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INDIANA electric lines furnish twenty-four-hour freight service to points within a radius of 250 miles. The same far-reaching system of transportation, through close cooperation, makes second-day deliveries on freight shipments over a distance of 350 miles.

A CALL FOR FACTS

Wayne B. Wheeler sidesteps a little too swiftly the report of the Moderation League concerning drinking in 1925 compared with drinking in previous years. The spokesman for the Anti-Saloon League is satisfied with his own allegation that the Moderation League has "juggled figures." Will the reading public be equally satisfied when it compares the statement of the Moderation League with the statement by Wheeler?

This newspaper does not vouch for the accuracy of the Moderation League. It does not vouch for its honesty of purpose, even, though it assumes such honesty in the light of any evidence to the contrary. It knows only that the directors of the league include such men as Elihu Root, Haley Flske, president Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and Wm. C. Redfield, former United States secretary of commerce.

While it is customary for professional prohibitionists to dismiss any organization that opposes their view with the suggestion that it is fostered by brewers and distillers, they cannot dispose of Root, Flske and Redfield in this manner. These three men represent a great and growing part of the population which sincerely wishes enlightenment on the subject of prohibition.

The Moderation League offers figures obtained from police records to show that in the 384 cities investigated there has been steadily increasing drinking among minors in recent years, and steadily increasing drunkenness among automobile drivers.

"Of course," replied Wheeler, there are more drunken auto drivers now than formerly because we now have 20,000,000 automobiles compared to some thousands a few years ago.

He is right in saying that the number of automobile drivers has increased. In the Moderation League's statement, for example, it is found that in New Jersey the number of automobiles increased 273 per cent between 1918 and 1925. But arrests among automobile drivers for drunkenness increased in that same period, 480 per cent. In Massachusetts automobiles increased 196 per cent in that period, while arrests for drunken driving increased 740 per cent! And so on.

It is not intended here to argue the case for either the Moderation League or the Anti-Saloon League. It is intended only, first to call attention to the fact that a responsible organization, whose directors always have commanded the respect of the American people, has made an extensive and, apparently, careful report on drinking in America, under prohibition. And that this organization, as the result of its inquiry, that drinking is steadily increasing, not decreasing. Second, to call attention to the fact that the official spokesman for the Anti-Saloon League dismissed the information offered with a contemptuous slur.

Finally, to suggest that some responsible body undertake to analyze these new evidences and give the country the benefit of its study.

For, as said above, there is an increasingly large number of people who are coming to demand some positive knowledge on the subject.

THEY'VE GOT A LOT TO LEARN

We doubt if the Filipinos are striving earnestly enough to prepare themselves for self-government. They should have a commission, or a lot of commissions, in this country right now studying how it is done.

Petroit offered a comparatively simple lesson yesterday, where the police were used to protect one set of delegates against another set in the State Republican convention. The Filipinos could absorb that lesson easily enough.

Illinois presents a problem in government a little more difficult, but still one that any literate Filipino can understand. There the State's biggest gas, light and power magnate has financed the nomination of the Republican party's candidate for the United States Senate. The plain voters permitted this to be done. The problem is: Whom will this candidate represent, if elected to the Senate, the people or the power magnate? The Filipino commission wouldn't have to look in the back of the book for the answer to that.

Pennsylvania is perhaps the most useful laboratory of all, containing problems both simple and complicated. There is the city of Philadelphia, for example, where the Vare machine allows the citizens to go to the polls, but doesn't count their votes, the final tabulations always being made before the voting ends—sometimes, in the case of extremely efficient workers, before the voting even begins. There is Pennsylvania at large, which illustrates one of the hazards of self-government. Mr. Mellon and his associates put up \$1,800,000 to nominate their man for the United States Senate and, by all precedent, that should be enough. But Mr. Vare, spending only \$800,000, somehow managed to take the nomination himself. The Filipinos could put in a lot of time ascertaining just how this came about. One thing to be determined would be why Mr. Vare's thousands of \$10-a-day watchers were more successful than Mr. Mellon's thousands of \$10-a-day watchers.

Then there is the matter of national psychology for the Filipinos to study. That is most interesting of all. They could observe, for instance, the national outcry against the money spent in Illinois and in Pennsylvania and the national determination that, if the two nominees are elected in November, the United States Senate must promptly throw them out. The Filipinos could take in that psychology readily enough. But here's one situation they might have a little difficulty with: If it is proposed to throw Vare out because he spent too much, then would Mr. Mellon's candidate be thrown out because Mr. Mellon spent too much? Surely, the Filipinos would say. Ah, dear scholars, not so fast. Remember Mr. Mellon is Mr. Mellon. Don't assume that self-government is entirely a matter of rules or that

a rule applying to one person necessarily applies to another.

No, President Coolidge isn't going to throw Mr. Mellon out of his cabinet. Any Filipino commissions that come to study us might as well know that in advance. Fail, Denby and Daugherty, but not Mr. Mellon.

Well, not to digress any further, if the Filipinos wish to fit themselves for self-government, this United States of America, in this year 1926, is the place for them to come.

IT'S A SAD STORY, MATES

"The last days of the proud clipper ships, that for half a century bore the commerce of America upon the oceans, are here."

So writes Max Stern from San Francisco.

"Like once noble dames, now shabby genteel, the members of the Pacific coast's fleet of the romantic eighties, are making a sorrowful procession into a fate worse than oblivion. One by one they are being sold into the movies to end their days in fake sea battles and fake pirate raids."

It is a sad story. But is the story of the fate of these stout sailing ships any sadder than that of the great American merchant marine built by the Government during and since the war. Modern freighters and great passenger liners that gave our country an ocean tonnage to challenge all the world, they lie now on the auction block for some one, anyone, to buy.

The clipper ships have gone because they outlived their time and their usefulness. Our great merchant marine is going because they are fitting too well into the times, because they are becoming too useful. They are beginning to pay back the people's money. They are about to prove that the Government—despite its unwilling servants—can operate fleets successfully, with profit to itself and great savings to shippers. And that must not be permitted. As one organ of the private shipowners suggested, if this success is allowed, next we will see other public utilities operated solely for the people.

Sad, but romantic, the fate of the old wind-jammers. Sad, and morbid, the fate of our modern merchant marine.

THE FLOUR MILLERS

The District of Columbia Supreme Court has decided that the Federal Trade Commission has no right to demand books and correspondence of American flour millers. The decision has been hailed in some quarters as a "rebuke to the commission's meddling with business."

Perhaps these commentators have forgotten that the commission before the millers went to court, had dug up enough evidence to indicate brazen disregard of the anti-trust laws.

In the commission's own words, a preliminary report presented "extensive documentary evidence already obtained relating to alleged violations of the anti-trust laws, and indicates serious attempts to violate those laws."

For instance, the secretary of one miller's club wrote to another to ask how they handled price setting and received a reply which read in part:

"Send information (of the price level desired to be maintained) to the members. Use blank stationery and I would not put any name to it. This can be understood among your members. I think you would have a considerable task to convince the Department of Justice of your innocence. One very important feature is as little information in writing as possible."

MAYBE HENRY THOUGHT OF THAT

All sorts of interpretations have been placed on Henry Ford's announcement that he will make the five-day week standard in his shops.

Here's an angle that hasn't been brought forward:

People who work only five days a week have more time to ride around in motor cars—Fords included. If the five-day week should become standard, increased use of autos might result.

It's just possible that Henry may have thought of that angle.

The auto industry hasn't reached the saturation point, but a car which drove into an Ohio river has.

Some children are incorrigible. In Alabama, a county school burned the first day.

It takes two to start a fight or a family and too often there isn't so very much difference.

A checkered career leads to a striped suit.

THE FAMILY TIE

By Mrs. Walter Ferguson

If you do not believe that the family is a necessary safeguard for both Nation and individuals, read about the gangs of homeless Russian children who now flock by thousands through the streets of Moscow, addicted to drugs, drink and all other forms of dissipation.

Russia, you remember, started out to release the individual from responsibility, and hoped to create another Utopia by having the government look after everything. She is now in a most dreadful state of chaos.

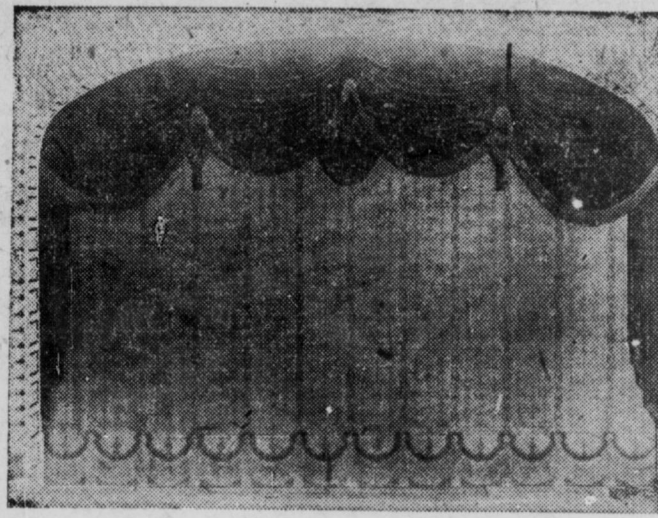
Men and women have been allowed to marry as often as they pleased by merely asking for divorces. This to many persons is supposed to be the acme of human happiness. Let everybody have his freedom and do as he pleases. Well, they have tried this out in Russia, and there are more miserable men and women there to the square inch than any other place on the globe. Women find themselves deserted by husbands after a few months. Men watch their wives go off with other men and can do nothing. Children are abandoned and roam the country like wild animals.

No government can ever take the place of home either for man, woman or child. The family spirit is as old as humanity, and the ages have proved that it is the only safe way to live.

In Russia, because men and women have been allowed to shift their responsibility to the state, there are social problems that it will take generations to clean up. The evil which is being done by this blow to family life, will take ages to eradicate. Russian children of today who are thus left at large can only grow into criminals.

Those of us here who are jumping about, yelping for individual freedom and divorces and trial marriages, and contending that children may just as well be raised in boarding school, would do well to think about Russia and her dreams. In this country, too, the family is becoming a weaker unit. Freedom for everybody is beginning to be the watch cry, and that cry has always preceded chaos since the world began.

Thousands Spent to Improve Keith's Theater



Artists have done over the curtain (left) at R. F. Keith's to match the expensive decorations in the auditorium. The right hand side boxes and wall decorations are shown in the picture to the right.

With an expenditure of over \$40,000 and with bills still coming in R. F. Keith's now looks like a new theater.

It required more than seven weeks to give this theater its new dress. Rolfe Eggleston claims with pride that he now manages a brand new theater.

When a management starts improving it means that a lot of money is going to be spent.

A large amount of money has been spent, but R. F. Keith's today in its new dress is a beauty spot.

represents a cost of \$4,250 and the electric sign amounted to \$2,700. And a new drinking fountain in the men's room cost \$62, and just the making (not the material) of the draperies cost \$787.

So the ladies may have quiet charm in their reception room, a needle point lace seat \$225. And four other chairs cost \$55 apiece. A total of \$3,950 was spent on new scenery and some oil paintings have been installed in the foyer.

A new system of heat registers has improved the ventilation. A large amount of money has been spent, but R. F. Keith's today in its new dress is a beauty spot.

Tracy

Think, a Moment, of the Families of Those Trapped Miners.

By M. E. Tracy

Ironwood, Mich., is making good stories for the front page this week, but at the expense of heartache and backache.

They're down there on the eighth level of the Pabst mine, forty-three of them, blocked off by thousands of tons of rubbish and shut up in a cold damp chamber, without food or light since last Friday.

It makes interesting reading for millions who have nothing at stake, but what about the little community that knows most of these men by their first names, the wives who may be widows next week, the laughing-eyed tots who can't understand why Daddy doesn't come home any more?

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Moving Day

October is moving day in New York, though just why, nobody seems to know. People don't go out of town, or come into town, but just change places, and nine times out of ten they fail to better themselves by doing so. You can't explain the thing on any other basis, save that of fate, custom, habit, a sort of grand climax to summer restlessness.

The New York Telephone Company has already received orders to change 65,000 phones, and the gas companies will transfer more than 70,000 meters. Experienced moving men say this indicates that at least 100,000 families will change their places of residence.

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He Climbs

Java Man, the missing link, or pithecanthropus erectus, as you prefer, has found better standing in the human family by the discovery of a perfect skull which he left behind some millenniums ago.

Hitherto, his appearance, place in the line and scientific value were made rather doubtful by the fact that they had to be reconstructed from a thigh bone and some teeth, but an entire skull makes it possible to say quite accurately what Java Man looked like, what intelligence he possessed and where he fits.

We are hearing more about our ancestors with the spade than from written records, which is humiliating because it suggests that some of them couldn't write.

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Wrong Judge

Five members of the New York Baseball Club were arrested for violating traffic regulations the other day. They sought to protect the sport by giving assumed names, but the judge was a fan and knew them.

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One Way to Clean Up

Chicago is becoming optimistic with regard to her gang war. She feels that it has about run its course, and elinches the argument by declaring that there isn't anybody left to do the shooting.

The leaders are either dead, or in jail, though mostly dead, and their followers are too demoralized to carry on. There have been seventy-five killings within the last two years, and they were not among the rank and file, as the elaborate funerals prove.

Chicago's underworld has made itself leaderless, which is one way to get rid of an underworld.

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The Red Devil

The Northwest is suffering from the worst forest fires it has experienced since 1910.

Lack of rain is not only responsible for their breaking out, but for the fact that they cannot be brought under control. Thousands of men have been fighting them for weeks with every known device—airplanes, trenches, pumps, wet blankets dragged over the ground, and backfires.

Now outside the lumber and pulp business realize how great the dam-

Intelligence

Governor Smith has more sense than the majority of Democratic leaders, especially in New York.

Realizing that the party must stand for something, that it couldn't hope to get anywhere by just being against things, he forced the State convention to adopt a declaration in favor of joining the World Court.

He had a tough time doing it, too, for, running true to form, most of the boys were opposed.

The Democratic party has fed on opposition so long that when they isn't anything else to be against, it will repudiate its own policies.

That, more than any other factor, accounts for its weakness today.

His move will be put down as a bid for the 1928 nomination, of course, but that doesn't rob it of its intelligence.

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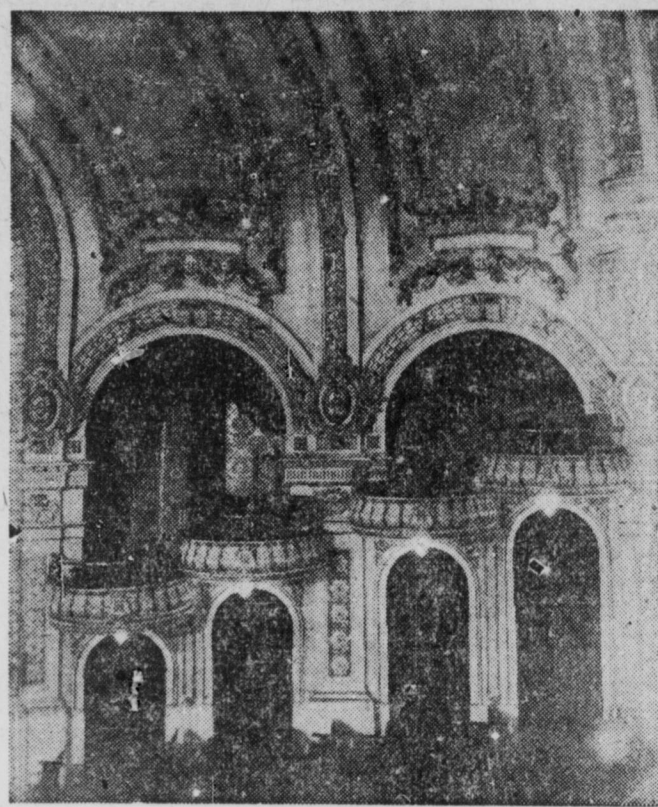
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Now the Song Writers Find Scandal in The Life of Little Red Riding Hood

By Walter D. Hickman

There comes a day when somebody spills the "beans" about our beloved characters in fairy stories and Mother Goose yarns.

You know, the "truth" came out about Helen of Troy in book form. And now the song writers are after our dear sweet Little Red Riding Hood. So much so that the title of a song reads as follows:

"How Could Red Riding Hood Have Been So Very Good and Still Keep the Wolf from the Door?"

I offer this for the thoughtful consideration of that Pennsylvania judge who decided that the loss of a big toe incapacitated a man for work.

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"Bye Bye Blackbird." Leo Reisman Orchestra.

"By the Waters of Minnetonka." Art Kahn and His Orchestra.

"Cabaret Echoes." Parent's Syncopators.

"Carolina Stamp." F. Henderson Orchestra.

"Chérie, I Love You." R. Gorman Orchestra.

"Chinese Moon." Leo Reisman Orchestra.

"Chinky Butter." C. E. Eklund Orchestra.

"Clap Hands! The Georgians." C. E. Eklund Orchestra.

"Coquetry Love." Inna Troubadours.

"Could It Be Little Ramblers." "Deep Henderson." Buffalo Indians.

"Don't Wait Too Long." Eklund Orchestra.

"Dream of Love and You." Leo Reisman Orchestra.

"Drifting and Dreaming." Ted Lewis and His Band.

"Drilling Apart." Paul Specht Orchestra.

"Everything's Gonna Be All Right." Inna Troubadours.

"Fallin' Down." Little Ramblers.

"Five Foot Two." Inna Troubadours.

"Good Night." Inna Troubadours.

"Here Comes Enallips." Buffalo Indians.

"Here I Am." Leo Reisman Orchestra.

"Hot Hot Hot." Ted Lewis Band.

"How Many Times." The Radiolites.

"I Found a Roundabout Way." Inna Troubadours.

"I Love My Baby." Little Ramblers.

"I May Be Dancing." Leo Reisman Orchestra.

"I Never Knew." R. Gorman Orchestra.

"I Wonder What's Become of Joe?" The Little Ramblers.

"I Wonder Where My Baby Is Tonight." The Radiolites.

"I'd Climb the Highest Mountain." California Ramblers.

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