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## JUST LIKE JIM

Will the farmers of Indiana this fall echo their oft repeated comment of "just like Jim," when they discover that they have obtained nothing, and that Watson is once more visibly back with the big privileged interests?

Will they look in the sack for the peanuts which he once promised to get for them and find nothing but the shells?

For it is apparent that nothing will be done for the farmers at this session and that this basic industry will pay the tariff excesses and receive no benefits.

The best they will have is the picture of the fight in Congress with Watson for the moment deferring his ancient pals to take up the cause of the sons of the soil.

Did he know, as he knew when he voted against the World Court and later boasted of the fact, that his fight would not count?

It will be remembered that the charge was made openly and never denied that Watson, after his famous eleventh-hour defiance of the World Court platform of Coolidge, came back to this State and told his pro-union friends that his vote was arranged in advance and that it was only intended to prevent opposition in the primaries and would not hurt his close relations with the White House, because the President understood.

The contest over farm relief begins to take on the same aspect of being a stage fight produced for the edification of the farmers and the amusement of the men who get, through tariff schedules and tax reductions on huge incomes, exactly what they want from the Watsons of the Senate.

Will Watson come back this fall and tell the farmers how bravely and futilely he fought their cause?

And will he go from the farm meetings to the offices of the steel and other interests and tell as a joke how he kept his farmer friends in line, but never was in any real danger of getting anything for them?

The history of Watson and his stand on public questions suggests that this might well be the situation.

The farmers might ask themselves just what Watson got for them.

Standing on both sides of a question when he could, not dodge, would not be a new stunt for Watson.

Of course, we can always get some satisfaction in watching the skillful player of politics and shouting, "Just like Jim."

## WHY THE DELAY?

The United States Supreme Court appears to be engaged in dodging two very important decisions.

Again the long adjournment has been taken without judgments in the case involving the Federal Trade Commission's power to compel trade information, and the United States Senate's power to act as a real inquiring body. Both cases have been before the court for more than a year had half.

The Federal Trade Commission case goes to the life of that body. The commission was ordered by Senate resolution to inquire into the cost of coal and steel. The industries refused the commission access to its books and appeal was taken. The appeal has reached the highest judicial body. What will the Supreme Court say? And, incidentally, when will the Supreme Court say it?

The other case is the Daugherty case. It grew out of the Wheeler investigation into the corrupt practices of the Department of Justice under Attorney General Harry Daugherty. The committee was tracing certain bribe money, and had followed as far as the bank in Washington Court House, Ohio, run by "Mal" Daugherty, brother of Harry.

The committee sent a special subcommittee to Ohio to examine certain bank records and a subpoena was served on "Mal" Daugherty. The Daugherty brothers got an Ohio Federal judge to enjoin the Senate committee. Also they got an injunction against the Senate's efforts to compel action by "Mal" Daugherty. All of which went on appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

That was eighteen months ago. Eighteen months is a long time for a judge to spend in making up his mind, or even for nine judges to spend in making up their joint minds.

The late Woodrow Wilson in his work on "Congressional Government," said that the inquiring function of the United States Senate was probably more important in many ways than the legislative function.

From the Adams administration, when a secretary of the treasury was removed after inquiry by the Senate, over a period of a hundred years the Senate has functioned usefully from time to time as an inquiring body.

The latest and most notable example was this very Wheeler inquiry, resulting in purging the Government of a Harry Daugherty.

Now the inquiring power of the Senate is seriously threatened. The Supreme Court must decide whether the court can step in and check the Senate in such inquiry or whether the Senate is as powerful as the court in search for facts.

It is known that the Supreme Court is seriously divided on this decision. The court hesitates to make an issue with the Senate.

Some of the judges might like to "cut the Senate's claws," but there are others who must feel that the Senate and the Federal Trade Commission are performing useful functions as inquiring bodies and are in favor of sustaining that power.

The question is so awkward, however, that the court seems to find it easier to postpone from month to month and year to year any decision in the matter.

## MRS. CUSTER'S SECRET

Sixty-two years ago there was romance on the Hudson when a young lady and her dashing soldier boy from West Point were married.

The young soldier was brave; throughout the Civil War he distinguished himself in a half dozen battles, from Gettysburg to Appomattox. So the young soldier was made a general and sent to the West, where the railroad was blazing its way through forests and over plains where hostile Indians fought it with all their might.

The young soldier and his 200 men, equipped with ancient carbines that were relics of the Civil

War, met their deaths. They died, to a man, fighting shoulder to shoulder.

The wife of the young soldier still lives and remembers. Through the fifty years since that black June 25, 1876, she has carried that tragedy in her heart.

In a little home in New York sits Mrs. George A. Custer, a soldier's wife, and she has lived as a soldier should.

"The way to go forward, to feel young and to keep young, is to cast bitterness out of one's life," the heroic little lady said recently.

She had learned a great truth through her suffering.

## CROOKED ELECTIONS

The charge by the grand jury that there was fraud in the last primaries should arouse every citizen who wants his vote counted to at least some indignation.

It should result in an organization of men who will make it their business to see that the election crooks do not operate in November.

Crooked elections are the weapons of bosses, never of the people.

It is unfortunate that the grand jury did not place the blame for the frauds.

Men do not put themselves in the shadow of the prison just for amusement.

The men who engage in these frauds never do so for any sentimental love or regard for a particular candidate.

The crooked election is the direct outcome of a machine system of government in which men want power and demand power for the sake of taking away the people's money.

These little crooks commit the crimes because they must or are paid for so doing.

Most of them have criminal records or engage in crime as a business. They obey orders and the protection of crime becomes automatic.

Who was so interested in the outcome of the primaries as to plot and arrange widespread frauds?

Was there a candidate for any office who could have done this on his own account?

Was there any aspirant for a nomination so eager and so powerful that he could get these small crooks to act?

Well, then, who was it that is responsible for the frauds?

What man or group of men want to control affairs of this county and city so greatly and are able to obtain frauds made to order?

Let's hope that the next grand jury points the finger to the responsible parties for these frauds, and is not satisfied with getting the tools.

## ALMOST PAYS WAY

The oldest and most popular argument against Government ownership in this country is about to desert those who have relied on it so long and become, overnight, the newest and most popular argument on the other side of the question.

The United States Post Office Department has operated at a deficit ever since its creation. It has been the horrible example of those who claim that Government can not operate a business enterprise on a business basis.

Yet last year the Post Office, with an operating expense of \$649,000,000, had a deficit of only \$40,000,000.

It will be entirely independent of the Federal Treasury in 1928, Budget Director Lord says.

Somebody's got to spend a busy two years thinking up new reasons why it would never do for this Government to operate Muscle Shoals.

Sometimes, when we have a headache the next morning, we think we'll have it operated on by a tree surgeon.

Mr. Wilbur C. Whitehead, a famous bridge expert, gave a lecture in Detroit on bridge, and escaped.

In New York, a cartoonist tried to kill himself, perhaps because he drew a G. O. P. cartoon without an elephant.

When Ford says, "Nothing permanent in the world except change," he doesn't mean pocket change.

Florida Senator's wife testifies a medium helped her find her lost violin, so that's another argument against spiritualism.

## BE YOURSELF

By Mrs. Walter Ferguson

Probably the most deplorable thing about our present age is the tendency to be ashamed of wholesomeness and simple things.

Many of us consider it a mark of superiority to be sophisticated and bored, and to enjoy only those pastimes that are expensive and of color. The most of us take our ideas from persons whom we believe to be more intelligent than ourselves when usually they are only more opinionated.

It is fashionable to drink cocktails and to change your husband frequently. The girl who does not believe in the former and the woman who disagrees with the latter are often afraid to say so out loud, in the fear that they will be called old-fashioned. What they do not seem to realize is that they have just as much right to an opinion and are just as free to voice it as those who carry flask and who frequent the divorce court. And their influence will probably be more far-reaching.

Psychologists, in spite of all they have learned, declare that it is hard to draw the line between genius and insanity. Who knows that this young Fonzl may not be the victim of a mental disease? So too, who knows that the murderer, Russell Scott, is sane, since a jury has decided his case both ways?

How did Byrd, the Arctic explorer determine his position over the North Pole?

By means of four compasses, two magnetic, one sun compass and an earth induction compass. The sun compass was invented at the U. S. Bureau of Standards and it has an artificial horizon around which a hand moves by clock work in 24 hours; and during the same period the sun causes the shadow of a pin to travel in a circle about the dial. Thus a shadow is caused to fall on the moving hand, and as long as the shadow continues on the dial the course is known. The inventor of the sun compass explains that from the Nautical Almanac of this year and a timepiece Byrd carried, regulated to Greenwich Meridian time, he could take the altitude of the sun by a simple procedure with charts, obtaining almost instantly his position, over the geographical North Pole.

What we should cultivate is the courage of our convictions. The majority of us do not go astray because of our desire to waywardness, but because we think we had better be in jail than out of style.

If, therefore, you are a girl and inclined toward old-fashioned things remember this: You have just as much right to your ideas as your companions have to their fast and loose opinions. It is only a question of ideas, after all. Do not abandon the position you believe to be right, just because a lot of foot youngsters have picked up ridiculous fancies. Stick to your own convictions and be a leader yourself. For customs should be made by human beings and not human beings by customs.

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# Tracy

Boston May Be the 'Back Bay' of Country in Commerce

By M. E. TRACY

This is written from Boston, the town of the bean and the cod, where the Lowell's talk, only to Cabots and the Cabots talk only to God," but where the conversational peculiarities of Lowell, Cabot and other Brahmins of the old order do not cut the figure they once did. Boston has changed more distinctly perhaps than any other great American city.

In the first place, she has lost the puritanism of her origin. You can buy gasoline on Sundays, where once it was a crime to raise the parlor curtains. In the second place, she is losing the prim air in trade and manufacturing which she enjoyed during the last century.

Five years ago, New England people were ready to swear that, no matter how many of their young folks moved west, no matter how many of the home farms were abandoned, and no matter how far they had to go for butter, eggs, poultry, wheat, corn and beef, water power would still keep the mills going and still force all sections of the country to send them the bulk of its raw material for manufacture. Oil, gas, the exploitation of Western rivers, and an unlooked for development for electrical power have completely altered that view. New England will have seen the textile trade move south, the shoe trade move west and the lumber trade move in all directions.

She has seen Pittsburgh take over the steel and iron business, Detroit take over the automobile business and Ohio cities take over rubber and clay goods. Boston is the first town I have visited in the last few years where the talk of trade and business is not entirely optimistic. But here, though a majority of people try to keep up the prevailing "happy thought" there is a clear cut note of apprehension. Even the politicians admit this and are trying to capitalize it.

But you will want to see "Brown of Harvard."

At the Ohio all week.

POLA CAN BE BOTH UGLY AND VERY PRETTY

Pola Negri, in "Good and Naughty," starts out looking like an ugly duckling. In looks, she is a fright at the first few hundred feet of the film.

And while I am handing out words of praise, I must not overlook the work of Jack Pickford as Doe, a freshie who was weak in body, but strong in mind. He is a loyal lad and pays the big price when he goes out into a storm while I'll go to Tom, so the football star would not be late at a game. Here is a fine and beautiful piece of work.

Mary Brian is the girl in the case. You will also find Mary Alden and Francis X. Bushman Jr. in the cast. Bill includes a Helen and Warren comedy, a news reel, organ music and the Joe Wong trio. This trio is not so strong, in fact, less than fair.

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Speaking at a banquet at Worcester last Saturday night, John P. Fitzgerald, former mayor of Boston and a prominent Democratic leader said: "The Democratic party of Massachusetts has a great opportunity in the present crisis in New England to do this section of the country a positive good. There is a real danger that unless the ordinary citizen takes an interest in this matter, the most serious condition that part of the country has faced in our lifetime will result.

"The wool business is bad," he said, "the leather business is bad, the textile business is bad and the shoe manufacturing business is only fair."

Of course Mr. Fitzgerald was thinking as a partisan and trying to cast reflection on the party now in power, but making due allowance for all that, he was stating conditions as many people view them.

They Clip Coughs

Meanwhile her long and successful manufacturing career has enabled Boston to accumulate a vast amount of cash, while her extensive trade connections have inspired her to invest it in many distant places. You find Boston capital in Texas, the Dakotas, California, Hong Kong and South America, with the homefolks cutting coupons through the prosperity of new and far away enterprises. Many an undertaking designed to compete with, and perhaps to destroy some home industry, finds its principal backing right in Boston, while the savings banks, the cooperative societies and the building and loan associations still pile their assets higher.

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So far a actual cash goes. New England is still the richest section of the United States, which explains not only her widespread interests, her knowledge of outside affairs and her culture, but her "luck box" Parkers and "Ponzi's." You don't find the fake stock salesmen flourishing or the get-rich-quick scheme hatching, where ready money is scarce.

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Who Does Know?

Poor Pozi, sailing from Houston, Texas, only two jumps ahead of Sheriff Binford last Saturday night and doomed to be hunted until he gives himself up, is captured, or dies. He has duped thousands as it is charged, but no one more cruelly than himself. What is it that makes young men, but especially those with a brilliant turn, throw their lives away for such folly, or does the brilliant turn carry some evil?

They Clip Coughs

Think you will find "Good and Naughty" a little better than average.

Pola Negri is the actress who has left the strict vamping roles, because they are not so profitable or fashionable this season. She is playing character roles these days. Rather think that this Negri picture will do a great deal to hold on to the Negri fans.

Tom Moore is the bachelor who nearly gets in bad. You know he is naturally good looking and probably is always in danger when playing bachelor roles. Ford Sterling has the big comedy role, and as usual walks away with it. Stuart Holmes is the husband, who just looks most have a divorce, while he looks like a villain in a melodrama.

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