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No law shall be passed restraining the free interchange of thought and opinion, or restricting the right to speak, write, or print freely, on any subject whatever.—Constitution of Indiana.

KNOW YOUR STATE

INDIANA becomes the center of electrical power development with the completion of projects in the northern part of the State, where industrial growth in recent years has been marked. The cost of power production being lower here, because of natural advantages, captains of industry are predicting continued expansion in Indiana.

TRUE TO FORM

That Mayor Duvall secretly ran away from a delegation of women, relatives and friends of men on strike and who wanted to appeal to him, is not surprising.

That he kept them waiting for two hours in his office while he talked to his boss and to politicians and then did not have the courtesy to even refuse to see them may be remembered later when that same boss asks people to vote for his puppets and tools.

These women, believing that the wage of the street car men is too low, were intent on asking the head of this city to take some definite action which would send their husbands and brothers back to work.

If they were mistaken as to the wage, the mayor or some official might perhaps tell them what is a fair wage and persuade them to apply for their old jobs.

That they are needed, at least some of them are needed on the street cars, is proven by the statement of the head of the company that the men should be advised to apply for their old jobs and that those who have not participated in violence would be given a chance.

These women waited in the office of the mayor, who was very busy with politicians.

They had hope. They are feeling the effect of this strike as the wives and families of strikers always feel the effect of such a struggle. They make the real sacrifices.

If the mayor of the city is not a proper person to make listen to such an appeal, then there is no such person unless he frankly tells them that he only holds title to the office and that the real power is in some one else from whom he takes orders.

If the mayor can do nothing, the women were entitled to the consideration of being told that he could do nothing or would do nothing.

To refuse to see any delegation of citizens is not a nice advertisement for the city government or the form of government.

The question might be fairly asked as to whether the mayor would have ran away from the officials of the street car company had they determined to ask him for more policemen or for aid in breaking the strike and getting the men back to work.

These women had an even greater interest in getting their husbands and brothers back to work than the company has in hiring them.

A government that fails to treat on equal terms all citizens hardly deserves a place in any city in America and certainly not in Indianapolis.

But when the influences which placed Duvall in that place are recalled, it is not surprising that he ran away. That was true to form. Perhaps these women were foolish to expect any other treatment.

THE COURTS CREEP UP

Freedom of speech and the right of trial by jury are again being threatened by the courts.

As those two precious heritages clash with the judges, the judges win.

Insidious and highly dangerous doctrines are being inched into the law books.

First: That a court can do no wrong.

Second: That truth is no defense.

Third: That it is a court's right to act as both judge and jury in any case involving criticism of that court.

George Dale, editor of a Muncie newspaper, criticised a court and a grand jury.

He was cited for contempt and was sentenced to jail.

He pleaded the truth of his allegations and offered proof.

The ruling in his case now stands as follows, in the words of the court:

"It is no excuse for one charged with criminal contempt that the article in all respects was true, where the article tends to prejudice the court in a case then pending and hold the court in contempt before the people."

Edward Shumaker, head of the Anti-Saloon League, charged the State Supreme Court with being wet and with splitting judicial hairs.

Contempt action resulted. A committee of lawyers has said that he is guilty.

In each case the right to punish for contempt is claimed to be inherent in the court, which means that when a court is offended it shall pass both judgment and sentence on the one who gives the offense; that there shall be no impartial jury trial.

If the "truth no defense" doctrine stands up, it means simply this:

That no matter how autocratic or corrupt a court may become, it must go uncriticized unless some one desires jail for the privilege of criticism.

This tendency of courts to usurp power is a natural and perfectly human one.

For all human nature tends that way unless checked.

One by one court decisions are broadening the scope of what is contempt.

First it was direct contempt—an act happening in the actual physical presence of the judge. Then "indirect" and "constructive" contempt and now—even truth is no protection.

In the name of justice, free speech and trial by jury are being shriveled.

Such heritages as those are not self-perpetuating.

They were not secured by us. Somebody had to fight for them. Centuries of struggle and rivers of blood were mingled attaining freedom of speech and trial by jury. Whether we keep them is up to us. It is a case to have and to hold.

The people of Indiana choose their own judiciary. Such judiciary therefore is responsive to public sentiment. If public sentiment there be.

But if instead of public sentiment, there is public apathy, the public can have only itself to blame if it lets the courts, through a process of slow but gradual

Tracy

Ma Ferguson, Child of Opportunity, Dares Fate at Polls Again.

By M. E. TRACY

Texas Democrats are voting today, with Ma Ferguson up for renomination against a field of four, but with her husband, James E. Ferguson, former and impeached Governor, the real issue.

You would go far to find a more interesting or paradoxical situation. James E. Ferguson is one of the nine Governors ever to have been impeached in this country and the only one ever to have beaten his way back to public favor.

It was the Ku Klux Klan that made it possible for him to do so, though without any such intent.

This organization, running true to form, messes Texas politics up in such a way as to leave James E. Ferguson standing alone as the champion of tolerance.

At that particular moment, and when the courts decided that impeachment barred him from becoming a candidate for Governor, his wife took his place.

Texas Democrats nominated and elected her two years ago rather than accept Klan rule.

To sum it up, a woman was elevated to the highest office that women ever held in the United States and an impeached Governor regained his standing, mainly through the action of pillowship demagogery.

Ma Ferguson's administration has been characterized by strained economy on the one hand and by highway scandals on the other, while the Klan has gradually faded out of the picture.

Were it not for a divided opposition, her defeat would be certain, but with former Lieutenant Governor Lynch Davidson and Attorney General Dan Moody drawing votes from each other, her chances are greatly improved.

I think that Moody will lead the field in a rather close race and that a second primary will be necessary.

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Smelly

Stinking with sordidness and corruption, the trial of William V. Dwyer and seven associates for conspiracy to violate the Volstead and tariff acts, draws merrily to its close in New York.

It is probably the most important liquor case to have been brought before a Federal court.

Even more significant is the fact that the gallery cheered her victory quite as enthusiastically as they would have placed the crown upon her opponent.

Golf is a great game. This city has provided public courses on which thousands find health, recreation and exercise. It is a safe hazard that those who play this game have a better moral and mental outlook upon life than those who sit around card tables or get their thrills in dance halls.

It is because The Times believes that these public courses are most important institutions and because it has a pride in their work that it is sending the new Indiana champion to the larger contest at Chicago.

It believes that this new woman's champion will bring credit to this city, perhaps more credit than could be gained by showing some of its public officials the world.

It wants to arouse interest of other young men and women in healthful outdoor exercise and believes the entrance to that contest by the champion of Indiana will help this interest.

This Government is evidently compelled to rely on men of an astonishingly low order for some of its work in connection with prohibition.

This is brought not only by the Dwyer trial, but by the fact that more have been suspended, for accepting bribes and helping the traffic they were paid to suppress.

According to one confession, a crew of eighteen calmly voted to go in with the run-rummers, without, however, separating themselves from their Government pay checks.

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Dempsey Coalition

If anything, it seems harder to arrange a fight for Jack Dempsey than to stabilize the franc.

Eventually, we may have to do as France has and form a union cabinet with Tex Rickard, William Muldoon and Floyd Fitzsimmons holding the chief portfolios.

What is the difference whether Jack meets Tunney first and Wills afterward, or Wills first and Tunney afterward, or whether he gets floored by the first one he meets and the two have to settle it between them selves afterward?

There is a lot of money at stake, to be sure, and you cannot blame Jack for demanding the last red cent that is to be paid, but if he gets \$300,000 as one contract provides, it is about ten times what he, or any other champion ought to get, so why talk any further?

As I see it, the great American sportsmanship is being played for a crowd of suckers who will bite anything if they are kept waiting long enough.

It would probably constitute no national disaster if Jack Dempsey never fought anyone.

RAILROAD IS DENIED

Pettitons of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad to discontinue its agency at Pleserville and to abandon its station at Milford Junction, were denied today by the public service commission. The stations are in Jennings County.

Club Opera

The Bel Canto Club is sponsoring the Bel Canto Opera Company to be composed of local talent. Direction of the opera company is under Miss Gertrude Conte who studied Grand Opera under Carignani, teacher of Caruso, of the La Scala Opera Company, Milan, Italy.

Rehearsals are now in progress on scenes from "Aida," "Barber of Seville," "Manon," "La Wally" and others. Date of performance and artists selected will be announced later.

Special Sunday Organ Recitals to be Given by Lester Huff at the Apollo

How to Swim—No 6



Showing Co-ordination of legs and arms

By Lillian Camón

THE realization that Indianapolis does appreciate pipe organ music has prompted Lester Huff, organist at the Apollo and James Kennedy, manager of the theater, to announce special organ concerts on Sunday.

These concerts will begin at 12:30 noon on Sundays and will be so arranged that they will be concluded just before the regular shows start.

Such an idea has been expressed in various ways in the larger movie theaters of the country. The first concert of this series will be given next Sunday, tomorrow, at the Apollo.

The following program has been arranged by Mr. Huff:

March—"Pomp and Circumstance"..... March—Edward Elgar
"Brahms..... Victor Herbert
"A Southern Rhapsody"..... Selected
"Vocal Solo"..... Selected
"Dance of the Hours"..... Ponchielli
"A Screen Organ Solo".....

Unless the arms and legs are co-ordinated perfectly, there will never be any real swimming. The muscular smoothness of the body when swimming is very important, and effort should be directed toward swimming with as little exertion as possible, except when there is necessity for unusual exertion.

Arms should move in perfect coordination with legs—right arm and left leg.

Make a thin paste by adding benzine to light carbonate of magnesia. Cover the fur thoroughly with this, and hang out in the open to dry, then shake and brush it until the powder has been wholly removed.

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Who made the plans for Washington?

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