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SCHOOL BOND VICTORY

THE fight for decent school buildings in Indianapolis has been won. Unless something unforeseen happens, work can be started on those buildings very soon.

The Times is proud to say it had a leading part in that fight. The fight has been a long and bitter one. The Times was the only newspaper that continuously and consistently kept up the battle.

More than two years ago the proposal was made that bonds be issued for school buildings. Immediately opposition started. The opposition was largely from agencies which sought to control the school board and had failed to do so. They sought to discredit the board at the expense of innocent children.

A remonstrance was filed. A "taxpayers' league" was formed and an organized effort against the building program was conducted. Charges of extravagance were made. One of the petty objections that was given great publicity was the fact that a few rivets in the iron work of a school building had been painted with gilt paint when they would have served the same purpose without the paint!

So the bond issue was turned down and the children suffered! But the battle was not over. The Times took up the fight again last fall. It insisted on decent school buildings. The school board, discouraged by previous defeat, hesitated, but finally agreed to try again.

Again the opposition started, but opposition was more difficult by this time. Public sentiment was being aroused and parents were objecting to their children being housed in miserable shacks.

A committee of the Chamber of Commerce was appointed to look into the program. A report derogatory to the school board was made, but nothing ever was done about it. The Chamber of Commerce quickly abandoned its part in the controversy and apparently forgot it.

Things progressed smoothly. Then, when the board was about ready to go ahead and issue the bonds, fourteen persons, only one of whom has children of school age and one of whom does not live in the city, signed a remonstrance.

But by this time public sentiment was fully aroused. It quickly became apparent the remonstrance would not be successful.

A hearing was held before the tax board Wednesday. Not one of the remonstrators appeared, where on the previous occasion they had been present in great force with lawyers who spoke for them. This time they did not face public opinion. The hearing lasted less than an hour.

The new school buildings will not solve entirely the problem of providing for Indianapolis children. Building has been at a standstill too long for one project to remedy the situation. But the present program will solve the problem in the eight communities where it is the most pressing. It means hundreds of pupils will have well heated, well lighted and well ventilated buildings.

The Times feels Indianapolis is making a constructive movement forward.

PASTE THIS IN YOUR HAT

AS this coal strike talk gets more and more confusing, here is one thing, at least, that can be remembered as a sort of land mark—Samuel Warringer, spokesman for the anthracite mine owners, says that to grant the wage demands of the miners would add \$90,000,000 per year to the labor cost of mining.

Warringer also says that if this wage increase is granted it will be necessary to pass the expense on to the public by adding \$2 a ton to the consumer's price.

The United States coal commission finds that the annual output of anthracite is between eighty and ninety million tons per year.

Adding \$2 a ton would add between \$160,000,000 and \$180,000,000 to the public's bill.

Of this the miners would get \$90,000,000 and Mr. Warringer and others in the coal business would keep the remaining \$70,000,000 or \$90,000,000. Mr. Warringer's warning that "the public must pay the high wages" is intended to incline public opinion against the miners, but when it appears that an advance in wages of \$1 is to be used to club the public for an additional dollar—Well, that is passing on labor cost with a vengeance.

CRIME IS RUNNING RAMPANT

THE rapidly growing disregard for human life throughout the United States, and especially apparent in Indiana at this time, is one of the gravest problems that society has to deal with.

In one edition of The Times this week were accounts of suicides, murders, wholesale accidents and several persons seriously wounded because of the activity of some of the all too prevalent bandits.

The murder of William Van Camp, Franklin County sheriff, who was killed by bandits while performing his duty, is fresh in the minds of Indians. Shall this also be entered in the records as another "unsolved mystery?"

Detroit bandits fired recklessly into a crowd, seemingly caring as little if the bullets hit and killed their victims as they would if they missed. Result, three wounded. The same gang killed a policeman a few hours later.

A Chicago girl admits she joined a band of outlaws because she had a "craving for thrills." Such thrills lead to dangerous results.

So long as murderers remain unpunished we can look forward to recklessness growing to limitless dimensions. If our departments of justice are too small to carry on their work they should be augmented with more agents. Every citizen should make it his duty to aid these departments by reporting even the slightest clues that would help in solving many of our "unsolved mysteries."

WHAT the farmers need is a weed-eating insect.

A WATCH has 160,144,000 ticks a year. This is more than a cow.

NEVER hide bootleg booze under the bed. Imagine what a bunch of drunk bedbugs could do!

GIRAFFES see behind without turning their heads. Boys think teacher looks like a giraffe.

REASON FOR MINE BODY DISCUSSED

William Green, Secretary, Defends Organization of Coal Diggers.

By WILLIAM GREEN, Secretary, United Mine Workers of America.

ASIDE from the purely commercial aspect of the matter, there is the humane phase of it which cannot be overlooked. The only capital which the miner has to invest is his labor and the only protection he possesses is his economic power. He can only successfully exercise his economic strength through organization. Through organization he has raised his living standards, secured protective legislation and promoted his moral and material welfare. Without organization the condition of the mine workers would be deplorable indeed.

While most employers wish to treat their employees fairly and establish decent living standards among them, there are some who still believe in the master and servant rule, who regard labor as a commodity to be purchased at the lowest possible price and to be exploited at will. As in every industry, therefore, there are in the mining industry good and bad employers, none of which should have the authority arbitrarily to fix the wages and working conditions which their employees must accept.

Each Has Rights
Those who work and serve in industry are as essential to success as those who operate and manage the industry. Each has rights which the other should respect. Neither should be a dictator, because that would be autocracy in industry, something which is repugnant to the American sense of fair play.

The success of the coal industry and, in fact, that of every industrial enterprise must rest securely upon the fundamental principle of cooperation and good will. The relationship of employer and employee ought to be harmonious and reciprocal in all that pertains to their common welfare. There should be perfect understanding and thorough cooperation. This can be brought about in the coal industry through complete organization and collective bargaining based upon union recognition.

Union Means Stability
Summing it all up, union recognition means collective bargaining, wage contracts for fixed periods of time, efficiency, the substitution of reason and business methods for force and subjection, and the establishment of stability in industry resulting in guaranteed production, while non-unionism means inefficiency, uncertainty, industrial guerrilla warfare, strikes (because men long held in subjection will ultimately fight for the right to belong to a union for union recognition), and the lowering of the American standard of citizenship.

Human experience shows that responsibility sobers men so that they seriously consider their obligations and duties to themselves and their fellow-men. They hesitate under the weight of such responsibilities to incur public displeasure and to fly in the face of public opinion. Then back of it all is the powerful irresistible force of public sentiment. It is the court which, after all, compels recognition. No group of men or group of men can successfully carry out a movement which is opposed to public sentiment, and vice versa, organizations and groups of men are compelled to respond to the demand of crystallized public opinion in an affirmative way.

Animal Facts

Niagara Falls power people are badly fussed because squirrels, playing with the wires, ground the electrical current to distant Rochester. They aren't half as fussed up as the squirrels.

Arctic owl, with a spread of six feet, sometimes visits as far south as Puget Sound. This giant bird is known to attack men.

Gray fox likes fruit and often visits California orchards to eat the windfalls. He can climb a tree, too, but doesn't if the eating's on the ground.

The fisher which is still found in many parts of the United States is not a marten, but, with that swift animal, is a member of the weasel family. In fact, the fisher uses the marten for dinner purposes. He makes his home in trees and is so incredibly speedy that he easily catches the agile squirrel. Eight thousand of him go into the fur trade every year.

Howard Middleton, wild life photographer, caught snapshot of an Alre-dale and a skunk at the moment when they were preparing for battle. Skunk won easily, with Towser putting all he had into his legs.

Dr. Hornaday, veteran zoologist and animal lover, rises to indignant pitch because 200 little squirrels, enjoying life, must meet death to furnish one lady's back with the well known squirrel coat.

Three to five millions of newly hatched trout planted yearly in Yellowstone Park lakes and streams. Let's go!

Every well regulated farm should have a owl tenant. He averages two noxious rodents a day as food. If a field mouse inflicts only one cent's worth of damage to crops, your owl will consume \$7 worth of mice per year.

Heard in Smoking Room

They were talking about Ireland. "The trouble over there," said the hardest smoker, "is the large number of Irish there."

"That reminds me of the two society women and one Irish woman I saw on a train out of Albany recently," said smoker No. 2. "The society women had met on the train by accident and they occupied the same seat in order that they might visit and gossip. In the seat immediately back of them was a corpulent Irish woman with a lot of baskets."

"Where did you spend your vacation this year?" asked one society woman of the other. "Oh, I went to Boston, but I don't like it there. There are too many Irish to suit me. Where did you spend your summer?"

"Well, I went to New York, but I didn't like it a bit. Too many Irish there, too."

TOM SIMS - - - Says

WEEKS says we may have a new war. Hope not. But if we do, we want a new sergeant, also.

J. P. Morgan has gone to Europe. He knows where our money is.

Movies are great educators. Washington grocer chased a robber away with pickles and pies.

A tunnel 178 miles long will be built in the Rockies. How nice for honeymooners.

Washington statistics show divorces increasing. Marriage ties, it seems, are beau knots.

Minneapolis man claims he has worn a straw hat fifty years. May be the one he bought this spring.

A Brooklyn man left a will of only thirty-three words, the strange part being he was a lawyer.

Detroit woman was arrested with five kegs of beer. But fall will be here soon now.

Beauty makers in convention say women will quit wearing hats. No such good luck is possible.

Ruby Miller, English actress, says Americans are poor love makers. But we are practicing.

The Gilesons report many Bibles being stolen, by people ignorant of what they are taking.

"Wife Fails to Appear"—headline. It seldom happens.

In New York a girl got five years for stealing a nickel; a man four years for taking \$2,000,000. Men are better paid.

Washington rum runners use mustard gas against cops. That's better than selling it.

China has shipped us sixty-one tons of mah jong. Could have been worse. It wasn't chop suey.

Two houses were dynamited in Cleveland. At first they thought it a presidential boom.

Indiana Sunshine

Any one raise any that's taller? Fred C. Bieber, a farmer of Tippecanoe, says that he has grown a stalk of corn measuring thirteen feet and five inches in height.

The stronger sex broke into the bathing beauty class at Washington Park beach at Michigan City. The "Sheik of the Beach" was the title contested for by male bathers when they recently paraded before a large crowd.

No longer will Vincennes streets be used as private garages. A new ordinance, which prohibits the parking of machines on the street all night long is being enforced.

Bernon Hall of Ft. Wayne was to be tried for speeding. He asked for a continuance of the case in order to get married. So the judge gave him a wedding present and continued the case indefinitely.

The Tipton County Historical Association, which is making an effort to mark spots of early history in Tipton County, have placed a huge boulder on the site of the log cabin in which pioneer residents met and organized the county in 1844.

Observations

Jim Jeffries, ex-prize fighter, thinks his staff has a punch, and so he is going to preach.

Dr. Koo has been made foreign minister in China. A man with a name like that would be of great aid to Germany, it seems.

Harvard College will have four new lizards, but not of the usual lounge species.

That newly invented airplane is an improvement. It can't kill more than one at a time.

President Coolidge is both an early riser and a self-riser.

Senator Cummins says opinion on the coal situation has not yet crystallized. Give it about three months more and then you will be able to see it on the window panes.

"What is a home?" asks a writer. Well, it is a cigarette atmosphere into which a man goes with his golf sticks.

With the papers full of pictures of Coolidge milking cows and pitching hay, how is it possible for Magnus to feel otherwise than that he has milked and lived in vain?

Some twenty of our Senators are now in Europe and there is fear they will be able to get home before the war starts there.

Europe holds the non-stop record. It has been going it since 1914 and is just getting its second wind.

Whole armies put to sleep and taken prisoner by means of a new gas is now promised. Why wait for armies? Why not try it on nations disposed to make war?

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Dad's Contradictions
"There you are, eating that breakfast food you always said you hated."

"Yes, but this is a free sample."—Judge.

Sister's Follow O. K.
"My daughter is by no means poor."

"That's all right. I'm poor enough for two."—Judge.

Father at Church
"I have nothing but praise for the new minister."

"So I noticed when the plate went round."—Film Fun.

WOMEN DO HARD WORK IN ENGLAND

Girls Labor at Fourteen and Have Right to Vote at Thirty.

BY JOHN W. RAPER

IN ENGLAND: When a woman in England is 30 she may vote. She may go out to work when she is 14, and if she is one of the poor she does. The school laws of Great Britain provide that boys and girls shall remain in school until they are 16, unless their aid is needed by the family. Among the folk in the trades and all manual lines, with few exceptions in the industrial centers, it is nearly always needed.

In Scotland, women and girls in the retail sale forces have almost driven the men out of the field. Women are everywhere, from clerk in the hotel to cleaner of the locomotive. They are numerous on the Glasgow street cars, both as motorwomen and as conductors. Glasgow street cars were operated exclusively by women during the war and those who lost the male relative on whom they had been dependent were allowed to remain.

Women Wash Windows
In England, woman has not driven the man from the retail field, but she outnumbers him greatly. I have not seen any on street cars, but she is to be found everywhere else. I have not seen a male window-washer in England excepting in London. Girls of 18 or 20 wash the windows in the retail districts. They wear uniforms of coarse brown or blue cloth, short skirt, spiral leggings and caps, and carry ladder and pail through the retail district. They generally wash in twos and threes, sometimes with a pushcart to carry the cleaning paraphernalia.

The factories, woolen and cotton mills are, of course, filled with women especially the factories manufacturing light articles. You find them driving taxis occasion ally and running delivery cars.

Girls Tend Bar
Meat markets with women handling the carcasses and doing the cutting are common.

More than half the bartenders are women, and women do nearly all the serving in saloons, hotels and tearooms.

There may be dentists who carry the title of "Dr." but I have not seen them. On all the dentists' signs I have seen he is "Mr." Until a few years ago anybody could open a dental office and practice without examination or license. Then legislation provided for proper regulation and dentistry is now recognized as a profession.

Teeth Are Bad
One of the results of the strange inattention to dentistry is that the Scotch and English have the worst teeth in the world. This is one of the first things an American notices. A number of scientists are investigating to learn why the Englishman and stuff bunches of white saucer-like flowers, one reason, but the fact is pointed out that there are many other countries in which the teeth are generally neglected, but none in which the percentage of bad ones is so high.

A Thought

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.—Rev. 21:4.

THOU canst not tell how rich a dowry sorrow gives the soul, how firm a faith and eagle sight of god.—Alford.

Family Fun

Cole Black had fallen afoul of the law and was having a preliminary conference with his attorney.

"Can you prove an alibi?" asked the latter.

"Al—says which, boss?"

"Alibi. Can you prove where you were at the time the offense was committed?"

"Lawdy, boss; dat's jes' what Al's skeered dey's gwine to do!"—American Legion Weekly.

Little Barbara, aged 4, was getting undressed for bed when her father entered the room. It was the first time she had seen him in evening clothes, immaculate from crown to shoe-tips, and the child was strongly impressed by his appearance.

"Daddy, you are the very prettiest man I ever saw," she confided, snuggling in his arms for a goodnight kiss. "I think you are the prettiest man there is."

"Babs, you're a flatterer," he laughed, by no means displeased by her appraisal. "Surely not the handsomest man in the world!"

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Read to the Minister
"Has your brother a pasture yet?" asked a well-meaning but uneducated woman.

"My brother is a clergyman, not a cow," retorted his college-bred sister. —Boston Transcript.

Tough On Daughter
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Where was Alla Nazimova, Olga Petrova and Anna Pavlova born? Alla Nazimova at Taita, Crimea, Russia; Olga Petrova at Warsaw, Poland; Anna Pavlova at Petrograd, Russia.

Is lime that has been exposed to the air for any length of time good for whitewash or fertilizer? No; after long exposure it loses its value for both purposes.

What is the description of poke weed? A large plant, branching widely, and bearing large glossy leaves and stiff bunches of white saucer-like flowers, succeeded by dark purple berries which are occasionally used for ink. In autumn the stems assume rich shades of red and purple. These stems are violently poisonous.

What is the area and general description of Tahiti? What are the living conditions there?

The island comprises about 600 square miles, consisting of two unequal and nearly circular portions connected by a narrow strip of land. The chief town is Papeete with 4,601 inhabitants, of whom 2,125 are French. The island is mountainous and picturesque, with a fertile coast line bearing bananas, oranges, coconuts, sugar-cane, vanilla, and other tropical fruits. The chief industries are the preparation of copra, sugar, and rum. The New Zealand Company has a monthly service connecting San Francisco, New Zealand and Australia with Papeete. Hotel accommodations are hard to get; in fact there are few places to stop. A furnished house may be rented. Living amounts to about \$3 a day with a servant. This is not the climate for an invalid, as the drainage is poor, and the nights cool and damp. Otherwise, it is found delightful.

What is the rate of increase in the buffalo herds maintained by the United States Department of Agriculture?

One hundred and eighteen calves have been born this season: ninety-two on the Montana Bison Range; sixteen at Wind Cave Game Preserve, South Dakota; eight at Nibora Reservation, Neb., and two at Sully's Hill Game Preserve, North Dakota.

How many persons are engaged in raising blue foxes in Alaska? There are 146 farmers, of whom ninety are in southern Alaska, twenty-nine in the Prince William Sound region, eight in the lower Cook Inlet region, thirteen in the Kodiak-Afognak region, and ten on islands off the Alaska Peninsula.

H. C. L.

It looks as if the cost of living is going to begin to dropping within the next six months. A very definite decline in wholesale prices has been taking place in the leading commodity markets. The down movement started in March. Since then, wholesale prices have dropped about a tenth, averaging them.

It's just a matter of months until consumers get the advantage of such wholesale price slumps. But consumers will be out of luck if wholesale prices suddenly recover—that is, rise to where they were in February, or higher. Many a retailer is losing sleep these nights.

Substitute for Silage

The Royal Agricultural Society at Cambridge recognizes the value of silage as a cattle food, but admits that many farmers cannot afford to build silos. They have, therefore, been experimenting with clump pits dug in the ground in which the fodder is compressed and covered with earth. They think the method is going to be successful, and that preserving silage in this manner will become an economical process for the average farmer.

The Lesson

BY BERTON BRALEY
He seemed to be a silly-boy.

A silly boy:

His hands were white,

His figure slight,

His voice a trifle shrill;

He seemed a good example of,

A sample of

A "Willie-boy"

In every way

That one could say,

He seemed to fill the bill!

The boys began to joke with him,

They spoke with him

Quite airily;

He blushed bright pink

And seemed to shrink

Within his girlish skin;

Till some one used a blighting word,

A fighting word,

Then, verily,

All in a jiff

It seemed as if

A cyclone started in!

The gang that had been chiding him

And riding him

All lay about;

And much amazed

Was in the gaze

Of every battered lamp;

"My words," the kid said, "prize

or not—

It's wiser not