRAPHS, sent by wireless, are being received in Washington, D. C., in the laboratory of the inventor, C. Francis Jenkins. Their transmission, on the NOF wave length of 425 meters, may have been heard by you and improperly called static. Uncanny, to "hear photographs." Quite plainly the Jenkins process has sent pictures of President Harding and others. Jenkins' goal is radio movies. With good health, you should see them before 1930.

'Kokomo' Is An Indian Name Meaning 'Young Grandmother'

QUESTIONS ANSWERED
You can get in answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Times, Bureau, 1232 New York Ave., Washington, D. C. Legal and love and marriage advice can be given. (Assigned letter cannot be answered, but a letter to a confidential and receive personal replies. Although the bureau does not receive it, it will answer questions to a single subject, writing more than one letter to several on various subjects are desired.)—Editor.

What is the meaning of the name "Kokomo"?
Kokomo is an Indian name meaning "young grandmother."

Where was Wilbur Wright born?
Wilbur Wright, who, with his brother, Orville Wright, invented the airplane, was born near Millville, Ind.

What is the best way to shoe a vicious horse?
The only process we know of shoeing a vicious horse is to strap him to an adjustable padded table while standing, turn the table over and, while the horse is lying on his side, the shoeing can be done. However, this is only practical when horse shoeing is done on a large scale.

How should corn on the cob be eaten in polite society?
Corn on the cob could be eliminated so far as ever having to eat it in formal company is concerned, since it

is never served at formal luncheons and dinners. But if you wish to eat it in public or at home parties, the only possible direction is to attack it with as little ferocity as possible. Never eat it greedily or noisily.

What were the most important events of Tyler's Administration?
The events of Tyler's Administration were as follows: Break between Tyler and the Whigs; the Carolina affair; dispute over the Northwestern boundary; the Dorr rebellion; the Patron War; success of the electric telegraph; annexation of Texas.

What is meant by the word "Epsenwason"?
Epsenwason is probably a derivation of the Cornish "Epsen," which means "happy," and "wason," which means "field near a river." Hence, "happy field near a river."

On what day of the week was Dec. 13, 1917?
Saturday.

From what poem is the quotation taken, "Backward, turn backward, oh time in your flight"?
The poem beginning with the line, "Turn backward," etc., is taken from a poem, "Rock Me to Sleep," by Elizabeth Ackers Allen.

Why have so many towns the suffix "ford"?
The suffix "ford" on the end of names of towns, cities, etc., is usually there because the city or town is near a stream. For instance, Milford is a town in Worcester County, Massachusetts, and is so named on account of the many mills erected upon Mill River.

Is there a law to prevent citizens from carrying revolvers in the provinces of Canada?
No legislation has been passed prohibiting private citizens from carrying revolvers in Canada or any of the provinces of Canada. It has been discussed from time to time, but no regulations have been made.

How high can geese fly?
By direct observation from an airplane, geese have been found flying 10,000 feet above the earth. Estimates made from photographs of geese crossing the sun's disk indicate that they sometimes attain a height of 20,000 feet or about five and a half miles.

Organized Mob Rule in Ozarks Accepted as Final; Ku-Klux, Union Labor and Politicians in Fight

Klan Has Balance of Power
in Arkansas Legislature.

By MEL WASHBURN

LITTLE ROCK, Feb. 7.—The Valley of Smiles in the Ozarks is a vale of tears.

"How could it have happened in a civilized American community?" I suppose every reader of dispatches from Arkansas, telling of mob rule in Harrison, has asked himself that question.

I have. Now I will try to answer it. In the light of testimony by witnesses before the Arkansas State Legislative Committee investigating the Ozark uprising.

Many and conflicting stories are told of the conditions which led to the lynching and deportations of strikers along the Missouri & North Arkansas Railroad.

Ku-Klux Named
Exiled strikers blame the railroad and the Ku-Klux Klan. Citizens who were in the mobs blame the strikers. The citizens say the collapse of the railroad meant the loss of their only connecting link with the outside world. They think that justified them for taking the law into their own hands.

Here is the background of the Harrison outbreak:
Two years ago a general strike was called on the Missouri & North Arkansas Railroad. A reduction of 25 per cent in wage rates was unbearable, union employees said. Attempts to compromise failed. Depredations along the railroad made train service dangerous. For a time service was discontinued entirely. Bridges were burned and dynamited. Business men in small towns suffered. Farmers were unable to ship their crops. Property depreciated in value. Strikers, drawing strike benefits which enabled them to live, suffered the least.

Union Heads Banished
In June, 1922, when the grand lodge officers of the four railroad brotherhoods came to Harrison, a special train carried an armed mob into the town and the union officials were run out of town.

The first of this year came the announcement of J. C. Murray, general manager of the road that unless the strike ended before the beginning of February, railroad service would be discontinued permanently. Murray said the railroad was "broken."

Indignation against the strikers reached a fever heat. Meetings were held in various towns. Threats were heard on every hand. At secret meetings a course of action was finally adopted. Armed mobs were organized quietly, to work in foreign counties under direction of "citizens' committees."

Jan. 15 a mob of 200 swept into Harrison at dawn. A "committee of twelve" was hurriedly organized. State and county authorities were either placed on the committee or ignored entirely. No process of law was applied.

Strikers' homes were entered and searched. Strikers and strike sympathizers were taken before the "committees" and were given the choice of tearing up their union cards, swearing allegiance to the railroad, becoming "100 per cent American," or leaving the country.

Lynched Wrong Man
The majority elected to leave. A number were flogged, their homes wrecked and violated and the men thrown in jail. Ed C. Greer was captured and after hours of grueling taken out by three masked men and hanged to a tree near the town. Afterward the mob discovered they had lynched the wrong man.

From Harrison the mob went to other Springs, where a committee whose power was supreme was organized. It invoked no process of law, although the sheriff, the prosecuting attorney and a county judge were members of the "tribunal." Despite strikers' appeals to the Governor for protection, the committee continued to function—and is functioning now.

In the Legislature's three factions are fighting for supremacy



MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE WHO ARE INVESTIGATING THE RECENT MOB VIOLENCE AT HARRISON. TOP TO BOTTOM (LEFT), SENATOR G. O. BOGLE, SENATOR W. H. ABINGTON, REPRESENTATIVE F. F. HARRISON, CENTER, SENATOR M. B. NORFLEET, CHAIRMAN; RIGHT, REPRESENTATIVE NEIL BOHLINGER, REPRESENTATIVE ERNEST CHANEY, REPRESENTATIVE PAUL MCKENNON.

In the probe. They are State politicians, organized labor, and the Ku-Klux Klan. That the "invisible empire" organized and executed the "house cleanings" at Harrison and Harbor Springs is accepted as fact in Arkansas. It

has a balance of power in the Arkansas Legislature. Arkansas, known as an open shop State, has dealt a death blow to organized labor. The general exodus of strikers from the Ozark Valley has left the owners of the Missouri and

Wages Are Really Smaller Now Than in Good Old Days

I f dad ever wonders what you are doing with all the money you are earning today and recalls the good old days when he got along on a much lower income—
Settle him into a soft seat and

laugh these heartbreakers:
"When you, an average artisan, were making \$15 a week in 1890, a dozen eggs cost 20 cents. Today, I, an average artisan, am earning \$42 a week, nearly three times as much. But I have to pay 57 cents for a dozen eggs, nearly three times as high as you paid."

"These are average figures reached by statistics. If you remained on an average, and your pay would have been raised to \$21 in 1914, just before the war."

"Now my average pay is twice that, but my cost of living hasn't increased that much, I'll admit."

The United States today is a greater money-saver than it ever was. That's a fact attested by the country's biggest bankers.

as great a percentage of it as you do out of your slightly higher income.

Help Yourself to Health and Comfort

THOUSANDS of people do not stop to think of the harm which may result from drinking coffee and tea.

If you have frequent headaches—if you are nervous and irritable—if you cannot sleep at night—it is time to find out the cause and help yourself to health and comfort.

You alone can do it. Postum makes it easy.

Just stop coffee and tea for a while and drink delicious Postum instead. You will find it wholesome and delightful, with a delicate fragrance and a fine, full-bodied flavor.

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North Arkansas Railroad free to reorganize its service as it wishes.

There seems small chance that criminal prosecutions will follow the recommendations of the legislative committee. Prosecutions would have to come in the counties where the crimes were committed. Fearing for their own safety, residents throughout the State will not openly discuss the recent riots. They know where the Governor stands. They know the personnel of the investigating committee and the strength of the House and Senate.

This is Arkansas' attitude. "Unusual methods are necessary at unusual times," was the way one member of a "citizens' committee" put it. Arkansas seems to accept that as final.

OIL PROMOTERS USE SCIENCE TO HELP SWINDLERS

Dry Holes Are Result of 'Devising Rods' and Other Devices.

By EDWARD A. SCHWAB
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With Postoffice Inspection Service

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Devising new tricks with which to fool the public in fraudulent stock schemes is a type of genius in which promoters of wildcat oil wells excel.

The ancient and mystic divining rod, supposed to locate water and precious minerals, was the prime hoax worked years ago on our ancestors.

The modern faker has taken the divining rod idea and brought it up to date. This modernized divining rod is a number of oil promoters—setting up claims that science will locate oil, thus eliminating most of the scouting and production problems from the oil industry at one stroke.

Radium was the method of one promoter. Another claimed the radio could do it.

Consider the revolution in the industry if underground oil fields could be located before a drill cut the earth! Dry wells—unprofitable wells—all minimized, and huge tanks built in advance to receive the output of gushers from pre-determined natural storerooms.

One man who used this scheme has promoted seventeen oil companies in the brief span of seven years. Recently he filed a petition in bankruptcy—and also repudiated the claims he had made for his scientific oil-discovery.

The modernized divining rod on which gullible investors risked and lost their money was described by a promoter in a prospectus as follows:

"It is a mechanical invention designed for using the wireless method of tuning into ethereal waves or vibrations from crude oil and the amplification and measuring of the wave energy so as to scientifically locate and define the oil-bearing strata and the probable volume, depth and extent of petroleum deposits in the earth."

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TOM SIMS SAYS:

THIS German passive resistance is not the passive voice.

Lancaster (Pa.) postoffice has a dog named Stamp. Maybe they have to lick him before he goes away.

Of course we will not have a new World War, but let's hope we don't have the old one made over.

A Cleveland man who stole an auto for a joke was found in a ditch with the joke on him.

Philadelphia couple may have been married seventy-two years without a quarrel; anyway, they say they have.

Motometers are nice things. Frequently they are all that is missing.

Outdoor life is fine, but too many visitors believe in open door life.

Spring will not really be here until Babe Ruth gets suspended.

Chicago's new railway station will be forty stories high. All the scenery in that town is sideways.

In Seattle, a crazy man thought he was Harding. Women wonder what the crazy man will think next.

Very few people buy poison booze twice.



Mystic Tie Binds Twins Separated Since Cradle

By NEA Service
TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 7.—A thin, unseen psychic thread of a material science cannot analyze, stretching across hundreds of miles of cities, rivers, forests and mountains—

For thirty years has bound together twin sisters, separated almost since their birth!

The twins are Mrs. Jessie Sanders, who lives here, and Miss Bessie M. Little of Chicago.

These twins have grown up under entirely different environments, have had different types of education and experience, have been entirely out of contact with each other.

Yet they have remained similar in appearance, mental traits, tastes, habits and ideals.

Share Joy, Sorrow
When one is ill, the other seems always to share her suffering. When one is happy, her elation is passed on through the invisible ethereal cord to the other.

The strange case has aroused the interest not only of students of heredity and environment but also that of believers in mental telepathy—radio of the mind.

Here is their story:
The twins were born to the Irwin family in the Black Hills. The mother died. The twins were given out for adoption when 8 months old.

They never saw each other or even exchanged a letter till 18.

One Business Woman
Bess is now house manager of a Chicago hotel. She's unmarried. Jessie, the other twin, went to country school, started training as a hospital nurse, suffered a physical breakdown, taught school, became a wife and mother. Now she's again teaching.

"It's uncanny how we seem to be bound together by an invisible link," says Jessie here.

"When one of us is ill, we expect word of the other's illness—and almost always get it."



TWIN SISTERS, BESSIE M. LITTLE (ABOVE) AND MRS. JESSIE SANDERS (BELOW).

The First Theatre

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"The Metropolitan," built on the northeast corner of Washington and Capitol Avenue, was the first playhouse erected in Indianapolis. The formal opening was on September 27th, 1858, and the first play was "Love's Sacrifice," with H. M. Goslin, "a talented young tragedian," playing the part of Matthew Elmore. The first season brought some of the famous old characters of the stage—Sallie St. Clair, J. H. Hackett, the great "Falsaff," the Walkers and Mrs. Edwin Booth in "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

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