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AN UN-AMERICAN PRECEDENT

THE policy of our Government is supposed to be one of non-intervention in the internal affairs of foreign countries. Comes along a revolution in Mexico. And State Department and other administration officials proceed to make hash of that policy.

First, the War Department sells rifles, ammunition and airplanes to President Obregon. The deal is even rushed through so that Congress is given no opportunity to make objection. Deeds, not words, put us on record here.

Then State Secretary Hughes in a statement made public through another State Department, the Justice Department, says the State Department does not look upon the shipment of arms by private firms to Mexico for the insurgent De La Huerta with favor and they are against the Government's policy.

Obviously, it isn't simply the shipment of arms to Mexico that is against this Government's policy, because the Government is shipping arms there for Obregon.

Plainly what Hughes means by "against this Government's policy," is helping De La Huerta instead of Obregon.

And if that isn't taking an active official interest in Mexico's internal affairs, what would be?

The precedent that Mr. Hughes and other agents of the Administration seek to establish is that American policy is to be on the side of the existing governments and against revolutions, at least so far as the American continent is concerned.

The precedent is vicious and un-American. It is also foolish and short-sighted.

The fact is that with regard to the present Mexican trouble this newspaper believes by and large Obregon and his associates stand for liberalism and the interests of the common people of Mexico, and that De La Huerta stands for special interests and against progress. But that has nothing to do with the principle involved, which is that our Government has no business taking sides officially with either of the warring Mexican parties.

ANOTHER FAT BILL

THEODORE ROOSEVELT was right when he said the public was slow to fight.

But it does fight when harassed to the extreme. Hoosier motorists have been willing to contribute their share in the cost of maintaining State roads and of building new ones. But the present law more than doubling the former fees, 66 2-3 to 300 per cent, is regarded as the proverbial last straw.

If the State highway commission had an Aladdin lamp to rub, it probably would wish:

"Give us eight or nine millions a year and we'll keep up, improve and build your roads."

Total revenue, as provided by the 1923 General Assembly, to the State highway commission, will provide this sum, according to official estimates:

License fees, \$7,500,000; gasoline tax collection, \$4,000,000; and inheritance tax collection, \$900,000.

Hoosiers will pay \$12,400,000 in taxes for one year and that despite the fact Indiana has more improved roads than any other State in the Union!

UTILITIES AND 1924 POLITICS

WHAT factor the status of the public service commission will have upon party politics in 1924 is a problem that many a politician is speculating about.

Recent agitation against the commission, aggravated by the order in increasing valuation of the Indianapolis Water Company and depriving the city of Indianapolis of "free water" at a cost of many thousands of dollars, has been offset somewhat by the fact the water company is asking Federal Court to boost the valuation still higher.

If the commission's order was a "victory," then why the appeal to the Federal Court?

In the State political campaign in 1920, the Democrats and Republicans considered a pledge in the party platform to abolish the public service commission.

The movement was defeated. Whether an attempt will be made again is one for speculation when discussion of the commission is more widespread than ever.

If the commission should be abolished, it is just as logical to abolish the Federal Court.

THAT COLISEUM PROJECT

THOSE who braved the cold blasts Sunday to hear the concert of the city Police and Firemen's Band at Tomlinson Hall have certain impressions, to-wit:

The value of a city possessing a first-class musical organization.

And the need of a coliseum in which such concerts as well as conventions and meetings could be held.

It is not soft flattery to say Indianapolis should be proud of the city's musical organization.

Nor is it hokum to point out the need of a coliseum.

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT announces Mexico "produces more of the bullet-like vegetable known as garbanzos than any other country." What could be more appropriate?

NEW YORK landlord fainted when the judge commanded him to produce a record of his profits. That put an end to his feigning with the income tax collectors and the tenants.

NOW they've heard radio waves down in the Jersey tube, under the Hudson River. There just isn't any way to escape radio, is there?

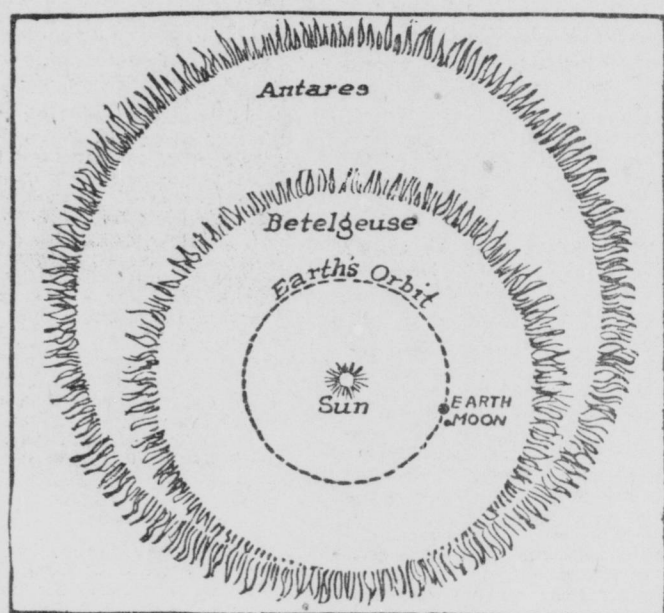
IF STATES keep on putting the ban on films of movie stars involved in scandals, it will come to pass the movie stars will have to live like other folks if they want to stay in business.

THE FURTHER away from him he gets, the more certain is Mr. Firpo that he packs the wallop that will lay Mr. Dempsey low. Distance makes the jaw wag freer.

HAROLD G. BRETHERTON, American vice consul at Aguas Calientes, Mexico, was shot in the leg by Mexican Federal troops. Guess they were just trying out some of the new ammunition the American Government just sold Mexico.

EARTH REPRESENTED AS MUSTARD SEED

True Size of Universe Beyond Imagination of Man — Stars Number Between Two and Three Million.



THIS DIAGRAM HELPS US TO UNDERSTAND THE REAL IMPORTANCE OF THE EARTH IN THE UNIVERSE. IT SHOWS HOW THE SUN WITH THE EARTH REVOLVING AROUND IT COULD BE PUT INSIDE OF THE GIANT STAR BETELGEUSE. BUT BETELGEUSE ITSELF IS SMALLER THAN THE GIANT STAR ANTARES.

This is the second 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
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THE true size of the universe and the relative size of the earth to it, can be grasped best by imagining the construction of a working model.

A grain of mustard seed is the traditional object taken, by astronomers to represent the earth in this model.

On the same scale, the sun would be represented by an orange. Let us imagine the mustard seed revolving around the orange in a sort

TOM SIMS

-!- !-!- Says

Dr. Coue is coming back. We will see if he gets better year by year as well as day by day.

Pittsburgh apartment house burned, and this is one time tenants couldn't yell for more heat.

About 300 barrels of beer were captured in New York, but it is too cold for beer anyway.

"Germany at Rope's End"—headline. Many people contend the electric chair is more humane.

A woman is robbing men in Toledo, Ohio, and they object because she is robbing them by force.

Leap Year news from Boston. Man stole \$15,000 from his wife to elope with another woman.

Oklahoma cops are after a movie star's father, but not because he is a movie star's father.

Debt experts will hold a big meeting in Paris. So soon after Christmas is an appropriate date.

A Birmingham (Ala.) man who tried to stop an argument between two strangers will recover.

Here's the Leap Year news from St. Louis: Two sisters managed to marry on the same day.

A bank runner is missing in Los Angeles. That's what bank runners seem to do. They run.

Many will be sorry to learn a man who tried to swindle a Greenwich (Conn.) dentist got caught.

News from Mexico. Big oil company going on the rocks. The oil business is a slippery game.

People who naturally hate oil corporations will enjoy hearing of a big oil fire in Indiana.

It seems natural for an oil stock salesman to be a slick article with an oily tongue.

It takes so little to make some people happy. Spokane man says he is glad he is in jail.

About 200 people sang on a Chicago stage. This is enough singers to make 4,000 neighbors mad.

Meat packers claim prices are down, but butchers say they are being raised by the wholesale.

Animal Facts

They found a closed jar in King Tut's tomb. In the jar was castor oil and in the oil was a drowned flea that met with its misfortune 3,000 years ago. But it is now a highly distinguished flea and rests in a prominent place in the museum at Cairo.

Moral: Take your castor oil pleasantly.

Only fish that furnishes flying flying fish impetus for airplanes sometimes hundreds of feet is the energy in his strong, screw-like tail.

Sparrow hawk, commonest of American falcons, isn't hard on birds. He takes out most of his daily nourishment on mice and insects.

For an Old Maid
"Miss Oldun clings to the idea that marriages are made in Heaven."
"Well, it must be comforting to her. She hasn't much chance down here."
—Boston Transcript.

Heard in the Smoking Room

THE solemn-visaged person sat in the smoker for a long time without speaking. At last he turned to his near neighbor on the long seat, and said, in a sepulchral voice:

"My friend, there is much unrest in the world just now, much unrest—much distress of mind and much ill-feeling. The unrest is growing."

"Right you are," replied the other. "I hope you are not unkindful."

"I manufacture mattresses," replied the other, and the solemn one smiled as he went out.

THOUGHT ON RELIGION IS PROGRESSING

Porterfield Thinks Present Squabble Will Not Hurt Two Churches.

W. H. Porterfield, The Times Washington staff, has made it a lifelong hobby to study religion and people. He is a student of the Bible and has written widely on the growth of Christianity. He discusses the present controversy between the modernists and the fundamentalists from his own standpoint. This is the last of five articles by Porterfield on the subject.

By W. H. PORTERFIELD

"BRING me the Book, the Book of Books!" said Sir Walter Scott, as he lay dying. What should be the attitude of the man or woman of today toward the Bible?

That is a tremendous question which may not be solved in one discussion, but it may be said safely enough if one so perplexed will honestly seek the advice of his pastor or of any well-known, educated pastor in his town, he probably will discover the religious thought of today has tremendously progressed in the past generation.

A few months ago I was in the press gallery of the Senate at Washington when a widely-known correspondent said to me: "I have just finished Wells' 'Outline of History.' That book will certainly smash the churches!"

Wells Flouts Story

I expressed surprise, whereupon he told me Wells flouted the idea of God creating the world in six days or even at all, as related in the Bible, held strictly to evolutionary processes, et cetera.

I replied I had not heard the "six-day theory," or anything like it, taught or preached in twenty-five years, that I didn't believe there was one preacher in twenty who held to such beliefs or to the belief in the infallibility of the Scripture or its literal inspiration, or as to its scientific accuracy or that it ever purported to be such.

Such investigation as I have been able to make has thus far disclosed one preacher who has held to such beliefs, yet there are thousands such as disclosed in the reports of threatened heresy trials now threatened in Texas and New York and elsewhere.

Colleges Are Attacked

Southern denominational colleges have been attacked, their instructors have been forced to resign because they have taught evolution or at least have not opposed it. An "anti-evolution" law has been passed in Oklahoma, largely through the efforts of W. J. Bryan, making it a crime to teach evolution in the public schools, and a similar law came very near passing in Kentucky.

In North Carolina professors and instructors of all classifications are fighting for their very jobs and the right to teach as they see fit, and elsewhere throughout the country the attack is increasing in bitterness.

And to show one how utterly at variance with modern thought are the ideas of many otherwise intelligent men, I have only to cite the cases of one of the greatest newspaper editors and publishers in America who only a few months ago expressed great surprise when I told him Dr. Edwin S. Slosson, the eminent author of "Creative Chemistry," was a church deacon!

How Is It Possible?

"How is it possible for a great scientist to be a Christian?" asked this editor.

That the Episcopal or Presbyterian church will be divided in two by these "heresy" trials is unlikely. But, even if such a thing were to eventuate, probably the joint membership of the riven parts would soon be much greater than the whole body at present. This has been the story of the great movements which have rent churches throughout the ages past and which probably will continue in centuries to come.

Tongue Tips

Dr. C. P. Childs, president British Medical Association: "The victory over cancer is no nearer than it was forty years ago. As civilization advances, cancer advances. As comfort and the application of sanitary science in every day life increases, cancer increases. I don't wish to strike an alarmist note, but we must come into the open and try to find the cause and a cure."

Guy Gundaker, international president Rotary clubs: "Rotary most lasting contribution to the world's progress is found in the realm of business; in the making of a happier, more contented, more cooperative, more friendly and more honorable business world."

Dr. Hornell Hart, Iowa Child Welfare Research Society: "The average intelligence today is about that of a skilled workman. In nine or ten generations it will be that of an unskilled workman. In thirty or forty generations it will have been lowered to the level of feeble-mindedness. The fertility of the stupid and race suicide of the intellectual show plainly an approach level of imbecility."

Dr. Frederick W. Schultz, Minneapolis: "Parents must impress upon children that they are the subordinate feature of the home, and that the parents dominate. Children are indulged, pampered and humored altogether too much for their own or their parents' good, and, until mothers and fathers learn to say 'No' and 'You will firmly, there will be conduct and training problems to meet.'"

Dr. George F. Shepherd, Watertown, N. Y.: "Marry in your own class. If you would insure married happiness, America can eradicate the divorce evil by observing three things: First, do not fear poverty. Second, marry your own kind and on or about the same level where you are. Third, give what you expect. If you expect of your wife purity, do not bring to her a heart that is stained. You cannot bring home a box of candy or keep flowers on the stand and let that suffice. Your wife wants undivided affection."

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The heroine of Helen Hunt Jackson's novel of the same name.

What does the expression, "there was more Samson than Solomon in him" mean?
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What are the average salaries of university professors?
They vary widely, according to the size of the college. As a rule, the salaries are around \$3,000 in a fairly good-sized institution.

How are perfumed beads made?
Powdered rose petals, 4 ounces; carmine, 20 grains; tincture of musk, 1 dram; gum tragacanth. Mix ingredients together. The mass is placed in a strainer to mold into shapes, pierce them before they are perfectly dry. They can be highly polished or tinted in various ways.

What is hydrocyanic acid?
A colorless liquid which solidifies at 5 degrees F to feathery crystals, and boils at 80 degrees. Its specific gravity is about 0.7. It dissolves freely in water, forming a liquid which renders litmus paper slightly. It is one of the most prompt and virulent poisons known. Very dilute hydrocyanic acid is frequently used medicinally as a powerful sedative and anti-irritant, especially to allay cough.

What is French Coffee; how is it prepared? Also Turkish coffee?
French coffee is filtered or percolated coffee. The coffee is placed in a strainer, strainer in coffee pot, and put on the range. Add gradually boiling water and allow it to filter. Cover between additions of water. Turkish coffee is made of half pulverized coffee and half sugar. This is boiled together and served without cream. Allow the sediment to settle at the bottom of the cups before drinking.

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Innocence Abroad



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, 3332 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamps for reply. Mental, 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

What are migratory game birds?

As defined in the migratory bird treaty and the treaty act regulations, they are: Waterfowl, including brant, wild ducks, geese, and swans; cranes, including little brown, sandhill, and whooping cranes; rails, including coot, gallinules, and snags; and other rails; shorebirds, including avocets, curlews, dowitchers, godwits, knots, oyster catchers, phalaropes, plovers, sandpipers, snipe, stilts, surf, turnstones, willets, woodcock, and yellowlegs; pigeons, including doves and wild pigeons. Also, the following are a few migratory birds which are not game birds and cannot be taken except under appropriate Federal permit, gulls, grebes (commonly called water witches), loons, herons, bitterns and terns. There is a continuous closed season on all shore birds excepting woodcock. Wilson snipe or jacksnipe, greater and lesser yellowlegs, and black-bellied and golden plovers on which birds appropriate open seasons are prescribed.

How are peanuts grown?

The conditions best suited to the culture of the plant are an early and warm spring, a hot summer free from drought, and a limy, sandy, friable loam. Lime in some form must be added to soils deficient in this element. The soil is finely pulverized from 4 to 5 inches deep and the seed planted about 1 inch deep in rows from 25 to 36 inches apart and from 12 to 16 inches in the row, when danger of late spring frosts has passed. About two bushels of nuts in the pods are required to plant an acre. After planting and during the growing period of the crop the soil is kept loose and open and free from weeds. The crop is harvested before frost in the fall, the plants being loosened by means of a special plow, then taken up and put into shocks. After drying, from 15 to 20 days, the pods are picked. Fifty bushels of pods and from one to two tons of hay or straw per acre is considered a good yield.

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Resolution

By BERTON BRALEY

Time was I said, "I firmly vow I will not throw my time away in playing auction bridge!"

I play.

I fell at last for bridge, but I vociferate with leather lung, "I never do intend to try Mah Jong!"

You'll not be draggin' me around To play Mah Jong. My will is strong. (You say this is the proper sound—"Mah Jong!")

All right, pronounce it as you may. You won't bamboozle me along, I absolutely will not play Mah Jong.

You waste your wind, your words I spurn, You tempt me not at all, I vow I swear I quit decline to learn Pung Chow.

Cards cost me fifty cents a pack, Mah Jong costs fifty bucks a set, That's altogether too much jack, You bet.

Pool, bowling, billiards, poker—any I play them much, right along, They are enough—I will not play Mah Jong.

At every game I've ever struck, I'm almost always badly stung, And say I've gone wisely duck Mah Jong! (Copyright, 1924, NEA Service, Inc.)

What Editors Are Saying

Election

(Desatur Daily Democrat)
Republican papers have tried and found Governor McCray guilty and now for the sake of the party, they want a new Governor. Wait until the election.

Thaw

(Lafayette Journal and Courier)
Harry K. Thaw is to make another fight to prove his own sanity. In case he gets loose Thaw might get a job "riding herd" on that Hollywood bunch.

Warm