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## KNOW YOUR STATE

INDIANA meat and packing products annually are valued at a figure in excess of \$130,000,000. This phase of agricultural wealth is the most dependable among Hoosier farmers, based upon a ten-year average. Packing plants in the State employ an average of 6,000 workers.

## THAT TAX RATE

Two months ago the Times pointed out to the Governor that he could reduce the tax rate 5 cents next year and not cripple any department of the government.

At that time the Governor was boasting that he would cut the rate 3 cents and hoped that the taxpayers would be so glad that they would not inquire too deeply into how much the State was spending.

The Times looked over the claims of the Governor, showed how much extra money is being taken from the auto owners, how the special taxes on inheritances had been shifted and then did a few simple calculations.

It was the Times which pointed out that a cut of at least 5 cents could be made in the tax rate, and should be made.

Now the statement comes from the Statehouse that the rate will be cut that figure and that the announcement will be made on Sept. 22, just a few weeks before election.

It is probable that had the Times not made its exposure of the real conditions, there would have been the 3-cent cut and ways found to spend the extra million.

No one yet has pointed to a saving of a single dollar. The boast of wiping out debts only means that the people have dug deeper into their pockets. The auto owners have paid every time they have driven their flivvers or their tractors or their trucks. Every inheritance has paid its share.

The big outstanding fact is that the government is costing all that it ever cost and much more than it did before the present machine began to put its puppets into office.

## A WARLESS WORLD

It has been a good many years since the United Press associations undertook the task of breaking the strangle-hold of official news agencies on the news of the world. With the cooperation of independent sources in other countries the United Press has steadily extended its missionary labors until now there are few places in which the effect has not been felt.

Born in the free atmosphere of America, where official news agencies are unknown, the United Press has proceeded on the theory that news which affects the interests of the people belongs to the people as a right, not a privilege to be granted or withheld by any set of men temporarily composing a government. By proving it could operate independently of government agencies, it has paved the way for a free interchange of information and opinion between the peoples of all countries, the ideal toward which intelligent leaders everywhere are striving.

How far the lead of this American news agency has been followed is indicated by the cable dispatches from Geneva, telling of the meeting there, under the auspices of the League of Nations, of representatives of the press associations of the world. The principal business before the meeting is, in effect, that of obtaining official ratification of the work the United Press has been doing.

Some governments still seek to discriminate against independent agencies in favor of official agencies. This is done in the matter of government statements, in the matter of priority of telegrams, in the matter of telegraph, telephone and cable rates and in the matter of treatment by censors. If the Geneva meeting is successful all these governments will in due time be pledged to abandon such practices.

It will mean a great step forward when this is done. The better the peoples of this globe know one another the nearer approaches the day of a warless world. To this end the official news barriers must come down. The press associations represented at Geneva are working for the good of every nation. They are working for the advancement of civilization itself.

## PHILIPPINES OPPORTUNITIES

Mexico and oil today! The Philippines and rubber tomorrow!

There is no doubt that the stuff from which tires are made is rival oil in the production of vast fortunes. And there is no doubt of the alluring opportunities in the Philippines for the development of the raw product.

The auto business has become the world's most stupendous enterprise, even surpassing United States Steel, as shown by the recent \$600,000,000 stock dividend declared by General Motors.

Great Britain now has a monopoly on rubber. Every man who drives a car is thus forced to pay tribute to England. That situation can not continue indefinitely. The Philippines offer the way out.

But before American capital begins an invasion of the Philippines, the United States Government should pave the way for it by gaining the unquestionably good will of the Filipino people.

And how could this Government do this?

Why, merely by keeping its solemn pledge to the Filipinos; by giving them their domestic independence. That done, the natives doubtless would aid instead of resisting efforts to develop the rubber business there.

This Government should by treaty, mutually arrived at, retain an armed protectorate there, both for the benefit of the Filipinos and for ourselves. But it is not necessary for us to be forever meddling with the domestic affairs of the natives, as we now do through our governor general, in order to give protection. A fenced-in military organization, a proper number of battleships and land fortifications at strategical points, is all we require in the islands.

The question of Philippine independence will come to a head soon, following a report from Carmi A. Thompson, who has gone to the islands as a special envoy of President Coolidge.

Our future opportunities in the west Pacific, in

a business way, depend a good deal on how honorably we meet the situation there in an official way.

## O, BELOVED ILLINOIS!"

It was a true picture of Illinois drawn by the Reed committee—ruled by the powerful and unscrupulous, with the people snoring complacently, voting, buying, municipal rotteness, beer runners, gangsters, crooks, public utility magnates and State and city officials all mixed up in one festering mess.

Here's another picture, painted for the people of Rock Island, Ill., on last Decoration day by Representative Richard Yates, Illinois congressman-at-large, and reprinted by that statesman in the Congressional Record.

"To the State penitentiary Illinois has . . . sent violators of the sacred law of suffrage, that political rights might be preserved inviolate. This example of Illinois—a free ballot and a fair count—must yet be followed by all the States before we can have government by the consent of the governed, and a real republic with enfranchisement.

But suppose men could not harness it after they had released it, what then?

Worse still, suppose some men used it to kill and destroy.

Sir Oliver Lodge, who has made a life study of this subject, once said that he hoped men would not discover how to release atomic energy until they had developed sufficient brains to use it with discretion.

And to the sanctity of the suffrage, the honesty of municipal government, the elevation of statesmanship, the firm establishment of equal rights, mighty Illinois stands today, schoolbook in hand, teaching children by the millions what liberty means and what it costs. O, beloved Illinois!"

But it's soothing syrup where castor oil is needed. Yates knew of the conditions which the Reed committee exposed.

It is exactly this sanctimonious demagoguery—not alone in Illinois, but in Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, everywhere—this ham-boozling of the people by presenting an open sewer as a limp stream, which aids such conditions as were shown by the Reed committee.

People generally are honest, they are well-meaning, but they sometimes seem to like the stuff the demagogues give them.

## THINK THIS OVER

A special judge in the municipal court, which decides the fate of those held for bootlegging, petty gambling and other misdemeanors liberated a prisoner because no politician had tried to intercede in advance.

Several hundreds of cases are tried each week in these courts.

Upon the ability of politicians to fix things up for those who violate the laws depends their power in elections and primaries.

That is the last link between crime and politics. It is the important link. When police lose their blindness and make arrests, when unfortunate collisions bring charges of drunken driving, when some one tries to enforce the law, the power of politicians who depend upon favors to the law violators depends upon their ability to plead successfully in advance.

The reason is that more people have had more cash for house and office rent.

# Tracy

Dempsey-Tunney Bout  
May Save Sesquicentennial.

New York, having turned down the Dempsey-Tunney bout, and Tex Rickard having decided to stage it in Philadelphia, it may yet save the Sesquicentennial Exposition.

At any rate, Mayor Kendrick and the much-harassed board of directors are reported to be jubilant over the prospect.

"The greatest thing that ever happened for the sequel," says Mayor Kendrick, which is some compliment to pugilism.

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## Atomic Energy

Lots of talk about atomic energy and the good it might do if released and harnessed.

Enough in one pint of water, we are told, to drive the Leviathan across the Atlantic, and enough in two tons of uranium to furnish heat, light and power for the city of New York.

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## High Wages

Christian G. Norman, chairman of the board of governors of the Building Trade Employers' Association of New York, says that every increase in wages during the last twenty years has cut production.

He says that mechanics are not doing as much for higher pay as they used to for lower pay.

His view is finding widespread support among employers and business men, but it is based only on one side of the picture.

Things do cost more when wages rise, but there is money with which to buy them.

Prosperity does not depend on production, but consumption.

Higher pay, especially for the many, means greater consumption.

Mr. Norman finds an answer to all his arguments in the fact that, no matter how wages have risen, or production has been affected, there has been more building in New York during the last twenty years than ever before.

The reason is that more people have had more cash for house and office rent.

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## Strikes and Cricket

The latest conference called to settle the British strike broke down before it had time to get well started.

The owners began insisting on an eight-hour day, which the miners promptly refused.

Meanwhile, Premier Baldwin was attending the championship cricket contest between English and Australian teams, and a spectator reminded him that he would better be looking after the coal strike than where he was.

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## Juvenile Bandits

Two boys, one 18 and the other only 14, have given Colorado such a taste of banditry as that much-banded States has not known for banditred States has not known for man years. The older boy has finally been captured, but the younger one is still at large.

They have shot their way in and out of several towns, have held up filling stations and Y. M. C. A.'s, have commandeered autos and eluded posses under circumstances which seemed to make it impossible. They are escaped inmates of State institutions, and their restlessness startles even the old timers.

What is the reason that mere children should embark on such a career?

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## News Plan

Postmaster General New advises air mail contractors not to be discouraged, but to recuperate the losses which they claim to be suffering by engaging in the passenger business.

He believes they could make a good thing out of it with the right kind of service and system.

"It is my sincere belief," he says, "that within a comparatively short time a person may leave New York by air mail plane after the close of business Saturday and be in San Francisco or Los Angeles in time for the opening of business Monday morning."

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## Wealth and Justice

Fall, DeMolay and Sinclair, indicated more than two years ago, but not tried yet—the impression prevails that it is because they are rich, and whether right or wrong, this impression cuts a big figure.

The opinion that people who can afford to employ smart lawyers have a better chance of keeping out of trouble, no matter what they are charged with, than those who can not, has done more to make folks cynical, to create mobs, to induce individuals to take the law into their own hands and to breed crime than some of the causes our social experts are so fond of parading.

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## VOTE TO INCORPORATE

Only Two Dissent at Ben Davis—Hope to Forestall Annexation.

Only two of 200 persons voted against incorporation of Ben Davis at a meeting Thursday night in that town.

A committee was named to fix boundary lines and to prepare and present incorporation petitions to county commissioners.

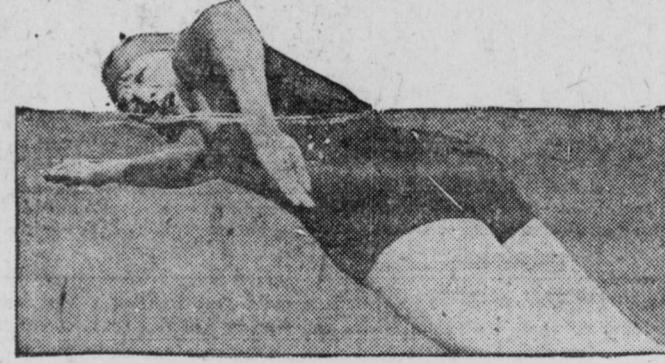
Too many women have neglected to put intelligent interest in their lives and therefore must depend alone upon their husbands and children for their recreation and pleasure. If you can't enjoy your own company for an evening or two now and then, the chances are that you will inevitably bore your husband.

The Ben Davis citizens hope to forestall the plan of city councilman of Indianapolis, to annex the town.

We have always loved these men too much for our own good.

# Universal Buys 'Alias the Deacon' in Which to Feature Jean Hersholt

## How to Swim—No. 29



### CRAWL REQUIRES PRACTICE

The kicks, breathing and arms must move with mathematical precision and until they do move with mathematical precision the best results will not be obtained.

The three things to be synchronized will not become so in a day, but the whole thing requires practice.

The fact that one swims the crawl, after a fashion, does not mean that he has attained the racing stroke.

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killed playing on the street. You are a real friend. M. F.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: Can anything be done to get the sewers or street catch basins cleaned out on Terrace Ave. between S. Alabama and S. New Jersey Sts.? Every time it rains the water backs up in the yard.

TIME'S READER. Repairs should be under way soon.

### SURVIVING WOMEN MEET

FIVE GRAY-HAIRED LADIES REPRESENT LAST OF CIVIL WAR NURSES.

By United Press

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 20.—Four or five gray-haired women, whose deeds of mercy in aiding Yankee soldiers will never be forgotten, will represent the National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War at its annual convention to be held here Sept. 19 to 24, in conjunction with the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

This small band, the last survivors of Civil War Army nurses, were only five strong at the annual reunion of their national association at Grand Rapids, Mich., last summer. Those able of the fifty still on the official roster will visit Des Moines this summer, according to Alice Cary Riley of Columbia, Mo., who has been national president for the past eleven years.

CHARLES RITTNAUER.

However, the board of works is planning modification of lighting facilities in that district, made necessary by the proposed budget decrease in allowance for street illumination.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: Will you please see that the garbage is moved from the alley running east and west from Cruse St. to Pine St. between Market St. and Washington St., as it has not been moved for weeks?

TAXPAYER. This garbage will be collected regularly in the future.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: You should be complimented on your statement in yesterday's Times in answer to Times Reader, who complained about the boys playing ball on the Manual drill ground.

I happen to be one of the boys who used to play there. It sure is better to play there than on the street or in the alley shooting craps.

In the first place, the people who put the no trespassing sign there ought to be run out of town. It is better to have America's youth safe than running the risk of getting hit by a