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## WHO OWNS IT?

Should the job of treasurer of this city and county be worth more to its occupant than is the presidency of the United States to Calvin Coolidge? Do you believe that the service he renders, no matter how well and faithfully performed, is worth ten times as much as that of a United States Senator and twelve times that of a Federal judge?

By the help of the Barrett law it happens that the treasurer gets about this compensation through a provision under which he keeps the interest on funds paid on public improvements under special assessments in the city of Indianapolis.

The service he performs is to put these funds in a bank and supervise the bookkeeping. Not so very much work and not a great deal of responsibility.

The city council has before it a resolution which attempts to collect the interest on these funds for the use of the entire city.

Four members of the council have taken a stand against this resolution. They are voting to keep up the present system of permitting the treasurer to take this interest as a part of his income from the job.

They should in all fairness tell the people who pay into these funds, just why they believe the treasurer should draw interest on their money.

That fund, instead of being a benefit to the taxpayers, really becomes a menace.

It makes the one job very attractive to a closely knit political machine such as operates in this city. It offers too many opportunities for a skillful political master.

The councilmen who are blocking the effort to make this interest, estimated at \$50,000 a year, the property of the people really should tell the people who own this interest.

Perhaps one of them can find a real reason for giving it to the man who merely deposits other people's money in a good safe bank. And perhaps not.

## A SENATE SPOKESMAN

Senator Dave Reed of Pennsylvania was replying to Senator McKellar's attack on Premier Mussolini of Italy.

"If the government of Italy preserves order, respects property rights and contracts"—not a word about life and liberty, or any little thing like that—"it is none of our business what system of internal government she has."

"Is the Senator from Pennsylvania now speaking for the Italian people?" inquired Senator McKellar.

"I am speaking for the American Senate," replied Senator Reed.

## WHAT PRICE JUSTICE? \$12,000

In Washington the other night a few hundred men and women sat down to an unusual feast. It was a feast to celebrate the fact that the American Government had failed in its effort to send an innocent man to prison!

In the language of Senator Shipstead of Minnesota, it celebrated the triumph of justice over the Department of Justice.

The guests gathered to honor Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana and his attorneys, Senator Thomas J. Walsh and Charles A. Douglas. The occasion was the action of the Federal courts in finally putting to an end the long sustained attempt of the Department of Justice to "get" Wheeler because of his successful exposure of the department itself.

The dinner was given by the Wheeler defense committee. Topping the list of names on that committee is no less a person than Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University. Included in the list are dozens of other nationally known names, names of men and women whose love of America can no more be questioned than can Dr. Eliot's. Yet, what was the theme the speeches made and the letters and telegrams read to the assemblage? It was—

Conspiracy!

One after another voiced the belief that the American Government, through its department of law, had been engaged in a conspiracy against a single American citizen.

They gave, as their carefully considered opinion, what the average newspaper reading citizen has come casually to believe, that our national Government deliberately attempted to "frame" and send to prison an innocent man. It seems fantastic when you face this charge with open eyes, that such an allegation could be made in a public meeting not a half-dozen blocks from the White House. But the charge was made and repeated, over and over again, and no agents of the Department of Justice swooped in to arrest the speakers. Nor were there arrests on the following day when the newspapers printed the story.

William Allen White wrote from his Kansas home to say he was proud of the part he had taken in helping to bring justice to Senator Wheeler. He called the indictments obtained by the Department of Justice "infamous." But he was allowed to edit his private paper next day undisturbed.

"A degraded Department of Justice," wrote Felix Frankfurter, in a similar letter, but he taught law to Harvard University students next day without interference.

"Nothing less than a reasonable conspiracy with officers of the Cabinet to defraud the Government," wrote Rabbi Stephen S. Wise. And he was not jailed for that.

"I doubt if in all our American history there can be found a conspiracy so black and vile," wrote Rev. Dr. John Haynes Holmes. He remained unmolested in his New York pulpit.

And more of the same.

A curious time in which we live, a time when these things can be said of the very soul of the American Government—for if not in the Department of Justice, then where should the Government's soul reside? These things can be said and they are said and they go unchallenged by the Government. But nothing results. No wave of moral indignation sweeps across the country. The Government sits silent and safe.

"What price justice?" inquired one guest at the dinner, and answered himself thus:

"Fifteen thousand dollars was raised by the defense committee, in dimes and dollars collected in

all the forty-eight States. One section crew on the Alaska railroad shook itself down for a few dollars and asked if more was wanted. Porto Rico and the Philippines were heard from with contributions. But all told, only 1,900 persons out of our hundred million citizens felt a duty to offer aid. However, \$15,000 was raised. Of this, \$3,000 remains to be returned to the contributors. Three from fifteen leaves twelve. What price justice in America? In this instance, \$12,000."

## A LEG FOR MONEY

Three human legs have been offered one James Tatom, 41, who, losing one leg in a railroad accident, broadcast his plea for a new one to be grafted upon the legless stump.

"How much will you pay?" runs the tenor of each letter from the three who would sever their own limbs to give to this man.

If one but knew the tragedy that lurks behind the masks that each of these three wear! What grim reality of life so fearful that, for yellow gold, they would part with warm, living, pulsing, flesh and blood itself?

Desperate indeed is a human being who will fight down that fiercest of all human instincts, self-preservation, and willfully mutilate the body even for gold!

Love of others can be the only answer—a child crying for food or education, a mother hungering for one little taste of luxury after a barren life.

This is the reason that has made men throughout the whole epe of life stamp down even the fiercest instinct of self-preservation, and mount to higher things on an even more gigantic instinct—love.

## YOUTH AND FACTS

The next time any one comes to bat with a tremulous wall about the sins of modern youth, and the way it is going to the dogs with the accelerator pressed down, hand him a long, ripe guffaw and walk away.

The United States children's bureau has just found that it isn't so. Statistics from the larger cities of the country actually show that there has been a decrease in the last fifteen years in juvenile delinquency.

Our young folks aren't getting worse. If they were, the figures would show it.

## OUR WALTER JOHNSONS

There is noticeable at this time of year a tendency, especially among people who think they belong in the "intellectual" class, to bemoan the extreme popularity of such big league baseball stars as Johnson, Hornsby, Cobb, Ruth and the rest.

It's a bad thing, they say, to fill the minds of young boys with excessive admiration for "mere" athletes. It distorts values, places too much emphasis on the physical side of life.

Perhaps there's something in what they say. It is regrettable that no American boy was ever yet known to select Isaac Newton or Galileo as his beau ideal; regrettable, but natural.

Yet the intellectuals miss the point. It is the way of boys and young men to admire the doer, the man of action. And in a land that produces such exquisite doers as Gerald Chapman, Martin Durkin and the like—shouldn't we be mighty thankful that there are a few Walter Johnsons and Rogers Hornsby to give our children heroes that are more wholesome to admire?

## CONCERNING STEPHENS, IRISH NOVELIST

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to The Indianapolis Times Washington Bureau, 1224 L Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamps for reply. Medical, legal and marital advice cannot be given, but extended research can be undertaken. All other questions will receive a personal reply. Confidentiality cannot be guaranteed. All letters are confidential.—Editor.

Can you tell me something about the life and writings of James Stephens?

He was an Irish poet and novelist. As a poor boy, without education, he wandered all over Ireland and in Belfast he nearly died of starvation until he finally learned typewriting and stenography and became a clerk in a solicitor's office at Dublin. His first volume of verse, "Insurrections" (1909), attracted widespread favorable notice because of its originality, and the royalties enabled him to devote more time to literary work. A second volume of poetry, "The Hill of Vision," appeared in 1912. In the latter year, he published two novels, "The Charwoman's Daughter" and "The Crook of Gold." His subsequent writings include: "Here Are Ladies" (1913); "The Demi-Gods" (1914); "The Rocky Road to Dublin" (1915); verse, "Songs of Clay" (1915); "Diedre" (1923).

Did the United States Congress give General Lafayette money and a grant of land, and what was the location of the land?

When General Lafayette returned to the United States on a visit in 1824-25 Congress gave him \$200,000. In 1803 he was given ten different grants of land and in 1824 he was given an additional township comprising 11,520 acres in west Florida. Tallahassee is now located on that site. The original grants of about 1,000 acres each were situated along the Mississippi, but as they were never surveyed the exact location is not known.

What is the average amount of water per square foot of grate surface evaporated per minute in steam boilers? How much water is required per minute to produce one horse power in a modern steam engine? Boiler horse power ordinarily is figured at 30 pounds of water from and at 212 degrees Fahrenheit evaporated into steam per square foot of grate surface per hour. That equals 1/2 pound per square foot of grate surface per minute. The best modern engines use about 18 to 20 pounds of water per horse power per hour or from .3 to .33 pounds per minute. Older engines of the high speed type use as much as 45 pounds per hour.

Is there a special raisin grape and where are they grown?

Raisin grapes are usually grown in warm climates and contain from 35 to 50 per cent sugar. Commercial cultivation is limited to a few countries about the Mediterranean Sea, South Australia and, in the western hemisphere, to southern California and Chile. The principal and most valuable class of raisin grapes is the muscatel or muscat from Malaga and Valencia in Spain and from California. The seedless raisins of commerce are largely the product of the sultana grapes. The Thompson seedless, which is a promising seedless raisin grape in California, produces raisins a little larger than the sultana. The smallest raisins come from the small current grape, originally from Corinth.

Where does Robert Todd Lincoln, son of Abraham Lincoln, live?

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# Sandy's Understanding of Just Around the Corner Was Another Man Waiting

By Walter D. Hickman.

Just around the corner to Sandy probably had the meaning that just another man was waiting.

And she didn't keep 'em waiting long, because Sandy was a fast worker.

As you know, "Sandy" is the name of a novel by Elenore Meherin, which is appearing daily as a serial in The Indianapolis Times and is being reflected in movie form all this week at the Colonial. The thousands of people are interested in the experiences of heart and passion of S. A. N. D. Y.

A waiting line of people in the lobby of the Colonial from 1 o'clock in the afternoon to late at night. There is no doubt that people are interested in Sandy both as a story and as a movie. The tremendous drawing power of Sandy was clearly shown yesterday when the picture opened. I heard people talk of this character as if she was a living character.

Judged as a movie entertainment, "Sandy" has that sex appeal which spells riches at the box office. As a movie production "Sandy" is heads and shoulders above "Chickie," William Fox, in assigning Harry Beaumont as the director of "Sandy," made no mistake.

I take it for granted that you are acquainted with the various characters in this story. If you look at the cast you will agree with me that a splendid cast has been assembled.

The cast follows: Sandy McNeil..... Madge Bellamy Douglas Keith..... Leslie Fenton Judith Moore..... Gloria Hope Angus McNeil..... Barbara Rand Timmy..... Lillian Leighton Alice McNeil..... Joan Standing Madge Bellamy has done more for herself in this movie than she probably expected to do. You first meet her as Sandy, carefully adjusting a flask in or on her garter. For a while Sandy is the merry little flapper flirt, doing the Charleston at an all-night party.

Then papa and mamma step in and demand that she marry a rich guy, a chap she did not love. But she marries him because papa and mamma wanted a rich man in the family.

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## Movie Verdict

OHIO—You are going to love Bebe Daniels all over again when you see her in "Miss Brewster's Millions."

CIRCLE—Gilda Gray will make 'em sit up and take notice here this week. The movie feature is "Her Second Chance."

COLONIAL—The popularity of "Sandy" as a novel is being demonstrated at this theater, where this movie played to continual capacity yesterday.

APOLLO—Third and final week for Harold Lloyd's "For Heaven's Sake."

YOU WILL LOVE BEBE AGAIN IN HER LATEST

Right now it is proper to say something about Bebe Daniels. This star is one of the few women of present day favorites who is going to live on and on as a public favorite. She is a cute little bag of tricks. She is about the cleverest and the most little rough-neck characters she plays, that we have on the screen. She has a naughty wink in her eye and the cleverest little way of permitting an audience to get in on the fun. Her method was never more brilliant or more sure fire than in "Miss Brewster's Millions."

Now on view at the Ohio. This is the sort of a story that Miss Daniels knows how to put over. There is a bunch of trick photography used in putting over the old chase idea, but the director certainly put over this idea in a new way.

Other theaters today offer the Althea Rasch Girls at Keiths, Venetian Masquerades at the Palace, Marnie-Lewis and company at the Lyric, Tom Mix in "The Yankee Senator" at the Isis and burlesque at the Broadway.

Charles Berckel opened his annual spring and summer season at English's last night by presenting "The Boomerang." The biggest audience for a Berckel opening was present last night. Will tell you all about the old and new players tomorrow.

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## RIGHT HERE IN INDIANA

By GAYLORD NELSON

### A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM

Udine Maybelle Utley, 14-year-old girl evangelist, will begin a series of revival meetings in Indianapolis this week, it is announced.

For the last three years this young girl has conducted revival meetings in all sections of the country, including many of the larger cities, and is credited with having made thousands of converts.

For one so young, a girl at that, to be actively engaged in preaching the Gospel and publicly persuading sinners to repent is unusual. At an age when most girls are just putting up their dolls and beginning to think about "sweeties," souls and spiritual matters occupy her time. Evidently she is not of the flaming youth type.

But youth frequently does the unexpected.

Joan of Arc was only 17 when she left her sheep to save France. She was only 19 when she was burned at the stake. But she accomplished the impossible and wrote the most beautiful pages in all history. What hardened warriors and experienced gray-beards feared to attempt, she, in her innocence and sublime faith, dared.

She is but one example of youth rising to lofty heights of spiritual exaltation in crises. "And a little child shall lead them," wrote Isaiah of old. That is often sober truth and not poetic fancy.

### THE CINDERELLA BUSINESS

Jerry Butcher, 75, of Newcastle, Ind., prospective bridegroom, and a 13-year-old girl, his intended bride, were jailed when they applied for a marriage license. The