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## KNOW YOUR STATE

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 of 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 exclude such men as Elihu Root, Haley Fliske, 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, Fliske 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 334 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 186 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.

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 Filipinos commissions that come to study us might as well know that in advance. Fall, 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 gentle, 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.

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.

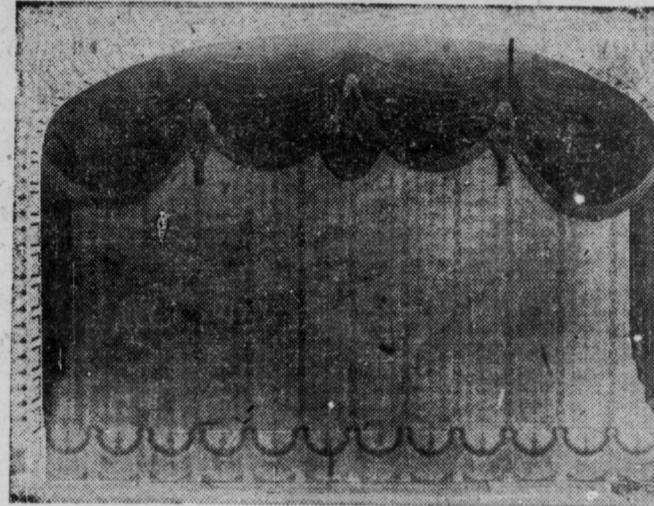
Russia, you remember, started out to release the individual from responsibility, and hoped to create another Utopia by having the government look after everything. She is now in a most dreadful state of chaos.

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. Make divorce easier they cry, make marriage easier. 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 of 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.

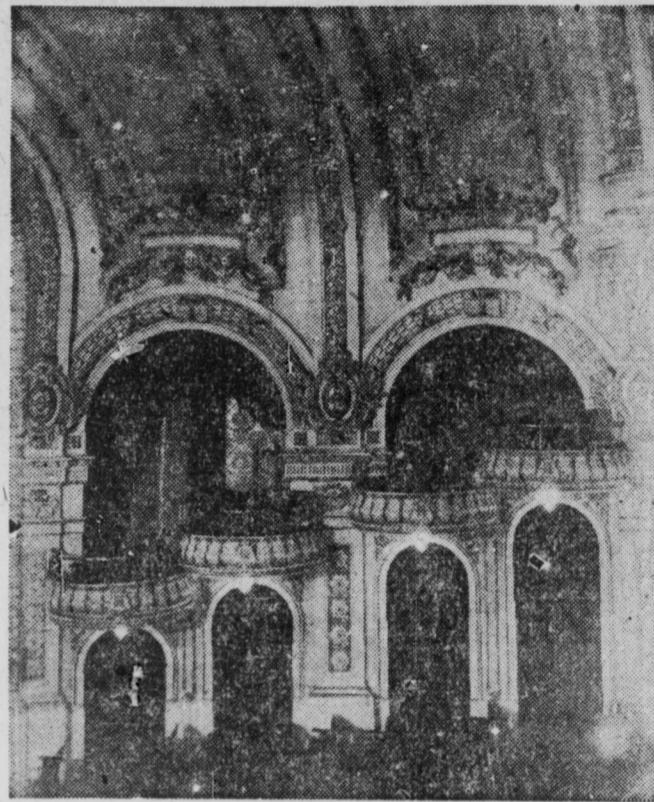
Then there is the matter of national psychology for the Filipinos to study. That is most interesting of all. They could observe, for instance, the national outcry against the money spent in Illinois and in Pennsylvania and the national determination that, if the two nominees are elected in November, 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

These of us here who are jumping about, yelling 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 B. 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 B. F. Keith's, now looks like a new theater.

It required more than seven weeks to give this theater its new dress. Roltare 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.

"An example of expenses is shown," Eggleston states, "when it is known that just one large chandelier cost \$2,500, and the canopy rep-

resents 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 cost \$225. And four other chairs cost \$65 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 B. F. Keith's today in its new dress is a beauty spot.

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

Got acquainted first with this new nifty on a Brunswick record as delivered by the Yacht Club Boys. The song writer declares that the youth of today is questioning a bunch of these Mother Goose fairy tales.

The song writer says it to little Red Riding Hood couldn't have been so very good because she had no mamma and was living but that her basket was filled with food.

And also about the wolf being in the bed of Little Red Riding Hood's grandmother with a sunbonnet on—well that is questioned.

And also—Red Riding Hood, dressed in loud colors, and although she was a sweet little girl, she went romping through the woods.

Burlesque and travesty have been on the stage for years. The big revues have used this type of song for seasons and now it invades the phonograph record.

That, more than any other one, factor, accounts for its weakness today, and Governor Smith has enough statesmanship to see it.

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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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 fall to better times.

It makes an interesting reading for millions who have nothing at stake, but what about the little community that knows most of those 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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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 there isn't anything else to be against, it will repudiate its own policies.

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I like a nifty laugh quite often, and I admit I get quite a kick out of playing this record. The lyrics are rather rapid, that I admit, but it is a lot of fun.

The Yacht Club Boys do a mighty good job putting over this light little burlesque jingle on a Brunswick record.

On the other side, you will find "Every Little While" with the Yacht Club Boys doing the honors.

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Dance Records

Have been asked to list in review some new dance records. This time I will use a Columbia list, as follows:

"Ave Maria," E. Gersh Orchestra.

"A Cup of Coffee," Artie Shaw Orchestra.

"Adorable," Cleo Laine, W. C. Polk Orchestra.

"A Little Unison," W. C. Polk Orchestra.

"Always," Cleo Laine, W. C. Polk Orchestra.

"Bambola," Paul Specht Orchestra.

"Beneath the Clouds," Harry Reems Orchestra.

"Birdie," Markel and His Orchestra.

"Birdie Bottom," H. La Lanin Orchestra.

"Black Horse Stomp," Markel and His Orchestra.

"Blinky Moon Bay," Paul Ash and His Orchestra.

"Blue Bonnet," Ipana Troubadours.

"Blue Bonnet—You," Ipana Troubadours.

"Blue Bonnet—You," Charles Fulcher Orchestra.

"Blue Rhythm," Hal Kemp Orchestra.

"Blue Room," Fred Rich Orchestra.

"Breakin' the Leg," Warner's Seven Aces.

"But I Do You Know I Do," Paul Ash Orchestra.

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Try this test to determine your familiarity with the Bible. The following questions are all taken from the Bible. Write your answers and check them with the correct list on page 16:

1—What Biblical scene does the accompanying sketch portray?

2—Who was Abraham's first born?

3—Who were the parents of Esau and Jacob?

4—Who watched over Moses when he was a baby and placed him in a basket on the edge of a river?

—Who was the first king of Israel?

6—For how many pieces of silver was Joseph sold into slavery by his brothers?

7—Who commandeth the death of Jezebel?