

## STEAM ROLLER TACTICS

**P**UBLIC protest, emphatic enough not to be misunderstood, should be registered against such tactics as marked the session of the House of Representatives Thursday afternoon when the appropriation bill, the most important before the assembly, came up for action.

Within a space of five minutes hundreds of thousands of dollars of public money was disposed of without one word of discussion, without a roll call and without evidence that the vote was as announced by the chair. Steam roller tactics carried to the highest degree were resorted to by the small majority in the House, leaving a large minority helpless. Under such conditions the interests of the people could not be considered.

Such affairs are a disgrace to a State whether conducted by a Democratic majority or by a Republican majority.

Members of the Legislature were sent to the Assembly to represent the people. Action affecting the people should be given proper consideration. The Republican leaders may have been right or they may have been wrong. A majority of the House may have favored the amendments, or it may have opposed them. There is no way of knowing.

Speakers of the House have been accused of being autocrats. Speaker Raymond C. Morgan exceeds them all. Aided and abetted, apparently, by the administration, he used methods so high-handed that they have seldom been equalled even in an Indiana Legislature.

Governor McCray declared at the opening of the session that he wanted action. If this is what he meant by action, let us, in the name of reason and justice, have inaction.

Whether the Democrats were right or wrong in bolting as they did is another question. Certainly they were justified in entering a protest that could be heard in every corner of the State.

## ELOPED WITH THE MEAT!

**S**O, having failed to cajole Uncle Sam into giving his official blessing to the Armour-Morris union, the big packers parties thereto have defied authorities and eloped. And both of them had promised they wouldn't do it!

Now, it is Uncle's move next. There are good reasons why Secretary Wallace should lose no time in bringing the two recalcitrant packers to order.

Before the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia in 1920, Armour & Co. and Morris & Co. signed agreements not to combine nor to conspire to eliminate competition.

But in December, 1922, Armour and Morris again appeared in Washington and asked the Government for permission to merge and it was refused them in informal statements from Secretary Wallace.

If Armour and Morris are allowed to merge, it is precedent for others of the "Big Five" packers to join, and it is not a far cry to one big meat monopoly, which can crush independent competitors, and say to cattle raisers:

"Here's our price for your cattle. Take it or leave it."

To you, Mr. Consumer, or rather, to your wife, the packer monopoly can say:

"Here's your meat, and these are our prices. Take it or leave it."

Armour and Morris say they want to merge for economy. The only economy you enjoy today in meat buying is due to the small independent packer in your neighborhood. Do you want him crushed and put out of business by a packer trust?

If you have any feelings on the subject, write to your Senator and Representative in Congress and tell them. And send copy of your letter to this newspaper.

## WEALTH-MAKING IDEAS

**L**OUISIANA finds that its wealth in oyster reefs and shell mounds is great enough to wipe out the State debt. The shells are used to hard-surface roads.

In South Africa a company begins making a gasoline substitute for autos out of prickly pears which grow wild and long were considered a waste product.

This old earth is crammed full of wealth—for the person with imagination and watchful eyes. Opportunities exist on every hand, but most of us are blind.

In every brain there is the germ of at least one big idea gathering dust when it might be making money for the brain's owner, if developed and applied.

## H. G. Wells Is Not an Infidel; Does Not Deny Supreme Being

**QUESTIONS ANSWERED**  
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**Is H. G. Wells an infidel?**  
No, since his writings do not deny the existence of a supreme being.

**What is the purpose of the radio compass stations along the coast?**

In time of war, to be able to locate and trace the course of enemy ships. In time of peace to guide our men-of-war and merchant ships safely into port in spite of fog and storms. A 3556 approaching New York in a fog, for instance, has merely to call the Navy radio station and ask for bearings. The radio compass stations listen to radio signals made by ships and determine the direction of the ship.

## Arcady

**By BERTON BRAY**  
THERE'S many a road to Arcady. For it isn't a realm defined by sharp and accurate boundaries. It's a state of the heart and mind. And the path to my Arcady seems strange. Except when I understand it. The varied routes that a man may range To get to that joyous land.

I STARTED on my trip to Arcady In a closely packed subway train. Instead of sauntering blithe and free The turf of a fairy land. Then I walked through the noisy street. A cluttered-up thoroughfare. But I know at the end of my walk I'll meet My Arcady waiting there.

I CLIMB four flights and I take my key And open the dingy door And—there is my pleasant Arcady With roses of joy in store. A place with happiness glorified. For I might have told you that I find my Arcady inside. The walls of a city flat. Copyright, 1923, NEA Service)

from each particular station. They are divided into two groups: (a) Single stations, operating independently and furnishing a single bearing. These are located so as to give service to ships at a distance of not over 150 miles. (b) Harbor entrance groups. These are connected to and controlled by the master station, all stations of the group take bearings simultaneously and these are transmitted to the ship requesting them by the control station. The purpose of these stations is to lead mariners to the light vessels off the harbor entrances.

**Are all the letters in the German alphabet pronounced?**  
With the exception of h, medial or final, and e in ie long i, every letter must be pronounced in German.

**Who were the parents of Queen Victoria?**  
Edward, Duke of Kent, fourth son of George III, and Victoria Mary Louisa, fourth daughter of Francis, Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld, and sister of Leopold, King of the Belgians.

**How many Eagle boats were built during the war, and what has become of them?**  
Sixty. Five were turned over to the Treasury Department for coast guard service; twenty-seven are now out of commission, and twenty-eight are at present in service, used in the training of naval reserves. Some of these boats are on both coasts and some at Hawaii.

**What is the address of Constance Talmadge?**  
318 E. Forty-Eighth St., New York City.

**At what hour of the day was the Declaration of Independence adopted?**  
At 4 p. m., Thursday, July 4, 1776. It was declared in secret session.

## Nearly 100,000 Partially Disabled Soldiers Are Being Taught Vocations by U. S. Veterans Bureau

By LEMUEL BOLLES  
National Adjutant, American Legion.

**W**HEN the World War ended this country was brought face to face with problem of having tens of thousands of young men on its hands who were so disabled it was impossible for them to return to their old occupation to earn a living.

The Federal board of vocational training was created to handle and develop this work, and out of its activities grew a phase new to Americans—vocational rehabilitation. This meant roughly teaching new jobs to men who had been rendered unfit for their old jobs by war injuries.

The work of the Federal board developed, but progress was not rapid. Dissatisfaction had arisen through the functioning of other governmental agencies charged with the care of veterans.

**Veterans Bureau**  
At the instance of the American Legion, Congress, in 1921, created the United States Veterans Bureau, which immediately absorbed all activities in the care of veterans and began the elimination of the conflicting forces.

The Federal board and its activities was absorbed by the bureau. Colonel

Charles R. Forbes, director of the bureau, placed Colonel Robert I. Rees in charge of the vocational rehabilitation with the title of assistant director.

The policy of the veterans bureau has been to train men for vocations where their disabilities are not a handicap. A vocation is selected for a man individually, where his disabilities will not handicap him in following it successfully.

On Sept. 1, 1922, 96,941 disabled veterans were receiving vocational training under the veterans bureau. These men are receiving instruction in practically all of our large universities, colleges, and vocational schools.

**Number Rehabilitated**  
They are being trained in approximately 350 different trades, vocations, professions, or in agriculture.

On this same date 20,503 had completed their training and had obtained employment.

The peak of the vocational training has been reached and passed, unless the provisions of the law are further liberalized by Congress.

The high water mark was reached in March, 1922, when there were 109,805 veterans in training. In July, 1919, there were 5,926 veterans in training; in July, 1920, there were 39,761; in July, 1921, 87,848; and in July, 1922, 96,940.

The number rehabilitated in July, 1919, was 198; in July, 1920, 1,139; in July, 1921, 4,809; in July, 1922, 17,251. The total number who had entered training Oct. 1, 1922, was 151,787. The total in training at that same date was 96,941 and the total number who had completed training was

22,505. Nine hundred and nineteen disabled veterans have died while in training.

### Salaries Increased

In June of last year Colonel Forbes, director of the bureau, established an employment service, as the result of a conference attended by the legion. This organization establishes contact with employers and obtains employment opportunities for rehabilitated veterans. Many of the positions obtained pay salaries considerably above the pre-war salaries of these men.

There are also hundreds who have completed their training and have opened up business establishments for themselves.

Who will say the new method has not shown a distinct improvement over the old pension system. Is it not only fairer to the disabled themselves, but better for the country to have these defenders of our flag again become productive factors in the economic fabric of our nation?

## U. S. May Acquire Isle of Pines From Cuban Republic

By NEA Service  
SANTA FE, N. M., Feb. 9.

**S**ANTA FE, N. M., Feb. 9.—Joy over the possibility of again living under the American flag was mingled with grief on the part of some over the possible coming of a "dry" regime when word reached here from Washington that Senator Pomeroy of Ohio had introduced a resolution in the United States Senate authorizing President Harding to negotiate with the Cuban government regarding acquisition of this island.

Though the island has been developed chiefly by Americans who settled here at the close of the Spanish-American War and who today own \$21,000,000 worth of property, the island politically belongs to Cuba.

It has a diameter of about forty miles and an area of 340 square miles. There are two important towns, Santa Fe and Nueva Gerona, the capital.

Cattle raising and cultivation of citrus fruit are the principal industries—both capitalized and engaged



In almost exclusively by Americans.

Several previous attempts have been made to bring the island under American jurisdiction.

## RAINEY MARRIAGE MEASURE KILLED

**Enacting Clause Struck Out by House, 45 to 41.**

The House today killed 45-31, the marriage-divorce bill of Elizabeth Rainey of Indianapolis, by striking out the enacting clause. An identical bill is now pending in the United States Senate, where it was introduced by Arthur Capper of Kansas. Mrs. Edward Franklin White, deputy attorney general of Indiana, is its author. The measure limited actionable causes for divorce to five reasons; provided for interlocutory divorce for one year, and provided for publication of application for license for two weeks.

## Capitol Jokes

By JAMES A. GALLIVAN  
U. S. Representative From Massachusetts, Twelfth District.

**T**HERE was an election coming, and in my ball-wick, anyhow, the interest didn't seem to be exactly intense. Meeting an old ward heeler, I said: "Well, Jim, what does it look like to you—will the Republicans or the Democrats win?" "Aw, Mr. Gallivan," he responded, "they'll all be licked—nobody'll be elected."

**McWhirter Goes To Rome**  
With fifty other American business men, Felix M. McWhirter, president of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, will leave New York Saturday to attend the International Chamber of Commerce meeting at Rome, March 18.

## Word to Wise

Newspapers are recognized as one of the most valuable mediums for the use of national advertisers. F. C. Davis, Chicago, western manager of the bureau of advertising of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, told the Advertising Club of Indianapolis, meeting at the Chamber of Commerce.

He said some advertisers formerly thought the newspaper was too local in its scope to be of use to them.

## FEDERAL POSITIONS OPEN

**Civil Service Examinations To Be Held Here Soon.**

Numerous government positions in the Veterans Bureau, public health and air service for the district comprised of Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio, will be filled soon, according to H. M. Trimpe, secretary of the civil service board, 421 Federal building. Positions to be filled include physician, laboratory and assistant in bacteriology, teachers of commercial and technical subjects, laboratory and assistant in toxicology, teachers of agriculture, radio engineer, assistant and associate engineers of the air service at McCook field.

## CENSORSHIP IS DEBATED

The movie censorship bill will be reported out of the Senate committee on public morals without recommendation, placing the bill on the way to second reading. The measure, which provided for a commission appointed by the Governor to censor all films shown in Indiana, was the subject of a stormy public hearing Feb. 1. Senator Weldon Lambert's bill to exempt farmers from the workmen's compensation act will be reported without recommendation by the Senate insurance committee, it is said.

## TOM SIMS SAYS:

**T**HE first sign of spring will be the funny new soft drink names.

Raising a family is an expensive hobby, but usually worth the money.

Europe seems to think peace will take French leave.

The man of the hour seldom lasts longer than that.

Only thing certain about February weather is its uncertainty.

A Montreal man can lift 530 pounds. That is two kegs or nine cases.

Isn't it strange that golf is a Scotch game and so expensive?

The man who tells a girl he would die for her wouldn't be so rash if he had ever tried it.

Our kick about the future is it moves as fast as we do.

People who worry about everything usually worry about nothing.



## LEAGUE CONVENES ON ARMS PROJECT

**Final Attempt Will Be Made to Settle Question.**

**By United Press**  
GENEVA, Feb. 9.—The League of Nations disarmament commission, under the presidency of former French Premier Viviani, convened here today to definitely draw up the League of Nations final project for the reduction of armaments.

Once adopted, the league will then submit it to all the nations of the world, whether members of the league or not, to accept or reject as they please.

## SECOND MAN ARRESTED IN EMBEZZLEMENT CASE

Bennett Hoffman, 21, of 2326 E. Washington St., today was charged with petit larceny, following an alleged confession by Virgil Batts, 21, of 451 N. Highland Ave., charged with embezzlement. Batts' confession implicated Hoffman, it is said, in a series of thefts of money from the Crown Laundry, 2901 E. Washington St. Hoffman, on the night of Jan. 31, said he was held up by two men who forced him to drive a truck owned by the laundry into an alley, where they chloroformed him and robbed him of \$45.

This was untrue, he confessed to Detective Plamen and Brickley Thursday, police said. He said he had embezzled \$25 cash and some checks from the laundry at one time and \$108 another, according to police.

## OWSLEY TAKES NO PART IN DISPUTE

**National Legion Commander States Position.**

National officials of the American Legion will take no part in the Memorial day bill controversy in Indiana at present. Alvin Owsley, national commander, made this statement while in Indianapolis for a short time Thursday night.

Speaker Raymond C. Morgan said the bill may come up for vote in the House Monday.

Several weeks ago Perry Faulkner, State commander, attempted to suspend the charters of several Indianapolis legion posts that adopted resolutions opposing the bill which would prohibit the Speedway race and other commercialized sports on Memorial Day. A telegram protesting against the "interference of Robert H. Tyndall, national treasurer, who opposed the bill, was sent to Owsley at the same time.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce went on record Thursday as opposing the bill.

A second letter signed by commanders of seven Indianapolis posts and Jacob Morgan, Seventh district committee, condemning the bill, was sent to posts throughout the State today.

**Seek Greenlawn Sale**  
The State would be required to forfeit claim on the old Greenlawn cemetery tract near White River and Oliver Ave. being sought by various industrial companies for use as a freight terminal, under a bill introduced today by Representative Clarence C. Wyson of Indianapolis.

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