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KNOW YOUR STATE

INDIANA was one of the first States to organize and systematize its charities and corrections activities. The fine provisions made for the feeble-minded, epileptics, blind, deaf and dumb, represent the result of the most advanced thinking on the part of the unselfish men and women, who without salary, have given their time and thought to those matters.

CURBING VIOLENCE

The people of this city will rejoice in any action that ends the dynamiting of street cars and makes travel upon them safe.

Three striking clemen have admitted such acts of violence. They were worse than foolish if they were led to believe that they could win a victory for any cause by the use of dynamite.

No leader of labor worthy of the name, no man fit to advise others or to champion any cause, would suggest that a threat to a community or the destruction of property is an argument or can be effective in arousing public sympathy.

Violence must stop. Safety of the public upon street cars is the first consideration.

The men who use violence become not protesting laborers but criminals, and crime should be punished as criminals.

It is something of a reflection upon the machinery of government and of the State courts that these men, who admit such acts, did so in answer to a charge of contempt of court.

The acts constitute crime and we have, presumably, courts which punish criminals.

Punishment of criminals is not the whole objective nor the only necessary step in this community.

The permanent peaceful operation of the street cars on a basis of peace is necessary and should be possible.

The people of Indiana are quite likely to show some curiosity in that machine which now makes these men its spokesmen.

They are likely to be interested in the things which might be called Watsonism as a comprehensive term to include all the ills of government.

They are quite certain to ask what sort of a political combination it is that takes a dry organization in the farm districts and blends it to the corrupt machines of cities, where the bootlegger, the ballot box stuffer, the dice keeper are protected in return for their votes.

They are likely to ask what combinations of vicious influences have been made, what protection and privileges have been given, what the office-holding supporters of these Senators have done with their power.

They are likely to be grateful for getting them out of the huge debt into which the same machine had plunged them is not likely.

Long before November they may ask who got them into debt and discover that the payment of that debt came from additional taxes, from instances placed upon the legacies to widows and children, from that 3 cents paid on every gallon of gasoline, and not by any economy of administration or saving in expense.

The voters will wish, and will have the opportunity to scrutinize the machine which controls the name of the political party under whose banners they falsely pretend to fight, for by their votes and by their acts they have divorced themselves completely from the Coolidge Administration.

On every important vote in the Senate Watson and Robinson voted against Coolidge when they did not agree.

On matters of corruption of politics, their records will not escape being an issue. Honesty in the conduct of elections and primaries may, probably will, assume quite as much importance as the tariff.

The records of Watson for his thirty years as office holder and lobbyist, and the few months of appointive office of Robinson in which he has done no more than to second every vote of his senior, will be the issue.

And on that issue the argument is clear and plain. The lines are laid.

The real issue is decency, honesty and the people's welfare as opposed to Watsonism.

Strange things happen every day. The wife of the ex-kaiser denies the rumor that she will get a divorce.

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