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The Triumph of the Sheep

ON the opening day of the present Congress a change was made in the rules of the House. It was an important change and it brought on a test of the strength of the Republican organization. The organization won and there was much rejoicing by the good party men. Here's what it was all about.

Two years ago a rule was adopted whereby 150 members by signing a petition could bring up for a vote by the House the question of taking away from a committee a bill sent to it for action. This was aimed to stop the practice of burying important bills in committee. All the new rule did was to give the whole House a chance to say whether it wanted a certain bill brought out to be disposed of.

It was a step in the direction of democracy in the House, though not a very long step. It merely said that when a measure appealed to 150 members (that's a good many members) as being too important to remain in some committee chairman's pocket any longer, the House could vote on the question. If the House determined that it wanted to discuss the bill it would then discuss it; if not, the bill would remain in the chairman's pocket. Hardly a radical idea.

This year the majority organization, led by Speaker Longworth, decided it would have none of this nonsense; the House would be permitted to discuss and vote on only such measures as the Speaker and his close little coterie should decide. So on this opening day a new rule, sponsored by the Speaker himself, was offered. By this rule it would require 218 members of the House to sign a petition before the House could even consider whether a bill should be taken from a committee.

It was a tense moment when this was put before the House and when a roll call showed 208 votes for the new rule and only 196 against—victory for the Speaker and his friends—there was great rejoicing among the 208. They had licked the enemy. They had proved their right to have all their power as individual Congressmen taken away from them. They had asserted their complete dependence. They had stood up and been counted as men who didn't want to think for themselves on any occasion.

They were not goats, they were sheep.

They certainly were sheep!

One more rule and the new system will be perfect. This rule would provide that on all roll calls those members voting as the Speaker has told them to vote shall, when their names are called, answer: "Ba-aa!"

Sir Paul Wins for Brass

SIR PAUL CHATER, K. C. M. G., senior member of the Executive Council at Hongkong, was on his way back to the Orient.

At Vancouver, where he took his boat, he was interviewed. Of course the reporters asked him about China. The Chinese, as you no doubt have heard, have been having queer notions lately about China belonging to them. At present, you know, foreigners run the country.

Well, Sir Paul told the reporters all about it, winding up with this perfect gem of pompous complacency:

"Although I fully realize the seriousness of the present situation, I cannot help feeling that things will smooth themselves out in time, as the Chinese of the old school ARE OUT AND OUT FAITHFUL TO THE BRITISH."

The emphasis is ours. "Faithful to the British!" They get that way out there, nearly all foreigners. After a year or so in the one-time Flowery Kingdom they get so they feel like they are THE people and that the Chinese are interlopers—useful or troublesome, according to the way they behave. To these foreigners, loyalty and patriotism in the Chinese mean loyalty to the country of the foreigner. Loyalty to China becomes bolshevism or worse.

Incidentally we are hearing a lot nowadays about communism being about to sweep China. We would much dislike seeing that come about. But one way to bring it on is for the Western powers to cling to Sir Paul's old-fashioned view. That was all right yesterday—at least the Chinese let it pass. But that day is gone forever.

America has gained great prestige throughout the swarming Orient as the unselfish friend of China. She must continue to be that friend. And the way to do so is to help China convince the other great powers, that, after all, China belongs to the Chinese. Otherwise America will be contributing to the day when some 400,000,000 Chinese—with perhaps 300,000,000 more from India—may attempt to convince the world herself.

And that means . . . God knows what!

Corrupting the Coast Guard

WHEN General Andrews was sworn in as head of the Federal prohibition forces he swore off drinking. A statement by himself to this effect caused more or less humorous comment throughout the country. It was suggested that swearing in the whole Army and Navy as prohibition agents might greatly increase the number of law-abiding citizens.

Now it seems that this could have an opposite effect.

The United States coast guard, having been equipped with additional speed-boats and additional funds, was put to work by General Andrews cleaning up Rum Row off the New York and New Jersey coast. A spectacular campaign resulted and the newspapers were filled with it for weeks. Rum Row apparently was put out of business. Everybody, at least, supposed it was. True, Scotch whisky remained about as plentiful as before and prices were little different, but it was thought that supplies were coming from a new source.

United States District Attorney Buckner has provided the explanation. He declares that a bootleg syndicate for months practically controlled the operation of the coast guard fleet in the waters between Sandy Hook and Block Island. The bootleggers, Buckner said, corrupted so many officers and men that the Government vessels were practically working for them. Instead of keeping liquor out of New York, they were helping to bring it in.

This is a dramatic illustration of a phase of prohibition enforcement that is giving serious-minded citizens real concern. One of the great evils of the old saloon was its corrupting influence in politics and public affairs. That is one reason why the old saloon never can come back. But thinking people are puzzling over the evidences of widespread corruption under prohibition also. The corruption of a long line of railway officials startled the country a short time ago. The corruption of the coast guard, a service in which the country has taken pride for more than a century, is a much greater shock. These things make clear that such instances as occur in our own community are not isolated, that there is instead a general spread of the poison.

At any rate, until it can be determined why the United States coast guard developed so many weak spots under the pressure of prohibition enforcement there is not likely to be any further demand on the President that he use the Army and Navy for similar service.

She Married a Prince

By Mrs. Walter Ferguson

PERHAPS we have all thrilled over the story of beautiful Elizabeth Patterson of Baltimore, whose childhood's ambition was to become a princess.

And, sure enough, one day there came riding into her town Jerome Bonaparte, brother of the illustrious Napoleon, and in due time the two were wed.

But right here the thrill goes out of the story, for Elizabeth was princess in name only, because the haughty Bonaparte family never recognized the American girl and her husband finally left her with a young son and married an obscure European princess, Catherine of Wurtemberg.

And from that time forth Elizabeth Patterson, like a great many other people, went about disdaining the true, good things of her life and puffed up over the false. Until her death at the advanced age of 94, she never could forget that she had been wedded to petty royalty and she never looked at her life except through eyes that saw first of all the stupendous fact that she, an humble American, had borne a son to a French Bonaparte.

Her father, a good and great man, one of the pioneer builders of America, was overshadowed in her mind by the unfaithful Jerome and his strutting warrior brother.

Pride very often makes people lose their sense of values like that. It is a very fine thing to be able to count among your ancestors someone who has performed a great deed or lived a noble life and we are all, to a certain extent, influenced by our progenitors, but it is very foolish indeed to allow ourselves to become haughty for the reason that we have sprung from a family that was powerful by right of might alone.

For in nine cases out of ten, the blue blood in your veins does not give you half as much character as that bestowed by the good red corpuscles of some far-off peasant ancestor. The princes of the earth, as a whole, have contributed more of devastation and wickedness to humanity than any other class, and that thing which we are often wont to call heroism is so often merely braggadocio. We should be proud of our forefathers, but we should take great care that we are proud of the things which deserve pride instead of those qualities which merit only condemnation.

A Sermon for Today

By Rev. John R. Gunn

Text: "Behold, here I am; witness against me before the Lord, and before his anointed, whose ox I have taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it to you. And they said thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand."—I Sam. 12: 3, 4.

ASSEMBLING the people of Israel near the close of his life, Samuel stood up before them and said: "Whom have I defrauded? Whom have I cheated? Of whom have I received a bribe to blind my eyes?" And the great assembly of people answered back with a shout: "Samuel, you have never defrauded any one; you have never cheated any one; you have never received a bribe of any one." When a man can stand at his tomb and face the world with such a challenge and get back such an answer, that man has lived a life worth while.

I should like to be able to face the world with such a challenge when I come to the end of my life and stand in the shadow of my tomb. When I come to die I don't want to feel that my life has been a failure.

RIGHT HERE IN INDIANA

By GAYLORD NELSON

ROTATION OF JUDGES

LAWRENCE E. WEIR, chairman of a committee of the Indianapolis Bar Association to formulate rules for the new municipal courts, proposes that the four municipal judges be shifted in the four courts monthly instead of being assigned permanently to a single criminal or civil division.

Probably such a plan of rotation of judges has much to commend it. Alternate criminal and civil jurisdiction might prevent judges from getting in a judicial rut and might introduce healthy competition among them as there would be a direct comparison of their records for efficiency.

But one of the reasons advanced by the advocates of the plan for its adoption is illuminating. They say criminal laws can best be enforced when it is made more difficult for a person charged with such an offense as violation of the liquor law, or his attorney, to know in advance what judge will hear the case. It will be harder for defendants and lawyers to try to influence judges out of court.

Quite likely that is true. However, if the judiciary can only be kept pure and undefiled by throwing over it the cloak of anonymity it doesn't speak very well for the caliber of our judges. And if, in addition, criminal lawyers can only be kept within the bounds of professional ethics by constantly shuffling the cards on them it is a pretty fair indictment of our entire judicial administration.

STRONG-ARM STUFF ON HUSBANDS

MRS. NETTIE TAYLOR, an indignant Indianapolis wife, Tuesday afternoon pursued her alleged philandering husband, caught him in S. Noble St., and with a lithe horsewhip purchased for the ceremony publicly auctioned him. The police were called at the conclusion of the job.

If we are to escape extermination we husbands need a closed season—or a disarmament conference.

A husband used to be the headliner in the matrimonial sketch. If he wanted to knock down his spouse and kick out her teeth that was certainly his prerogative sanctioned by custom and Scripture. If his wife objected to abuse and beatings the only recourse she had was to slip poison in his wine or get herself to a munnery.

Even St. Paul gave her cold comfort. "Wives, obey your husbands," he wrote. Times have changed. Now if a husband criticizes bobbed hair, delicatessen potato salad or canned salmon, his wife is likely to feel aggrieved, purchase a revolver or a horsewhip and convert one slightly-used husband into junk.

Instead of being a lordly creature as in ye olden times the husband is now frequently a domesticated worm. Neither the old method of battering wives into submission nor the modern method of saying it to husbands with bullets and horsewhips improves the state of matrimony.

Domestic happiness depends on a fifty-fifty partnership. It can't be won with a gun or a black eye.

ONE COUNTY INSTITUTION

D. R. HAROLD S. HATCH, superintendent of Sunnyside, Marion County's tuberculosis hospital, announces that the County Council, at its next meeting, will be asked for appropriations for enlarging and improving the institution. Additions planned would involve an outlay of \$400,000.

The request should receive serious consideration. The hospital has rendered real service to the community in the fight against tuberculosis. Since its establishment it has been constantly filled to capacity and has a long waiting list of sufferers from the dread disease.

As a county enterprise Sunnyside is unique. It has been operated at a lower unit cost than any similar institution in the country. The same superintendent has been in charge since the hospital was first opened. It has never been the subject of a grand jury investigation.

Social agencies and grand juries scathingly denounce the county's management of its poorhouse with

monotonous regularity. The Marion County jail is perennially on the carpet because of bad, insanitary conditions in it. Julietta, the county's hospital for the insane, plunges from scandal to scandal.

Yet Sunnyside goes its way doing good amid general applause. Why the difference? Perhaps because the administration of Sunnyside was put in competent hands at the start and hasn't been shaken up with every change in the wind.

Whatever the reason, Sunnyside proves that even a county institution can be successfully operated if county authorities will let it. It does not have to be wastefully and inhumanly administered and mismanaged.

BETTER BUY BONDS

AN Indianapolis investment securities house is marketing an issue of stock of a well-established, profitable, local chain store enterprise. It recommends the stock as an excellent investment.

The concern, whose shares are thus being offered to the public, is right here in Indianapolis, managed by Indianapolis men and has been a successful, going enterprise for twenty years. All the elements to appeal to discriminating investors.

Yet at the bottom of the advertisement of the conservative, reliable securities house handling the shares and soliciting subscriptions is the statement:

"The investor of small means and limited income should confine his purchase to the most conservative type of bonds. To investors whose financial condition is such that they are in position to invest in securities other than low yield bonds, we recommend this stock."

If you haven't enough money so that you can afford to take a chance on losing you had better buy bonds. That's the unbiased opinion of one of the leading financial institutions of Indianapolis.

Paste that advice in your hat and refer to it when you feel the urge to buy Florida real estate sight unseen, invest in Texas oil wells, or purchase beautiful stock certificates from a glib promoter of a get-rich-quick scheme. If you follow it you may never make a thousand per cent profit overnight but you won't die in the poorhouse.

What Is New on the Stage

Dorothy Byton's company of six dancers of the English ballet type are headlined on the new bill opening today at the Palace for the last half of the week.

Edna Maye, Helen Gorman, Mildred Smith, Evelyn Dilla, Jean Allen and Eleanor Walsh are the dancing girls.

Al White, Indianapolis man, formerly of the comedy team of Harry Kranz-White, is the latest thing out in the line of singles and styles himself as "The Intimate Comedian."

Robert Everest presents his troupe of monkeys and "Something Different" is a musical and humorous skit given by Ergotti and Herman.

"The Triflers" is the photoplay starring Mae Busch, Frank Mayo and Walter Hiers. Pathe News, Topics of the Day and a comedy complete the bill.

Other theaters today offer: Ed Wynn in "The Grab Bag," at English; Singer's Midgots at Keith; Joyce Lando at the Lyric; "Irish Luck," at the Apollo; "The Best People" at the Ohio; "Flower of the Night" at the Zaring; "The Un-guarded Hour" at the Circle; "The Keeper of the Bees," at the Colonial; burlesque at the Broadway and a new movie show at the Isis.

The Indiana Indorsers of Photoplays recommend for adults the features at the Colonial, Ohio, Circle and Crystal; family, the Apollo.

How old must a grape vine be to bear fruit? It does not bear to any extent until it is about three years old.

How long has W. Tenth St. car been running? W. Tenth street car line was extended to Tibbs Ave. Nov. 27, 1917. Prior to that date it ran only to Fourteenth and Bismarck Ave. (now called Pershing Ave.)

Liquor Organization Elaborate

Editor's Note: This is the sixth of a series of articles by Mr. Gardner reporting the operation of liquor laws in the various provinces of Canada.

By Gilson Gardner

MONTREAL. (By Mail)—A marvelously organized plan is that of the Quebec Liquor Commission, located in Montreal, Place de Patroite, and housed in what was once a jail for political prisoners, twelve of whom were hanged above the prison's gate in 1839, for inciting a revolution against British rule.

Now these twelve are heroes and patriots commemorated by a bronze tablet in the hallway of the building.

Four and a half years ago, when the Quebec Liquor Act was passed, it became the duty of the newly appointed commission to establish a state monopoly for handling the liquor trade of the province. It was to have exclusive purchase and sale of wines and liquors and to have control over the sale of beer.

Look Over Business

To this end the commission was required to set up an economic and administrative mechanism which would take over the business of some dozens of wholesalers and several hundreds of retailers. It was required to purchase the stocks of private holders, after careful analysis, to rent the premises required for carrying on its business, and various services, in all parts of the province, and above all to create a competent staff which would finance and supervise the purchase storage and distribution of all the wines and liquor consumed by the province, and incidentally, to supervise the sale of beer and to enforce the monopoly features of the act.

The liquor commission's plant here might be taken as a model for an industrial concern. It is perfectly housed, and seems to be perfectly

organized for efficiency. Under the one roof of the acre of building are all the departments that go to make an industry.

There are the administrative offices of the commissioners and executive assistants.

There are the warehouses where wines and liquors are stored in bulk. There are special cellars, cared for by the special experts brought from France.

Bottling Works There are bottling and labeling departments, a special printing equipment for printing the labels on specially threaded paper; there are the accounting and auditing divisions; there are storage houses for bonded goods and seized contraband.

There are the lunchrooms, immaculately clean, where food is served at cost to the 4,000 employees. There are retiring rooms and clinics in charge of competent nurses. There are sample rooms where a

prospective purchaser may taste the wine he thinks of buying.

There are five professional tasters, and two laboratory experts to taste and test the samples taken from shipments to the commission and to supplement the work of the tasters in Paris.

There is a college professor, a scientist in charge of sacramental wines; there is a still producing pure water at the rate of 100 gallons an hour.

There is, of course, a private switch-track and a ready contact with the river wharf. There is a central oil burning heating plant. There is a battery of automobile trucks, with their own repair shops, and there are the commission's corps of lawyers, etc., in what once were the rooms of the Governor of the prison.

And, to the casual visitor all seems to work as smoothly as a sewing machine.

Woolen Goods Production

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to The Indianapolis Times Washington Bureau, 1323 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamps for reply. Medical legal and marital advice cannot be given nor an extended investigation undertaken. All other questions will receive a personal reply. Unsigned requests cannot be answered. All letters are confidential.—Editor.

Which States produce the largest amount of woolen goods? Massachusetts makes more woolen goods than any other State. A few woolen mills are found in Georgia, Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Are there any children of Gen. Robert E. Lee living? No. General Lee had three sons, all of whom served in the Confederacy.

Told to Sue Contractor

By Mr. Fixit

Let Mr. Fixit solve your troubles with city officials. He is The Times' representative at the city hall. Write him at The Times.

Half a loaf was gained by Mr. Fixit, but he didn't acquire the entire hunk of bread, a correspondent informed him today.

DEAR MR. FIXIT—You do get attention, if not results. The day after my last letter to you appeared (about the cement step on my property, broken when the alley was paved) a representative of the city visited the place. He did not trouble to see me, but told my tenant that if the damage had been on city property, they would repair it; being on private property, I must sue the contractor.

Please tell them for me if I could afford to sue anybody, it would be the city.

MRS. E. S. BARBER.

1607 Park Ave.

If you will give Mr. Fixit the name of the contractor he will try to get the other half of the loaf for you.

Again Mr. Fixit tells the world he cannot pursue complaints for al-

leged liquor law violations. It's outside his province. So, Mr. Jones, if you would obtain action, report the places to Capt. William Paulsell of the police dry squad. His number is Lincoln 4555.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: Every night, near West and McCarty Sts., the sheiks stand and insult us girls as we go to and from our homes. Why can't the police do something?

WORKING GIRL

That's practically what County Prosecutor William H. Kemy said Tuesday. The police soon will start a war against these curbstone Romeos, as the powder puffs, flasks and wise cracks fly thick and fast, Mr. Fixit has it from a

Do You Know?

At least eight of the sixty-five policemen Mayor Shank added to the force recently have been arrested for various offenses.

How can one clean a cluster diamond ring?

Brush the diamonds with a strong solution of household ammonia and water, using a toothbrush. Wipe dry and shine with a soft cloth or chamois.

Does the sun have anything to do with the shining of the moon? What causes the various phases of the moon?

The sun is responsible for the shining of the moon. The moon's light is reflected light of the sun; the difference in the moon's phases is due to the relative positions of sun, earth and moon.

What became of Al and Ray Rockett, who produced the motion picture, "Abraham Lincoln"? Al Rockett is now manager of First National's eastern studios, and his brother is assistant to Richard Rowland, production head of the same company.

Were Federal troops sent into Pennsylvania during the coal strike of 1922? How many troops were on guard in the States affected by the strike that year?

No Federal troops were assigned to strike duty in Pennsylvania in 1922. A report of the militia bureau of the War Department says that at the peak of the trouble approximately 4,000 State militia troops were under arms in the various coal fields in all the States affected by the strike.

What was the date and cause of the death of General Funston? Gen. Frederick Funston, U. S. A., died suddenly at San Antonio, Texas, following an attack of acute indigestion, on Feb. 19, 1917.

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