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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 endorsed it.

McAdoo now says that America can afford to go further in behalf of the fighting men. He says America can afford to compensate 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 pocket-book. 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.

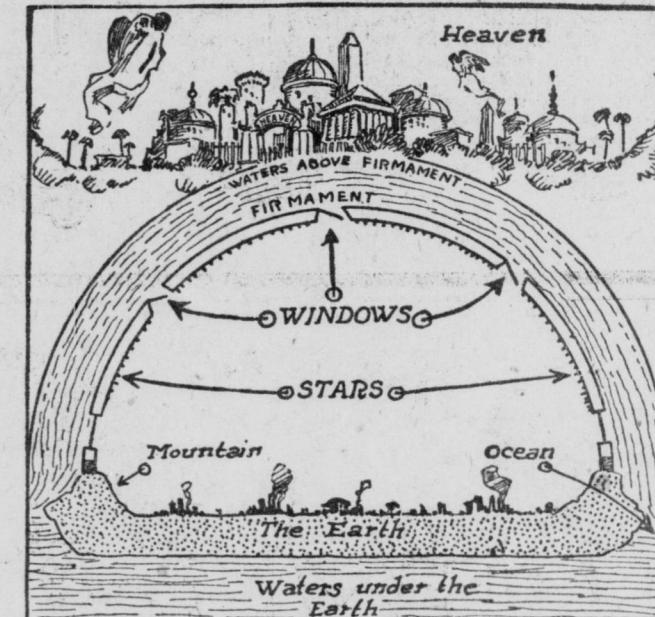
Whatever else may be said of prohibition, it didn't empty the jails.

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.

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

THE heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth His handwork."

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 no 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 puts it.

Today we know 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 in 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.

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.

Wherever it is possible, the association advocates the restoration of burned or cut-over tracts of woodland.

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