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

Hurry That Duvall Suit

Now that the city treasury has been figuratively padlocked against John L. Duvall, the way is open to determine whether Duvall is mayor, as he pretends to be, or whether he automatically lost his office when he was convicted under the corrupt practices act.

County Attorney Clinton H. Givan has advised City Treasurer Ramsay to honor no more warrants bearing the signature of Duvall as mayor or of Mrs. Duvall as city controller. Ramsay has indicated that he will follow the advice. And, of course, that means that public funds will be tied up temporarily. But a quick adjudication of the Duvall mess is provided. Here's how:

The school board, which would have no money with which to pay teachers under the situation, threatens to bring mandamus action to force the city treasurer to honor Duvall's signature. The city treasurer's natural answer would be that it can not release money on authority of Mrs. Duvall, appointed to the office of controller by Duvall, because Duvall is not mayor. Then it would be up to the court to decide whether Duvall is or is not mayor.

That's fine. Let the suit be brought as quickly as possible. A court decision in the matter seems to be the shortest cut to justice, under the circumstances.

The quicker way out, of course, would have been for Duvall to have resigned. Since he refuses to do that, we must find out what a qualified judge says about it. We must find out whether this statute means anything:

Any person who shall be guilty of any corrupt practice shall be fined not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000, or be imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, and shall be ineligible to any public office, or public employment, for the period of four years from and after the time of the commission of such offense.

The legal position taken in the proposed action is that Duvall automatically ceased to be mayor when a jury found him guilty; that Duvall's appointment of his wife as city controller was not valid, since the appointment was made after Duvall's conviction.

It ought not take long to decide that, one way or the other.

So let's get the machinery of the courts busy as quickly as possible.

A Place Worth While

Canandaigua is a small city in New York State about which few readers of this newspaper know very much. It has a population of some 8,000 to 10,000 and probably bears a resemblance to most cities of its size.

But Canandaigua apparently is a town where people are neighbors; a town that looks after its own.

Witness the recent disappearance in Washington, D. C., of Mrs. Anne Ramsey Forbush, wife of the Rev. Dascomb Forbush, a minister in Canandaigua. Mrs. Forbush walked away from her husband in a theater and hasn't been heard from since.

She suffers from a mental defect that several times has caused her to leave in this manner, and to be found later wandering far from her home.

Twice the town of Canandaigua has suspended its business activities to search for Mrs. Forbush.

Although this time she became lost many miles from her home city, its residents have come to her husband's aid again. Led by the mayor and the sheriff, a determined posse of Canandaigua citizens is in Washington taking part in the present search.

Some come from Rev. Forbush's flock, while others come from churches of other denominations. What church one belongs to seems to make little difference in Canandaigua.

The only thing that matters there is that a friend and neighbor is lost and must be found before she comes to harm.

Yes, we know little about Canandaigua, but we'd like to know more. Quite clearly it is a city with a spirit that might well be emulated by other cities, large and small.

Padlock the Earth

Now we are told that our busy friends, the prohibition agents, want to padlock Pullman cars if passengers are caught drinking in them.

That is, if a passenger orders a bottle of ginger ale or bubbly water and the waiter brings it to him; then if the passenger pours into his glass a liquid containing more than one-half of 1 per cent of alcohol and drinks it, the law will step in and padlock the Pullman car and put it out of service for a year.

How lawmakers can hope to make people respect the law and the courts when the law gets that silly is something we can't figure out. A simpler way to go about it would be to go the whole hog and put the ban on ginger ale, pop and other liquid refreshments heretofore considered non-intoxicating and harmless.

But to be consistent we would have to bar drinking water, too. For we have been told by those who ought to know that a highball can be made of whisky and plain water quite as easily as with ginger ale.

So the only sure way, after all, is when a wicked man takes a drink anywhere on earth to padlock the earth and let all good people go to heaven and the others to any place else that isn't padlocked.

A Railroad Statesman

There died this week in Baltimore a railroad president who dared to confess himself greatly troubled by the prospect that the railroads might be empowered to raise rates without limit.

His clear sight on the question of railroad valuation, however, was only one indication of the qualities which made S. Davies Warfield, president of the

Seaboard Air Line, a statesman of transportation, of whom we have too few.

He and his road opened up and drained millions of acres of Florida land and made accessible thousands of square miles of the new frontier. He was always for balanced development of Florida, as against "boom" craze.

His moderation and breadth of view was shown by his being the first railroad head to seek peace with the striking shopmen in 1922, followed shortly, however, by Daniel Willard of the B. & O.

He was worried by the cases now before the Supreme Court, in which, if the roads' theory of valuation wins, they will be entitled to raise rate-base values twenty to thirty billion dollars, and to raise rates a billion dollars a year.

Pointing out that such rate-raises would be more than the traffic could bear, or the public would pay, he also pointed out as organizer of the Railway Security Owners' Association that railroad security owners might protest against less than the full possible rates being charged—in short, that the hoped for "favorable" decision might make the roads more trouble than the present system of public regulation.

It Proves Something, Maybe

"Why girls leave the diplomatic service," might be the title of a scenario, with Miss Lucile Acherson of Ohio, formerly third secretary at Panama, in the leading role.

Miss Acherson recently resigned from the service after five years of coming up through the ranks, just as the men now do or are supposed to do, under the Rogers Act.

Miss Acherson's appointment was real news because there is a prejudice against women in the diplomatic and consular services.

Various arguments are advanced against women consuls and diplomats. The prejudices of Latin countries against women working and the loss of caste which one suffers under such an appointment is one of them. Another is that consuls and other representatives abroad often have to do unpleasant jobs, and go into places where the United States doesn't like to send women.

But all these could be battered down and were when Miss Acherson and one other woman in the service received their appointments.

But Miss Acherson resigned about a month ago. "Aha, she's found out it's no use for a woman to attempt to be a diplomat," said the wisecracks.

But today the reason for Miss Acherson's resignation became known.

She's going to be married.

And now, say the wisecracks, "See, that's what happens with a woman. Just as you are getting her nicely trained for a job, she resigns and gets married!"

Maine's new elder law makes it a crime to sell any apple-juice containing more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol except to vinegar makers of record. Most of the people in Maine, though, are vinegar makers of record.

They're erecting a monument to Jesse James out in his home town. Some day along about 1990 you'll probably read about the unveiling of a memorial to a wrestling promoter.

Clapping the hands at a movie show is a sign of insanity, according to scientists. Science has been beating around the bush for years, but at last seems to have found the truth.

A Chicago teacher finds there are 468 words meaning "love" in the English language. Almost as numerous as grounds for divorce.

"Get out the vote" in Mexico seems to have been changed to "drag out the candidate."

Many a naturally good complexion goes to pot these days.

America is a place where a man can get along pretty well in the oil business if he's patriotic enough.

The political correspondents have found a brand new term to use in their stories. It is "prevailing sentiment."

Politics and People

By RAY TUCKER

Teddy Roosevelt's present attack on Governor Smith of New York is merely the latest chapter in an acrimonious, personal quarrel which the two men have been conducting for some years. In intimating that the Governor had shut his eyes while "vice crept to the front steps of the capitol" at Albany, Teddy was trying to pay off old scores. In most of the encounters he has come off second best, for Smith's gift of wit and satire just about equals that of any man in public life today.

The battle began during the 1924 campaign, when Roosevelt was running against Smith for the governorship. The latter conducted a dignified and business-like campaign, rendering what he called an accounting of his stewardship to the people. Meanwhile, Teddy circled the State several times, and was waging a more vigorous fight than any Republican candidate in years.

Smith, however, refused to change his tactics. To advisers who urged that he ridicule Teddy's efforts, he predicted that his opponent would make a "break" some day.

"And then," said Smith, "I'll smash him." A few days later Teddy congratulated students of a small up-State university on their football victory over Colgate, which had one of the best players in its history that season. When the disgruntled students explained that they had been defeated badly by Colgate, Teddy turned to advisers on the train platform and demanded to know, "Who told me that?"

Thereafter, whenever Teddy discoursed on serious subjects with words of wisdom, Smith made a practice of asking, "I wonder who told him that?" Soon the whole State was laughing at Roosevelt's expense.

Teddy returned to the attack last winter. Basing his statements on inside information furnished by Republicans at Albany, he assailed Smith's financial program and predicted the Governor would have to find more revenue to avoid a deficit. Not long afterward came a demand for a gasoline tax, which many took as proof that Roosevelt had been correct.

Smith, who is peculiarly sensitive to criticism of his conduct of the government's financial and business operations, was openly exasperated.

"The boy isn't all there," was his comment. Teddy, apparently, is trying to prove that he is. And, incidentally, many credit him with a desire to make another try for the governorship of New York, thus following the path his father trod more than twenty-five years ago.

TRACY

SAYS:

The American People Are Getting Very Tired of Gag Rule for Old and Trusted Officers; if such Men as Admiral Magruder Can Not Inform Them of What Is Going On, Who Can?

Theodore Roosevelt knows too much about Al Smith and too little about the Fall-Sinclair oil lease.

Is it not strange how familiar a politician can be with the shortcomings of an administration in which he has no part and how ignorant he can be concerning those of one in which he was an active worker?

Roosevelt's utter lack of knowledge as to what went on in the Navy Department where he was assistant secretary would be less startling were it not for his absolute certainty as to what has been going on at Albany while he was not present.

Romance Crown Tarnished

When Prince Carol of Rumania left his wife for "the other woman," those susceptible humans who see romance in everything, held him up as a shining example of self sacrifice, if not the ideal.

Too bad he had to go and spoil it all with these plots and intrigues, setting his country by the ears in an effort to rob his own little boy.

General Motors Profits

General Motors earned \$193,000,000 during the first nine months of this year, which is \$36,000,000 more than it earned during the same period last year.

People jump to the conclusion that the absence of Henry Ford as an active competitor since last May offers a full explanation, but this gives General Motors too scant credit.

Mr. Ford contributed something through his absence, no doubt, but General Motors used its own energy improved management and increased facilities.

Magruder Disciplined

Rear Admiral Thomas T. Magruder wrote an article for the Saturday Evening Post some weeks ago in which he expressed the opinion that the Navy could be run with fewer officers and less money without impairing its efficiency.

The article created quite a stir, of course, especially in government circles, and there was some talk of calling Magruder on the carpet, but after what seemed mature consideration, Secretary Willbur indicated that so far as disciplinary action was concerned, the incident might be regarded as closed.

Since that time, Magruder has been bombarded with questionnaires and demands for explanation. Now he is peremptorily relieved of duty as commander of the Fourth Naval district and the Navy yard, and is ordered to present himself before Secretary Willbur at Washington on Nov. 5.

Who Will Tell People?

Many regard this action as just a preliminary step to Admiral Magruder's punishment.

It even is suggested that he may be court-martialed, which, whether the Navy Department realizes it or not, would certainly lead to a Congressional inquiry.

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Gag Sincere Views

By no stretch of the imagination can Admiral Magruder be regarded as having hurt the Navy in public opinion. Whether his criticism was altogether justified, whether his views were absolutely sound and whether his figures were absolutely correct, they were obviously put forward for the good of the country and the good of the service.

'Big Bill' on History

So long as the country offers an open forum for men like "Big Bill" Thompson, it would be absurd to muzzle men like Rear Admiral Magruder.

"Big Bill" is not content with criticism, or even the substitution of one school history for another. What he longs for is to burn books, even though he has telegraphed an English gentleman that that is a libel.

In explanation of his zeal to save the country in this way he proclaims that "I take the Americanism from George Washington and the twenty-five other Presidents."

What is the matter with the four unfortunate Presidents omitted in this enumeration, and which ones are they?

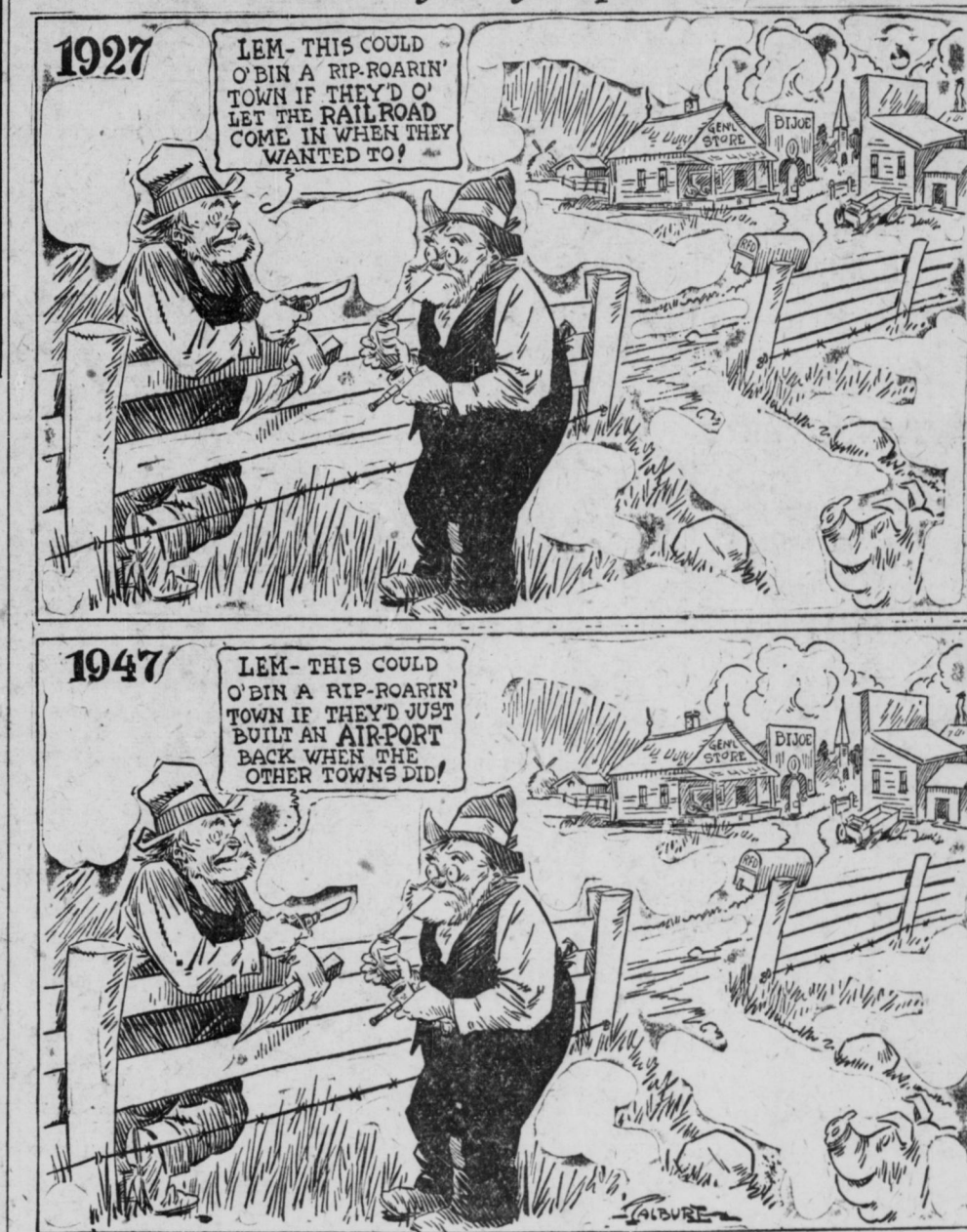
Big Laugh for Nation

When "Big Bill" stamped Chicago by his campaign against "King George" and the world court, the country took it as a good joke, and he should have taken it the same way.

He should have admitted to himself, if not to any one else, that Chicago did not let him come back because of this new and amazing foreign policy, but because it wanted its policemen to do something beside chase bootleggers and promote gang wars.

If he had only taken that view of the situation, he would have prevented a good farce from becoming a tragedy and himself from becoming a nation-wide laughing stock.

History May Repeat



What Other Editors Think

(From Daily Tribune)
(Independent)
Sunday a young man was killed because he was kind enough to help two women change an automobile tire.

Dangerous Work

Changing the left rear tire of an automobile on a crowded highway is one of those little side issues of modern life that keep Americans from missing the thrill of an attack by wild Indians or a buffalo stampede. But entirely too many people are getting killed because of it.

Nobody ever should stop a car on the driving surface of a through highway for any purpose whatsoever. At almost every point along such highways there is a berm, or shoulder, wide enough for a car. This is a side-track and should be utilized as such. Drivers encountering trouble should pull over on the berm the same as race drivers pull into the pits. In case of a wreck, and if it is impossible to clear the highway, it is extremely important that some one be stationed three or four hundred feet on either side of the trouble to warn approaching cars.

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The men who don't know, but are shouting "Indiana is rotten" have been thought coming. In all the insinuations that have been set afloat, not a single State official has been accused of misappropriating one cent of money that belongs to the people. The public service commission has been bombarded from Dan to Beersheba, principally by persons with large interests that could not secure privileges they were asking for. This commission has made its annual report, turning into the State treasury \$219,512.78 in fees collected as well as handing back to the State \$25,000 of their budget fund, every cent of which could have been used under some sort of pretext. When it comes to a showdown it will be found that Indiana has not suffered the loss of a single penny from any State official and that the affairs of the State have been economically as well as honestly administered.

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The peculiar feature of it is that the students who work, as a rule, are the ones who make the best grades. Those who have to labor in order to eat realize the value of work, and consequently they apply themselves to their studies with greater diligence.

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those retained who have some one dependent on them for support. The amazing aspect of the matter is that most of these people seem to have a superstition that a teaching job is a sort of political or economic plum to be handed over to the woman who most needs the money. The decision, a child-lover would think, ought to be made on the question of teaching ability and that solely. If a certain teacher the best possible for this particular roomful of children? Then, married or single, rich or poor, hire her. Otherwise, don't.

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A north side resident was aided in a move to obtain a fire alarm box at New York and Meridian Sts. today by Mr. Fixit.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: Will you please see if you can get the board of safety to install the next fire alarm it is able to buy at New York and Meridian Sts. A fire alarm is needed badly at this corner.

Yours truly, C. J. Fire Chief Jesse A. Hutsell promised an alarm would be installed soon at the intersection.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: You have helped so many others I want you to see if you can help me at 1200 Oliver Ave. The back yard of a home has been used for garbage of all kinds and is very unhealthy. This has been reported to the board of health several times, but nothing has been done. Please see what you can do.

NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR. The health board promised Fixit an investigation.

Times Readers Voice Views

The name and address of the author must accompany every contribution, but on request will not be published. Letters not exceeding 200 words are given preference.

To the Editor:
Noting an article written by E. W. Little appearing in your issue of Oct. 24, I desire to make a short reply.

Complaint is made by Mr. Little because of certain criticism directed at "Governors of sister States." The only Governor criticised was Gov. J. C. Walton of Oklahoma and the interesting thing about the matter is the fact that Mr. Little submitted the resolution himself, made a speech in favor of its passage and voted for it. As president of the Hustling Hundreds, I did not vote for the resolution, nor do I vote on any resolution.

In his article he takes me to task for criticizing the water company, and strange as it may seem the question of proposed boosting of water rates came up at the same meeting at which he was present as a member. None was more severe in condemning the action of the water company than was he at that time. As a consequence he was placed on a committee to work with the Federation of Community Civic Clubs opposing any increase in rates. In this regard you are referred to the article in your issue of Oct. 3, 1923, under the heading "Englewood Citizens Oppose Walton Acts."

I believe The Times will be fair, even if Mr. Little was not, and will give the same prominence to my reply as was given to his attack.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM T. QUILLIN.

To the Editor:
Indianapolis should be grateful for two public officials like county attorney Clint H. Givan and County Treasurer Ramsay.

It is high time that we get a decision as to whether John L. Duvall is mayor, or not.

If the courts decide that Duvall is the mayor of Indianapolis until the Supreme Court passes on his conviction, all well and good.

Should the same courts decide that Duvall is not the mayor then the sooner this chaotic condition is remedied the better.

Indianapolis is too big and too good a town to suffer in this manner.

The attorneys involved owe a duty to the town, where they earn their money, to rush things to an early trial. Let's have no delays. A prompt decision will clarify matters.

TAX PAYER.

To the Editor:
Al Smith's most formidable rival is Gilliom, our attorney general. Gilliom is a practical nullifier.

Gilliom could bring the whole G. O. P. vote to himself, if nominated. I advise the Democrats to nominate Gilliom. We don't want him.

You can't deny that he stands for most of the things that Smith does. Smith can't get all the Democratic votes but Gilliom can swing all the G. O. P. votes. Gilliom's Own Party.

F. E. LONGLEY.

360 Congress Ave.

To the Editor:
Inasmuch as the stores have not yet put on sale the