

WHILE  
WORLD  
BURNS

WHILE President Harding confines himself to jamming the ship subsidy bill through the Senate, it is not discourteous 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. Servia 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 Stieckley 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, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

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HOTOGRAPHS, 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 an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Times, Washington, D. C., 1322 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., not later than the second day of the month. Medical and legal and many other matters are not given. Unsigned letters cannot be returned. Letters are confidential and receive personal attention. Although the bureau does not require it, it will accept questions from radio listeners and will endeavor to answer them singlehanded, writing more than one letter if answers 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.

**The Puritan**

I was much surprised to find myself in Puritanland. It seems I'm Middle Class at heart, with very narrow views on Art. My mother and I agreed completely in this view of me. Although I thought I could applaud myself as being very great.

THE charge they make is doubtless based upon my literary taste. For I like to read, though I'm not fond of printed odes and sonnets. And tales where filth and lust run rife. What a degradation that is to life! I know life isn't wholly pure, but it's the dirtiest of the states, and not the dirt that makes it great.

AND so I frequently declare that I can't bring myself to care for dirt, sake, or for truck. That battle is not always in the mind. Great genius can touch with a grade 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.

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## 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

By United Press  
LTITLE 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 mob 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 "broke."

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 far-off 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 committees or ignored entirely. No process of law was applied.

Strikers' homes were entered and searched. Strikers and strike sympathizers were taken before the "committee" 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.

Lynch'd Wrong Man

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

From Harrison the mob went to Heber 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

What day of the week was Dec. 13, 1919?

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.

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If the Smoke's Right

To the Editor of The Times  
Very few people living so far north as the latitude of Indianapolis have ever seen the planet Mercury.

Now should Feb. 22 be cloudless at sunrise, Mercury will be visible to those persons who live in the eastern part of the city, but will probably be obscured by "smoke pall" to those living in the western part. Four planets will be visible on that morning.

Saturn very near the zenith to southward, then Jupiter, then Venus, and lastly Mercury very near the horizon. Mercury will be about fifty-two feet above the sun to those who see the sun and moon as being about one foot in diameter so Mercury must be seen soon after it rises or the sunlight will become so strong as to make it invisible.

E. P. MCASLIN,  
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Choral Society Elects

The Choral Society of Arsenal Technical High School has elected these officers: Chester Lafferty, president; Stevens Kolhoff, vice president; Norman France, secretary; Bruce Savage, treasurer; Adrian Pierce, attorney general; George Cottrell, librarian; and Louise Spillman, librarian.

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