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BOK PEACE PLAN

COME on, now. Let's go! The politicians tell us that the people of this country voted for "isolation" by 7,000,000 in 1920. They claim you and the rest of us don't want to join in with the rest of the world in order to prevent another big war, but that we want to get off in a corner by ourselves and let come what may.

We have insisted all along that the politicians were wrong. We have said that the only way to prevent war is for all the nations of the world to act together to prevent it.

Edward W. Bok, one of America's greatest editors, thought the same thing. To prove whether he was right or wrong, he offered a prize of \$100,000 for a plan by which the United States may cooperate with other nations looking toward the prevention of war.

A jury of award, headed by Elihu Root, former Republican Secretary of State, has made a selection, and now begins the most interesting part of the proposition: A nation-wide referendum. You, and every other person in the United States, are entitled to vote on whether you favor such a plan or not.

Every time anybody has proposed that we enter the World Court, or that we cooperate with other nations to make world peace secure, the politicians have risen up and bellowed that we voted to keep out of such "entanglements" by 7,000,000 majority.

Now let's put politics entirely aside. The politicians have had their say. Now you can have yours.

Read the Indianapolis Times' synopsis of the plan, published elsewhere in today's paper, and then fill out the ballot. Tell 'em what you think.

CAN WE AFFORD THE BONUS?

WILLIAM G. McADOO, wartime Secretary of the Treasury, evolved the plan for insuring all the boys who enlisted or were drafted into the army, and insuring them at rates no higher than they would have paid the old line companies for peacetime insurance.

No country ever before had insured its soldiers. But this country recognized the justice in McAdoo's daring plan and indorsed it.

McAdoo now says that America can afford to go further in behalf of the fighting men. He says America can afford to recompense them for their financial loss incurred by absence from civilian pursuits—at least, that America can go as far as the fighting men have asked the country to go. The former Secretary of the Treasury declares a bonus can be paid and Congress still be permitted to reduce taxes.

There is good reason to believe that McAdoo knows what he is talking about.

THEY'LL KNOW THEMSELVES

IT IS perfectly legitimate policies in the department heads of Candidate Coolidge's official family to issue statistics showing that the "goose hangs high," under Candidate Coolidge's administration.

The Indiana voter is going to get statistics, from Mr. Coolidge's department heads, showing that the cost of living is 20 per cent lower than on such-and-such a date; that the railroads never did more hauling; that wages were never higher; that the country never before enjoyed such prosperity.

Later on, a Democratic National Convention will present statistics showing that the wage-earner is being gouged; that war profiteers are making 60 per cent profit; that the tariff and falling foreign trade are sending the country to the dogs; that the prosperity consists in the rich getting more and the poor less.

Both sets of statistics will be issued for political effect upon the folks. We believe that it was England's great premier, Disraeli, who said: "There are three kinds of liars—liars, damn liars and statistics."

However, fortunately, American folks need not be fooled by anybody's statistics. Every voter will know what his or her cost of living is, how the pay envelope meets it, and what is his or her prosperity. The status quo of the individual always has decided influence on the vote.

WANTED: TAX REDUCTION

THERE is just one thing certain about the coming contest for the election of a new Governor of Indiana. This thing is the fact that you will not be able to vote for a candidate who hasn't declared for tax reduction.

The most vital spot in the anatomy of a voter is his pocketbook. The candidate who promises the voter's pocketbook will be fattened if he is elected usually figures on getting a lot of votes. But now that everybody is making promises of this kind, the argument has lost its effect.

The State of Indiana still is waiting for a man who will put a little efficiency in the State government, who will lop off a lot of useless jobs and eliminate useless expenditures and duplications.

Whoever can do that will be assured of anything in the gift of the voters, whether he is a Republican or a Democrat.

"GUESTS" OF THE COUNTY

PROHIBITION, we were told a few years ago, would result in empty jails. Sheriffs and policemen would have nothing to do but draw their salaries.

Then the law was passed and policemen and sheriffs got busier than they ever were in their lives.

Result: The Marion County jail now has 348 "guests," sent there by Federal and State courts, the largest number in the history of the county.

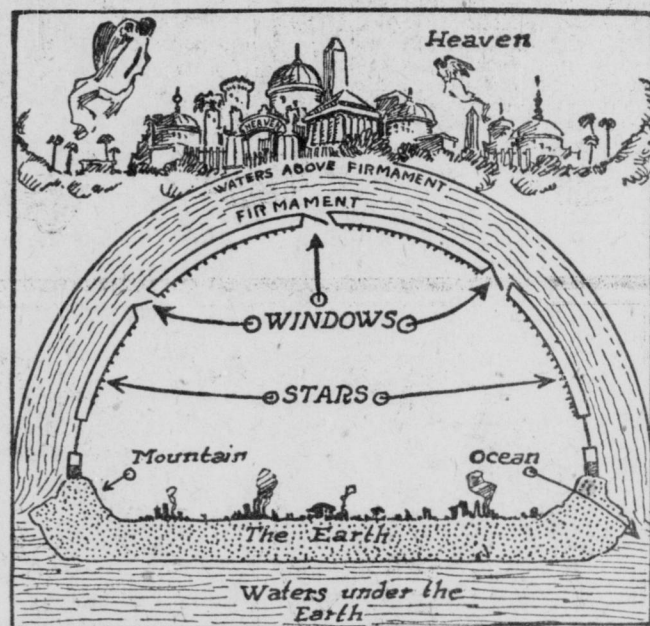
The answer, of course, is prohibition. A large majority of the inmates are there because they actively failed to agree with Mr. Volstead.

Whatever else may be said of prohibition, it didn't empty the jails.

NOW comes one William J. Burns, chief sleuth of the Department of Justice, with an interview to say that he knows there's a Russian Soviet plot to put a red flag on the White House, because he personally discovered the plot. Now we know how seriously not to take it.

MARK TWAIN NAMED EARTH, "THE WART"

Ancient Authors Believed World Flat Plain With Firmament as Roof and Stars as Windows of Light.



THE ARTIST'S SKETCH SHOWS A RECONSTRUCTION OF THE UNIVERSE AS PICTURED BY THE ANCIENT WRITERS OF BIBLICAL DAYS. TO THEM THE FIRMAMENT WAS A REAL ROOF, THE STARS WERE LAMPS ATTACHED TO THE INNER SIDE OF THE ROOF. WHEN IT RAINED, THEY BELIEVED THAT THE WINDOWS IN THE FIRMAMENT HAD BEEN OPENED, LETTING THE WATER ABOVE THE FIRMAMENT FALL THROUGH.

This is the first article of a series by Dietz on "Secrets of Science." He discusses scientific facts and phenomena in every day terms.

By DAVID DIETZ, Science Editor of The Times. (Copyright, by David Dietz.)

THE heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork.

So wrote the ancient author of the Psalms in Biblical days. One imagines him standing in the open fields at night, filled with awe at the wonder and grandeur of the heavens as he gazed aloft at the myriads of stars.

And yet his conception of the heavens was a simple one, compared to

what modern astronomy has revealed concerning them.

His idea can be reconstructed easily from a study of the Bible.

The earth, to him, was the all-important factor, a flat plain, stretching away in all directions. It was surrounded by the seas and supported upon them.

The sky was a real canopy or roof over the earth. When it rained, it was because the windows in this roof were opened and the waters above allowed to leak through.

The stars were so many lamps or lights. The sun and moon were simply larger lights, "lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night," as the Book of Genesis phrases it.

We know today that in point of size, at least, the earth is not the all-important part of the universe, but one of the least important.

We know today that our earth revolves about the sun and is very much smaller than the sun.

We also know that the stars are great blazing suns, many of them thousands of times larger than our sun.

If by some sort of magic we could suddenly transplant ourselves to some corner of the universe where these

gigantic suns are, our own sun would appear as one of the very faint stars of the sky. Our earth would, of course, be totally invisible.

Mark Twain, who possessed the rare faculty of presenting great truths in humorous garb, gives a sharp picture of the situation in his imaginative book, "Captain Stormfield's Visit to Heaven."

Captain Stormfield, upon his arrival in heaven, finds that the corner of the universe in which our earth is located is so small that it is referred to as the "wart."

NEXT: A model of the universe.

UNUSUAL PEOPLE

Heads Nature Lovers

By NEA Service
AVINIA, Ill., Jan. 7.—Jens Jensen, head of the unique organization known as The Friends of Our Native Landscape.

The object of the association is to encourage reverence for the primitive beauty of America and preserve it as a sacred heritage.

It is desired to protect wild as well as plant life. The association plans to purchase and preserve one of the few typical tamarack swamps of northern Illinois.

It believes that there is an inherent force in the primitive beauty of Mother Earth that is invaluable to mankind in restoring and inspiring his mentality and soul and in giving vigor and strength to his body.

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MOODY AND SUNDAY ARE LITERALISTS

Porterfield Admits Fundamentalists Have Accomplished Much Good.

W. H. Porterfield, of The Times' Washington staff, has made it a life-long hobby to study religion and people. He is a student of the Bible and has read widely on the growth of Christianity. He discussed the present controversy between the modernists and the fundamentalists from his own standpoint. This is the fourth of five articles on the subject.

BY W. H. PORTERFIELD
THAT tremendous good has been accomplished by the fundamentalists, only a very narrow partisan would deny.

Dwight L. Moody, who from a Chicago shoe clerk came to be the greatest evangelist of modern times, was a fundamentalist pure and simple. Without scientific education or cultural background, he still wrought mightily for righteousness throughout the English speaking world and brought millions to think of spiritual things who had hitherto given no thought to much above the material.

It was Moody who, upon being asked if he could read the Bible in the "original Hebrew and Greek," replied all he wanted was people who could read it "in the original United States." Of course, this made everybody laugh, just as William J. Bryan, great fundamentalist of his time, makes his audiences roar with his attacks on evolution when he declares he never descended from a monkey or even a water puppy of the Paleozoic age.

Sunday Is Fundamentalists

Today among the great fundamentalists, one of the most prominent is Billy Sunday, whose great "sawdust trail" meetings were the sensation of a decade ago. Billy is now a special pleader for big business, but still breaks out occasionally in the defense of all modernism in theology.

A peculiar feature of the present war between the opposing forces in the church is the revival of the pre-millennarian theory or belief in the imminent second coming of Christ.

This belief is as old as Christianity itself. It was undoubtedly held by many of the apostolic writers who expected to see the return of the temporal Lord of the Universe even while they were still alive.

Through all the years this belief has persisted more or less, for cause which space will not permit to be given here, and now it has broken out again with great violence.

Draws Big Audiences

Dr. Frank Goodchild of New York is drawing great audiences with his declaration that "Christ is coming very soon in the clouds of Heaven."

Dr. Tracy of Los Angeles Bible Institute is perhaps the most noted of all the pre-millennarian of the country and, having plenty of money, the Los Angeles Institute is scattering its propaganda throughout the country.

Dr. I. M. Halderman, another prominent New York preacher, declares Jesus is going to return, "this garment of rags and blood," and that he will wreak vengeance upon his enemies, etc.

Dr. J. Frank Norris of Ft. Worth, Texas, believes in "the literal, personal, bodily, visible, imminent return of the Lord to earth."

All Are Literalists

All these men are literalists, fundamentalists, conservatives. If you will, men who declare the modernists must be punished even to the extent of driving them from their pulpits and from the community, if possible.

Bishop Manning of the New York Episcopal diocese, is at his wit's end to keep his church together, and yet avoid action which he may live to regret. He is still undertaking to create the impression he is a strict fundamentalist, yet those who know him intimately realize, of course, that with his rich scholarship and intellectual background, such a thing is impossible.

As a whole the clergy of the Episcopal and probably all other church denominations is modernist in attitude, secretly if not openly, while the pew is much more conservative.

Author Has Many Readers
For example, Alfred W. McCann, author of the absurd diatribe: "God or Gorrilla?" probably has more readers in this country today than any modernist preacher or author, while hundreds of thousands of earnest Christian men and women still believe Moody's Bible Institutes in Chicago and Massachusetts are the last word in religious instruction, notwithstanding the fact they teach the literal inspiration of the Scriptures, the doctrine of a personal God, a personal heaven and a personal hell, the second coming of Christ to earth.

On the other hand, the colleges and theological seminaries in the North and on the Pacific coast, at least, are growing more and more modern and liberal in tone, and such books as Bude's "The Old Testament in the light of today" are becoming text books in many Biblical schools, although they are anathema to the fundamentalists of all shades.

What has been the per capita circulation of money in recent years?

In 1917 it was \$45.74; in 1918, \$50.81, and in 1920, \$56.81.

What covers the most space of the globe, daylight or darkness? The part of the earth's surface from which the sun is entirely invisible at any one time comprises 4,927 of the total area. In obtaining this result it is assumed that the sun's semi-diameter is 16' and the horizontal refraction 34'. The answer, therefore, is that daylight covers the greater portion of the earth's surface.

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Yes, prisoners are allowed to receive mail; all mail is strictly censored. Most prisons furnish the inmates with stationery. Regulations differ at the different institutions. Information on the rules of a particular institution can always be obtained from the warden in charge.

How can a rhinestone ring be cleaned and polished?

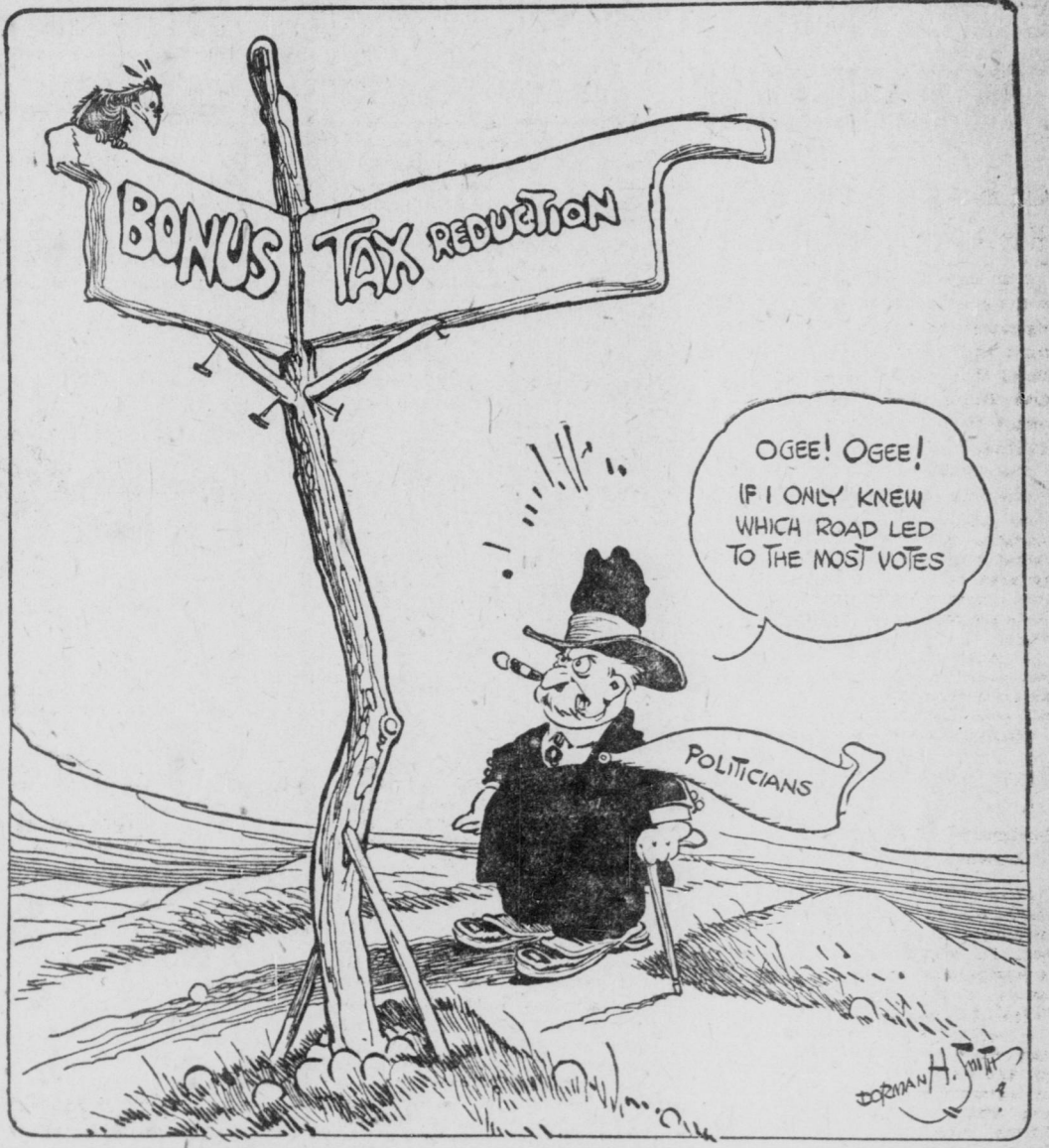
Wash with soap and water, but take care that no water gets behind the setting. Then polish with a chamois and a little rouge.

Senator Oddie, Nevada: "They jokingly tell me that Reno is the only city in the country whose people go down to the depot to see the train come in. I say it is also the only city in the country whose people go down to the depot to see the untied goat."

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Was Ever Anyone in a More Difficult Position?

QUESTIONS
Ask—The Times
ANSWERS

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Times Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Ave., Washington, D. C. (including 2 cents in stamps for reply. Medical, legal and marital advice cannot be given, nor can extended research be undertaken. All other questions will receive a personal reply. Unsigned requests cannot be answered. All letters are confidential.—Editor.

How many an inexperienced person tell a gander from a goose?

Sex is difficult to distinguish in geese, especially when they are young. The gander is usually somewhat larger and coarser than the goose and has a shrill cry, while the female has a harsh, coarse, cry. The gander has a longer neck and a larger head. The male is usually lighter in color than the female.

What are the areas of the six largest States in the Union?

Texas, 265,896 square miles; California, 158,297 square miles; Montana, 147,000 square miles; New Mexico, 122,834 square miles; Arizona, 112,956 square miles; Nevada, 110,690 square miles.

What is the population of Japan?

In 1920 it was 55,951,140.

Which are the three highest waterfalls in the world?

Grand Falls, Labrador, 2,000 feet; Sutherland, New Zealand, 1,904 feet; Upper Yosemite, California, 1,436 feet.

Are the United States Mints in the market for old gold and silver?

They are not buying old silver, but gold in lots worth \$100 or more will be purchased.

Who was John Calvin?

A Frenchman, one of the most eminent reformers of the sixteenth century, very prominent in the work of the reformation. The views of Calvin are supposed to be embodied in the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church.

How is perfume made from flowers?

There are several processes. One is that of distillation, in which the steam removes the oil, and the oil condenses and is collected. Another process, which is used largely in France by the large manufacturers, is very complicated—wooden trays are coated with lard, over which the flowers are sprinkled, after being set away a short time, the lard takes up the odor of the flowers, and the flowers are picked off and thrown away. The lard is then scraped off, and the odors are removed by means of ether.

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The Air Mail

By BERTON BRALEY

No stunting's allowed in the Service. Although we could stunt if we chose;

But our pilots' copper-lined nerve is For other requirements than those. We fly when the tempests are blowing.

We buck through the fog or the hail; Our stunts is to go—and keep going. We're carrying Uncle Sam's mail!

At midday you'll hear our planes humming; And see them, perhaps, in the sky. At midnight our motors are drumming.

As steadily onward we fly. We swoop over forests and mountain. We swoop over river and vale. We've got to be guys you can count on.

We're carrying Uncle Sam's mail. Height records? We fret not about 'em. Speed records? They're not in our line.

And yet we move swiftly without 'em. On schedule, rain, snow or shine. The eagle and hawk lag behind us. Along our aerial trail, Look up when we're due—you will find us.

We're carrying Uncle Sam's mail! (Copyright, 1924, NEA Service, Inc.)

TOM SIMS
-!- -!- Says

Here's leap year news from London. Prince of Wales is preparing for a trip to South Africa.

A Chicago boy of 5 who can play a saxophone needs spanking.

Washington has a crime wave; a real crime wave, not Congress.

More London leap year news. Girl of 17 married a man of 74.

This 1924 looks like a bad year for celebrities, but then every year is bad for celebrities.

Cop says Babe Ruth, ball player, was speeding. Babes in the wood had nothing on Babe in a car.

Irvin Cobb, writer, is wanted by a Texas game warden, perhaps for shooting dice out of season.

Cop says Jack Dempsey's dad had some booze, a brave cop.

Judge Landis must decide if a player's wife is a necessity. Judge is married. So that's decided.

General Wood's son says investing in Wall Street is his own business. Yes, but it's a bad business.

Scotti got decorated for being in metropolitan opera twenty-five years. It does take a brave man.

There's one nice thing about movie celebrity scandals.