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

### When Arthur Comes Home

Announcement that Senator Arthur Robinson will come back to Indiana for a few days before the primary should be more than welcome to those citizens of the State who believe that "cleaning house" should include his retirement to private life.

It is inconceivable that the very earnest and sincere men and women who have long been fooled by Robinson's dry speeches can be further misled if he appears to defend his record.

Many things have happened since Robinson ran two years ago and the men and women who have accepted the label for the truth will undoubtedly demand some explanation.

The black boxes of Stephenson have been opened. His friend and backer George Coffin has been indicted. The man who named him to the Senate has escaped the penitentiary by pleading the statute of limitations.

Two years ago Robinson boldly declared that all his relationships with Stephenson had been those of lawyer and client in a civil case. He denied that he was ever on any close terms of intimate friendship.

It now appears that this statement was quite as reckless and unfounded as some of the statements he has made on the Senate floor which he has been compelled to retract.

The voters surely will wish to know all about the pearl necklace and its value. The voters have a right to know this, in view of Robinson's repeated declarations of his denials of any friendship for Stephenson.

For in the black boxes was a letter of thanks for the necklace, sent as a Christmas present at a time when Stephenson was rolling in money and was not known as a patron of the ten-cent stores when he purchased jewelry.

The records of the Supreme Court now have the evidence that Robinson was acting as a telephone operator for Dr. Shumaker, head of the Anti-Saloon League, and that may indicate that the dry leader's judgment on Robinson is to some extent prejudiced by these personal services.

Of more significance than his dry speeches are the records of the Supreme Court and certainly the sincere prohibitionists will want to know why the law firm of which Robinson is a member has more bootleg clients in the highest court than any other firm in Indiana.

Perhaps voters who believe in prohibition will see nothing incongruous in a dry leader playing the dual role of defender of the bootlegger when he happens to be caught. And again, they may.

If Robinson is silent on these things when he returns, discriminating voters can readily draw their own conclusions.

They will have an opportunity of seeing his companions and judging him by the "birds" with whom he flocks. They will have a chance to see whether he still stands with Boss Coffin, whose trial for conspiracy to bribe former Governor McCray is now on the court calendar for early in May.

They will have a chance to judge him by the standard he set up for himself when he declared on the Senate floor that "Birds of a feather flock together."

They will remember Coffin and Stephenson and Coffin and Ora Davies, his campaign manager of two years ago, who is now under indictment and who in 1924 acted as escort for Stephenson.

Only those who fail to discriminate between brazeness and courage will admire the temerity of Robinson in daring to return to the State as a candidate.

And the Nation will, to a large degree, judge the sincerity of Indiana Republicans in their protests of virtue and desire to clean house by their vote on Robinson.

### Too Old, Said Mr. Hughes

Age, like youth, is no crime, but in some circumstances either may be a misfortune.

Extreme age in the White House is apt to be a misfortune. It is one, however, that the people of the United States have visited on themselves—and the occupant of the White House—only a few times.

Examination of the record reveals this in striking fashion, but it appears that some present candidates for the presidency have not made such an examination. One apparently has. This is Charles Evans Hughes.

"I am too old," said Mr. Hughes.

If Mr. Hughes were elected President, he would be 66 years old when inaugurated and, if he served the eight years that most Presidents anticipate, he would be 75 years old when he retired.

Of the other candidates prominent in the race, Mr. Lowden would be 68 when inaugurated and 76 when retired; Senator Curtis 68 and 76; Vice President Dawes, 63 and 72; Senator Watson, 64 and 72. Herbert Hoover would be 54 when inaugurated and 62 when retired.

Now what does the record reveal? It shows that in all our history only three Presidents have been inaugurated at an age exceeding 61 years. Of these, Zachary Taylor, 64, died within a year, and William Henry Harrison, 68, died within a month. James Buchanan, 65, failed of nomination.

The instinct of the American people in this matter seems to be sound.

Regardless of the native ability of the present candidates and regardless of their present vigor and

## Questions and Answers

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ESTOR.

What is the origin and purpose of the American Red Cross, and how is it managed?

It operates under a charter granted by an act of Congress, effective Jan. 5, 1905, authorizing the American Red Cross "to furnish volunteer aid to the sick and wounded of armies in time of war in accordance with the convention of Geneva; to act in matters of voluntary relief, and in accord with the military and naval authorities as a medium of communication between the American people and their army and navy; to continue and carry on a system of national and international relief in time of peace and to apply the same in mitigating the suffering caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods and other great national calamities, and to devise and carry on measures for preventing the same." Calvin Coolidge is president of the organization and John Barton Payne is chairman of the central committee, which is the governing body, and is composed of eighteen persons, six of whom represent the Federal Government and are appointed by the President. National headquarters are located at Washington, D. C., and from it the activities of 3,531 chapters are directed through three divisional headquarters.

When was the conference at Washington on limitation of naval armament and what countries were represented?

President Harding issued the formal invitations Aug. 11, 1921, and the conference opened Nov. 11, 1921. The countries represented were the United States, Belgium, the British Empire, China, France, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands and Portugal. The plenipotentiaries of the United States were the President of the United States, represented by Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes, Henry Cabot Lodge, Oscar W. Underwood and Elihu Root.

Was Chief Justice Marshall correct in calling the United States "The American Empire?"

Not in the political sense in which the word empire generally is used. In an empire, the sovereign or head of the State bears the title of emperor or empress—a title which has come to imply the possession of monarchical power in its highest form. The United States is a republic and therefore has not the monarchical form of government.

What is the complete verse that begins: "What mighty ilks have not been done by women?"

You probably refer to a verse in "The Orphan," by Thomas Otway, that reads:

What mighty ilks have not been done by  
Woman?—What's betrayed the Capitol—  
What's won the world—Mark Antony the world—  
Who was the cause of the long ten  
And laid at last old Troy, in ashes—  
A woman.

Destitute, damnable, deceitful woman.

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