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### PUBLIC OPINION AND WEALTH

THE two most powerful influences in modern civilization are wealth and public opinion. Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, confessed murderers, were saved from the gallows because they had wealth enough to present their cases in court.

Bernard Grant, convicted of murder on circumstantial evidence, had no money with which to present his case. He was sentenced to be hanged.

Then public opinion went to work. Now he has been granted a ninety-day reprieve and his case will be reviewed. It is probable that his sentence will be commuted.

Not in years has public opinion been so generally aroused in a criminal case as in the case of Bernard Grant. Governor Small has received thousands of petitions. More than 5,000 were sent to him through The Indianapolis Times alone.

This case demonstrates that the opinion of the public is in favor of one law for everybody, rich and poor alike. But this does not mean that public opinion is for ignoring law. We do not believe a single person who petitioned that the Grant case be reviewed feels that criminals should not be made to suffer the consequences of their crimes.

### HIGH COST OF "DATES"

THE world do move. Indianapolis young people declare that a "date" nowadays costs \$15 for food and entertainment—if it is a moderately "big evening," and at least \$5 if it is any kind of an evening at all.

When father was a boy and courted mother he was lucky if he was making \$15 a week. A "date" usually consisted of an evening in the parlor with the gas turned low. A "big date" would consist of a ride in a buggy hired at the livery stable for 50 cents or a strawberry festival at the Methodist church with the limit not more than 50 cents.

In those days it was customary to marry young and rear big families. Nowadays later marriages are the rule rather than the exception. Large families are rare and divorcees are numerous.

Perhaps the explanation lies in the difference in the cost of "dates" and the subsequent upkeep.

### LA FOLLETTE BEARDS THE LION

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE has bearded the Wall Street lion in its den.

He went to New York City to challenge the real owners of the two old parties and declare the purpose of the people of this republic to pull down the mighty from their seat of power and restore control of this Government to the people themselves.

It was Senator Lodge of Massachusetts who frankly admitted on the floor of the United States Senate that 90 per cent of the campaign funds of both the Republican and the Democratic parties was contributed in New York City.

It was Senator La Follette who went to the hangout of these contributors and challenged Mammon to a finish fight.

There was no timidity in that challenge. There was no fear. There was no dodging of the meaning of the fight.

La Follette notified the selfish interests, that sit behind the scenes and pull the strings that move their dummy managers of the twin parties, what the people want, what they have a right to have and what they intend to get.

There can be no doubt about the Progressive plan of campaign. La Follette took the offensive. He attacked the two old parties as kept tools of a single guiding, directing, controlling financial and industrial oligarchy.

He met the issue on the Federal courts and told exactly how Progressives expected to give the people themselves opportunity to curb the power of autocratic courts by entirely constitutional methods.

But he isn't letting the invisible government get away with the strategy by making so much noise about the Constitution that the people will forget all about the corruption in the Washington Government and the betrayal of the people by both old parties.

The La Follette New York speech was an arraignment of the Republican and Democratic party organizations, that means the Progressive campaign from now until election day will be an aggressive attack on misrepresentation, incompetence and corruption in government that can not be met successfully by silence and evasion.

THE PRINCE'S nighthood seems to be in flower.

SPEAKING OF prostrate nations, automobiles are rapidly increasing in number in Japan.

GERMANY'S RETURN to normalcy seems to be assured. She is making 6 per cent beer now.

FLO ZEIGFELD is barring bob-haired girls from the Follies, but the world will still give them a show.

THE GERMAN doctor's theory that stone bruises on the heel will cure all nervous disorders may be correct, but it will get darn little affirmation from memory.

### When It's Time—

To put away the lawn mower and the garden hose—

The doors of the ol' family furnace begin to yawn warningly!

Thought about your fuel problem for this winter?

Got any idea of the kind of fuel you are going to buy?

Know how to handle it?

Well, here's our Washington bureau ready with that FUEL as directed:

Fuel Editor, Washington Bureau, Indianapolis Times, 1322 New York Ave., Washington, D. C.

I want a copy of FUEL MANUAL FOR THE HOME, and enclose with 5 cents in loose postage stamps for same:

Name .....

St. and No. or R. R. ....

City ..... State .....

### Insulin Diet



### DEPENDENTS FEEL LAW'S HEAVY HAND

Make Prisoners Work and Send Money to Families, Reformer Suggests.

BY BOB DORMAN, NEA Service Writer

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 22.—"Has it ever occurred to you that when a man is arrested and placed in prison, he is fed, kept warm, and has a place to sleep, while those who have been dependent on him, and who are in no way responsible for the commission of his crime, are left to shift for themselves—often to go cold and hungry and to be thrown into the street because they cannot pay their rent?"

Dr. S. P. Ross, head of the Prison Welfare Association of Philadelphia, was leaning forward in his chair, emphasizing his question with shakings of a long forefinger.

His organization takes care of scores of families of men in prison.

Continuing he said: "Society is defeating its own ends in its present methods of handling crime.

#### Children Go Hungry

"Children, dependent upon the support of a father who is in prison, go hungry and cold. They question the worth of a system that condemns them to privation and want for a crime of which they know nothing."

"The man in prison whom we claim is being reformed, is too often the victim of idleness. Theoretically he works. But any manufacturer would go broke whose employees turned out no more than prison labor."

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