

ERSKINE URGES US TO 'BE GREEK' AND HOW

The Creator of 'Adam and Eve' Comes to This City to Talk Before Contemporary Club Members Tonight and to Visit His Publishers.

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

John Erskine, the man who puts famous characters of history and literature on the "pan," now urges us "to be Greek," or in other words "be intelligent."

Anyway that is the message of Erskine as told to Max Stern, The Times correspondent in San Francisco.

Erskine is on a lecture tour and he is scheduled to arrive in Indianapolis at 2 o'clock this afternoon for a lecture tonight before the Contemporary Club. He also is here to visit with his publishers, the Bobbs-Berrill Company.

So I will let Stern tell you of his interview with Erskine in San Francisco as follows.

Pan is Not dead!

On the contrary, he's on the eve of his greatest achievement in the liberation of the United States from its Puritanism and mediocrity. And the proof is Americans' love of dancing.

This from John Erskine, creator of "Adam and Eve," "The Private Life of Helen of Troy," and other daring interpretations of history's favorite sons and daughters, who is doing America to collect material for a new book.

Erskine is six feet three, broad-shouldered, be-spatted and sartorially elegant, but his chief characteristics are small musician's hands and a sly, friendly smile.

His "message," if any, is that America is about to emerge into a renaissance of music, poetry, sculpture and other arts that will shame

even the Age of Pericles, because it will be the expression of the people, not of a small caste.

"Don't worry about the jazz-age," he said. "The love of dancing is universal in this country, and it is the best possible sign. Dancing has always been the basis of all other arts. We Americans love dancing, and we do it well. And, most important of all, we prefer to do it ourselves to watching others do it. In the past sculpture, music, poetry, painting and other arts have always followed dancing. I believe they will here."

Like the British counterpart, Shaw, Erskine has a serious message behind his banter. In a word, this is: "Be Greek," or to put it another way, "Be intelligent."

"Our American tradition has been too much to be useful," he says.

"Our admonition should be rather, 'be intelligent.' We are approaching the Greek ideal in many ways. By education, physical training and other measures, we are raising up a remarkably vital young generation. What are we going to do with them?"

"The Greeks achieved the greatest heights in history, particularly in Athens. How many civilizations have created men whose names have lived for 2,000 years. You could walk down the streets of Athens and probably meet 300 such men in a day; we have created only two, Washington and Lincoln.

"But the Greeks, too, were stupid, for they reared their civilization upon slavery, and the slaves finally crushed it. We are building better, for by machinery we are liberating men."

Erskine doesn't cotton to the "realistic" school in American letters, because this school isn't fair to Americans. William Dean Howells, he says, was a much finer fellow than his heroes. Sherwood Anderson and Sinclair Lewis are better than their mid-western Babbitts.

Other theaters today offer: Gene Green at the Lyric; Eddie Pardo at the Circle; "Take-a-Chance Week" at the Indiana; "The Dove" at the Palace; "The Plastic Age" at the Ohio; "The Spider" at English's, and burlesque at the Mutual.

Buy Story for Colleen

"The Richest Girl on Earth," a comedy-drama by John Emmett, has been purchased for Colleen Moore.

Our Guest



John Erskine

The noted creator of "Helen of Troy" as far as her private life was concerned, John Erskine, the author, is an Indianapolis visitor. He is here to talk to the Contemporary Club.

INNOCENT MAN SERVING INDIANA PRISON TERM

Confession of Ft. Wayne Prisoner Clears Convict.

By Times Special

FT. WAYNE, Ind., April 18.—Henry Hay, 40, farmer near Arcola, has served more than a year of a two-to-fourteen-year prison sentence for burglary, but is innocent, police here announce.

Herman Krock, returned here from Toledo, Ohio, has told police he and not Hay was guilty of the crime for which Hay is serving time and in addition he has committed forty burglaries here. Krock declared that he and his brother robbed the Moore hardware store at Arcola Sept. 6, 1925, the crime for which Hay was convicted Feb. 14, 1927.

INDIAN PROBE PLANNED

Five Senators Prepare to Visit All States Having Reservations.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 18.—A subcommittee of five members has been appointed by Senator Frazier, chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee, to investigate handling of Indian affairs by the Department of Interior.

Other members of the committee in addition to Frazier are Senators Wheeler, La Follette, Pine and Thoms. The inquiry will take them into every State in which Indians are located, to conduct hearings.

The actual investigation will not begin until Congress adjourns. The first State to be visited will be Oklahoma, which has the largest Indian population.

COURT BATTLE IN WHITE HOUSE VOTING LOOMS

States Claim Inequality in Electoral Votes Based on 1920 Census.

BY ROSCOE B. FLEMING

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Failure of Congress to reapportion its membership may throw the presidential election of 1928 into the courts, if the election is at all close, Representative Barbour of California said today.

"Whether such situation arises or not, the election will be settled on a basis by which a dozen States will have more electoral college votes than they are entitled to, and others will have less, with California the main sufferer," he said.

Court Battle Possible

Barbour pointed out that the Constitution directs that each State shall have in the electoral college a number of electors equal to the numbers of Senators and Representatives in Congress "to which it may be entitled."

"I can readily see how the correct interpretation of that provision might become a matter of court action," he added. "What does it mean? Congress failed to reapportion its membership after the census of 1920, and upon the basis of the census California should have three more Representatives in Congress than we have."

"Upon the predicted population of 1930, according to the recent report of the House census committee, California will be entitled to six more Representatives than it now has, assuming the House to be held at its present number."

Says Missouri Favored

"We have nearly a million more people than Missouri, and yet that State in the forthcoming election

will have five more electoral votes than we."

The census committee's report estimates that Michigan in 1930 will have four less Representatives than she is entitled to, Ohio three, New Jersey and Texas two, and Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Washington one each. Their representation will be accordingly light in the electoral college.



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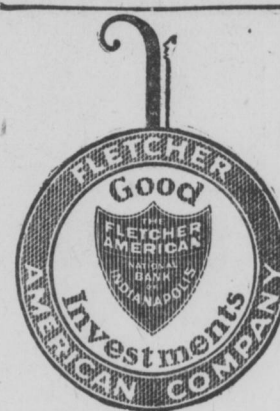
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Two men recently swindled a large number of business men who carelessly affixed their signatures to innocent looking blank pieces of paper, supposedly for the purpose of insuring their correct appearance in an alleged directory. The directory men represented that there would be no charge for listing names in the directory and so victims signed their names, paying no attention to the large blank space above the place for signature.

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They had not signed the contracts but the contracts had been printed on the blank paper over their signatures. It is an old trick and has been worked all over the country, but it still seems to be good on new victims.

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