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

### When Watson Waves His Wand

"I regret that Mr. Hoover has deemed it best to strike at party harmony by invading our State. We are prepared, however, to meet the challenge offered to Senator Watson in his native State, and we have no fear of the outcome."

That's what M. Bert Thurman, national campaign manager for Senator Watson, said when he learned that Mr. Hoover had consented to his name going on the primary ballot in Indiana.

It illustrates very well the impudent attitude of professional politicians toward real Republican or Democratic government. All Hoover did was to accede to the request by many Indiana Republicans that he permit the use of his name in the Republican primary, so that the Republicans of Indiana could vote their convictions as to whether Hoover or Watson is the better man for the national Republican party to nominate for president.

The only way it strikes at party harmony is by giving Indiana Republicans a chance to vote for somebody besides Jim Watson. Party harmony in Indiana is all right from the Watson standpoint so long as whatever Jim Watson says goes.

The only way Hoover invaded the State of Indiana was by permitting Republicans of Indiana to vote for him if they preferred him to Watson.

If Indiana Republicans want Watson they can vote for him and against Hoover, and Indiana Republicans will have exercised their right to vote as they please.

Watson had no right to assume that once he selected himself as Indiana's favorite son all Indiana Republicans had to accept his judgment. When they made him Senator to represent the party and the State, they didn't elect him to be either the party or the State. They made him a servant, not a master, of the State.

The real issue is whether the Republicans of Indiana are to have any choice in choosing a Republican candidate for president, or whether they must be deaf, dumb and blind when Watson waves his wand.

### Death in the West-Bound Lane

The graveyard of the North Atlantic seems to have claimed another airplane and its crew Capt. Walter Hinchliffe and a companion believed to be the Hon. Elsie Mackay, daughter of Lord Inchape.

The glimmer of hope remains that they may have come down in some remote region of the American coastline, or were picked up by a small vessel without wireless aboard, on which they might remain for days without being heard from. This it will be remembered, is what happened to Harry Hawker some years ago.

This hope, however, is dim indeed. The chances are that that grim terror which seems to lie in wait for those who venture overseas along the west-bound air lanes between Europe and the North American continent, has claimed two more pioneers.

First it caught Nungesser and Coli, the gallant Frenchmen. Then the Princess Lowerstein-Wetham and her companions, Hamilton and Minchin. And now Hinchliffe and his mysterious passenger, believed to be a girl.

And it all seems so foolhardy, some will say, perhaps. Yet foolhardiness is not always a quality to be despised. All pioneers must have it, to some extent, and after all, the east-to-west flight across the North Atlantic never has yet been done.

Somebody must brave the death which all who have tried it before have met, just to find out why.

Five airplanes have made the flight from west to east; Alcock and Brown, the immortal Lindbergh, Byrd and his crew, Chamberlin and Levine, and Brock and Schlee. But many have started on the westward trip and turned back, while the only three planes which actually tried it never have been heard of since.

Why?

Since the human brain arrived at the point where it was capable of formulating that question and others like it, millions have died trying to find the answer.

We can not wholly agree, therefore, that the apparently tragic adventure was either foolhardy or foolish, since the daring adventure likely was obeying the urge of the pioneer to add to the sum of human knowledge—to find, and conquer, if he could, the strange terror that seems to camp above the Atlantic waiting for those who dare the west-bound lanes.

### A Record That Is Wonderful

In ten cities of the United States, the four weeks ended Feb. 25, saw not a single death due to traffic accidents. This is disclosed in a survey made public by the Department of Commerce.

That is a record of which each of those cities may be proud. The time is not far distant, we believe, when a low traffic death rate will be one of the first things a city will crow about.

We believe that honor roll ought to be printed. Here is the list:

Cambridge, Mass.; Canton, O.; Des Moines, Ia.; Duluth, Minn.; Erie, Pa.; New Bedford, Mass.; Oklahoma City, Okla.; Sommerville, Mass.; Waterbury, Conn., and Wilmington, Del.

Let's hope that list can grow to more than ten cities in the next survey.

Husbands in Tibet have gone on strike, marched on the capital with banners and demanded equal rights with women. It was bound to happen somewhere.

An Oregon man played a horn the other day and chewed fifty sticks of gum at the same time. We don't know what murder he was being tried for.

A couple of Americans were imprisoned in Mexico for highway robbery. They should have tried to prove they were Mexican citizens.

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### BRIDGE ME ANOTHER

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BY W. W. WENTWORTH

(Abbreviations: A—ace; K—king; Q—queen; J—jack; X—any card lower than 10.)

1. How many quick tricks should fourth hand to make an opening suit bid?
2. How many quick tricks should third hand to make an opening suit bid?
3. When should you establish a suit before drawing trumps?

The Answers

1. At least two and one-half.
2. If you can reasonably force missing high cards without being

explosives and the manufacture of fertilizer for the

farmers.

Immediately the question was raised, what to do with it, now that the war was over. The simple and obvious answer occurred to some persons, among them Senator Norris: The Government having spent many millions of the people's money in constructing the plant, it should operate it for the people's benefit.

A very different answer occurred to men in the power business. Turn it over to us, they said, and let us operate. Don't let the Government get into business.

Quite a number of concerns urged their claims on the Government in this connection and soon the subject was smothered under confusing arguments. Suddenly a light appeared. Henry Ford announced that he would take over the Muscle Shoals plant, under certain terms.

Hoover, said the people, if we can't have it ourselves, let's let Henry have it; he's the people's friend.

Well, Henry probably is the people's friend, all right, but the terms he offered for Muscle Shoals constituted the biggest bargain of his long and successful business career—the biggest bargain for Henry.

One man saw this fact. Senator Norris, long-time admirer of Henry Ford, went to war against the Ford proposal. In time he succeeded in making Ford's terms understood by the Senate and the people of the country and Ford withdrew his offer.

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