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

## Hoover's Fame and Jim Watson

A man who really is great in more than one way.

For true greatness means breadth and versatility. But no matter how many lines greatness may take, the great man's renown, in terms of history, will center in one accomplishment, and he will become known through all time chiefly for that.

Before the World War Herbert Hoover already was famous as an engineer.

But the renown that had come to him in that profession quickly was overshadowed by the greater renown of Hoover as the director of war relief.

At the very outbreak of the conflict, Hoover took hold. No bigger task of organization ever confronted any man.

Early in 1914 Hoover had been working in San Francisco with the Panama-Pacific exposition. At the request of the California commission he went to Europe in that year to try to induce the European governments to exhibit in the exposition.

His passage home from that comparatively commonplace enterprise had been engaged for the middle of August. Then came the shot at Sarajevo. And the crash. The red flame of war swept through Europe.

Two hundred thousand Americans were stranded. Banks declared moratoriums. Letters of credit became worthless. The American ambassador in London asked Hoover and others to help. Hoover's return passage was canceled. He plunged into the stupendous job of rescue.

His genius as an organizer asserted itself. Thousands of stranded Americans were cared for. But that merely was a start. Soon the name of Hoover became the symbol of help, mercy, food for the hungry, clothing and shelter for the cold, medical aid for the sick.

Through all the horror of those years Herbert Hoover's greatness grew. And though he should become President of these United States and execute well all the duties of that office, it is probable that history will know him not so much as Hoover the President, as Hoover of the war relief.

In Indiana James E. Watson has announced himself as a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination.

A pamphlet is being circulated in his behalf.

On one page appears the title—"A Hoosier candidate for President." That page is devoted to extolling the political virtues of James E. Watson.

On the opposite page the title says: "A Stranger Within Our Gates. Herbert C. Hoover." That page is devoted to Watson's reasons why Hoover is undesirable.

And first and most conspicuous among those reasons is the statement that Herbert C. Hoover lived in London, that he was a resident there during 1916 and 1917, "who's who" being quoted as proof.

Politics brings forth many incongruities. That a back-slapping, baby-kissing, bull-throbbing politician of the Jim Watson type should arrogate to himself the task of actually opposing a man like Hoover is in itself an incongruity.

But for this same politician to give as a reason for such opposition the very years in which Hoover gained undying fame—that is more than incongruity. It is a spectacle too fantastic for human comprehension.

## Prosperity's Safety Valve

On April 25 big business men from all over the United States will get together at Houston, Tex., and talk about foreign trade.

Their text will be "greater prosperity through foreign trade," and a good text it is, too—just how good few of us quite realize.

Only a handful of the 115,000,000 people of this country have any idea of the extent, or the importance of our business with foreign countries. But Dr. Julius Klein of the Department of Commerce calls it our "prosperity balance."

Every locomotive boiler must have a safety valve, if too much steam accumulates inside, the boiler explodes. What keeps it from exploding—what insures its wheels turning regularly and safely day by day, year in and year out—is the valve which allows the surplus steam to get out.

Our national prosperity is like that. We make and consume an enormous quantity of commodities, but there is a surplus and that surplus must be got rid of—it must be sold abroad—or something will go to smash. Our foreign trade is the safety valve without which American business would suffer disaster.

But, we often hear people saying, our foreign trade is small compared with our domestic trade. And so it is. But so is the amount of steam which escapes via the safety valve small compared with the total produced and consumed inside the locomotive. But that little must get out or it will wreck the whole engine.

For many of our biggest industries, foreign trade represents the difference between profit and loss between success and failure. And as millions of jobs depend upon these industries, foreign trade is highly important to every one of us, to the Toms, the Dicks and the Harrys.

Another mistaken notion people have about our foreign business relations is that only our seaports are much interested. The truth, of course, is that our inland communities are often more vitally concerned than some of our seaboard States.

Cotton, wheat, lumber, leather, oil, automobiles, steel and manufactured articles of all kinds, are for the most part produced far from salt water. And these are among our chief exports, while rubber, silk, wool, sugar, coffee, tea, medicines, fertilizer chemicals, dye-stuffs, tungsten, nickel, asbestos and other absolute necessities required by our people are vital to the Mississippi Valley and other inland sections as they are to any other part of the country.

These are just a few of the reasons why the foreign trade convention soon to be held in Houston really is of national consequence.

## Another Favorite Son

It generally is agreed as to political strategy that you can't beat somebody with nobody, and we have the modern tactics of trying to beat somebody with everybody. That's the favorite son game, Hoover being the somebody and the field taking in most everybody.

The latest son-of-a-State to throw his nightcap into the ring is Senator Goff of West Virginia. The chances are that Senator Goff is a distinguished West Virginian who is well known in his own State.

Doubtless all the coal barons of that interesting

feudal barony are on speaking terms with this newest luminary in the presidential galaxy, and could give reasons why West Virginia needs a native son president.

But before the national convention rolls around, Senator Goff should spread himself around over the other forty-seven States and give the folks a chance to look him over. Before the big race starts at Kansas City it might be well to parade all the light and dark horse favorite sons up and down the track in front of the grandstand.

Nevertheless, the combination of favorite sons working together to head off Hoover will welcome this latest addition to their ranks with open arms. For every little State delegation that can be held for a favorite son until the midnight bedroom blow-off has a meaning all its own.

## A Thought for Drivers

Here's a little something for you to read if you drive an automobile. In Kansas City a youth was arrested after his automobile had killed an aged woman. She stepped in front of his car when he was traveling a little better than 35 miles an hour, and he was unable to stop. Asked if he had ever driven that fast in crowded city streets before, he said that he had, and added:

"Lots of people do. But they would quit it if they knew what I know now. I thought I was a good driver and could take care of anything that came up. But you can't stop a car quickly going that fast."

That's worth thinking about. Thirty-five miles an hour isn't terribly fast, yet you never know when someone is going to step in front of you—and, as the Kansas City boy says, "you can't stop a car quickly going that fast."

## Personal Liberty

One of the most outstanding characteristics of Senator Tom Heflin of Alabama is his utter freedom from hampering facts.

In that regard, he attains the highest degree of personal liberty. A typical example is presented in a letter written by Heflin to the mayor of Montgomery, Ala., and inserted in the Congressional Record.

"Did you know," wrote Heflin, "that while Al Smith has been elected Governor of New York four times, he has carried but four counties of the State?"

In 1913, Smith carried nine counties. In 1922, he carried eighteen counties.

In 1924, six counties. In 1926, nine counties.

All of which constitutes a fair sample of Heflin accuracy.

## About Mrs. Knapp

The old die-hard opponents of woman suffrage have perked up a bit lately. Pointing to the indictment of New York's former secretary of State, Mrs. Florence E. Knapp, they have announced that this constitutes proof that women are not really fitted for important public office.

Assuming, for the sake of argument, that Mrs. Knapp actually should be found guilty, it is hard to see how that would in any way reflect on women officeholders as a class. It would mean, possibly, that Mrs. Knapp herself were unfit; but it would not affect her sex as a whole any more than the activities of Albert B. Fall prove that all men are unfit to be cabinet officers.

Well, King Amanullah of Afghanistan has just visited Paris and London. Don't suppose there will be any more payments on those war debts for some time now.

Down in Pennsylvania, a bridegroom on his way to be married broke his arm. He went right ahead and got married. Some people simply ignore every favor Chance throws in their way.

## World Power in Atoms

ONE GREAT byproduct of the Schrodinger wave mechanics theory may be a new source of power for the world. Such a statement is of course rather optimistic.

But it is a fact that scientists hope eventually to obtain power from the atom. It has been thought for a long time that all the chemical elements in existence were originally evolved from helium and that helium had originally evolved from hydrogen, the element which has the simplest of all atoms.

It has been thought that four hydrogen atoms would make one helium atom.

But the helium atom weighs slightly less than four hydrogen atoms.

Such a loss in weight, according to modern scientific theories, would mean that some of the mass of four hydrogen atoms had been converted into energy during the process.

The energy which would be released by such a process of converting hydrogen into helium would be tremendous.

Scientists have calculated that the energy which would be released by a pint of hydrogen during such a process would provide enough power to drive a ship the size of the Leviathan across the Atlantic and back.

It was difficult to see, on the basis of the Bohr theory, how the energy would be released during the conversion of hydrogen into helium.

How the energy would be released is perhaps more easily explained in the Schrodinger theory, for according to that theory every atom is nothing but a balloon of energy to begin with.

But it does not pay to be too optimistic. For we are a long way from knowing how to convert hydrogen into helium.

Let us hope that science makes rapid progress. For the coming centuries will see the dwindling of coal and oil.

Men in the future will have to find a new supply of energy. Perhaps the atom will furnish that supply. Many scientists believe that it will.

## 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. Partner not having bid, what do you lead against a suit bid, when you hold A J 10?  
2. When you hold J X X X in opponent's suit and bust, do you double?  
3. What is the quick trick value of K J 10 X X?

The Answers  
1. A, if you have no better suit to lead.  
2. No. Double on general strength rather than on trumps alone.  
3. Three-quarters quick trick.

## Times Readers Voice Views

The name and address of the author must accompany every contribution, but no reader will be published. Letters not exceeding 200 words will receive preference.

Editor Times:  
"A stitch in time saves nine." Voters who intend to go to the polls on May 8, read up on your candidates. We must do this to vote fairly and intelligently, for or against any man.

However, it would be safe and sane to suggest that we cross off our list of "favorables," all those receiving the support of any political factions, church federation, Anti-Saloon League or party bosses, the old Klan or clothespin form of government, including all such organizations have proved beyond a reasonable doubt their inability to select capable, efficient men to public office.

If the voters of Indianapolis and Indiana intend to tolerate such a poor form of government, then why even bother with having elections? Such organizations always have one reason or another for supporting certain candidates. However, that reason never can be traced back to their sincere desire for good government. They are, in reality, the cause for such pronounced cynicism among the voting public, and the growing indifference felt by all toward going to the polls.

A number of men are running this year who heretofore have devoted their time and efforts to building up their own private business organizations. Those men who have been successful business managers of their own affairs and who are free from all political bosses are the men to vote for. It stands to reason that they would run the business of our city and State as conscientiously as they did their own.

If the voters are influenced this time by such organizations as the Hon. Rev. Mr. Shumaker represent, if they persist in leaning like so many sheep over a cliff into still rotter conditions than exist now, let them leap and forever hold their peace.

This is the public's opportunity to haul itself out of the mire, but it can not hope to accomplish this feat unless every man and woman voter runs out and does his or her bit.

I may be accused of being a "wet" voter. That is wrong. There are no "wet" candidates for me to be for. But it is time for the voters to get up grit enough to support the candidates of their own selection. It is the only way by which we can make our votes count.

Pick your men from the "chosen few" who were honorable enough to accept defeat in the past, rather than success at the hands of the Klan and other such cliques. They are the safest bet, and I believe they would execute their duties when elected just as independently as they did their campaign.

MARGARET O. STEARNS, Republican.

When did baseball become the national game?  
In 1885, although it was played to some extent as early as 1840.

How old is Estelle Taylor, the wife of Jack Dempsey?  
Twenty-seven.

Who played the part of Hank in the photoplay "Beau Geste"?  
Victor McLaglen.

What is the address of Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink?  
800 Avenue, Coronado, Cal.

Is Onida, the novelist, dead?  
She died in 1908.

Is there a memorial to Rudolph Valentino?

There is a Valentino Memorial Guild with headquarters in London, and a Valentino International Memorial Fund, also organized in England, by Miss M. C. Elliott, of Cheltenham, that has representatives throughout the world. The

What kind of a legislative body is a "diet"?

The word is from the Latin "dies"—a day—and refers to a meeting of dignitaries or delegates (a national assembly) held from day to day for legislative, ecclesiastical or municipal purposes.

What is the origin of the word "sterling"?

The derivation is uncertain, but it is said to be derived from Easterlings or Hanse merchants. In silver manufacture "sterling" indicates a standard fineness of the metal.

What is the minimum number of days for a school year in the United States?

In most States 180 days is the minimum. It is considered that a year's work can not be accomplished in less time.

What is the salary of the president of the United Mine Workers Union?

Eight thousand dollars a year.

Where do Helen Wills and Helen Jacobs, the tennis stars, live?

The home address of both is Berkeley, Cal.

Was there another Jack Dempsey who was a pugilist?

The first Jack Dempsey was the famous middleweight, known as the "Brooklyn Nonpareil."



## THE STORY OF CIVILIZATION Da Vinci Paints 'The Last Supper'

Written for The Times by Will Durant

HAVING rivalled Donatello and Verrocchio in sculpture, Leonardo turned to rival Michelangelo and Raphael in painting. We see from his sketch book (drawings so beautiful that one catches one's breath with pain in looking at them) how long he labored, and how many preparatory trials he made before painting his masterpiece, "The Last Supper," in the Church of Santa Maria della Grazie.

Never before had been a perfect grouping, or such vivid individualization of every figure in the group. Imagine the time necessary to make thirteen complete portraits, not from models, but out of the bodiless visions of the artist's soul.

No wonder Leonardo labored twelve years to finish it, and would never admit that it was complete. No wonder that when he had made all the Apostles, and came to Christ, he could not go on; he had given too much of his genius to the lesser figures of the picture. For days and weeks and months he sat looking at the great wall, painting nothing, staring, striving, while fools thought he was idling.

The impatient abbot, who had engaged the artist for the work, complained to the Duke of Leonardo's "laziness." The Duke explained that "men of genius are sometimes producing most when they seem to be laboring the least." Leonardo reversed himself by using the abbot, who watched him too frequently, as an unconscious model for Jesus.

In 1500 the picture seemed finished at last. But it was in that very year that the French besieged Milan; they opened the dams to flood the city; several inches of water covered the floor of the church, and spread their dampness through the great edifice. The paint began to peel from Leonardo's masterpiece.

Frenzied, he ran about seeking for men to draw the water off; but the chaos of war frustrated him. Mere-jowski has pictured him standing in the nave looking on in agony as the greatest labor of his love was ruined; it is this story that Artzi-bashov tells to justify his despair over history and his scorn of man.

Ludovico having been expelled from Milan by the French, Leonardo also fled, and for years he wandered without a patron, and sometimes without food. It was in this period that he painted his "Madonna and the Rocks," and his "Madonna, Child and St. Anne."

For a while he served as engineer and architect in the camp of the

guild exists to perpetuate Valentino's memory through reissues of his films and by engaging in charitable work in which he was known to have been interested. The fund exists to perpetuate his memory in some tangible form, such as a hospital for children.

What was the longest baseball game ever played in the National League?

The game played at Braves Field, Boston, between Brooklyn and Boston of the National League, May 1, 1920. It ended in a 1-1 tie after 26 innings. Leon Cadore pitched for Brooklyn and Joe Oeschger pitched for Boston.

What is a "John Doe" warrant?

A warrant containing a fictitious name, "John Doe," frequently used to indicate a person for the purpose of illustration, or in the course of enforcing a fiction in law.

Who were the first and second Secretaries of the Treasury of the United States?

The first was Alexander Hamilton in Washington's first administration. The second was Oliver Wolcott in Washington's second administration.

What is "The Banner of Life"?

A magazine published in the interest of spiritualism.

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## TRACY

M. E.  
SAYS:

"Aviation Has Taken a Deeper Hold on the Human Mind as an Agency of Peace Than It Ever Did as an Instrumentality of War."

TEN years ago, America was ready to shout every time a German airplane went down. Now America is praying that a German airplane will escape the dangers of the great Atlantic. Thus time brings its changes, supplanting hatred with sympathy, and healing wounds that once seemed raw for eternity.

As a smart philosopher once said, "We are only grown up children."

In the Grip of Aviation  
Aviation has taken a deeper hold on the human mind as an agency of peace than it ever did, or could as an instrumentality of war.

Richthofen, with all his crimson fame, never received such plaudits as Colonel Lindbergh.

Heroes made on the battlefield appeal only to some clique, class or nation. Heroes who fight their way to glory in man's struggle to break down the barriers of ignorance and inability appeal to the whole world.

Real achievement knows no frontier. We never think of hating an inventor or discoverer because of his age or nationality.

Peace Startles Nation  
The Senate has increased the farm relief fund from \$250,000,000 to \$400,000,000. This, together with the \$325,000,000 for flood control and \$250,000,000 for merchant marine makes nearly one billion which Congress seems likely to appropriate for encouragement of industry.

This amount is so much greater than this Government has ever authorized before for such purposes that people are surprised. But it is only about 3 per cent of what the war cost.

Doubt as to the wisdom of spending one billion dollars to help peaceful activities right after thirty billion so enthusiastically was spent for conflict shows how far away we are from the moral attitude which visualizes a happy farmer as essential to national welfare.

Shun Organized Religion  
Church membership in this country rose by 573,723 last year.

It now totals 48,594,163, which is less than two-fifths of the population.

Sixty per cent of the American people belong to no church.

That does not mean that they are atheistic or even irreligious.

It does mean, however, that they have drifted away from organized religion.

Turkish Religion Changed  
Speaking of organized religion, Turkey follows the rest of the world in separating church and State. Aism is no longer her official faith.

All mention of it has been eliminated from the constitution. Henceforth Turkish officials will swear "on my honor," instead of "by Allah," or "by the beard of the prophet."

The curious part of it is that the Turkish people accept the new order of things with indifference.

Trained to a thousand years of religious rule and to regard Mohammedanism as synonymous with their government, one would look for wide-awake interest, if not resentment.

The stern, highly organized sect which Mohammed founded some 1,300 years ago, and which has given birth to such waves of fanatical zeal as the world never knew before, ceases to be a political institution.

The priest, as well as the king, passes out of statecraft.

Whale Brings \$10,000  
A meeting of whale experts at the National Museum in Washington, D. C., is chiefly interesting because it reveals how very much alive the industry is.

Whales are not only hunted, killed and blubbered off as of yore, but, like everything else, they bring a rather high price.

As one expert pointed out, a prize whale, converted into chicken feed, bone-black and oil at one of the floating factories in the Shetland Islands, brings about \$10,000.

That is a price which would make an old Nantucket skipper's mouth water.

This Date in U. S. History

April 13  
1743—Thomas Jefferson born.

1815—Construction of the Erie Canal from Albany, N. Y., to Lake Erie ordered.

1890—Rich gold deposits discovered in the Grand Canyon of Arizona.

Water Prince

Indianapolis, the largest inland city in the world, has a claim to aquatic fame, according to Fred C. Gardner, treasurer E. C. Atkins & Co. Gardner nominates William A. Atkins, well-known, Indianapolis business man, as the Prince of Wales of boatmen.

Atkins, on a recent duck-hunting trip in the South, fell into the water when his boat capsized; and just the other day, while host to a party of Indianapolis friends on a fishing trip at Long Key, Fla., he again adopted amphibian habits.

Jesse Fletcher and Doc Wells, local hotel men, rescued Atkins with a fishing tackle. He was not hurt.