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## KNOW YOUR STATE

INDIANA is distinguished for the quality of its vast corn crop, for several years the international award for the "best corn" having come to Hoosier growers. Corn constitutes the principal source of agricultural wealth in Indiana.

## INSULL AND INDIANA

The political activities of Samuel Insull in Illinois are being dragged to public view by Senator Jim Reed.

They show that the head of vast electric and utility interests paid huge sums of money to control the nominations for United States Senate in both parties.

Where there was a contest, he threw many thousands into the fight.

On the Democratic side, where there was but one candidate, he paid the major share of the bills for the fireworks which the unopposed candidate put on display.

In the fall, no matter which party wins, Insull will have a friend in office.

The probing committee has not yet got the answer to the important question which is involved.

It has not yet secured from Insull the real reason for his activities in politics.

He has not yet told why he is willing to spend many thousands of dollars to name his men for office.

No one believes that he does it for friendship for these men.

He would hardly back two horses in the same race for the sake of sentiment.

There are boards which fix tax values. There are boards which fix rates for light and power and street railway fares. There are boards which can help him turn the watered stocks of corporations into streams of real gold.

And all these boards are generally controlled by master politicians and machines which are headed by Senators.

The people understand, or at least guess, that when these thousands are spent for politics, they will be called upon to repay later through higher rates which the officials grant to the men who bid highest for political candidates.

The people of this State are very much interested in the revelations of the bipartisan activities of Mr. Insull in Illinois and Chicago.

For Mr. Insull also reaches into this State with his great utility ventures.

He has his agents in this State as he has them in Illinois, and it may be presumed that his political interests are not limited by State lines. They follow his lines of power and his rails to those cities and States in which he operates.

Not only he but other seekers of privilege can be counted upon to put up huge funds to elect their favorites to office.

It will be interesting to watch Insull in Indiana this fall.

And it will be a safe bet for the people to vote against any candidate he backs with his dollars—unless, of course, he finds both parties eager to take his money.

## OUT OF DEBT?

Governor Jackson should hurry back from his Western vacation and hold another celebration of "getting the State out of debt."

For under the decision of the Supreme Court, there is a very definite prospect of the State being compelled to raise several millions of dollars to repay citizens who were forced to pay taxes now held to be illegal.

The decision of the court holds that the system under which horizontal increases of tax values was made by the tax board was illegal.

In test cases, the court says that certain tax-payers will receive back the excess taxes which they paid.

All other citizens, it follows, who paid such taxes are entitled to similar refunds and the total amount is estimated anywhere from seven to ten millions of dollars.

And with that situation, the claim of getting the State out of debt fades away.

The facts are that the debt was paid by increased burdens upon the owners of automobiles.

The bigger fact is that the State was put into debt by the very organization which now claims credit for paying it; useless and extravagantly put into debt.

The "payment of the debt" was made possible by taking away inheritance taxes from the road funds and then increasing the gasoline taxes to pay for the roads.

There is no semblance of a claim that the expense of operating, the State government was reduced to any considerable degree.

The money was not saved by careful management and economy. It was raised by putting heavier burdens on the taxpayer and the owners of automobiles.

And now it develops that the taxes raised by the State were increased in an illegal manner and that the State must repay.

Can the State be said to be out of debt when there is the certain prospect that it must give back money to which it is not entitled?

Why not try a plan of cutting expenses and saving money instead of constantly increasing burdens upon the industrious?

## HUNDRED YEARS FROM TODAY

It's a dismal picture of the United States a century hence drawn by Professor Clark of Cornell University. He predicts a population miserable, overcrowded and starving because of its sheer numbers.

A brighter view, however, is taken by Dr. Raymond Pearl of Johns Hopkins University, life-long student of population problems. Experiments with fruit flies and with nations, so far as their statistics exist, have shown him, he says, that population is automatically curbed when it becomes too great.

A nation grows fast in its first eager youth, when there is plenty of food and land. When the land is filled, people cease to have such great families, and the population tends toward stability. France is an example of such a nation. She has

# Tracy

Poincare Sets Himself a Big Task as the Mob's Howls Diminish.

By M. E. Tracy

The mobs howled at Premier Poincare just as they have been howling at American tourists, but it amounted to nothing. The chamber of deputies gave him a vote of confidence by almost three to one, and that, too, in spite of a campaign carrying no less than seventeen special taxes.

Obviously France has about completed the cycle of her huff, and is settling down to a saner viewpoint.

If this means less tension in one respect, it may mean more in another.

Poincare, you notice, is not making ratification of the debt pact part of his scheme.

What is more significant, he is not talking about the necessity of foreign loans.

"France must save herself," he proclaims, which is but a different way of saying she will not place an additional trump in our hands by asking for more credit.

Washington has proceeded on the assumption that France would need more credit and that her request for it would be the signal for real trading to begin.

Brindisi, Caillaux and their associates, felt the same way, though it made them shudder.

Poincare starts out with a wholly new premise. It is his purpose to have France pay her way out, to borrow, no money from American bankers and to enter the debt parley without embarrassment.

If he can carry the program through, he will achieve something little short of marvelous.

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