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## Boosting the City

UCH has been accomplished during the past year by the Chamber of Commerce to make Indianapolis greater, according to chamber officers at the annual meeting of the organization Wednesday. A brighter future is indicated.

Thirty-four new industries were brought to the city the past year. Two hundred and seventy-nine conventions—of which 62 were national and international—were held here, bringing 325,000 visitors from outside the city.

Very gratifying. Chamber of Commerce reports and other incontrovertible evidence prove that Indianapolis is making substantial progress outward and upward. But much of the development is due to accident and the logic of location rather than concerted effort.

A lot of our city boosting consists of vigorously patting ourselves on the back.

Many months ago a proposal to raise a large fund to be expended in attracting new industries to the city was discussed. Nothing came of the proposal, although one prominent banker offered to subscribe \$25,000 for the project. The matter was side-tracked in the debate as to the proper method of handling such industrial development fund.

A couple of months ago a municipal Halloween celebration was promoted ostensibly to boost Indianapolis and add to the city's fame. The promoters talked volubly of the magnificent \$200 cup to be awarded to the best out-of-town float in the parade. The cup turned out to be, at the most liberal estimate, a \$20 article—spurned by the winner—our neighbor city, Franklin.

As a city boosting enterprise the Halloween affair has a kick-back that dislocates our civic shoulder.

Indianapolis will continue to grow in size and commercial importance. But its development would be startling if city boosting was taken up as earnestly and whole-heartedly and with the spirit that it is by every insignificant Florida village.

## They're Booing Red Grange

ND now the grand stands are beginning to boo Red Grange. In one city after another it is happening. A dispirited young man, after thirty or forty minutes of ordinary football playing, during which he fails to demonstrate any of the qualities that made him the country's athletic hero, walks unevenly across the field and huddles himself in a blanket on the sidelines. "Boo!" moans the crowd. "Boo! Boo-oo! Boo-oo-oo!"

The bruised and weary, but still stout-hearted, young redhead draws his blanket more tightly about him and wonders whether after all it is worth the money.

He may work out the answer for himself. If he does he will learn more than the university from which he comes was able to teach him, and so his experience will be profitable beyond the money he is making.

There was much criticism of this hefty half back when he left school to take up professional football. Some seemed to think it was a highly unethical thing for him to do, this turning of his college reputation into cash. With that view we have not sympathized. If Red could give value for the money received, value in the form of entertainment to the public, there seemed little reason to oppose his following in the footsteps of Walter Johnson and other famous persons who are paid well for performing in their own line better than other men. A practical question has now arisen as to his ability to give his expected performance once a day. Football cannot be

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## Paul Arrives in Rome as a Prisoner to Preach Gospel

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for Dec. 13: Paul in Italy and Rome.—Acts 21:16-24, 30-31.

By William E. Gilroy

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R OME at last! He had long been the goal of Paul's longing and ambition as a traveler. But under what strange circumstances has he come! And under what even stranger circumstances is he established in that city! He has survived the perils of shipwreck and other dangers, but he is in Rome as a prisoner; and yet as a prisoner under surprising circumstances.

We associate with Rome a certain sense of justice, for much of modern law has developed through Roman law and practice; but in all ancient justice we are disposed to see a companying element of cruelty and other dangers.

It is all the more surprising, therefore, to find Paul, though a prisoner, allowed a large measure of freedom; permitted, for instance, to abide in his own house with a soldier appointed to guard him, and apparently allowed full liberty to receive his friends and communicate with them.

For two whole years we are told he lived thus in his own hired dwelling, and apparently his place of abode was the center of a large con-

course of people. This arrangement

allowed him great opportunity for missionary activity. Not only is this opportunity reflected in the tradition that the soldiers who guarded Paul were brought under the power of his preaching and were so strengthened in character and purpose that they became known as the "Thundering Legion," but Paul also came speedily into touch with the Jewish community in Rome.

They came to his house apparently in great numbers, and Paul told them the story of his arrest—assuring them of his complete innocence. News traveled slowly in those days and Paul's accusers apparently had not as yet sent word to Rome concerning the grounds for their hostility to him. The Jews in Rome were, therefore, ready to have a somewhat open mind in response to his preaching although many of them were evidently prejudiced by the fact that they had heard of the Christians as a sect "everywhere."

Paul had written this to the Romans long before he had ever seen the "Eternal City." If he had any unshod pride it was perhaps his pride in the fact that he was a Roman citizen. There was something about the imperial splendor and power of Rome that dazzled his imagination, but might against might, power against power, Paul was not ashamed to preach the gospel in Rome itself.

Paul's earnestness and their willingness to listen are shown in the record that when they came in great numbers to his lodging, he spoke to them "from morning until evening" expounding his conceptions of the Kingdom of God and seeking to

an occasion of glory and triumph!

What inspiration there ought to be to us of this modern day to live nobly when we see a man who was a prisoner thus rising above all circumstances and difficulties and turn- ing an unfavorable environment into

an occasion of glory and triumph!

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