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ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH

WHILE poets have sung of sleep as nature's sweet restorative, and physicians have glorified its utility, still we are often reminded that there is a time and place for everything, and everything includes sleep.

Undoubtedly there are times when so restless, sensitive and temperamental a soul as that of Charles G. Dawes, Vice President of the United States and founder of the Minute Men of America, needs the restorative influence of profound slumber.

And there is nothing in the rules of the Senate prohibiting vice presidential sleep. So it is not only legal but entirely constitutional and proper for a Vice President to sleep his damed head off whenever he feels like it.

Therefore, when Vice President Dawes, on the fatal afternoon of March 10, 1925, was stretched out on his soothing bed, snoring to beat the band, Mr. Dawes was entirely within his rights.

Nevertheless it was a fatal snooze. For the wicked Senators who had been cruelly lashed on inauguration day by the commanding general of the Minute Men of America, were not only wide-awake but up and doing. Opportunity was knocking at the vice presidential door, offering Jinral Dawes a chance to cast a deciding vote that would have landed Charles Beecher Warren in the President's Cabinet as Attorney General—that chance that comes but seldom in the life of an ornamental Vice President.

Opportunity not only knocked, but frantic Republican Senators sent their handiest Paul Revere dashing madly to the Dawes hotel to bring the dashing warrior to the rescue.

But alas!

And also alack!

Cruel Fate kicked old Hell and Maria in the slats and woke him up too late. His wild dash to the Capitol in a taxi that hustled the traffic rules got him there after the portcullis had dropped and the Warren nomination had gone to the senatorial ash can.

We can not vouch for the truth of it, but it is hinted all the same that when Jinral Dawes reached the Senate too late, Senators Jim Reed and Tom Walsh were softly dueling the Melody in A Major, while Senators Couzens and Ferris were humming "Michigan, My Michigan."

Then by unanimous consent, the sleepy Vice President went back to his hotel to finish the interrupted snooze.

THE HOME COMPLETE SHOW

ONE of the biggest annual shows held in Indianapolis will open at the State Fairground April 6 and will continue through April 11. It is the annual home complete exposition.

This exposition in previous years has attracted an enormous amount of attention and the business men who are backing it this year say the coming show will be more elaborate than ever.

The home complete exposition is a getting together by Indianapolis industry and business of articles pertaining or useful to the home. It is a boost Indianapolis project, that deserves the support of all the people. It stimulates a desire to buy home products from home merchants.

Exhibits already are being placed in the Manufacturers' Building. Indianapolis business is planning to show its wares. The show deserves support.

GENERAL DAWES' RIDE

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 13.—A burlesque parody of "Sheridan's Ride"—describing how Vice-President Charles G. Dawes rode up to the Senate Tuesday from his hotel in a careening taxi-cab and failed by seconds to bring his deciding vote to the Republicans during balloting on the Warren nomination—was read to the senate by Senator Norris, Nebraska, Republican.

It was a continuation of the parliamentary hazing to which Dawes has been subject since his inaugural speech in which he aroused some Senators by ridiculing the rules of that body.

But Dawes took it good naturedly and for the first time recognized his critics by saying "the chair can not refrain from expressing his appreciation of the delicate tribute of the Senator from Nebraska."

After describing in poetic language how Republican leaders had hastily called him to cast the deciding ballot which would have meant confirmation of the nomination of Charles B. Warren as attorney-general, and informed him that he was "fifteen blocks away" the tribute continues:

BUT there's a street from the Willard's feast
"A good broad highway leading east,
And there through the flush of the fading light,
"An auto as black as the steeds of night,
"Was seen to pass as with eagle flight.
"As if it knew the terrible need,
"It stretched away with the utmost speed,
"Hills arose and fell; but its heart was gay.
"With Dawes only ten blocks away.

UNDER its spinning wheel the road
"Like an arrowy alpine river flowed.
"And the Willard sped away behind,
"Like an ocean flying before the wind,
"And the auto, like a bark fed with furnace fire,
"Swept on, with its wild shriek full of ire.
"But lo! it is nearing its heart's desire;
"It is snuffing the smoke of the roaring fray,
"With Dawes only two blocks away.

THE first that the general saw were the group
"Of Senators, and then the retreating ones,
"What was done? What to do? A glance told him both,
"And striking his fist, with a terrible oath,
"He dashed down the aisle, mid a storm of huzzas.
"And the wave of retreat checked its course there
"Because the sight of the master compelled it to pause,
"With steam and with dust, the black auto was grey,
"By the flash of its light and its red fire's play,
"It seemed to the whole great Senate to say,
"I have brought you Dawes all the way,
"From the Willard, down to save the day!"

Hurrah, hurrah for Dawes!
"Hurrah, hurrah for this high minded man!
"And when his statue is placed on high,
"Under the dome of the Capitol sky,
"The great senatorial temple of fame,
"There with the glorious general's name,
"Be it said, in letters both bold and bright,
"Oh, Hellum! Maria, he has lost us the fight!"

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

PUBLICITY FOR U. S. INCOME TAX RETURNS SEEMS ASSURED

Senators Express Opinion
That Publication Law
Will Stay.

Times Washington Bureau.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The Senate's vote in rejecting the nomination of Charles B. Warren as attorney general had nothing whatever to do with income tax publicity; nevertheless the vote had hardly been taken when members of the Senate agreed that income tax publicity had come to stay.

Their reason is easy to follow. It is felt that the same Senators who voted against Warren will not refuse to oppose the Administration should a concerted drive be made next December to repeal the publicity provisions of the tax law. The Warren vote was the last word in testing the Senate's pro-administration strength.

Investigation Has Effect

The continuance of the publicity provisions of the tax law will be given unlimited endorsement through the findings of the Couzens investigating committee. Once the full results of this committee's study of the Bureau of Internal Revenue are made a matter of public record, it is felt that governments of other houses and certain groups in a majority will dare to vote for restoration of secrecy in tax returns.

Many Senators believe that had the publicity provisions been in effect at the time the returns now being studied were filed, the mistakes now coming to light would have been detected long ago and without the aid of a special committee.

In the two and one-half months that remain before the committee must end its work an effort will be made to formulate regulations that will prevent the recurrence of the past mistakes.

For Getting Results

Senator Couzens, at the head of the committee, and Senators Jones of New Mexico and King of Utah, are primarily interested in obtaining constructive results. It is their view that only by thorough study of the past actions of the Internal Revenue officials can they obtain the information necessary to the intelligent preparation of new laws and rules.

The committee has until June 1, 1926, to complete its study. After that date all agents of the committee must be withdrawn from the Treasury and Revenue Bureau. The full report to date is now being printed. This record, together with that which will be added between now and June 1, will form the basis of new regulatory legislation to be proposed at the December session of Congress.

Though incidental to the main purposes of the inquiry, the study of individual tax cases has already saved the Government millions of dollars. This has been accomplished by calling the bureau's attention to mistakes in tax assessments.

Ask The Times

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to The Indianapolis Times, Washington Bureau, D. C., including 21 cents in postage. Your question and the name and address of the person to whom it is addressed will be given. No extended research will be necessary. Your question will receive a prompt reply. Unsolicited manuscripts cannot be answered. All letters are confidential.

What is a symphony when applied to music?

An elaborate composition in three or more movements, essentially similar in composition to a sonata, but written for an orchestra and usually of far grander proportions and more varied elements.

What does the word "prima donna" mean?

Italian, meaning "first lady."

Can a veteran of the Spanish-American War be buried in Arlington and will the Government pay the expenses of the burial?

He is entitled to a burial place in Arlington cemetery if he was honorably discharged from one of the branches of the service. The Government will pay for transportation of the body from Union Station in Washington and for the preparing of the grave. It will not pay for the transportation of the body to Washington.

When and by whom was the Mayflower compact signed?

It was the covenant agreed upon by the first settlers of Massachusetts, signed and subscribed to on board the Mayflower at Cape Cod, November, 1620, two days after the private showing before its run at the Circle.

How many executive departments have the United States Government?

Ten: State, Treasury, War, Justice, Postoffice, Navy, Interior, Agriculture, Commerce and Labor.

How much of the western front was held by France, Great Britain and America at the time of the signing of the Armistice?

The French held 59 per cent, the British 19 per cent and the Americans 22 per cent.

Why is the word "moon" feminine in the German language? Is "sun" masculine or feminine?

The "moon" is feminine in German because in Latin mythology "Luna" was the goddess of the moon; the "sun" is masculine because Rhobus was the God of the Sun (Sol).

What is "furring" when applied to house construction in building a concrete block house?

"Furring" is allowed a space between the concrete block and the plaster on the inside of the house. This is recommended in the building of all masonry houses. It prevents sweating on the walls due to the cold outside and the warm inside temperatures.

Will branches of the weeping willow and poplar grow if planted in the ground?

Weeping willow will grow in this way. They should be planted early in March. True poplar branches will grow if planted in this way, but the yellow poplar branches will not

John Hamilton as Religious Weakling
Gives One of the Ten Best Performances

By Walter D. Hickman.

WANNA list of a careful observer of stage characterizations in the last five years, there surely would be included the name of John F. Hamilton as Rufe Bent, a pitiful character who became "drunk" on the wrong brand of religion—in "Hell Bent for Heaven."

I am sure of one thing, that I will include the name of Hamilton in my list of the ten best characterizations that I prepare now or in the next five years. The lead and power of drawing of a weak character, who believes that the Lord was made for his own personal use, in the hands of Hamilton is one of the most brilliant achievements of the stage in recent years.

Hamilton sat the very beginning and compels your attention because he is a miserable weakling who actually gains in strength when he poisons the minds of every member of the Hunt and Lowry families in the Carolina mountains...

Mental Poison.

For three acts, Rufe spreads his poison into the minds of

Stage Verdict

"Hell Bent for Heaven" is the most dramatic play the stage has seen in five years. Not to be missed by those who long to see a great play and great acting. John F. Hamilton makes himself rightly famous over night.

Palace—By applying fine showmanship to an old idea, one of her own, Resista has increased the novelty value of her act. She is now an actual asset to any variety bill. Joseph Regan and Alberta Curtis present pleasing love songs. Remainder of the new bill is interesting but not sensational.

Wonderful Cast

Frank Farley as Andy Lowry, the whisky drinkin' roughneck of the mountains, makes a remarkable piece of sustained characterization. He fits into the dramatic picture and helps to move it to a powerful climax. William W. Crimans, Frances Brandt and Walter Downing, mountain characters, have been chosen for their ability to create exacting types. Gladys Hurbut as Jade Dwyer, the indirect cause of Rufe's many sins staged to the tune of camp meetin' hymns, holds the remainder of the act.

Want to ask you to observe the natural and quiet work of Buford Armitage as Sid Hunt, just returned from the war. Hero is satisfying work.

A most realistic rain effect is used to help the dramatic suspense.

There will be some critical difference as to the wisdom of changing the ending of the play. The ending used at the Murat is milder and happier than the one printed in Harper & Brothers' edition of "Hell Bent for Heaven."

The reason probably is, that the producer wished to escape repeating the blasphemous utterances of Rufe as he faces death in the flood. The present stage ending is more pleasant, but not in keeping with the atmosphere of the drama.

"Hell Bent" deserves to be called great drama. So far it is easily the greatest dramatic treat of the season. As finely acted as it was written.

I sincerely urge all playgoers, regardless of the type of entertainment they like best, to see this play.

At the Murat tonight and Saturday.

A STUDY OF WHAT SHOWMANSHIP CAN DO

The value of a novelty idea on the vaudeville stage is always increased when real showmanship is applied.

For some seasons, a woman calling herself "Resista" has been on tour. Generally she has been handicapped by having a poor announcer with her. This season she has the services of a woman who knows what to do in putting the act over.

Resista is the woman who by some method is able to prevent men from lifting her from the floor. She arrived at fame by working out that one idea. Now she has applied showmanship to the entire act, working it up to the climax of changing her weight in midair. That is good showmanship and keeps people who know of the theater talking and guessing.

Act is nicely mounted and well presented. A novelty, but carries a wallop with it because Resista and the announcer use fine showmanship.

Hamlin and Macie feature their act with an impression of a dark-toned inhabitant done as a shuffling dance while the woman plays a guitar and a harmonica at the same time.

Vernon is a ventriloquist who uses seven dummies instead of one. Some of his types are not pleasant, especially the half-naked girl. This impression is in mighty bad taste. Joseph Regan and Alberta Curtis sing sentimental songs of love. They make good. Shean and Phillips, while singing their songs, have a college way about them which is refreshing. The movie feature is "Dangerous Blondes."

At the Palace today and Saturday.

Herd Honor Roll

Dairymen whose herds equal or exceed a yearly average of 300 pounds of butter per cow will be eligible for the national 300-pound herd honor roll of the National Dairy Association. The standing

will be determined by the cow-testing association records for the year ending July 1, 1925.

A man is a person who thinks before he eats.

The first summer comes when you wish it were winter again.

A baby's idea of heaven is a place where it is against the law for its father to work.

Grouch may be a man who married a woman to share his troubles and found that she caused them.

Tell her she is better looking every time you see her and she will want you to see her real often.

Sage tea is considered good spring tonic by the sages.

It is a wise man who works in the spring while others are loafing.

Two's a couple. Three means one's a chaperon.

The new gloves have fancy embroidery on the back. If you have a cold carry a handkerchief.

While we scientists claim one is run by electricity, we know who is run by his wife.

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IN INDIANA

By GAYLORD NELSON

DELAWARE STREET
WIDENING

THE board of public works Wednesday ordered the resurfacing and widening of N. Delaware St., and removal of the esplanades from the center of the thoroughfare between Nineteenth and Twenty-Second Streets.

With this improvement another main motor way to the north will be available. Meridian St. will be relieved of part of its burden and the whole north side will be benefited.

Nelson Two months ago the board conducted a public hearing on the subject. Residents in the vicinity strenuously objected to removal of the ornamental grass plots. Their protests delayed, but could not stop the despoliation of public necessity.

A bridge may be an artistic triumph and an engineering feat, but an economic failure unless the street leading to it is sufficiently wide to accommodate traffic. Bridges are to expedite traffic not to beautify landscapes and adorn contractors.

So with the completion of the Fall Creek bridge the character of Delaware St. changed.

What before was just an easy-going residential street with a dead end became overnight a through-thoroughfare. Ultimately every inch of roadway must be utilized.

The grass plots are beauty spots of sentimental and historic interest to the neighborhood, but logic demands their extinction. That's one penalty a street suffers by being in a growing city.

JUSTICES OF
THE PEACE ERASED