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## KNOW YOUR STATE

INDIANA, a few years ago the center of the natural gas discovery and industrial development incident thereto, is taking steps officially, through a State government agency, to preserve this valuable asset. Experiments with shale deposits in certain sections of the State, give promise of developments of vast significance in the economic production of fuel oils and gases.

## WHEN A QUEEN COMES

This city is fortunate to be numbered among those which will receive a visit from a much beloved, very talented and most able queen.

Not, of course, because she is talented. She might be the dumbest of the dumb and still receive the same zealous attention which will be hers.

Nor because she is beloved at home. She might be hated by her own people and yet be as welcome as she will be made.

Queen Marie of Roumania might deserve high honor for her literary ability. She deserves admiration for her intelligent statesmanship. She might be honored as a mother and flattered for her beauty.

As a matter of fact, she will receive all the attention and all the courtesies because she is a queen and has royal blood in her veins.

Nowhere on earth is there greater honor paid to monarchs and to royalty than in this country which masks its own universal ambition for kingship under the pretense of hatred for monarchy.

There is nothing snobbish at all in the mental attitude of the vast majority which finds a queen most interesting, and in a prince finds an idol.

Historians have tried to teach us that, as a nation, we are dedicated to liberty and equality as abstract principles.

It would be pleasant to believe this to be true, did not so many facts in our social structure deny it.

How great is the outburst of indignation when a fearless editor is shot down when he interferes with crime?

How great an army rushes to the rescue of a courageous editor who is jailed for telling the truth?

How much he burns in our veins when we hear of equal justice being denied a citizen, when a sheriff shoots down a peaceful auto on the highways, when a Teapot Dome is handed away by a needy Cabinet member, when the police raid a thrifty union organizer?

All these things are menaces to liberty and attacks upon equality. We do not protest. We accept.

Contrast that with our welcome to royalty, when most fittingly, we don our best buds, get as close as we can to the Housine furnished by the leading citizens, when mayors make speeches and the President sends a guard across a continent to insure safety and comfort.

We admire, and rightly so, the splendor which belongs to a throne, the magnificence which comes from power.

What the men who founded this country fought was not monarchy and oppression, as such, but a monarchy and an oppression which interfered with their own kingship.

They wanted the things which kings had. They wanted power to control their own actions, and from that, through a few generations, it is an easy step to wish power over others.

Above all, we, as a nation, have always demanded at least an equality of comforts and a superiority when we can get it.

We want a better automobile than the man next door, a more magnificent home, a more dazzling array of jewels for our wives, better clothes for our children.

We want that superiority which has always been the privilege of royalty and that is why we pay distinguished and universal honors to queens and princes when they come.

It is that spirit of kinship with every king and every queen that has driven us to establish our high standard of living, has given us our secret orders where every man is exalted above some one else, the society columns in newspapers which make for satisfaction of conceit, our feverish search for something just a little better than what others have, the desire for public office which inspires most men, the heated fights in women's clubs for titles, the marriage of daughters of our millionaires to the aristocrats of fallen dynasties.

Nothing snobbish about us at all. We are simply discovering ourselves as kings and queens in purpose and at heart. We want the thrones, the power, the wealth and the splendor.

That is the reason—or is it just a guess at a reason—why there will be no banded knees to royalty, but a most profound admiration for the queen who is coming to us, and perhaps an uncontrollable desire to shout "Sister" when she walks our way.

## MIAMI UNCONQUERED

Miami will be completely restored and ready for tourists by December. That is the declaration of Acting Mayor Gilman.

A proclamation, and, spoken in the spirit that makes great cities, and we believe that Miami has this spirit, just as San Francisco before her. It assumes stern stuff in the character of the city's people, and we believe the stuff is there.

A year ago Miami and the rest of Florida was going through an amazing boom. Many insisted then—this newspaper among them—that the boom was growing beyond the point real values and common sense justified, and that inevitably the bubble would burst. In the months since then this belief has been justified; the collapse came, just as it has come in every similar situation in the country's history.

The Miami now stunned and staggered by the hurricane already had come down to earth and was looking facts in the face. It was a city determined as ever to be great, more grimly so perhaps because of the setback and the challenge to her pride. She proposed to build on a sound basis, and be a great city in a great State. She still so proposes.

The future of Florida rests in her soil. With ample moisture, a warm sun, and a year-round growing season over much of the State, and winter markets only forty-eight hours away, Florida will rank as a great producing State. This is a slow process and will take years.

But it is also true, as Floridians proclaimed when the boom had collapsed, that you cannot take away

the sunshine. Florida is blessed with a winter climate unexcelled anywhere in the world. When winter winds chill the North, it is pleasant to be in Florida. Miami, pausing as she digs herself out and restores order, declares she will be ready for tourists in December. We have faith in her ability to make good the promise, and it is our hope and belief she will be blessed with the greatest troop that ever basked on her sunny shores.

## TRUE TO FORM

No one should be surprised that the city council has delayed a request from a business concern for a permit to build a sidewalk to its plant.

So thoroughly brazen have become the servants of the political machine that no longer do they go to the trouble to concoct an excuse for penalizing and punishing citizens who show any independence.

It was a natural outburst on the part of one of these councilmen when he asked why a city councilman should vote for anything which any business concern wanted, as long as the head of that concern "criticizes" the administration.

It is all so simple, under the machine rule. Any business man, any citizen, any enterprise which protests in the name of fair play and the welfare of Indianapolis against anything that any part of the machine does, is to be harassed, embarrassed and, if possible, driven from the city.

It is the same simple system that is used by burglars when they wish to still the cries of their victims.

It is the same simple system which the old pirates used when they shoved a plank out over the seas and told their victims to take a walk.

There was a time when these tactics were reserved for the law-breaking elements.

It is still used there. Men who operate on the shady side of the law could teach legitimate business how it works.

The gambler or owner of a blind tiger who votes right, steals enough votes and contributes to the right campaign funds is not molested.

If he "squawks," there comes the visits of the police and his place is well "guarded."

But now, with the present administration as the full and logical development of this system, the men who are trying to build up Indianapolis by building up private enterprises that give employment to others are being given the same treatment.

When that councilman blurted out the policy of the machine, he only put into words what every one knows to be the truth.

If you let the machine get away with its purposes and do not criticize, you can be fairly safe and may possibly, on occasion, receive what is your due.

But if you "criticize," as did one citizen, the machine opposition to honest business, you can expect nothing, not even a hearing.

A civic revival that will make Indianapolis First may wipe out such a condition.

But as long as political machines exist for the purpose of keeping machine men in office, all the way from United States Senators to the clerks who hand out license plates for automobiles, business men can expect to be exposed to just such threats and penalties.

## GRAVES IN FRANCE

An official investigation has been ordered following the assertion of Senator Caraway of Arkansas that graves of American soldiers in France have been desecrated by French men. Examination of all these graves has been ordered by Col. F. W. Van Dyne, U. S. A., who has charge of them.

It is to be hoped that the Senator's allegation is proved erroneous, as Colonel Van Dyne is convinced it will be. If so, Senator Caraway may be expected to have the grace to accept the correction and apologize to the French people.

French-American relations at the moment are none too pleasant at best. This newspaper is so convinced of this that it has reluctantly, but earnestly, put before the American Legion the suggestion that the idea of holding the 1927 convention in Paris be abandoned.

Into such a situation the free-speech Arkansas Senator, returning from abroad, has injected a statement which stirs the American people. It is hard to believe he would have uttered it without convincing proof that it is true, yet he could be mistaken.

Colonel Van Dyne says the last monthly inspection of all the American graves resulted in a report that all are in the finest possible condition, with no evidence of desecration.

Let us have the truth of the matter as quickly as possible.

## WHO TAKES THE RISK? WHY, THE MAN, OF COURSE

By Mrs. Walter Ferguson

Who takes the greater risk in marriage, the man or the woman?

Husbands, undoubtedly.

Men are just about the same, yesterday, today and forever. They may submit to modern customs, but instinctively they have not changed. They still want only certain qualities in a wife. Husbands today, just like those of Abraham's time, desire women who will conform to their will, who will cook toothsome dainties, who will care for the home, who will bear them children. Twentieth century men may not get these things always, but they want them just the same.

Women, on the other hand, are as different as possible from their long dead feminine ancestors. Rachel Leah, Sarah and Hagar would never recognize the modern wife as one of their kind.

The educated and intelligent woman of this generation cannot satisfy herself with mere domestic details, as did those famous wives of old. She has had her mind trained and her intellect is awake. For this reason, while she, like the women of all ages, wants most a home, husband and babies, she must, like men, have more than these to keep her completely content. It is not possible to put a college-bred woman in the kitchen and keep her happy there for the rest of her life.

Men, therefore, when they marry cannot tell quite what they are going to get in the way of a wife. If they choose a business girl, she may want to go back to the office in six months. If they pick out a sweet, domestic type, she may suddenly decide she wants to be a new woman. If they marry an intellectual, they may not be able to keep up with her. If they take a dumbbell, she is likely to take up reform work.

All decent men still work and care for their families. But all decent women do not always stay at home and look after the children. This is where the matrimonial rub comes in.

Pray, therefore, for the men who, while marrying angels, may sometimes get politicians in disguise.

# Tracy

Florida's Greatest Relief  
 Will Come From Insurance.

By M. E. Tracy

Food and supplies rushing to Florida by the train load—it is a spectacle that does your heart good, restores your faith in mankind, makes you feel that there is something besides meanness back of the scramble for wealth.

The greater relief will come through insurance, and that should make you feel still better.

Insurance is the financial venture of this age, the one scheme of investment that elevates it beyond every other.

It is an improvident father who leaves his orphan to the storm in these days, an improvident community that finds itself without the means to rebuild when hit by fire or wind.

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That is business in the best sense of the word, help through self-help, thrift come home to take care of an emergency.

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# Letting Old Santa Claus Walk Right Into Town With Brand New Brunswick

By Walter D. Hickman

There is a brand new revue on Broadway, the second edition of "A Night in Paris," which proves that there is a Santa Claus.

So I decided to believe in the old gentleman in September. I know that is a pretty big piece of mental construction, but I decided to give it a test.

Rather thought that he might use an airplane or something besides a sleigh in September. Anyway, he landed at my flat with a brand new Brunswick phonograph. The model is called "The Cortex."

For several years I have been using an old-fashioned model of another make to tell you about the new records. So even a "critic" of records must keep pace with improvements in the phonograph.

You see it was absolutely necessary for me to call upon Mister Santa Claus in the middle of September because I was not getting out of the records all they had in them.

I've told you before that I have tried to make the phonograph a living personality in my home. To me my new Brunswick is a musical guest. He might leave you know but at present he is with me. (That's intended to be a joke.)

This new Brunswick musical instrument (they are asking the world to find a name for it) is a magnificent creature. It seems to get into the very "soul" of the record. Am sure that this machine will find for me more hidden delights in the records than any other which I have come in contact.

My story that I am telling you about my new phonograph is told to you because I feel that during the fall and winter months I will be better qualified to tell you about recorded music.

This machine is a wizard in finding new musical beauties in records. Of course the new "light ray" electrically recorded record process has lot to do with this but I have tried the old-fashioned recorded record on this new Brunswick and the result has been startling.

When a new and wonderful thing comes in my life, you know that I tell you about it. Here is a something which brings musical beauty into the home. It revitalizes great orchestral music; it permits the artist to walk into your very home and above all it marks a great step forward in the improvement of the phonograph. It gives more dignity and technical beauty to recorded music than ever before.

My remarks today are not done in the spirit of boasting any one product, but I am handling this new Brunswick machine just as I would do when telling you about a new show.

And this instrument not only gives me personal pleasure but will permit me to tell you much better about the new records.

Many records for review have been received while I was on my vacation. Will tell you about many of them next week.

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