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Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.—2 Tim. 4:8.

Within the hollow crown
That rounds the mortal temples of a king,
Keeps death his court.—Shakespeare.

CHILD LABOR

(An Editorial by George W. Norris,
U. S. Senator from Nebraska).

THOSE working against it are trying to tell you that Congress will be likely to pass a law immediately preventing farm boys from milking cows after 6 o'clock, or a daughter from helping her mother with the dishes.

This is nonsense. If Congress did a thing like this, it would last about five minutes.

Of course, the constitutional amendment will give them this power. But Congress has lots of power which it does not use. It has the power, for instance, to levy such a high internal revenue tax as to drive any business out of existence. It does not do it, and won't do it, but it must have the power.

The real object of the child labor amendment is to give Congress a chance to prevent the ruin of little children in factories. The horrors of child labor have not been exaggerated. The truth has not half been told.

Factories who are turning the flesh and blood of little children into money are the ones backing the fight against the amendment. They are not giving their real reasons for fighting.

Don't worry about giving Congress too much power. Why, the very State Legislatures where there are child labor laws have this power. They do not misuse it.

Congress will not misuse it in applying it to those States where there are not good child labor laws.

GENTLEMEN, GO TO IT!

CONGRESS, after a bitter fight, has at last decided to investigate the needs of the Navy.

That's fine. This newspaper has been plugging for such an inquiry a long time. We would now venture to suggest that the look-see be thorough-going and complete, not stopping until the whole question of sea power is healthily aired.

For sea power means more than battleships. It means cruisers, submarines, mine layers, aircraft, personnel, materials and—quite as important as any of the others—naval bases.

It would be perfectly possible for a sea power to have more battleships than any other power on earth and still be licked to a frazzle because it lacked proper base facilities.

All these things bear vitally, one on the others, like cog-wheels. And both Congress and country ought to know just where we stand on the whole question, item by item and as an ensemble.

The naval inquiry which Congress undertakes will require courage on the part of administration leaders, for if it gets any where it can't shirk discussing our position in the Far East. And this may tread on the toes of the Washington arms conference, proudest achievement of the Harding-Coolidge regime.

That conference took from us the right to fortify Guam, a potential American Gibraltar in the western Pacific, and Cavite, in the Philippine Islands which we are in honor bound to defend.

British critics say we are left at the mercy of Japan out there. Congress must investigate this rent in our armor and do what it can to improve the situation. While we may not fortify Guam or Cavite under the terms of the treaty of Washington, there are many things which we may do—among others, put the defenses of Hawaii and Panama Canal in order, provide adequate naval bases on our Pacific Coast, equip and man our outposts and keep our floating Navy in repair.

The reports of Secretary of the Navy Wilbur and Admiral Coontz reveal glaring deficiencies all along the line. Now is the time for Congress to put the whole works in order.

Gentlemen, go to it.

Coasting

By HAL COCHRAN

They said that they brought me on Christmas morn is a pipin, see take that from me. I've never had such sun since the day I was born. Why, I'm envied as much as can be.

The neighborhood youngsters all cheer when I come and they all shout "Aw, gimme a ride." They know they can speed when my sled starts to hum, and that puts a real kick in the glide.

I've bled to the hill that is just cross the way and I've had what you call a lark. I've raced with the

others and only today, for distance I set a new mark. There is no use talkin', this slidin' beats walkin': the air keeps a fellow in trim. Why, even my dad, several good slides has had and the coastin' is appealing to him.

Hurrah for this sled; this wonderful glider. I love it at night time and more. It has just the touch since I've used it so much, 'cause the runners are properly worn.

Sister Pools 'Em
"I hope that young man never kisses you by surprise?"
"No, mamma; he only thinks he does."—Fig Leaf.

The Universe

How much do you know about the sun, the earth, the moon, the stars?

Can you tell the relative sizes of the earth and the planet Mars?

Do you know the circumference of the earth? How far the air belt around the earth extends? What is the basis for speculation as to the inhabitability of other planets than the earth? How the distances to stars are measured? What is the compo-

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UNIVERSE MUCH BIGGER THAN PREVIOUSLY SUPPOSED

RIGHT HERE IN INDIANA

By GAYLORD NELSON

Curiosity

A FEW days ago a tragedy occurred in a farmhouse near Logansport. A demoted woman slew four members of her family with a shotgun.

Neither slayer, victims, nor circumstances gave the deed any special significance. It was just a grieved massacre. Nevertheless crowds of curious people flocked to the scene to peer at bloodstains.

And since the tragedy guards have been maintained on the premises. Otherwise, souvenir hunters would wreck the house.

For people revel in sanguinary happenings. Whether accidents or crimes.

A crowd quickly gathers where death has struck with violence. The bloodier the manner of striking the bigger the crowd. And they will gleefully carry away a severed ear or other memento to hang in the parlor.

If a man makes a better mouse-trap than his neighbor, though he live in the wilderness, the world will beat a path to his door—maybe. But if he chops up his wife and babies with an ax the world will tear down the wilderness to view his handiwork.

For morbid curiosity to visit scenes of bloodshed is a common human trait. It is, perhaps, the mental verminous appendix—the atrophied survival of prehistoric blood lust.

• **Honesty**

MRS. MARY RIDDLE, city sealer, reports only six arrests were made last year by the city bureau of weights and measures. Though the department made 89,351 inspections.

Shortweighting apparently is not a habit among Indianapolis retailers.

And when the butcher carelessly weighs his hand with the steak the housewife may know it is accident, not design. He is so absorbed in her that he forgets his hand. Which is a subtle tribute to her puchulitude.

Even the meters on taxi-cabs were found to observe the Golden Rule. Of the 123 examined all were accurate.

Which punctures another myth in the eye. For the taxi-meter is reputed to leer at a passenger and then revolve dizzily uninhibited by moral law or compunction.

Commerical morals steadily improve. Not many years ago trickery and short weight abounded. A retail transaction was frequently a battle between buyer and seller. In which honesty was tied outside and not allowed to participate.

But no trade is generally conducted on a basis of full weight, full measure and full prices. The retailer has become a merchant. And common honesty is no longer a business phrase but a common fact.

The country is the nicest place. By the time you get your radiator thawed it's too late to go, so you can sit by the fire.

Arkansas is a great State. It's so stylish. Why, in the swamps even the trees have balloon bottoms.

Prohibition does some good. An English poet refuses to come to America on account of it.

An undertaker who puts up a busbooger is as wise as a doctor who lives near a railroad crossing.

Professor says girls' schools don't teach much. We say they do. Any graduate can tell you two and two make a bridge game.

Who remembers back a few months ago when it was warm enough to wash the tub out after you took a bath?

Our luck when eating in a diner is to have the train stop by a freight car where nobody can see us.

Little Son's Size-up
"Why do you stare at me?"
"Father says you are a self-made man!"

"Well, why stare?"
"I'm wondering why you made yourself like that!"

Wife's Light Gown
"I put a light evening gown in the wardrobe yesterday, Jane, just hand it out to me."

"There's nothing here, mom—only a couple of very fat moths."—Judge.

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Did La Follette get the electoral vote of any State? Yes, he carried Wisconsin, and will receive the electoral vote of thirteen of that State.

Where were the first Baptist, Congregational and Episcopal churches founded in the United States?

The first Baptist church in America was established in 1639 by Roger Williams, at Providence, R. I.; the first Congregational church in America was founded in Plymouth, Mass., by the Pilgrims in 1620; the first Protestant Episcopal church in America was established in 1697 on the banks of the James River, Virginia.

How many camouflage mean?

To disguise from the enemy in military operations by means of painting, or other methods, so that an object can be distinguished with difficulty from surrounding objects.

Today dentistry is a highly developed science, greatly aided by the X-ray. Yet people have more and more trouble with their teeth.

The answer to this apparent contradiction lies in a problem of diet. Man continues to eat more and more prepared foods. Unless he has been instructed as to what constitutes a balanced diet, the chances are he does not get one. This has a greater effect upon the teeth than anything else. For a growing child to have good teeth and insure against future trouble, care of them is not all that is necessary—the diet must be right in the quantity and quality of lime.

What does camouflage mean?

To disguise from the enemy in military operations by means of painting, or other methods, so that an object can be distinguished with difficulty from surrounding objects.

The total number is a subject of controversy, estimates ranging between three and eight thousand. Governor Lawrence himself placed the number at about 7,000, and this would seem to be right, though the

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