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"Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way."—Dante.

Masterly Inactivity

How long will the members of the Legislature or the leaders of the Republican organization permit Governor Ed Jackson to remain silent?

Day after day the grand jury summons witnesses who are announced by every newspaper in Indianapolis and every news association whose wires carry the news to the far places of the nation as having knowledge of the story published in The Times on July 25.

"That story specifically said that Ed Jackson, then Secretary of State, left his office in which he had been in conference with George V. Coffin, political boss of Marion County and one other man, went to Warren T. McCray, then Governor, and offered him \$10,000 for defense and a pledge that no jury would convict him in return for the prosecutorship for a Coffin selection.

The Governor has remained silent. No responsible member of his administration has urged that he deny. No friend has even challenged the statement. No member of the Legislature has demanded that he vindicate himself.

Every other newspaper in the State, without exception, has declared that if the charge made by The Times is true, then Ed Jackson should not be Governor of this State.

These other newspapers have not attempted to pass upon the truth. They have declared that the Governor should act in a manner that would produce a vindication if he says that he is innocent.

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The grand jury has had many witnesses before it. It has called the attorney for McCray, to whom, so charged The Times, went Stephenson after Jackson had failed with McCray, to repeat that offer.

It has had before it the law partner of the Governor, who, said The Times, accompanied the former Dragon to this attorney, and listened while this offer was made by the then political dictator.

It has had before it men who, say the press dispatches, could be called for no other purpose than an investigation of this particular story.

Meanwhile the political gossips are whispering that nothing can be done because of the statute of limitations.

Such a situation is intolerable. There are others besides the grand jury who have a duty to perform. There are others who invite criticisms of themselves by their masterly inactivity.

What claim can those who put Jackson into office and who are in control of the Republican party or were selected themselves by Republican voters have to leadership if they remain silent under these circumstances?

The Legislature surely has a duty. The people of this State are not interested in statutes of limitations. They want to know how they got their government and what secret bargains were made to delude and to betray their confidence, if such bargains were made.

When will the Legislature assemble and consider the good of the State?

When will even one man who claims leadership have the courage to demand action and not silence?

There may come a time when it is too late for them to escape the inevitable criticism that comes from timidity or worse.

Barnes Answers Mussolini

In the current issue of "Nation's Business," Julius H. Barnes, big business man and former president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, sees American democracy challenged from all sides.

From Italy comes the challenge of Mussolini's fascism; from Russia, communism; from China, a challenge as yet too vague to be clearly gauged, while from England comes the challenge of those who would replace relations between capital and labor by law and force of economic reforms by statutes.

"An Answer to Mussolini's Challenge" is the title of Barnes' article and his answer to the Italian dictator contains his answer to all. For it is obvious that in his opinion—and this newspaper agrees with him there—the idea behind each of these challenges is fundamentally the same, namely autocracy's challenge to democracy.

Barnes quotes Mussolini himself to show that the dictator has abolished universal suffrage, outlawed strikes, closed opposition newspapers and set up the doctrine of Italy for the Fascisti only, with room for no one else. Reviewing in detail "the accomplishments of his benevolent despotism," the writer points out, Mussolini then "challenged the world to produce an equal progress in any other land."

America, Barnes replies, is such a land. It can show even greater progress. And while he readily admits Italy has made considerable headway, it is patently his opinion that the price paid has been too great.

"There are those," he says, "who defend the Mussolini regime on the theory that the end justifies the means. But is it not better to blunder now and then, so long as the blunder be made by free people, working freely together, than to escape that blunder by the edict of government?"

"America," he continues, "can meet, point for point, in the realm of material achievement, this challenge of Mussolini, by comparison not only with Italy under that regime, but as well with any other people in the world. The security of public order, the im-

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M. E. TRACY

SAYS:

Levine is one of those unhappy men who wastes too much time quarreling. In these days of unprecedented speed and performance, men have little time to fuss with each other if they would win.

It cost \$350,000 to defend Sacco and Vanzetti, and the defense failed. If the money were needed, it were wisely spent, what chance has a poor man before the law?

You just can't reconcile such an outpouring of cash with the doctrine of equal rights and equal privileges.

The fact that it counted for naught has little to do with the question of what is required to make a good case.

Those who raised or contributed to the fund assumed that it was necessary, and that has become the universal cry in behalf of all defendants.

It is commonly believed that the best legal talent is needed to obtain anything like justice, and that the best legal talent can not be had without a lot of money.

Is such a belief erroneous, or have we built up a profession to stand between poor people and the blind goddess?

Flying Princess

Princess Lowenstein-Wertheim, rich, well connected and 33, wants to first of her sex to fly across the Atlantic.

No novice hero looking for a thrill, but a real veteran with many a scar to her credit.

The Princess realizes exactly what she is up against, and the risk involved.

Much as you may admire the courage of flaming youth which rushes in without bothering to count the cost, you are forced to admire her kind more.

But, when Congress gets down to the business of debating the question, our neighbors' feeling can be protected somewhat if Congressmen make sure they know what they are talking about. That is not said as a reflection on Congressmen, but as a reflection on people in other lands.

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Canadian immigration authorities reported that for the fiscal year 1925-1926, a total of 47,221 Canadians had returned to Canada after temporary residence in the United States.

Our own Government figures showed 2,546. That's a grave discrepancy.

A similar report on Mexicans returning home after temporary residence in this country revealed that the Mexican government thinks approximately 75,000 did so, while the United States Government thinks only 5,000 did.

The United States immigration authorities frankly admit that their figures are unreliable, saying they have not the machinery at present to make them reliable.

But, before this delicate subject comes up for earnest argument in Congress, some way to provide accurate information should be found. It would be stupid to affront our friends across the borders needlessly.

Flaming Youth

A long, long time ago, when we were very little, we began to doubt some of the things we were told. And one of the things we doubted was the story of the old woman who was tossed up in a blanket, seventeen times as high as the moon. You know the story—

"Old woman, old woman, old woman, quoth I."

"Whither, O whither, O whither so high?"

"To sweep the cobwebs out of the sky,

"And I'll be with you by and by."

We hereby apologize to Mother Goose. We now believe the story fully. Furthermore, we believe the cow did jump over the moon, that the little pig did go to market, that pussy-cat did go to London to look at the Queen and that the old woman did live in a shoe. There isn't anything that we aren't ready to believe.

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It is not at all unreasonable to suppose that Redfern may be found.

The chances are even that he reached South America, and if he did he could easily remain lost for weeks.

South America still contains a lot of jungle where it would be possible for an aviator to land without getting killed, but where he would find nothing but the most primitive means of communication with the outside world.

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