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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.

ONLY ONE BY-PRODUCT

The advice of national officers and of the local executive committee to union street car workers to abandon their strike means that the strike is over. Even though the men refuse to admit defeat, as is conceded by the national officers of the union, no real friend of those who made their protest would advise the continuance of a struggle which is so unequal and admittedly hopeless.

To be effective, any protest against low wages or hard working conditions must have behind it the support of public opinion.

That protest must also be so general as to include a very large percentage of those affected. A strike of less than half of those employed leaves so much doubt in the public mind as to the justice of the demands or the necessity of protest.

Public interest usually only follows a personal interest and the fact that the cars did not stop, but were operated on a basis that gave some service, went far to prevent any discussion of the merits or lack of merit of the protest made by these men.

The one victory gained was the fact that a committee of public-spirited citizens did take an active interest in the demands made by the men and suggest that the substantial justice of their claims be determined by an unbiased and unprejudiced body.

That suggests that the time may come when all controversies of a similar nature may be settled by reason instead of the drastic war between the employer and the employed.

That the Governor refused to take notice and that the mayor ran away from any participation is meaningless. There may come a day when public officials will be less timid and more advanced in their ideas.

Otherwise the strike has been costly and useless, and now admitted by national officers of the union to have been ill advised and hopeless from the start. The men who protested that the wage is too low have lost in wages. The company has lost in cash and the public has, to some extent, been discriminated.

If there is to be anything gained, it might be the inclusion in the law controlling public utilities a mandate to the State commission to investigate wages and working conditions on all public utilities with the same care and constant supervision which is given to rolling stock and profits.

A GREAT MAN DIES

In the passing of Senator Cummins of Iowa the Nation loses a man who did much to impress himself, his ideas, his courage and his vision, upon its destinies.

For more than two decades he has been in public life as a leader.

It was he who startled the conservatives of a quarter of a century ago with what was then termed the "Iowa idea," which was only a demand for a little more of human right and a little more of equality of opportunity.

He was then looked upon a radical of radicals, and his doctrines so revolutionary as to menace all property and all progress.

But that Iowa idea spread and has long since become an accepted pillar of conservatism.

Even Cummins, once looked upon as so radical, had become known as most conservative.

Just as he, in his youth, had challenged the principles of age, so he was faced by new demands by younger men, who in their turn were striving to change the old order and to bring to human beings more of hope, more of justice, more of opportunity, more of progress.

Youth always hurls its challenge to things as they are and translates its hopes and aspirations into new demands.

Cautions age always protests that the temple is being destroyed and is surprised to find that the new ways bring no disaster and no chaos.

And then the victorious youth grows old with its program and meets a new challenger and a new era.

The Nation needs both its youthful challenger and its cautious age.

Cummins served well as both. The ideals of the youth led to changes in laws and viewpoint that brought permitted progress. And in his age he put the conservative strength of experience to check too hasty a plunge into the untried.

THERE ARE LIMITS

A new invention, declares a United Press report from Paris, will soon enable a telephoner to use the telephone as they talk together over the wire. This is a terrible prospect, and is causing consternation among:

1. Husbands telephoning that they're sitting up with sick friends and won't get home until morning.
2. Girls, not yet dressed, powdered and curled to go out with their steadies, and who must answer the telephone when it rings or miss out on a good time, and.
3. Any number of social white liars, who, telephoning from the country club, just can't come to their friends' bridge or other parties, because relatives from out of town are arriving—"You know how it is."

Let's keep our telephones just as they are now. Inventive genius can go too far.

ONE MORE MYSTERY

Too much gambling in the city, say some members of the Merchants' Association.

They have discovered that an illegitimate industry is interfering with legitimate commerce. The selling of baseball pools, so called, is so widespread that every one, apparently, except the police heads and the board of safety are buying them.

It is a new form of the meanest form of gambling, because there is so little chance to win and the profits to the promoters are large.

All that is required is a bunch of tickets, a few lively agents and blindness on the part of the police.

Out of every dollar taken in, at least a third goes to the promoters of these enterprises.

The tickets are sold to those who can least afford to lose money.

The total, it is asserted, runs into thousands of dollars a day.

The old hope of something for nothing is held out to those who can ill afford to lose the little they have. And as a result there are unpaid grocery bills,

rent bills and too much temptation for those entrusted with money.

Why is it necessary for legitimate business to protest to the authorities?

Presumably police forces are hired by taxpayers to prevent just such widespread crimes and violations of the law.

Theoretically, the officers of the law are on the job to protect the gullible from such swindles.

Was it by accident that every detective and every member of the police force overlooked these open violations of the law?

Just how did these agents overlook the police in their sales of tickets? They found, apparently, practically every one else.

After the thing is stopped, the merchants might be interested in discovering why they had to act as informers and sleuths in order to get action.

Who is the man or men behind that gets the big profits?

Why, oh why, was it necessary to call the attention of the police to so open and flagrant crime?

PULPIT COWARDICE

In this day of enlightened justice and multitudinous law, it seems that a man still can go about perforating other men's left ventricles in order to preserve the sanctity of his home.

Well and good. But when a woman indulges in a little face-slapping in remonstrance against a slur upon her honor, the chances are that she will go to jail.

Martha Bates of Millstone, Ky., is a good girl and always went to church. A few weeks ago, listening to the ministerial meanderings of one Arlie Brown, Baptist preacher, Martha was astonished by his statement that no virtuous woman would bob her hair.

Now Martha's hair and that of several other women in the church was bobbed. But none of the others seemed to have the courage or decency to do anything about it when the Reverend Brown made his denunciation. So Martha rose, walked quietly down the aisle and slapped the parson's face.

For assault and battery, disturbing the peace, breaking up a religious service, or some sort of charge, they arrested Martha, had her sentenced to forty days in jail.

Seventeen days later, the pardon commissioner, a woman who also has bobbed hair, was asked for a report on the case by Governor William J. Fields. Simultaneously, the Governor released Martha and some caustic remarks about "pulpit cowardice" being among the meanest of sins. Governor Fields said further that he approved highly of what Martha did.

So do we all.

THE DEBT PROBLEM SOLVED!

President Coolidge the other day warned Americans against being too "bumptious" in their dealings with Europeans. Americans, he surmised, by their ostentation, might be partly to blame for anti-American outbursts in France and England.

The President, no doubt, is right. Unfortunately, he didn't warn against bumptiousness on this side of the water.

Had he done so, we, perhaps, would not have been treated to the remarkable spectacle of a large reform society gravely issuing a public ukase informing the Europeans that all they need to do to pay their debts to us is to give up drinking.

Seven nations of Europe spend \$4,000,000,000 a year for potent beverages, the statement points out. Let them stop and their debts to us would be paid in short time.

Not content with regulating the personal habits and morals of Americans, our self-constituted guardians are taking it upon themselves to regulate the world.

Can you imagine what your Frenchman or Briton will say when he reads this bit of gratuitous advice? Its effrontery is sublime.

Young people are so silly, unless you are one of them.

A harpooned whale may fight two days, but a husband may kick against a new hat for a week.

Senator plans new fight for rivers bill. More water power to him.

Rice cooks more quickly if put on ten minutes earlier.

A well-known slogan seems to be changed to "Say it with cigarettes."

OVER-SOLICITOUS MOTHERS

By MRS. WALTER FERGUSON

Some women possess the souls of tyrants. Their chief aim in existence is to make over their men.

In many outwardly happy homes the wife and mother, even though she be a devoted and loving one, sits as a spy over her entire family. She spies into their hearts and tries to worm out their dearest secrets. She wants to know what they are doing every waking moment. She can't sleep until she sees them all safely slumbering. She is not happy unless she is camping on their trail. She is eaten with a morbid curiosity about their every action.

Generally such a woman is called a slave to her home. She is praised from one end of the country to the other because of this constant attendance upon her family. We always speak of her as a martyr to those she loves.

If the truth were known, however, it is the husband and children of such a person who are the real sufferers. It is horrible to have somebody not only dogging your footsteps but your thoughts. No child wants his mother to be always at his heels. He does not like anybody to peep into the secret places of his being and wrench out his poor little dreams. No husband likes but prefers to be left alone most of the time. He loathes being eternally looked after.

Husbands and children are individuals, first of all. They should be responsible for their actions. They have got to think and act for themselves. You may love them devotedly but you can not hope to be the sentinel of their souls.

A great many marriages are ruined by this feminine passion for making over families. Boys and girls are made miserable because their mothers can not resist the desire to run their movements and their minds.

Such wives are mental corkscrews when it comes to probing into the inner nature of their husbands.

It is a most excellent thing to remember that no matter how dearly you may love a man, his individuality is distinct from yours and his soul a thing apart. Even though you may have given them life, your children are masters of their destiny.

Tracy

Mexico's Church Fight Is Unique on Western Hemisphere.

By M. E. Tracy

The struggle is on in Mexico, a "finish fight," according to President Calles.

There never was anything like it in the western hemisphere, yet it is but the latest and inevitable phase of a controversy that has smoldered for sixty-nine years.

The Mexican constitution of 1857 provided that churches could not own property, which was vague, like our own eighteenth amendment, and needed laws to make it effective.

Laws were passed from time to time, but for the most part remained unenforced.

Porfirio Diaz, who ruled Mexico for thirty-five years, was content to let the religious issue alone.

After him came a decade of revolution and a vastly more radical attitude.

In 1917, the constitution was amended and more drastic laws passed, and these are what President Calles is undertaking to put in operation.

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Oppression

Among others, the following regulations may be cited:

"To exercise the ministry of any cult it is necessary to be a Mexican by birth."

"The instruction given shall be non-sectarian in the public schools and in the primary, second and higher grades of all private educational establishments."

"All monastic orders and convents shall be dissolved after identifying and taking descriptions of the excommunicated persons."

"Ministers of religion shall never be permitted to criticize the fundamental laws of the country, nor the authorities of the Government, either in particular, or in general."

"Ministers of religion may never associate themselves for political purpose."

"Religious publications, or those simply of a marked tendency in favor of a determined religious belief, whether by their program or title, shall not be permitted to comment on national political subjects, nor to publish information regarding acts of the authorities of the country or of individuals who may have a direct relation to the functioning of public institutions."

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Calles' Contention

President Calles and his supporters declare that such regulations are necessary for the progress of Mexico.

"The hour is approaching for a final fight," he says, "and we are going to see whether revolution has triumphed over reaction, or whether the triumph of the revolution has been merely ephemeral."

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Catholics the Target

Since Mexico is practically of one religion, these laws are construed by both sides as directed against the Roman Catholic church.

The Mexican government contends that the hierarchy of this church has meddled with politics, and that the only way to stop it is through drastic and severe regulation.

Spokesmen of the church reply that the laws go too far, that they interfere with religious liberty and that they prevent priests from exercising legitimate rights.

"Laws are secondary to human rights," the archbishops declared in their letter of last Sunday, and Bishop Diaz added on Wednesday, "Above the constitution are the rights of God and the will of the people."

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The Challenge

Meanwhile, and after two such hectic weeks of baptizing, marrying and confirming as Mexico never held, 25,000 priests have withdrawn from 25,000 churches, leaving the country without organized religion for the first time in four centuries.

Had the priests stayed at their altars, the government would have permitted them to remain in control of the churches, though asserting its ownership.

It regards their withdrawal not only a challenge, but as abandonment of the property, and will take actual possession.

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Mailed Fist

Troops are ready to back up the government should this program meet with resistance, orders have been issued to disarm Catholics; Calles is reported to have asked the United States to lift the arms embargo so that he can buy guns and ammunition if the need arises, and the labor federation has come out with a strong manifesto in his support.

By way of reply, the League in Defense of Religious Liberty, a pro-church organization, has threatened to start a boycott against the buying of luxuries, and it is possible that Rome may authorize an "interdict."

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Await a Leader

Thus we behold the lines shaping themselves in a most spectacular way, with decrees, challenges, proclamations and pronouncements flying thick and fast, but with most everybody ignoring whom and what will decide the issue.

Back of this controversy, and without understanding its finer points too well; shocked into neutrality for the moment; lacking leadership and organization, are ten or twelve million people, one-third of them pure blooded Indian and two-thirds of them illiterate.

What will their reaction be when their emotions and sentiments have had time to crystallize, but especially if some bold spirit stalks across the stage to give their dazed ideas forceful expression?

Alvin Roper to Give a Sacred Recital at the First United Brethren Church

ARRANGEMENTS have been completed by which the pastor of the First United Brethren Church of Indianapolis, the Rev. B. S. McNeely, and the membership of the church take pleasure in announcing that on Sunday evening, Aug. 1, at 7:45 o'clock, in the auditorium of the church, at the corner of Park Ave. and Walnut St., Alvin Roper of Winona Lake, famous all over the United States and Eastern Canada, and known in several countries abroad, has been engaged to give one of his unique sacred recitals to which the public is cordially invited.

These Sunday evening programs are a series that Mr. Roper is giving in city churches of all denominations all over the country, and almost every Sunday evening, when he is not otherwise engaged, finds him filling a date of this sort.

Mr. Roper has been in professional work for nearly twenty-five years. His playing has included recitals and concerts; pastoral and tabernacle evangelistic campaigns; hundreds of city, State, national and world's conventions of various religious and reform organizations; summer chautauques and Bible conferences, such as Winona Lake, where he was official piano and organ soloist for ten successive seasons; and his public career has been extensive in all these fields. His travels have taken him into every State in the Union, every province of Canada east of Detroit, and into Hawaii, Japan, China, Korea, Siberia, Russia, Poland and Germany; and he has covered over three hundred and sixty thousand miles of travel, and has been heard by millions of people in combined audiences on conservative estimates he has kept.

Before he commenced his professional work he spent over twelve years in study of piano and pipe organ and kindred theoretical subjects. His training was both extensive and intensive and was taken from first class private American teachers, and his post-graduate work was under a former teacher from the Oscar Reif school of Berlin. He took an extensive course in repertoire and is thoroughly familiar with the best works of both the classical and the modern secular composers.

He also devoted considerable time to the study of composition and has written some very interesting numbers for both piano and voice.

His improvisational playing of church hymns is known from one country to the other, as he has specialized in this in connection with the many conventions he has served as pianist.

The program follows:

"Psalms Chorus" and "To the Sweet Evening Star" (Faurer) by Schumann
"Nachtstücke" (Evening Songs) by Schumann
"Grillen" (Whims) by Schumann
"Requiem in D flat" (Raindrops) by Chopin
"Funeral March in B flat" by Chopin
"Romance in B flat" by Rubinstein
"Nocturne in B flat" by Chopin
Hymn Improvisation:
"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Me" by Bradbury
"To a Water Lily" (Woodland Sketches) by McDowell
"To Spring" by Grieg
"Serenade" by Moszkowski
"Vogelien" (Birding) by Grieg
"Orchids" by Grieg
"Cavatina" by Rubinstein
"Hymn Improvisation" by Schumann
"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" by Doane
"Minuet in G" by Beethoven
"Minuet in A" by Beethoven
"Et exultabunt" by Schubert
"Prelude in G sharp minor" by Rachmaninoff
"Moonlight Sonata" by Beethoven
Finale from "Symphonic Studies" by Schumann

The public is cordially invited to hear this program. Come and hear one of the outstanding pianists of the country, the pastor states.

THE amusement season is now at its height at the Cincinnati (Ohio) Zoo, the attendance increasing daily. There have been more out of town parties this year than ever before.

Free parking space is provided inside the grounds for all automobiles and trained traffic men are on duty at all times making entrance and exit an easy matter, despite the large number of machines parked.

The animal collection is now more complete than ever, and includes hundreds of young deer, peacocks, pheasants, dwarf donkeys and others.

For the children there are the pony track, merry-go-round, fun house and new electrical kiddies playground. Free punch and Judy shows are given at frequent intervals daily and attract hundreds of grownups as well as children.

Free popular concerts are given every afternoon throughout the season and these are always well attended.

The opera repertoire for the week beginning Sunday, Aug. 1, is: Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, "Falstaff" (in English) and Monday, Wednesday and Friday "Aida." Saturday evening there will be a pre-midnight production at the Zoo of "The Nuremberg Doll," sung in German. There will also be a grand ballet and diversions.

Pasquale Montali, instrument teacher of the Indiana College of harp soloist, for the week of Aug. 8, Music and Fine Arts, is engaged as at the Apollo Theater.

ASSESSMENTS NOT CUT
Board of Works Refuses Property Owners Request on Sewer Costs.

Reduction of assessments for several hundred property owners on the Raymond St.-Le Grande Ave. sewer, which will serve southeastern Indianapolis, was refused by the board of works Friday.

The board, on receiving an opinion from John K. Ruckelshaus, city attorney, that the property owners had failed to take advantage of their right of remonstrance at the proper time, decided to hold the entire assessments valid. The case will be carried to the courts, it was indicated.

RAT HUNT FATAL
By United Press
ANDERSON, Ind., July 31.—A verdict of accidental death was expected to be filed by Coronel Sells today in the death of Douglas Montgomery, 67, near Orestes. Montgomery had gone to shoot rats at his barn and was found with a bullet hole through his head.

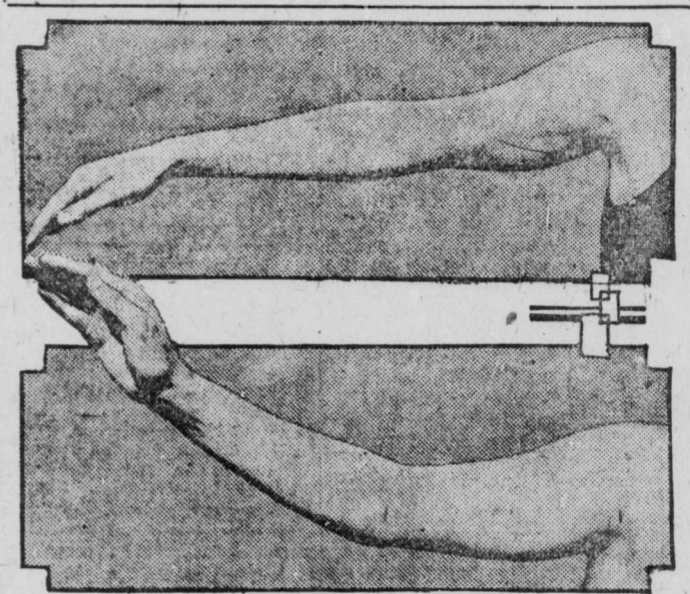
Great Artist Booked By Talbot



Chalapiu

Probably one of the greatest artists that Ona B. Talbot will bring to the Murat next season will be Chalapiu and his opera company. Although her season does not open until early fall, Mrs. Talbot is busy these warm summer days selling tickets and completing plans for her winter series.

How to Swim—No. 12



How the Hands Are Cupped

By Lillian Cannon
In perfecting the overhand stroke, one's arm should be to make as little splashing as possible and to swim with as little effort as possible. The hands should be very slightly cupped so that each strikes the water with an appreciable "plop" and without splashing.

If this is attained, the arm will make no splash. The best idea is to think of the stroke as "shoving" the arm and hand into the water, rather than striking the water with the open hand.

The scissors kick in this stroke should be synchronized with the movements of the hands just as in the dog-paddle.

The breathing should also be in the same co-ordination as in the dog-paddle.

This is not a standardized stroke, but one very generally used when not trying for speed. Coaches call it incorrect, but it is much used. (Copyright, 1926, NEA Service, Inc.)

STEP FOR SUBSTATIONS

Commission Approves Street Railway Issue of Notes.

The Indianapolis Street Railway Company has been granted permits by the public service commission to issue notes for \$351,000, with \$202,000 held by the trustees of the company, will be used for the erection of six power substations in the city.

These substations are to be erected, company officials said, to increase the operating efficiency of cars.

MR. FIXIT

Sewer Lid to Be Fixed and Weeds Cut.

Let Mr. Fixit present your case to city officials. He is The Times representative in the city hall. Write him at The Times.

The complaint of the loose sewer lid is most welcome to Mr. Fixit because it's so easily and quickly adjusted.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: If you are not exhausted by the time this letter reaches you, you will try to have a loose sewer lid fixed in the 1900 block on Cottage Ave. When traffic is heavy it sounds like the Fourth of July. Also the weeds are so high on the corner lot in the 14000 block on Villa Ave., they almost hide the Hillcrest Baptist Church.

MRS. W. E. MURRAY.

You'll get prompt service on the loose lid and the board of health will try to unveil the church from the jungle.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: A few weeks ago I wrote you about the alley south of 117 Bradley Ave. Nothing has ever been done about it. This place is in a deplorable condition. Hope something can be done before fall and winter, as it is impassable during winter months. Fifteen cars were stranded here last winter. All the rest of the alley except this small stretch is cindered.

TIMES READER.

Mr. Fixit has the promise of the streets superintendent's department that they will care for your complaint soon.

The board of health now is investigating the weeds on the vacant lot at 1910 E. Washington St., and at Lambert St. and Belmont Ave.

Questions and Answers

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to The Indianapolis Times, Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamps for reply. Medical, legal and marital advice cannot be given on any extended basis, but a personal reply, if desired, will be given. All other questions will be answered. All letters are confidential.—Editor.

Were the men who served in the Army and Navy during the World War compelled to take out Government insurance?

It was not compulsory. The men were strongly urged to take policies, not to help the Government, but to protect their dependents in case they died. A majority of officers and enlisted men took Government insurance.

What does "rex via" mean? It is Latin for "king of the road."

What is the immigration quota for Chile?

There is no numerical restriction upon natives of Central and South American countries. Therefore Chile has no quota.

What color is a pure diamond? Where do most of the diamonds come from?

Pure diamonds are colorless, but diamonds often show nonessential violet-blue, green, yellow or brown colors, owing to the presence of impurities. The principal diamond fields are located in Brazil and South Africa; the stones are also known to occur in India, Borneo, British Guiana, Russia, China, Sumatra and the United States, principally in Arkansas. About 98 per cent of the world's supply comes from South Africa.

How can wrinkles be eradicated? Try the following: Bathe the face twice a day in warm water in which a small quantity of Epsom salts has been dissolved. Rub with cold water. Ironing the face with a small piece of ice, after massage with a good cold cream, is helpful. For occasional temporary relief, bathe the parts where the wrinkles appear with a solution of alum and water in order to tighten the skin. Do not do this often.

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