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WHY NOT LOUIS D. BRANDEIS?

SENATOR DILL'S suggestion that furlough be arranged so Justice Brandeis can take charge of the naval oil mess and all its ramifications, comes as a ray of light in the darkness.

Speaking in the United States Senate, Mr. Dill said:

Sitting in this chamber we are likely not to realize the gravity with which the great mass of the people of this country are considering the revelations being made regarding these oil leases. I believe it is a national crisis, and no political party or its future can be considered in this situation.

A national scandal that demands a national prosecutor who will recover these reserves which have been stolen and place the guilty men in the penitentiary.

The testimony this morning shows that Mr. Doherty has had in his employ, since they left President Wilson's Cabinet, four of his Cabinet officials. What do these things mean to the country? They mean that the whole country is beginning to wonder whether anybody can be found who is clean and who can be trusted.

In the face of this situation I want to make on this floor a suggestion as to the prosecutor in this case. There is one man who, I believe, could be chosen, and who, if he would accept the appointment, would have the confidence of the entire people. That man is a man who sits on the Supreme bench, Mr. Justice Brandeis, who successfully prosecuted the Ballinger case and who has the confidence of all men everywhere.

If it be possible, I think he would take a furlough from the Supreme Court; and, if not, I think it would be wise if he, the President, could reappoint him for his services. I make this suggestion, Mr. President, because I believe that unless the officials of this Government, from the President down, select men who have the confidence of the country to prosecute this case, and unless it is carried to a successful conclusion we shall endanger the very existence of this Government.

The American people are aroused over this thing. They believe that public officials are for sale in Washington; and it behooves all of us, from the President down, to see that there is appointed in this matter somebody of such national reputation, of such unswerving character, of such great ability as a prosecutor, that every one everywhere will say that if anything could be done to return these oil reserves to the Government and to put these men in the penitentiary that man can do it.

I believe that in this emergency the President should call upon Mr. Justice Brandeis, who is the outstanding prosecutor of the Nation; and I believe that in a patriotic spirit he could be induced to accept the position, and prosecute this case as it ought to be prosecuted by the most able, the most fearless, and the most aggressive counsel that the country has ever produced.

Senator Dill is right. If the politicians and leaders of either party think they can play politics with this thing they are mistaken. It is too big and the public feels too deeply.

President Coolidge received his greatest hurt, thus far, through the Gregory fiasco. President Coolidge's greatest danger is in the group of Old Guard advisers who surround him.

He wanted two prosecutors—one Republican and one Democratic. The Republican was chosen from Chicago stockyards environment and the Democrat chosen as on what the Old Guard thought was a shrewd political play.

Were affiliations or fitness considered? No. The counsel of Lodge and Curtis and Lenroot and Smoot and the rest was taken—and the counsel of the party chairman. The same men who for years have kept the lid on this oil scandal until, when it did explode, it shook the country from end to end.

At least two presidential aspirants—Coolidge and McAdoo—are gravely endangered. Coolidge, if he can break away from the counsels of the stupid, may yet save himself. McAdoo may satisfactorily explain any employment he has had with the Doherty outfit.

But this thing is bigger than candidates; bigger than Presidents; bigger than political parties.

Unless the thing is met squarely the public temper will continue to grow hotter. It is hot enough now.

Why not intrust Louis D. Brandeis with the matter? Give him free hand and funds and let him go to it without regard to persons rich or poor or political parties in or out.

YOUR EXPENSES

COST of living now is about 65 per cent higher than when the war started in 1914, according to the National Industrial Conference. It arrives at its figure by striking an average for the whole country.

Bear in mind the 65 per cent figure is for a wage earner with five in family.

In simpler terms, according to the "figgers" it now costs \$1.65 to buy what cost \$1 before the war. Also, a man must make \$1.65 now to have an income equivalent to what \$1 was in pre-war days.

Interesting, for the individual to figure up and find how his income compares with "what should be" on this basis.

Do you live on the budget system—divide your income in advance, allowing so much for rent and food, and so on? Here are the N. I. C. board's figures showing how spending should be scientifically divided:

Out of a \$10 bill \$4.31 for food, \$1.77 for rent or other shelter, \$1.32 for clothing, 56 cents for fuel and light, \$2.04 for "sun-dries." These figures cover only the income actually spent. They do not include the 10 or 20 per cent which experts say must be saved to provide properly for old age and success.

Which recalls that recently the Family Welfare Society of Indianapolis asserted a family of five could live on \$9.60 a week by limiting the menu to certain foods of high nutritive value.

Here's one bit of consolation: While the board reports it now takes \$1.65 to buy what cost \$1 before the war, an outlay of \$2.05 was required in purchasing the same stuff at the price peak in July, 1920.

IF DOHENY keeps on testifying about men he's hired, where'll we find a man for public office who hasn't been connected with the Doherty pay roll?

GREAT BRITAIN recognizes Soviet Russian government unconditionally. Shows that when you know what you want there's nothing so effective as sitting tight and waiting for it.

IF ANY of those Harding Administration insiders did get rich quick speculating in Sinclair oil stocks, as La Follette charges, bet they wish they were poor but honest right now.

NOBODY asked him about the legality of the oil leases, Daugherty says. 'Course not! Harry wasn't made Attorney General to give legal advice. His job was passing out jobs.

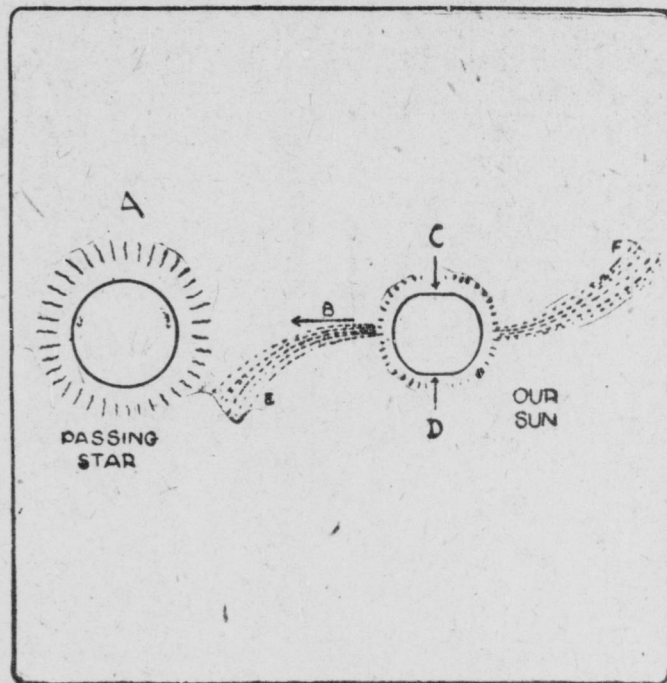
WHILE at target practice, Oklahoma college students killed one woman and wounded two others. Apparently, they don't need much more practice before participating in a war.

SO KING TUT died of appendicitis, scientists now say. If he'd have lived long enough to see his doctor's bill, he probably would have died of heart failure.

SENATE doctors say Fall is really sick. No, probably he just felt that way after reading Roosevelt's testimony.

EARTH FORMED BY ACCIDENT TO SUN

This Is Theory Advanced by Many Scientists—Another Star With Greater Gravity Pulling It Out of Shape.



THE DIAGRAM SHOWS THE ORIGIN OF THE EARTH AND PLANETS ACCORDING TO THE PLANETESIMAL HYPOTHESIS. A PASSING STAR, A, EXERCISED A PULL ON THE SUN AS SHOWN BY THE ARROW B. THIS HAD THE SAME INTERNAL EFFECT ON THE SUN AS PRESSURE APPLIED AT C AND D. AS A RESULT THE TWO STREAMS OF MATERIAL E AND F WERE SHOT OUT OF THE SUN. THESE FORMED THE SECONDARY NEBULA OUT OF WHICH THE SOLAR SYSTEM GREW.

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

THE planetesimal theory assumes our sun developed from some primary nebula, but at this stage there were no planets in existence.

Then it supposes at some later time—probably billions of years after this initial development—a great disaster overtook the sun.

It is supposed another star passed near the sun, so close to the sun it exercised a great gravitational force upon it.

Since this force would be greater upon the side of the sun which faced the star, its effect would be to pull the sun out of shape, elongating the equatorial region and flattening the polar regions.

This flattening would increase the

The Daily Smile

LETTERS SWEET AND REFRESHING

ASOFT drink millionaire who won't be 100 years old for a long time yet, not for twenty-three years, is being sued for breach of promise by a young girl of fifty-seven summers.

Our expert guess is he wrote those crazy "sweetie" letters to her after tanking up on his soft drinks.

SPORTS

There is talk in golf circles of making the golf ball lighter. And we hear talk in Washington of making the suitcase lighter. The lighter golf ball wouldn't go so far, and neither would the lighter suitcase.

DEATHS

Chamber of Commerce convention on Pacific coast killed a resolution calling for stronger beer. Wets can't even drown their sorrow now.

BEAUTY SECRETS

A girl who is the picture of health needs a good frame.

SCHOOL NEWS

One at school's worth two at pool.

TAX NOTICE

Portland (Ore.) man is suing for \$140,000. If he gets it where will he get enough money to pay the taxes on it?

SOCIETY

"Should mothers select their daughters' husbands?" That is a question of a few years older than Ann. Our answer is: "No." A woman did it in New York. Her daughter had a husband and mamma ran away with him. Mothers should not select their daughters' husbands.

EDITORIAL

Oregon City (Ore.) Democrats are using teapots for campaign prizes. They are small and made of aluminum. If they were large and made of copper they could be used for stills after election. Then the teapots could continue brewing trouble.

CONTEST

Princeton professors are seeking the six most important words in the English language.

Just to help them along Dan Dobb offers three valuable prizes: First, one reliable bootlegger's address; second, nomination for President; third, good 1923 calendar.

Dan Dobb thinks the six most important words are: "The income tax has been reduced."

HOME HELPS

Our Government has published a booklet on the care of parrots. We hasten to assure you the parrots mentioned are not Congressmen. Some Congressmen are parrots, some are wild birds, some are smart birds and some are bears. But they take care of themselves.

FICTION

"There is no cause for alarm in the oil scandal."

Heard in the Smoking Room

AWELL-KNOWN business man, a Mr. Smith, remarked to the physician among the smokers, "came into my office the other day greatly disturbed. 'Doc,' he said, 'we have at our house a miserable epidemic of fever sores about the mouth and are all looking like frights. See mine, here! Lips like raw liver. It first appeared on Mrs. Smith's maid. I got it. Mrs.

pressure upon the center of the sun until it became so great it would force the molten material in the center of the sun out through the surface. In consequence one stream of material would be shot out in the direction of the disturbing star. The other stream would be in the opposite direction. It would be just like squeezing a rubber bulb which had a hole at each end, but a bulb which instead of containing water, contained an explosive material at high pressure and temperature.

The motion of the disturbing star would exert a second influence upon these two streams of matter. It would cause a sideways pull that would start them revolving around the sun.

As a result we would have the formation of what has sometimes been called a secondary spiral nebula. At the center would be the great flaming sun and around it a revolving spiral of nebulous matter stretching out for millions and millions of miles.

Cause Revolving Motion

It is assumed in this spiral nebula there would be knots of matter or nuclei denser than the rest of the material.

Within a short time, from the standpoint of astronomy, the spiral nebula would have lost its heat due to the intense cold of empty space.

It is thought the nuclei would have contracted into fairly large bodies and the rest of the nebula into little chunks of matter which the geologists have named planetesimals.

The motion of the planetesimals must have been very irregular. Collisions would have been frequent. Due to gravity, the nuclei would begin to attract the planetesimals to them.

In this way each nucleus grew into one of the present planets or satellites.

Difference of Opinion

There is a difference of opinion among geologists as to just how the growth of the planets from these original nuclei took place.

According to one theory, the planetesimals were dust-like particles. The adherents of this theory believe the earth assumed its present general contour when only one-fourth its present size and that it grew slowly to its present size by the accumulation of these dust-like particles.

The other group, which includes Prof. Joseph Barrell, Prof. Charles Schuchert and many of the other most eminent geologists of the day, believes the growth of the earth was very rapid and the planetesimals were very large, many having a diameter of several hundred miles.

This group believes the planetesimals must have struck the nucleus with great force, liquefying both themselves and their surroundings by the impact. They believe so much heat developed from these continuous collisions the earth, at the close of the formative period, had a molten surface.

Next article in series: The Molten Earth.

Family Fun

Describing Grandpa
"Grandfather was a big lumber man, wasn't he?"
"Well, he had a wooden leg."—Judge.

Son's Self-Defense
"Able, give me a sentence containing the words 'self-defense'." "After my father heard from the carpenter he said: 'Never mind, I'll fix myself defense.'"—American Legion Weekly.

One for the Doctor
"Give me something for my head, Doc, quick; give me something for it." "I wouldn't take it as a gift."—Wasp.

BRENNAN IS LOSING OUT IN ILLINOIS

Combine of 'Big Three' Less Hazardous to McAdoo Than Some Other Things.

This article is one of a series by Lowell Mellett of the Times' Washington Bureau, who is making a tour to ascertain political conditions in various parts of the country.

BY LOWELL MELLETT

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—The Murphy-Brennan-Taggart combination so often mentioned as the reef on which the McAdoo hopes are to be wrecked, looks less hazardous, in some of its parts, at close range than it does from a distance.

Something may wreck McAdoo—the fact he was engaged as counsel by the Doherty interests, for example—but the hard-boiled political triangle named above can not do it alone. The Brennan sector, in particular, has lost its menace. About the first thing one discovers in Illinois is Brennan does not control the party as Roger Sullivan controlled it.

Brennan returned to his office after a lengthy illness to find the McAdoo organization spreading into all parts of the State, openly seeking support for McAdoo delegates against the slate arranged by Brennan at a recent meeting in Springfield.

Brennan's own slate rather indicates his weakness. As candidates for delegates-at-large he named himself, Mayor Dever of Chicago and others less known. Against this list, the McAdoo organizers propose to offer men like Carter Harrison, former Governor Dunne, J. Ham Lewis, William L. O'Connell and Charles Bochenstein, names that have not lost their authority with Illinois voters.

Manager Little Known

O'Connell, least known of the McAdoo men, outside of Illinois, has been named his State manager. He was manager of Governor Dunne's interests in Cook County, and likewise of Senator J. Ham Lewis' interests. His friends even claim for him he can defeat Brennan in Chicago, but that is a pretty large claim. It rests in the class with another claim of the McAdoo men—that they'll win from forty to forty-four of the fifty-eight delegates in Illinois and they'll have something like 698 votes on the first ballot in the convention. (Only thirty-four more would be needed to nominate.)

As a matter of fact, however, McAdoo does seem likely to get a large share of Illinois. The primary law of the State gives him an even chance at the Democratic voters and his organization is drawing to itself some of the best vote-getting campaigners in Illinois. They have the advantage, too, of having a candidate, Brennan, as they express it, is trying to beat somebody with nobody. He has no candidate, not even a convenient favorite son. His light will be for untrained delegates, which, interpreted, means delegates to be instructed by himself as the occasion demands.

Hearst Harbors Ambition

One reason given for Brennan's lack of a candidate is that he has been engaged in a secret flirtation with William R. Hearst, who is said to harbor the presidential aspiration once again. Supporting this suggestion is the Hearst attitude toward all Democratic candidates out in the open. This attitude varies from non-committal to hostile. Here in Chicago, however, his newspapers appear friendly to one A. A. Sprague, Brennan's candidate for United States Senator—endorsed by the Springfield meeting. Sprague was a Republican in 1920, being Leonard Wood's manager in this State.

The Illinois primaries are early—April 8—and the McAdoo forces are working hard to make the result significant.

A Thought

Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowls.—Ps. 124:7.

YET stab at thee who will. No stab the soul can kill.
—Sir Walter Raleigh.

What Editors Are Saying

Consolation

(Newcastle Courier)
The longer winter lasts, the longer before the grass has to be mowed.

Changed

(Daily Clintonian)
What used to be known as one horse towns are now one filling station towns.

Strangers

(Lake County Times)
On the other hand, you rarely find a box of rouge and a pair of skates on the same dress.

Success

(Frankfort Evening News)
A certain southern Governor announces that he will lecture on the subject: "Success in Politics." With some Governors we could name it would have been success all around had they been defeated.

Vexing

(Lafayette Journal and Courier)
One trouble seems to be that the girl who has the initiative to make a Leap Year proposal probably will turn out to be a back seat driver.

Excitement

(Hartford City News)
Between the McGray disclosures and the exposures being made at Washington on the Navy oil reserves, Hoosiers have nothing to complain of in the line of excitement.

Candy

(Wabash Times Star)
Claimed that some men eat too much candy as the result of being deprived of liquor, but none of them in Wabash as a result thereof have gone home and smashed the furniture.

Into History



QUESTIONS Ask—The Times ANSWERS

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What did New York's subway system cost?
Including equipment, real estate, power-house construction and changes during construction, etc., about \$400,000,000.

What is the percentage of salt in the ocean, the Great Salt Lake and the Dead Sea?
The average salinity of the sea is 3.5 per cent; of the Great Salt Lake, 22 per cent; of the Dead Sea, 24 per cent.

Were grants of land given Lafayette by the United States; if so, what were they?

In 1803 he was given ten different grants of land along the Mississippi River, and in 1824 he was granted one township, which comprised 11,520 acres of land in west Florida. Tallahassee is now located on this site. It is impossible to give the locations of the other grants, as the land was not surveyed at that time except by special surveys, which were indicated by familiar landmarks.

How long does it take to go from New York to San Francisco by train?
About 88 hours; 20 hours from New York to Chicago, and 68 hours from Chicago to the coast.

How can chewing gum be removed from clothing?
Hold a piece of paper over the gum for a few minutes, then brush the gum off.

What sentence contains all the letters in the alphabet?
The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

Can you give me a lotion that will be good for wrinkles?
Try the following: Tannin, 30 gr.; glycerine, 2 dr.; rosewater, 1 oz.

Is the expression: "He is well posted on the subject" correct?
No, this is a colloquial expression which should not be used for "well informed."

What are some proper gifts for a man to give a young lady?
Anything of an impersonal nature may be given as books, candy, flowers, pets, small gifts of different kinds; never wearing apparel or expensive present, unless there is an engagement.

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Why is it that the error in English "ain't" is so often used?
It is, because people attempt to abbreviate "am I not," and there is no abbreviation for this.

Is buttermilk really good for the complexion?
Yes. A face bath in buttermilk every night is helpful. This should be washed off with warm water after it has remained on the face for half an hour.

May a young lady ask a young man to call on her?
It is entirely correct for her to do this. In fact, the young man should wait for her invitation.

How many births are there in the world each minute?
It has been estimated that there are something like seventy births a minute.

For Art's Sake

By BERTON BRALEY

The little seed lay in the warm, brown earth. And it said to itself, "I shall soon give birth."

To a tiny shoot, which will grow to be All in the L. 's good time—a tree.

"A tree, that the sun shall linger on. A tree that the rain shall fall upon."

"A tall green tree beneath whose shade Shall loiter lover and loving maid."

"In keen October and gentle May, Around its trunk shall the children play."

"And birds shall nest in its branches high And trill their carols to sun and sky."

The years swept on, and it all came true; Where the small seed sprouted a tall tree grew.

And many a shy and trusting pair, And birds and children were happy there.

A clean, green tree, in the piney wood Whose scent was wholesome and sweet and good—

But the sawyers came, as the sawyers will, And cut it down for the paper mill.

And dragged it far from the forest nook And made it into an ugly book;

A book that reeked of the muck and slime Of evil passion and lust and crime.

Yes, that is the thing that they made, Out of the heart of a clean, green tree!

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Animal Facts

You'd hate to be a rose bush these days and be compelled to work when you wanted your sleep. Scientific horticulturists now take a bush that has leaved and bloomed all summer, and has done its full duty, give it hypodermics of ether and make it come out of its natural winter hibernation and bloom again.

Some folks say that snakes think deeply and are wise. When King Cobra of New York Zoo was captured in the Malaysian jungles, he was totally blind. At the zoo, a skillful operation removed the cataracts from his eyes. Interesting to know what Mr. Cobra thought when he awoke and found himself in hick New York.

Only animal that can throw stones like a man is the baboon, who is accused of being a more or less distant relative of the human. Not long ago, a company of English soldiers in Rhodesia were bombarded with such true aim by a troop of baboons on a hill top that they had to unlimber their two machine guns and turn them loose on the apes.

Editor's Mail

The editor is willing to print views of Times readers on interesting subjects. Make your comment brief. Sign your name as an evidence of good faith. It will not be printed if you object.

Muffers Open

To the Editor of The Times
I understand we have a muffler law in Indianapolis, but it looks as if we have not.

At 7:40 o'clock, Jan. 31, three fire trucks left Martindale Ave. going west on Twenty-second St. Muffers were wide open. Even the chief had his muffler wide open. It was a hardship to the sick folks we have.

Could it ever be that you would make your own boy do what you want your neighbor's boy to do? Let us practice what we preach, if it is a good thing.

Thanks to the No. 3 truck, second in line, its muffler was closed. There was no noise. If you want us to be good, come on go with us and be good, too.

E. C. D.

An Answer

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