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Is Sargent Big Enough to Say It?

HOW much courage has John Garibaldi Sargent, present United States Attorney General? Has he courage enough to say:

The Department of Justice, of which I now head, has done a grievous injustice to the young Senator from Montana. Proceedings were brought against him under one of my predecessors without justification were continued by another predecessor of mine without justification, under my own administration—without justification. I am ending this injustice. The case against Senator Wheeler will be dropped. It should never have begun."

It takes courage to admit you are wrong, the kind of courage that only a few politicians possess. It will be the harder for Attorney General Sargent to make this admission now that he has allowed his assistants to carry the proceeding against Wheeler as far as they have. It would have been easy for him if he had acted when he first took office.

The proceedings were started maliciously by Attorney General Daugherty and were allowed to continue by Attorney General Stone during his brief administration. By the time Sargent took the office the fact that the Government had no basis for its prosecution was perfectly clear. Then is when Sargent should have acted. Instead, thus far, he has elected to close his eyes against the strange maneuvers of his assistants and has thereby lent his indorsement to a brutal persecution that is unique in American history.

Sargent can still withdraw his indorsement. That, of course, would be equal to saying his department has been wrong all the way. But, if he has not the courage to say this, then it must be said for him by the Federal court in Washington, just as it already has been said by the United States Senate and the Federal Court in Montana.

Fixing Tax Rates

NEW angle on the power to fix tax rates is brought out by the opinion of Attorney General Gilliom concerning the rate for the sanitary district of Indianapolis. A rate of 5.5 cents was fixed after a public hearing and was published in the budget. Then the city council increased the rate to 6 cents.

Gilliom said in his opinion:

"It is my opinion that the tax rate fixed in a published budget operates as a limitation on the power of the common council so that it can not fix a higher rate than that published after a hearing has been had on such published rate pursuant to the notice given to taxpayers. The published rate likewise operates as a limitation on the power of your board (the tax board) to fix a rate."

Perhaps the people of Indianapolis have something to say about their own tax rates, after all.

GEORGE COFFIN is to pick the Republican election inspectors. Undoubtedly they will be carefully picked.

THE public service commission is now being asked to regulate traffic in the town of Beech Grove. Is there no limit to the possibility of State regulation?

RUSSIA TO HAVE BIGGEST OF REFRACTING TELESCOPES

By David Dietz

NEA Service Writer

Russia is to have the largest refracting telescope in the world. This news will come as a surprise to many people, especially to members of the scientific world who are familiar with the exodus of scientific workers which took place from Russia to France, England and America shortly after the Bolshevik revolution.

The new Russian telescope is being built in England. The lens is to be forty-one inches in diameter. At the present time the largest refracting telescope is at the Yerkes Observatory in this country. Its lens is forty inches in diameter.

The refracting telescope is the type which most people are familiar with. It has a small eye-piece at the end near the observer and a large lens at the far end.

Larger telescopes of a different sort are already in existence.

The largest telescopes in the world are the reflecting type. These do not employ a lens at all but a large concave mirror instead. The mirror is placed at the lower end of the tube and the observer looks through an eye-piece which is inserted at the side of the tube. An arrangement of small prisms or mirrors enables the observer to see the image on the big mirror.

The largest telescope of this type is the 100-inch telescope at the Mount Wilson Observatory. By 100-inch, it is meant that the telescope has a mirror 100 inches in diameter. Mount Wilson also has a 60-inch reflector. The Dominion Astrophysical Observatory of Canada has a 72-inch reflector.

A Thought

Thou hypocrite, first cast the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.—Matt. 5:24

There is some virtue in almost every vice except hypocrisy.—Hazlitt.

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The most useless burden of American business is our uneconomic and wasteful system of distribution of our commodities. Like Sisyphus in the old Greek fable our distribution system is forever pushing a stone up hill daytimes only to have it fall back nights. And the ultimate consumer pays the freight.

Ministers

PROTESTANT ministers are to get retiring allowances, after they reach the age of 65, ranging from \$600 to \$2,000 a year. Which is a lot better than nothing.

But if the churches are to continue their spiritual leadership, they must solve their business problem, also. That problem is to have only as many churches and ministers as are required to serve the people, and to support those churches adequately.

The movement for church unions, which is timidly beginning, is based in part on the tolerance of the age. It has become absurd for like-thinking persons to maintain separate churches whose grounds of difference long since ceased to exist. But it is based even more imperatively on business grounds.

Preachers must eat, like other people. If a village can support one minister, or starve five, sooner or later "economic determinism" is going to teach that village tolerance.

ANOTHER illusion shattered! Leather manufacturers say that footballs are made from cowhide. What are the sports writers going to do for a synonym for "pigskin game?"

WHO in blazes was it that referred to October's bright blue weather? We call it a dull gray.

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Many Events on Musical Menu

TWO concerts will be given today, matinee and night, by Bohumil Kryl and his band at Cadle Tabernacle.

A young lad of tremendous talent and personality climbed the ladder of fame with an ambition and perseverance combined with genuine hard work and energy which today has made him one of the great bandmasters and musicians in the musical history of the world.

This lad was Bohumil Kryl, who in his early youth attained recognition as a sculptor of no little repute and who has left his imprint as such on the famous Soldiers' Monument in Indianapolis and the church at the Convent of St. Mary's of the Woods in Terre Haute, Ind., and the statue of Gen. Lew Wallace.

Today he is rated as the world's greatest cornetist and his many Victor records give true evidence of his great art as master of this technically difficult instrument.

When not on tour this great man devotes his time as president of a beautiful and prosperous bank in Berwyn, Ill., which unfolds another phase of his accomplishments.

ANNOUNCEMENT was made today that Rudolph Reuter, pianist, of Chicago, will conduct a master class, beginning next Monday afternoon at 4:30, in the Metropolitan School of Music.

As a teacher, Reuter has been head of the piano department of one of the largest musical colleges in Chicago, and has taught in European centers and in Japan where he had charge of the Imperial Academy of Tokio.

His master class will be open to teachers and advanced students who will have opportunity to play for criticism. The class will also be open to auditors. It will be given fortnightly throughout the season.

Another pupil of the Irvington School of Music will give a recital on Thursday night, Oct. 22, at the Irvington Masonic Temple. Miss Vittoria Montani, assisting artist, will play selections on the harp and Irish harp.

Dance numbers will be given by the pupils of Miss Ruth Below.

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