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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 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 discomfited.

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 destiny.

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

It was he who started 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 as 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.

Cautious 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 telephone to see 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."

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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,

Tracy

Mexico's Church Fight Is Unique on Western Hemisphere.

By M. E. Tracy

rent bills and too much temptation for those interested 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 guilty 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 is pay their debts to us is to give up drinking.

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."

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

A harpooned whale may fight two days, but a human 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 is a devoted and loving one, acts as a spy over her entire family. She spies into their hearts and tries to worm out their deepest 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 lives but prefers to be left alone most of the time. He loathes being eternally looked after.

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

Great Artist Booked By Talbot



Challapin

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 chautauquas 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:

"Pilgrim's Chorus" ... "To the Sweet Evening Star" (Tannhäuser) ... "Warner Schumann" ... "Schubert's 'Unfinished' (Evening Song)" ... Schumann's "Grieg's 'Cello" (Whimsie) ... Schubert's "Erl-König" (Raindrop) ... Chopin's "March in B flat minor" ... Chopin's "Romance" ... "Rachmaninoff's 'Vogel' (Birdling) ... Grieg's "Cavatina" ... Schumann's "Hymn Improvisation" ... "Jesus, Keep My Near the Cross" ... Melody by Doane Minuet in G major ... Beethoven's "Pastorale" ... "McDowell's 'Spring'" ... "Serenade" ... "Mozart's 'Vogel' (Birdling) ... Grieg's "Romance" ... "Rachmaninoff's 'Morning' from 'Symphonic Studies'" ... Schumann's "Saviour Like a Shepherd, Lead to a Water Lily" (Waltz) ... Schumann's "Morning" ... "Erl-König" ... Schubert's "Lied" ... "Romance" ... "Rachmaninoff's 'Morning' from 'Symphonic Studies'" ... Schumann's "Jesus, Keep My Near the Cross" ... Melody by Doane Minuet in G major ... Beethoven's "Pastorale" ... "McDowell's 'Spring'" ... "Serenade" ... "Mozart's 'Vogel' (Birdling) ... Grieg's "Romance" ... "Rachmaninoff's 'Morning' from 'Symphonic Studies'" ... Schumann's "Saviour Like a Shepherd, Lead to a Water Lily" (Waltz) ... Schumann's "Morning" ... "Erl-König" ... Schubert's "Lied" ... "Romance" ... "Rachmaninoff's 'Morning' from 'Symphonic Studies'" ... Schumann's "Jesus, Keep My Near the Cross" ... Melody by Doane Minuet in G major ... Beethoven's "Pastorale" ... "McDowell's 'Spring'" ... "Serenade" ... "Mozart's 'Vogel' (Birdling) ... Grieg's "Romance" ... "Rachmaninoff's 'Morning' from 'Symphonic Studies'" ... Schumann's "Saviour Like a Shepherd, Lead to a Water Lily" (Waltz) ... Schumann's "Morning" ... "Erl-König" ... Schubert's "Lied" ... "Romance" ... "Rachmaninoff's 'Morning' from 'Symphonic Studies'" ... Schumann's "Jesus, Keep My Near the Cross" ... Melody by Doane Minuet in G major ... Beethoven's "Pastorale" ... "McDowell's 'Spring'" ... "Serenade" ... "Mozart's 'Vogel' (Birdling) ... Grieg's "Romance" ... "Rachmaninoff's 'Morning' from 'Symphonic Studies'" ... Schumann's "Saviour Like a Shepherd, Lead to a Water Lily" (Waltz) ... Schumann's "Morning" ... "Erl-König" ... Schubert's "Lied" ... "Romance" ... "Rachmaninoff's 'Morning' from 'Symphonic Studies'" ... Schumann's "Jesus, Keep My Near the Cross" ... Melody by Doane Minuet in G major ... Beethoven's "Pastorale" ... "Mc