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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 taxpayers 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

been in dire trouble lately, but not on account of the press of population, and generally speaking, life in France for the last fifty years has been as pleasant as it is anywhere.

So maybe Dr. Clark is borrowing trouble for our next generations, which may not materialize.

PAT IS WORRIED

Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi needs fanning.

Right in the middle of summer the Senator mops his brow in Washington and delivers a laborious statement on Muscle Shoals.

He rises to remark that the national power combine's pending bid for a fifty-year lease on the people's \$150,000,000 power project must be accepted as quickly as Congress convenes next December.

The Senator, one fears, is forgetful of climatic conditions. Such exertion, no matter how cool it keeps him with Coolidge, is dangerous in this weather.

A few facts and figures may be a beneficial ventilation.

The bid which he indorses would pay the Government for the first eighteen years an average rental on existing property of only \$1,100,000 a year.

Under present Government operation the Alabama Power Company, member of the combine, is paying the Government for purchased power an estimated \$1,524,000 clear profit a year.

Government operation in eighteen years will net the Government at least \$7,532,000 more than the best private lease yet proposed.

Senator Harrison is humorous. Perhaps he can see the humor of his own position.

PETER PAN, MR. DREW!

After all these years, it was announced the other day that John Drew, dean of Theatians, was about to doff the sock and buskin and walk from the stage for the last time.

Such a pronouncement did not seem unreasonable, in view of Drew's age, which is 73, and great regret was expressed in the minds of all who knew him or had seen him.

But it seems that the report of Mr. Drew's theatrical demise was greatly exaggerated. The news brought from the great actor a sturdy denial that he intended to retire from public life, that he would tread the boards just as long as his legs would hold up under him, and that he expected they would hold up for quite a while yet.

Drew is an actor of the old school. He is a good actor. He is cleverer at 73 than plenty of others have been who were forty years younger. We are glad to know that he will carry right on. It is understood that he is looking around now for a play to bring to Broadway this fall. Mr. Drew, respectfully, we suggest Peter Pan!

A Detroit man who went around the world in twenty-eight days was given a banquet. Bet he arrived late.

Some fellow, probably a New Yorker, says the continents float.

We have had many types of bathing suits in the past. Those used today are the survival of the fittest.

Think a movie actress' mother has gone crazy. Sounds plausible.

These are the days to keep your thermometer in the ice box.

Foreign news. Blue Danube river's flooded. People walking to safety.

Being a movie editor is dangerous. One was married by an actress.

Jilted Chicago girl asks \$75,000, proving misery loves money.

The boll weevil reports it will be a bad year for the cotton crop.

Cast your bread upon the waters and you ruin a good fishing hole.

Man who isn't satisfied with his lot failed to plant flowers on it.

Some congressmen take for their slogan, "When in the capital do as the capitalists say."

The cause of most divorces is that men are such poor liars.

After leaving a speakeasy you usually holler loud.

A cynic is a man who got a jury summons on his vacation.

Most of us are all out of breath from keeping up with expenses.

SHE CAUGHT A HUSBAND

By MRS. WALTER FERGUSON

The United States Government, in a forty-page complaint filed against Mrs. Jackson Barnett of Oklahoma, wife of the richest Indian in the world, accuses her of having married him by "pettings and persuasions, by seductive wiles and flatteries."

Doesn't the Government know this is the method used by any woman to ensnare her husband?

It may be, as is charged, that Mrs. Barnett has entered into a conspiracy with her lawyers to deprive her husband of his money, and should, therefore, be subjected to legal proceedings, but such criticism of her methods of catching the wealthy old Indian stamps the men who drew up this brief as lacking in a sense of humor.

Any one who ever saw Jackson Barnett would know that no woman would marry him for his beauty or his wit. Naturally, the woman who mustered up the courage to take him for a husband would do so for his money, which is a very obvious fact in many marriages where young women wed rich old men.

We don't know all the facts of the case, but Mrs. Barnett went over into the Indian country, perhaps with designs—and waded this rich old Indian from a sort of mental stupor in which he had lived for years. She put fresh clothes upon him and doted him up and down.

She made him young again. She induced him to spend some of his money. It is true, but the two went traveling and Jackson Barnett saw something of the world besides his familiar Osage Hills. He got his picture in the papers and became a noted figure in the country.

Mrs. Barnett labored over him long and assiduously trying to make him into a modern rich man. Of course she failed. He will never be anything, but an old Indian, interested in nothing much except his daily bread and his tobacco.

However, if the Government is going to step in to protect all its Indian charges from the destructive wiles of designing women, it has got a large job on its hands, and probably the prohibition question will never be settled.

Tracy

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

By M. E. Tracy

The mob 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 sane 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 just 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.

Brand, Callaux 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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Going Too Far

Since Ma Ferguson's term of office ends in January, why should she resign in November?

She shouldn't, and the probability is that she won't.

The probabilities are that the same excuse of "unfinished business" which inspires her to postpone the payment of a campaign bet for three months will inspire her to postpone it for two months more.

It was a raw bet, anyway, and just as raw for Dan Moody as for Ma.

When the Governor and attorney general of a State like Texas wager their offices as part of the political byplay, it is going pretty far.

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More Hypocrisy

Col. Ned Green, ousted dry chief of northern California and indicted for the illegal use of liquor on eleven counts, says that his position imposed no duty on him to become a religious fanatic.

In other words, he contends that a man employed to hound bootleggers can drink if he feels like it.

The same reasoning would make it all right for a policeman to deal in stolen goods.

We can see the point quick enough with respect to other law but not in respect to prohibition.

The hypocrisy and inconsistency to which this reform has given rise are simply unbelievable.

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How to Advertise

George Bernard Shaw's speech went around the world, even if the British government did refuse to let it be put over the radio.

As a matter of fact, it received a great deal more publicity than it would have if the British government had kept quiet.

It was not such a wonderful speech after all, but everybody hoped it would be, which paved the way for it in every news service. Repression is one form of advertising.

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Personalities

"No person is greater than communism, or essential to it," remarks the Russian embassy at Berlin with reference to the Zinoviev removal.

This is only one view, however. Others see it as a victory for the peasants, and still others as an evidence of factional strife.

Zinoviev has been a power in Bolshevikism since it began.

He was a close friend of Lenin, and has often been spoken of as "the power behind the throne."

Though it has been a vaunted tenet of the Communists that personalities did not count, there has seldom been a movement so completely dominated by personalities.

The outside world has heard little but names—Lenin, Trotsky, Stalin, Zinoviev.

The theory is that these men have acted merely as instruments of the masses, but most people believe that they have molded the mass like putty.

Most people believe, too, that when the end comes, that whether through violent upheaval, or through gradual and peaceful methods, it will be brought about by some outstanding figure.

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Home Town Complex

The New York boxing commission having reversed itself, the prospects are bright for a Dempsey-Tunney encounter.

It was the home-town complex coming up for breath.

New York, big as it is, couldn't stand the idea of Chicago getting away with this match.

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DREAMS OF DRAGON

By NEA Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—His Satanic Majesty, leading on a chain his pet fire-dragon, called upon Frank Carman in a dream. Frank felt out of bed and landed in his neighbor's back yard. He had been sleeping on a second floor open porch. After a physician had taken several stitches in his forehead and lip, Frank went back to bed.

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DECAY-PROOF WOOD

The careful builder of the future will use chemically treated lumber whenever decay-favoring conditions exist, according to observations made by M. E. Dunlap, of the University of Wisconsin.

Gertie Had a Heart That Was Colder Than Ice Cream Freezer, Sings Esther

By Walter D. Hickman

You must come over and meet Gertie.

Gertie is called in the land of songs "the hard-to-get Gertie."

Esther Walker, comedienne, maintains vocally that Gertie is witty and pretty, but she is nobody's pal. Esther advises the sheikhs to save their time and dough because all that Gertie ever says is just "no, no, no."

And Esther also tells you that Gertie's heart is as cold as an ice cream freezer and that she lets you stand outside her door but her front wall is no-man's land.

And Esther also confides that Gertie will "eat your meals and drink your gin, but she will never give in."

And you get the impression that Gertie is a very wise little girl at that and a very proper little general at that.

Anyway this is the nifty little spirit of Esther Walker's new song on a Brunswick record. It is properly named "Hard-to-Get Gertie."

It is what I call a "mean" jazz tune with burlesque words, but with a melody that makes a corking fox trot.

If I am not all wrong this "Gertie" number is going to be the talk of the street. Miss Walker has the voice which puts over this type of a number. Brunswick has recorded it well.

It is a "hot" number and fully meets the demand of the jazz-tempo of the hour.

On the other side Miss Walker sings "Ya Gotta Know How to Love."

Playful Fun

"London bridge is falling down, my fair woman."

That's the way Ted Lewis sings his own version of an old tune done in jazz time.

This happens on Lewis' new Columbia record, "Hi-Diddle-Dee-Dee."

Here is one of the better known of the new jazz tunes done in original way which Lewis does everything he touches for his orchestra.

You first hear the striking of the old family clock, then it gives way to quiet jazz tunes, then Lewis sings his own version of "Hi-Diddle-Dee-Dee, the cat and the fiddle and the cow jumped over the moon."

He also repeats the words of "London bridge is falling down" and cracks some modern fun at the expense of this well-known tune.

Here is a nifty and funny Columbia record. To me it is an entertaining little bit of record fun, done in that clever way which Lewis has in putting over his numbers. Am sure that the entire family will fall for this new fun record of Ted Lewis.

On the other side Ted Lewis and his orchestra plays a haunting Hawaiian thing called "Iyone, My Own Iyone." The lead Hawaiian guitar work is done by Frank Ferera. Here is a beautifully colored and tuneful Hawaiian record. Am sure you will want both of these Ted Lewis numbers on a Columbia record.

Something Fine

But let us not forget the better type of music these warm summer days. Let us watch the better releases as well as the popular ones.

A man told me the other day that for every fine popular record he buys for his son and daughter to dance and make merry at his home, he buys at least one good record of standard music. That is a splendid time. Good music you know will never grow stale.

And so I call attention today to a Mendelssohn record just issued by Brunswick. On one side you will hear the Scherzo from "Midsummer Night's Dream" played as a flute solo by John Amano. On the other side you will hear the Nocturne from the same Mendelssohn creation, played by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra with Arturo Toscanini conducting.

Here is one of the great conductors of the day and he has with him this time an orchestra of most intelligent proportions.

Here is a record which would dignify the library of any home. Make your musical library more complete by getting this Brunswick record.

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Indianapolis theaters today offer: Anna Davis and McKay Morris in "The Outsider," at Kadish; "My Son," at English; Dainty Marie, at the Lyric; Babe Egan and her orchestra, at the Palace; "Paris," at the Apollo; "The Taxi Mystery," at the Isis; "Why Girls Go Back Home," at the Ohio; "The Brown Derby," at the Circle; the Cronial is closed until Sunday for improvements and "Her Second Chance," at the Uptown.

FISH FOR COYOTES

CEDAR RAPIDS, Kan.—To go fishing and catch no fish, but capture a couple of wild coyotes with their hook and line was the experience of two Marion County men. J. W. Mader and Ros Volk. The men were returning empty-handed when they saw two coyotes, trailed them to their hiding place under a culvert and fished them both out.

HARK! THE ZITHERS

WASHINGTON, Mo.—New York will ring with the twang of the zither this fall, when the United Zither Players of America hold their twelfth annual convention.

Washington is the home of one of the few zither factories in America. It was established 65 years ago by Franz Schwarzer, a native of Austria.

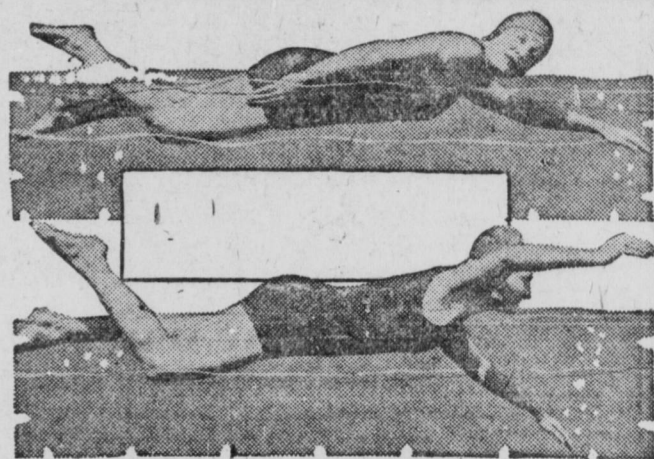
CAN WED PERSIANS

CONSTANTINOPLE.—By the abolition of a fifty-year-old law, Turkish women now have the right to marry Persians. The former ban against intermarriage is said to have been due to a slight difference in religion and the system of trial marriages practiced by the Persians. Turkish women still may marry only Moslems, although the men may marry women of any faith.

TAG CHIMNEY SWIFTS

Chimney swifts are being tagged with aluminum bands by research workers of the University of Wisconsin. The work is being conducted to learn more about the migratory habits of these birds.

How to Swim—No 9



Beginning of a Swift Stroke

By Lillian Cannon

When one has become proficient in the dog-paddle, swimming will be made easy. It is a basis upon which the swimmer may always fall back if the other strokes are too hard.

Don't try to swim the harder strokes all at once. Take it easy. Start with the dog-paddle and as the left hand goes downward roll over on the left side, and instead of thrusting the right hand straight

forward bring it clear of the water and over the shoulder, striking the surface of the water palm downward.

Bring it downward and backward as in the dog-paddle, rolling over toward the right side in the operation.

In this one has the beginning of a swift stroke which will throw the body forward easily and rapidly. (Copyright, 1926, NEA Service, Inc.)

TEACHERS WILL MEET

Dates for Pre-School Sessions Announced by Graff.

Dates of Indianapolis teachers' pre-school meetings were announced at the school board meeting Tuesday night by E. U. Graff, superintendent.

The meetings will be held at Caleb Mills Hall and in Shortridge High School, Sept. 1, 2 and 3.

Graff said about 1,800 teachers will attend. General meetings will be held as follows: Sept. 1 and 3, 9 a. m. to 10:30 a. m.; Sept. 2, 11 a. m. to noon. These will be in Caleb Mills Hall, with departmental sessions in classrooms at the building.

Graff also recommended appointment of several teachers, including: Geraldine Trotter, assistant supervisor of music in elementary schools; Carol Hehner, chemistry, Shortridge; and Don R. Knight, history, Shortridge. Knight will succeed Emmett A. Rice, selected as vice-principal to fill the position of L. H. Dirks, who will become dean of Men at De Pauw University Sept. 1.