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## A BILL OF FULL RIGHTS

THE Federal coal commission preliminary report says officially at last what every coal consumer has long thought. As the result of bitter experience, to-wit:

1. That in coal mining, as in railroading, banking or supplying water, the public interest comes first and there are limits to the rights of those who own and run the industry.
2. That when operators disagree with miners over wages and resort to industrial war, a national emergency ought to exist in which the Government should seize and operate the mines.
3. That Congress should establish an authority which could watch the coal industry, keep the public informed, and protect public welfare. So far, so good.

These sensible suggestions will strike home with the coal consuming public everywhere. They probably will appeal to the more enlightened members of Congress. No one need hesitate to espouse the public's rights to a sure supply of fuel at reasonable prices, especially now that the conservative President's coal commission has laid down our bill of full rights.

The menace is that the United States Supreme Court, which has already denied the Federal Government the right to dig into the affairs of the coal industry, will deny the right of Congress to regulate coal mining. The value of the commission's preliminary report lies, it would seem, mainly in the fact that it has gone on record as agreeing with the public. Now if it can show Congress how to pitch a law over the plate in such a way that the Supreme Court cannot knock it over the left field fence, we may have coal in winters to come.

## STREET CAR SAFETY

THE man who operated the world's first electric street car still is living and on the job. He is Walter B. Eubank, motorman in Richmond, Va.

It has been only thirty-five years since Eubank gave the signal that started the first electric street car and collected the first nickel fare. We progress farther than any of us realize.

The man who paid that first fare was William A. Boswell. His nickel is exhibited in a New York museum.

Eubank, veteran motorman, has been responsible for the safety of more than six million passengers. And never has had a serious accident in connection with his work. He has traveled 800,000 miles on street cars. Consider this long distance and the vast number of passengers transported without fatalities or serious injuries, and you will realize the great importance and constant nerve-tense vigilance of the men who run our street cars.

Yet we rarely give them a thought, let alone any concrete expression of thanks. Pass the cigars occasionally, brothers. And don't forget the motorman's team worker, the conductor.

## ROUSING WELCOME TO RAINBOWS

REMEMBER that day back in the spring of 1919 when the biggest crowd Indianapolis ever saw lined the streets to welcome home the boys from overseas? Remember the cheers and handclaps as that regiment of bronzed men wearing tin hats marched in review?

They were Rainbow division men who were cheered in that parade. They were returning home from the battlefields of France, where they fought only as brave men can fight. Some of them who went over were not in the parade.

The same Rainbow men who marched on that beautiful May day are still doing things. They will be hosts the latter part of this week to their comrades beside whom they stood on the fields of France. Saturday afternoon they will parade again and they will stir latent memories.

These men are just as deserving today of your cheers and your cooperation as they were when they were welcomed home. Let's welcome them to Indianapolis in the same spirit. Let's make them feel they would like to come back again.

## TOO MUCH POLITICS

ON the theory, presumably, that many heads are better than a few, Mayor Shank is proposing to call in representatives of various industries and organizations to go over the city budget with department heads. That is a good idea. Too much expert advice cannot be obtained in the operation of public affairs.

"Last year the budget went to a club and was referred to a committee of my enemies," Shank said in connection with his plan.

This may or may not be the case, but whatever the situation this feeling should not exist. Politics should have no place in consideration of where the people's money is to be spent. There has been too much of that sort of thing.

## MAYOR SHANK AND PETITIONS

MAYOR Shank has given the public generally an opportunity to voice its opposition to the proposed increase in water rates. The proposed petitions to be circulated generally asking for a reduction instead of an increase should give a true cross-section of public sentiment. Often when organized opposition arises in a rate increase case utility lawyers reply that this opposition represents only an organized minority. The Shank petitions can leave no doubt as to the feeling of the majority.

It begins to appear the public is coming into its own in utility cases.

## PROTECTION AT BEACHES

LIFE guards at the Twenty-Sixth St. beach Sunday saved sixteen persons from drowning. Not a single death from drowning was recorded in the city. The answer is that Indianapolis people are bathing in protected pools instead of in uncharted places in the river and creeks, as has happened too often. Let's keep it up.

"I've worked for the two richest men in the world," is the proud boast of a gardener on John D. Rockefeller's estate at Pocantico Hills, New York. "Before I came here I worked two years for Henry Ford out in Detroit." We wonder which of the personality-developing schools turned out this wonder-worker.

Heywood Brown of the New York World claims to have discovered the "finest non-sequitur of the year" in an article on prohibition wherein the author suggests a man of the highest integrity is needed to head the enforcement forces, and adds that a foolidge should be persuaded to take up the work.

## COWBOYS GIVE AID TO EDITOR

New Mexico Publisher Cited on Fifteen Counts of Contempt.

## PAPER CHARGES GRAFT

Two Hostile Camps Pitched in Town as Trial Is Opened.

By SIDNEY B. WHIPPLE, Editor of Denver Express Written for United News

VEGAS N. M., July 10.—Twenty-three cow-punchers, dressed in their best Sunday chaps, took a day off to ride into town from San Miguel County ranches and hunt up Editor Carl C. Magee of Albuquerque. When they found him they turned over a fund of \$60, contributed from their \$30 a month wages, to aid in his defense on fifteen charges of contempt of court, leveled against him by Judge David Leahy of the State district bench.

The trials began today. "This 'yes money,' they said, 'shows where the cowboys stand. And if you need a bodyguard you can count on us.' Pueblo Indians, who don't know what it's all about, but who do know that Magee—who has consistently fought for their land rights—is 'in trouble,' have contributed to the defense fund which today passed the \$15,000 mark.

Profoundly Stirred And those travelers who have bought pottery and beads and blankets from these same Indians know they must have been profoundly stirred to surrender a nickel—to any cause. Two hostile camps are pitched in town. The Magee case is the sole topic of conversation. Almost to a man the Mexican inhabitants of San Miguel County are loyal to Segundo Romero, who is accused by Magee of ruling the country with a heavy political hand, and are anticipating heavy penalties against the editor for his attacks on the judiciary. On the other hand, thousands of whites have signed petitions to the Governor asking for an investigation of every court in the State and impeachment by the Legislature of the judges whom Magee has assailed through the columns of his paper.

Addresses Mass Meeting Magee and Judge Richard H. Hanna, his chief counsel, against whom disbarment proceedings are pending, addressed a mass meeting of 1,500 citizens of Las Vegas, in the opera house. The speakers were cheered when they repeated their charges the State courts were "under the control of 'Sec.' Romero and it was impossible to obtain justice in San Miguel County."

Stenographers, acting under the court's instructions, were present to report the speeches. "And I suppose that means a few more contempt charges," Magee told the audience. "Meanwhile," Magee charged, "the prosecuting attorney says he will have everybody who attends this meeting cited for contempt. Well, I'll have good company in jail, anyway."

Proceedings a la Russia The editor described the original trial for libel against Judge Frank W. Parker, of which he was convicted by a jury of twelve Mexicans, none of them able to read or write English, proceedings which "might have taken place in Russia." "I asked them to try me for libel," Magee continued, "on some of the other things I said about them—such as my charge that Jose Sena, clerk of the Supreme Court of New Mexico, deposited \$2,700 of the court's money without bonds and under his own name in a bank that later failed—and they said, 'No, we'll try you for what we please.'"

Magee has already made plans to edit his newspaper from the penitentiary if his conviction for libel is sustained and Governor Hinkle fails to pardon him.

## Science

It is just 200 years since the death of M. Charles, a Frenchman, who first filled a balloon with hydrogen gas. The gas was expensively made by the action of sulphuric acid on iron.

Charles and Montgolfier were the pioneers in flying. The latter was the first to show he could fly above the earth, but the former invented most of the appliances that made ballooning practical. Charles himself was the only person who had the courage to make the initial trip in the hydrogen balloon. This voyage was remarkable because he ascended to the height of 9,000 feet, above the Tulleries.

After this success he invented the safety valves, the balloon car and the carrying of ballast. He was also the first to rubberize the silken envelope to make it hold gas, and he introduced the use of the barometer in ballooning to indicate height of the ascent.

Unlike many notable inventions the utility of the balloon was soon recognized. This use has been confined mostly to military purposes.

## Heard in Smoking Room

CLOSE under the Pullman smoker's window, as the train out of Cleveland stopped, there lay a barnyard and in it a big Shanghai rooster, which, judging by his quietness and head held sideways was studying a pumpkin that somebody had thrown over the fence. "That bird out there," said Ed Doty, a fellow from Cleveland, who was fastened in the smoker's best seat, "reminds me."

"One morning, an East Cleveland

## Willing

By BERT N. BRALEY.  
If all we wanted came to hand,  
Responsive to our least demand,  
If all we hoped for we could get  
Without a bit of work or fret;

If weariness and constant strife  
Were absent from our daily life,  
And everything that really matters  
Were slipped to us on silver platters,  
If dreams we cherish should come true

Simply because we wished them to;  
And what we wanted or required  
Could come exactly as desired;

We'd miss, perhaps, a certain zest  
That comes from meeting every test.

And life might prove a fearful bore  
After a dozen years or more;  
Our moral fiber might decay  
From having everything our way;  
But most of us, we can't deny it,  
Would like a little chance to try it.  
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## Indiana Sunshine

Capt. J. A. Cummins, Portland, reports that a fisherman in the southern part of the State, where he spent a vacation, caught three fish on one hook. A good sized catfish bit at the bait. A larger channel catfish swallowed the catfish and then along came a thirty-five-pound Mississippi catfish which swallowed both the others and caught himself on the hook.

Seymour officials will have to take drastic action against worm diggers. They have even dug in unimproved streets. City duds have passed an ordinance to have signs printed warning worm seekers to use discretion.

The grub car missed the Bluffton Scout camp. Boys sent out on S. O. S. call, but they had to go without dinner.

A certain brand of hair tonic was so effective on his head that he decided to try it internally. Jack Whittington explained to the Peru city court judge. His explanation was so droll that the judge in a blythe moment forgot himself and Whittington escaped sentence.

Mrs. Clem Harnish, Wabash, has a hen which laid an egg measuring 8½ inches long and 2½ inches in diameter.

The son of Herbert Steele, Crawfordsville, is a modern Tom Sawyer. His parents thought he was drowned. A search was instigated. The boy was found in a brick yard, looking over the wonders of the world which he had never dreamed was so large.

## What Editors Are Saying

## Licenses

(Muncie Evening Press)  
The next forward-looking piece of legislation to be enacted by Indiana should be the licensing of automobile drivers. Most States now require that one who expects to drive a car shall take out a special license granted to him after he has passed an examination showing that he has adequate knowledge of the management of a machine, is familiar with the rules of the road, is of good moral character, is not diseased or maimed in any way that will impair his efficiency as a chauffeur, and is mentally sound.

One who is placed in charge of a locomotive engine has to undergo a long period of apprenticeship and the most rigid examinations concerning his physical and mental health. His knowledge of the engine and his general stability of character before he is given a "run."

## Public Jobs

## (Decatur Democrat)

The public service commission will investigate the rates of electric and water companies over the State, seventy-seven of them. They do this without petition and it looks as though they were hunting up jobs for their men. It will cost each community considerable money and the benefits will be slight in all probability. Why don't they let people run their own affairs?

## County Agents

## (Bluffton Evening Banner)

Wayne County, with Richmond as the county seat, has failed to re-employ their county agent. No reason is given, but the board of education just failed to hire the man who had been with them three years, and had done much in instituting club work and other forms of county agent work. Is this thing growing, and is the county agent plan coming to the end of its usefulness, or are people just upset and wanting a change to get righted? You tell us.

## The Judge Sees Light

Now, Judge Gary, speaking for the steel trust, of which he is it, says: "We do not believe in the seven-day week. Also, we are actually opposed to the twelve-hour day (get that) and are hoping that, in a comparatively near future, that will be eliminated."

When? That's coming to time, isn't it?

But, has the judge had a change of heart or are the mass arrivals of aliens at Ellis Island giving him hope of relief from the labor shortage he complained of not long since?

Or has public opinion, that potential power, hit him where he lives?

## LEWIS IS SEEKING JUSTICE

Head of Mine Workers Declares Men Deserve Wage Increase.

## ENTITLED TO 8-HOUR DAY

Also Will Demand Recognition of Union by Anthracite Operators.

By JOHN L. LEWIS, President of the United Mine Workers of America

Written for The United News  
No one can, at this time, predict the outcome of the negotiations for a new wage agreement in the anthracite industry. The joint conference of miners and operators is just now starting. Let me assure the American public, however, the United Mine Workers of America shall work for peace in the anthracite field—peace based upon the principle of justice to the miner, the operator and the public.

Our people are entitled to a better income, and that means a wage increase. They are entitled to the uniform eight-hour day.

## Eight Hours Long Enough

Even the great steel companies now admit that eight hours is long enough for men to work in their mills. If eight hours is enough for a steel worker, it is enough for a man laboring hundreds of feet under ground amid all the hazards of such employment.

We shall be able to prove by unquestionable figures anthracite workers earn an average of not more than \$100 to \$125 a month by working steadily throughout the year at the present rate of wages. We shall show that to earn a decent living for his family on his present wage, the anthracite mine worker must work more days of eight hours each than there are days in the calendar year.

Some of these men work as much as 160 eight-hour shifts in a year. Such labor is unjust. It is sheer cruelty. It must be, and I believe the American public will sustain the miner in abolishing such a condition.

## Want Union Recognition

And in line with our third principal demand at this conference, it is time for the anthracite coal companies to give full recognition to the union and establish the check-off in the anthracite region. Such action would be a wonderful help to the United Mine Workers in preventing the numerous illegal, unauthorized, deplorable local strikes which effect the industry.

Complete unionization would enable the union to enforce proper discipline among the workers and proper regard for the contractual relation.

## Bonus Question Looms Again

## By Times Special

WASHINGTON, July 10.—"I see no reason why Congress cannot arrange a business-like bonus bill and pass it. I prophesy such a bill will be passed this winter, and I hope to be in a position to vote for it and to work for its passage," declared Senator Walter E. Edge in a recent address to constituents in New Jersey.

Senator Edge explained he voted against the former bonus bill, not because he had anything against the soldiers, or felt they were not entitled to substantial support from the Government, but simply because the bill was "unbusinesslike, and contained no arrangements for providing the necessary funds."

## Laughs

## No Need for Watchman

The town council of a little German community out in Indiana had assembled in a chapel preparatory to inspecting a proposed site for a new cemetery. As the weather was oppressively warm, they took off their coats.

"One fellow," suggested Herr Baum, "can stay behind and watch these coats."

"What's the use?" demanded the mayor. "If all we get out of it is to get together, what's the need of anybody to watch these clothes?"—Popular Magazine.

## For the Family Lawyer

Judge to Patrick, whose lawyer has failed to win his case: Well, sir, is there any request you wish to make before I pronounce sentence upon you?

Pat: Yes, your honor! Gimme just five minutes alone out in the corridor with that lawyer of mine!—Judge.

## Sister's Hogwash Young Man

"Has your mother any objection to kissing?"

"What do you want—the whole family?"—Cornell Widow.

## What Mame Looks Like

"Isn't Mame a laughable sight when she gets out of her clothes and into that short bathing suit?"

"My gawd, yes! She makes me think of a part of a newspaper—the comic strip."—Boston Trans.

## Little Daughter to Mother

Now, Violet, can you give me any reason why I should not punish you for being naughty?

Yes, ma. Doctor said you weren't to take any violent exercise.—Toronto Telegram.

## Brother a Radio Fiend

"I want some good current literature."

"Here are some books on electric lighting."

"Oh, ah, ha! I am peering at them. Wait! I want is light reading for Eddie's sons until they armature."

—Electrical Exper.

## Now Try and Get It



## TOM SIMS SAYS:

FIREWORKS were scarce this July Fourth, but bootleg customers saw more than usual.

Henry Ford can't play golf well enough to be president.

Several ball teams have quit claiming this year's pennant and are claiming next year's pennant.

It is estimated some good looking girls have been taught to swim forty times this summer.

People are sitting on their porches to see who goes riding to see who sits on their porches.

When you slap a man on the back and he kicks you in the eye you can see he is sunburned.

Keep clean in summer. If flies washed their feet they wouldn't get swatted so much.

Finding somebody to help you make somebody jealous is easy.

Backsliding gives others a chance to step in your face.

No matter how big the auto, there are times when three's a crowd.

Bowlegged girls swim best because they stay in the water most.

Dog days are just about due. Don't treat your husband like a dog or he may go mad.

Trying to stop something usually starts something.

More hammocks are being sold this year. Dresses are long enough to sit in hammocks now.

Potatoes cry their eyes out watching radishes try to live up to the seed package picture.

Turn about is fair play. Sit down on a bee and the bee will turn about and sit down on you.

Took a letter six years to go from Kalamazoo, Mich., to Detroit, so maybe a husband mailed it.

Rejected Spokane suitor put dynamite under her house because she had blasted his romance.

We never had a Mexican jumping bean, but in Dallas, Tex., they got a Mexican jumping bean.

Chicago girl is best pinch hitter outside baseball. Cop pinched her, so she broke his nose.

Movie star claims she has an ideal husband. That's the man every wife could have married.

Magazine offers prizes for plans to beautify homes. Our plan would be to lower the rents.

With so many presidential candidates about it looks like a great year for cigar stores.

The wildest dancing lately was in Beloit, Wis., when esthetic dancers saw a mouse.

## Everybody Has It

No American Democrat need goggle because the British Labor Party has refused to declare the royal family is not necessary.

British democracy has so stripped royalty of its age-old prerogatives and privileges it is almost: solely ornamental, and we all favor ornaments, the costlier and more unnecessary the better, with many of us.

The British crown is a good deal like the comb of a rooster. It brightens an ugly head and is a good thing for enemy roosters to get hold of.

Observe the number of perfectly good American Democrats wearing side-whiskers or a dash of mustache that resembles something the cat caught and couldn't eat. Behold our democratic women wearing as head gear pretty nearly everything from carrots, cherries and grapes to the tails of rabbits and mud-hens. Verily the love of the merely ornamental seems to be inborn in all of us. Our ancestors came man probably ran a roast beef skewer through his nose and was looked up to for it by the democracy of his times.

British loyalty to royalty is a habit handed down through the centuries.

## GERMANY IS CONTROLLING CHEMICALS

Defeated Nation Would Turn Great Dye Plants Into War Factories.

## By HERBERT QUICK

BRITISH specialist, Victor LeFebvre, has published in America a book entitled "The Rhine of the Rhine," which ought to be interesting to everybody interested in war or peace. Its message to Britain is the great chemical plants of Germany ought to be destroyed or rendered powerless, since they constitute great arsenals for the production of war chemicals. Also organic chemistry plants should be established on British soil. Here are some of the reasons:

Germany has her monopoly of organic chemistry left unimpaired by the war. Her great dye, nitrogen and other chemical plants can be changed over in a day or a week into plants for making poison gas and other poison war chemicals and explosives. The Versailles Treaty forbids making war, but the nation that has the plant will use it when it goes to war.

And when we disarm in other ways, war with poison chemicals will be all-powerful. Aircraft will multiply in peace. Dye works and other plants devoted to organic chemistry will give the nation with such a monopoly the power to overwhelm any other nation with chemicals, in the use of which aircraft will be invaluable. Hence the organic chemistry of the world must as a measure of common sense and safety, be distributed among the nations.

## Observations

Oh, these constant worries! Counterfeit \$1,000 bills are now in circulation.

One movie actress attributes her improved looks to a milk diet. They used to depend entirely on lip sticks and their clothes.

A scientist says peanuts will not grow well, anyway, preferred the bald ones, anyway.

Bad news for Josh Wise of Ohio. The doctors say the man who chews a straw is liable to get actinomyositis, and that is something awful.

Great hullabaloo in Paris because one Frenchman sold a fake antique to another. It's a crime over there to sell such things to anybody but an American.

The editor of Punch says American girls giggle too much, but how can they help it when they see so many English lecturers?

## Points Made by Poets

If the butterfly courted the bee, And the owl the porcupine; If churches were built in the sea, And three times one was nine; If the pony rode his master, If the butterscup the daisy loves; If the cat had the dire disaster To be worried, sir, by the mouse; If mamma, sir, sold the baby To a gypsy for half a crown; If a gentleman, sir, were a lady— The world would be upside down! If any or all of these wonders Should ever come about, I should not consider them blunders, For I should be inside out! —Randa.

## How did the expression 'Davy Jones' Locker' originate?

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