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## WHEN DAVIS COMES

While it requires considerable nerve and bravado on the part of the Republican State Committee to list a speech at the State fair, supported by all the people and given tax aid as political boost for Senators Watson and Robinson, it is fortunate that one member of the President's Cabinet is to be in Indiana at all.

Thus far Harry New's offer to talk on certain subjects has not been accepted.

The men and women who have regard for President Coolidge and his policies may be interested in an official message from the White House as to how Watson and Robinson are viewed.

Here is an opportunity for Secretary of Labor Davis to tell the people of Indiana that Watson and Robinson were of great help to Coolidge, especially when they voted against the World Court, and espoused a farm relief bill which the President said was economically unsound.

Will Davis frankly tell the people that when Watson voted against the World Court, the President knew he had enough votes to pass it and released Watson because the hooded ones demanded that he vote against it?

Senator Watson, so it was charged by Claris Adams, did make this explanation to two prominent supporters of the President.

The President may wish to send some message as to how much help he has received from Watson through his recommendations to public office.

He may wish to thank the Senator for the efficiency of those who had charge of the Squibb whisky and give praise that only \$80,000 worth of it disappeared from the Federal Building under circumstances which caused the Indianapolis News, now the most ardent supporter of Watson after a thirty years' war, to declare that there were "higher-ups" in that matter who have never been disclosed.

Here are some topics which would interest the people of this State if Secretary Davis would bring an authorized message from the Administration in which he holds a post.

He comes to speak on Labor day. But the people of this State understand that the labor problems are well cared for in this State.

There are injunctions for when any outsiders come in to make trouble and jail for officers of national unions. There is the employment of labor union officials when trouble is threatened. There is eager prosecution in the Federal courts. The secretary might condense his ideas on the progress of labor by showing the full and complete protection given to labor organizations by the Federal offices.

Since the speech is labeled in advance as political, Davis should talk politics.

## AN OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

Let it be hoped that there will be a very representative and a very earnest gathering at the luncheon scheduled for Sept. 8 to discuss plans for an Opportunity School.

The very name is attractive and engaging to those who wish to do something worth while.

The word itself touches the imagination and the desire of every person, especially the young man or woman who can ask for nothing more from life and who has wisdom enough to know that the key to opportunity is always fitness to grasp it.

Generally speaking those who lament that they lack opportunity indict themselves as unfit for the things they would like to do in life.

There are always opportunities to do big things, but the pity of it is that too many of us are not able to perform the work they offer.

Such a school as is proposed would invite to its classes those who are dissatisfied with their condition and their own ability.

It would offer the training and the knowledge essential to different and perhaps more important work. At least it would give the chance to the ambitious to prepare themselves for work which is more pleasant and attractive.

Real happiness is to be found only in a work which satisfies the ambitions and the inclinations.

The most unhappy person is he who finds himself in a task which is drudgery and toil.

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But the price is a steadfast purpose, a willingness to sacrifice, a determination sufficiently strong to hold him to the pursuit of training and education necessary to fill that place.

If every person, young and old, were constant students along the lines proposed for this school, most of the discontent in this world would be wiped out.

## MORE MEDDLING

If charges made by Moro leaders in the last few days have any basis in fact, the situation in the Philippines certainly is one of which this country should be ashamed.

The charges, in effect, are that Americans in the islands are resorting to cheap politics, playing one faction against the other, seemingly in an effort to create the false impression that the Filipinos are not ready for independence.

Col. Carmi A. Thompson, now in the islands as the personal envoy of President Coolidge, was delayed in landing at Mindanao the other day when Maj. Allen S. Fletcher, commanding the Philippines scouts, warned that a riot was threatened between the Christian Filipinos and the Mohammedan Moros. When Thompson did land, Augustin Alvarez, a former provincial governor, made a speech in which he said:

"The only reason for the ill feeling between the Americans and the Filipinos is that the Americans interfere in politics and try to separate the Moros and the Filipinos. Every time a party like yours visits us they emphasize our differences. The Army officers are most interested in stirring up trouble between the two factions. It was Maj. Fletcher who sent to the hills and got the Datus and their followers to come here and protest against Philippine independence."

The Moros, the faction that seems to have been stirred up against independence, number only 400,000.

# Tracy

If the Old Farm Doesn't Pay Find a Mastodon Skeleton on It.

By M. E. Tracy.

The Filipinos, who favor independence, number 10,600,000.

The majority should rule there, just as it does in the United States. We promised independence to the Filipinos. They are entitled to it. They ought to have had it long ago.

Nobody expects or wants this Government to completely desert the islands. By treaty agreeable to the Filipinos, we should arrange to keep adequate land and navy forces there, as a means of protecting the natives and as a means of guarding our own back door. But we have no business interfering with the domestic affairs of the people over whom we have been domineering for years.

There is much talk of American capital developing rubber production in the Philippines. The success of such an enterprise will depend a good deal on the friendship if we keep on nosing into their home affairs. But rubber development is secondary. We should keep our solemn pledge concerning independence, not merely because there is money in it, but because it is the only decent thing to do.

Meanwhile, if there are any Americans down there who are stirring up strife, they ought to be called whores.

## OUR SUPREME STUPIDITY

Up to White Pine Camp journeyed Mr. Matthew C. Brush to visit President Coolidge. Mr. Brush, "one of the President's close friends," according to the dispatches, is head of the American International Corporation.

The American International Corporation is the largest single owner of stock in the International Mercantile Marine.

The International Mercantile Marine controls the Oceanic Navigation Company, operating the White Star line.

The White Star line flies the British flag.

After his visit with the President, Mr. Brush talked with reporters. He didn't know, he said, whether the International Mercantile Marine intended to bid for the Leviathan, George Washington and other shipping board ships, soon to be offered by the Government to the private shipping interests. He disclosed, however, that Chairman O'Connor of the shipping board had been in New York and had shown Mr. Franklin (president of the International Mercantile Marine) advertisements for the sale of the Government boats.

He added that he did not grasp the seriousness of the question of what flag the ships shall fly when in private hands.

Mr. Brush then left for New York.

Is there any longer room for doubt as to what the Administration is planning to do with the American Merchant Marine, established and developed with the people's money? It is preparing to wipe it out.

The ships, now just about to show a profit, are going into private hands at bargain prices. It is not even certain they are going into American hands.

Mr. Brush, the President's close friend and adviser in shipping matters, does not "grasp the seriousness of the question of what flag they shall fly." Perhaps the President does not, either.

A fleet that, under Government operation, could save untold millions to American shippers, is to be handed over for a song. Chairman O'Connor boasted once that it had saved billions of dollars to the farmers of the country in a single season. But he is buster now than anybody, seeking to get rid of it.

For plain stupidity no economic enterprise in American history quite equals the course being taken with the American fleet. This charge of stupidity is not placed against the men who are engineering the deal; they know what they are doing. It is placed against this great, blind Nation of ours, which permits them to do it.

Gang which smuggled a car of beer into Detroit labeled "washing powder" expected to clean up.

Since time won't wait for you it's best to wait for time.

Who remembers away back when they quit calling fast music "ragtime" and started calling it "jazz"?

A river has no idea of where it is going, but that doesn't make it try to stop.

What the world needs is propaganda to convince flies that human beings carry germs.

Blue beads are a token of bad luck in the Orient. A black eye is the token in America.

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