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

The Clean-Up

Every one agrees that Indiana is due for a "clean-up."

Three months ago, the demand was very general. It had the powerful support of the Indianapolis Star and the Indianapolis News in this city. They, rather belatedly, but very vociferously, said that the disgrace of Indiana must be wiped out. They are not so sure now.

The people are still for that redemption of the State and this is especially true of the great body of men and women who vote the Republican ticket as a matter of principle and who believe that the ideals of Lincoln and Roosevelt should be firmly defended.

But as the primaries approach, the same old machine which produced those who disgraced the State is operating and is again offering some of the same men and the same sort of candidates.

Senator James E. Watson was heralded as the man who could do the job. He is making a pretense of running for the presidency. It is a matter of common knowledge that as a real candidate, he would have no support. He has a following, only through his bargaining with State candidates and because he is represented, quietly, as the representative of either Dawes or Lowden.

Just as he was silent in 1926 when the storm clouds hovered, just as he then declared that there was nothing to investigate, he now tries to turn the attention of the Indiana voters away from the campaign for decency by declaring that "guilt is personal."

Guilt has been very personal, but the persons who have been guilty have been the ones elected and placed in power by the machine which now has its combine of candidates.

Clyde Walb, who as State chairman two years ago, waged the campaign for Senators Watson and Robinson, will receive the returns this year at Leavenworth, Kan.

Governor Jackson has not been invited to take an active part in this campaign. Two years ago he was the foremost advocate of Robinson, whom he first appointed, and of Watson, with whom he had friendly political relations. Since then he has pleaded the statute of limitations to retain his liberty and—God save the mark—his job.

Former Mayor Duvall was on the firing line two years ago. He now has his eyes turned to the Supreme Court and wondering whether he will go to jail or get a new trial.

Six councilmen were terrorizing the police and fire departments and city employees for the machine two years ago. They bargained for their jobs and pleaded guilty to small crimes in order to escape prison sentences.

These men were the sources of power for candidates who are now asking for aid.

They were all for Congressman Updike, whose written contract to deliver all patronage and the postmastership of Indianapolis to Stephenson, reposes in the black boxes.

They were all for Watson two years ago. They were all for Robinson, into whose household went a Christmas present of a pearl necklace from Stephenson.

They were all for Schortemeier when he ran for Secretary of State.

If there is to be a clean-up in Indiana, perhaps some genius will explain how it can be done by a machine which profited so much from the infielfinice of the "personally guilty."

The G. O. P.'s Only Chance

It may be that the so-called leaders of the Republican party don't want a man like Hoover as a candidate for president. We don't know.

It may be that the rank-and-file Republicans are foolish in preferring a candidate with an engineering type of mind. They may prefer a politically minded candidate, of the Harding type. We don't know.

They may like a convention that is manipulated by political bosses. They may like manipulated deadlocks and secret candidates, hand picked by bosses and campaign contributors. We don't know.

They may like poker games in the little Green House on K St., and the settlement of political obligations by the distribution of Governmental favors. We don't know.

They may like Republicanism as exemplified by Sinclair, Daugherty, Fall, Denby, young Roosevelt, W. J. Burns and Jess Smith. We don't know.

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And we know also that if there is in 1928, a repetition of the midnight bedroom tactics of 1920, with the nomination of a Lowden or a Dawes, or any other candidate picked to play the selfish game of big campaign contributors, Al Smith will be carried into the White House by one of the most amazing majorities in the history of American politics.

The Republican answer to political corruption is Hoover. The way to clean house by the Republican party is to nominate Hoover. The only chance Republicans have to win is with Hoover. He may not beat Governor Al Smith, but if Hoover can't beat Smith nobody can.

KEEPING UP With THE NEWS

BY LUDWELL DENNY

THIS international labor day finds the organized working class of the world divided by internal strife and with less power than at any time since the war, according to reliable reports from Washington.

Labor's weakness is probably only temporary, to be followed by militant attack against the capitalist system of industry and government in various parts of the world, in the judgment of many observers.

The next labor offensive—by the Communist left wing, the Socialist center, and right wing unions—is expected to center on the issue of "imperialism," especially British policy in the Near and Far East and United States policy in the Caribbean and South America.

Though the three chief "wings" of labor's world "are" no nearer than ever to the long-sought "united front," they are said to be developing from different angles and for different reasons toward the same anti-imperialist tactics.

For the moment, however, officials of this and most other countries are not alarmed by any immediate industrial or political threat by the relatively weak left wing extremists.

It may be quite properly suggested to Dr. Shumaker that he owes those who trust to his advice and counsel the proof which will be a basis for further confidence and that he should welcome the warrant issued for his arrest as a magnificent opportunity to increase that confidence.

In a criminal court the question can be settled by evidence, not by opinion or prejudice.

Under the law, Dr. Shumaker carries the presumption of innocence into the courtroom.

By bringing his charge the burden is upon Mr. Gilliom to prove, by evidence, that his record is not wet but, as he asserts, dry.

He must, moreover, prove it beyond all "reasonable doubt."

There is even more reason for a trial of this case before the primaries on next Tuesday than there was two years ago for a decision of the Supreme Court on the Shumaker contempt case before the election.

In this particular case, Dr. Shumaker can, in all probability, determine the time and his friends and admirers would undoubtedly welcome a trial which would give them the evidence and all the evidence.

It is not a question of vindication of either Gilliom or of Shumaker, but of truth upon which many voters may base their ballots.

Postoffice Censorship Tested

What right the Postoffice Department has to impose a censorship on opinions expressed on the outside of envelopes at last has come directly before the courts. The right to forbid matter which is "defamatory, obscene or scandalous" is not questioned.

The moribund Socialist party is attempting a new birth in which the old Marxist dress of "class war" is discarded for an American "industrial democracy" almanac.

Nomination this month of Norman Thomas of early American stock and a former parson, as Socialist candidate for President, is a part of this process of "Americanizing" the party.

The American Federation of Labor is led by the conservative aids of the deceased Gompers. President Green and his cabinet oppose "industrial unionism," "sympathetic strikes," "general strikes" and a political labor party.

Injunction abuses by Federal judges are more widespread and restrictive of labor's constitutional rights than ever before, according to the A. F. of L. and nonpartisan investigators.

The Farmer-Labor party of the Northwest barely survives through the loyalty of its lone Representative, Senator Shipstead of Minnesota, who has apparently decided not to run on the Republican ticket.

So the Postoffice Department has been dragged into court at the instance of the American Civil Liberties Union, and Judge Thatcher of the United States District Court, on April 13, listened to arguments for and against.

United States Attorney Tuttle, who attempted a defense of the postal authorities, did not claim that the words were strictly within the prohibition of the statute, but fell back on a general argument that the words are "part of a scheme to destroy a part of the Government and undermine the loyalty of its troops."

Arthur Garfield Hays called attention to the fact that many people, including the chairman of the Foreign Affairs committee of the United States Senate, have protested against marine rule in Nicaragua. Similarly in Austria, the Socialists controlling Vienna are unable to extend their sway.

In Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Poland and Baltic countries varying degrees of "white" dictatorship have suppressed extremist, and in some cases moderate, labor parties and trade unions.

In France, the Conservative nationalist bloc of Poincaré won the general election Sunday.

Germany is expected in its election to swing farther toward the bourgeoisie Republican position, with a loss for the Communists. Similarly in Austria, the Socialists controlling Vienna are unable to extend their sway.

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Ten years after the World War, Germany is the first nation to accept without reservation the United States' draft of the multi-lateral treaty expressing abhorrence of war.

Any of the leaders had doubts about the nomination of Al Smith, none was able to discover it.

They may like the payment of convention debts by scandalous deals like Tea Pot Done, Elks Hill, the Veterans' Bureau and the Alien Property Custodian. We don't know.

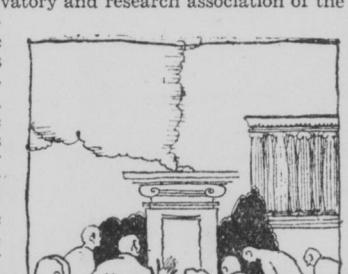
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Mars Is Storm Center

No. 38

FEW questions have received more discussion than that of the inhabitability of the planet Mars. Those who enjoy discussions will be pleased to know that the discussions can go merrily on. For the question is not yet settled.

Dr. Henry Norris Russell, head of the Princeton University Observatory and research association of the Mt. Wilson Observatory, is one of the world's chief astronomical authorities. He sums up the recent studies of the planet by saying that they make the probability of the planet being inhabited greater.

But he emphasizes the fact that the question is not yet settled because whether or not the planet is actually inhabited is still unknown.

The planet Mars was known to the ancients. The Romans noted its reddish color and named it after their god of war. The Romans built many temples to the god of war.

The planet changes its color, ranging from a reddish yellow to a flaming red. As its color grows more fiery, the planet also seems to grow larger in the sky. At times it glows like a fiery red lamp.

To the ancients and even down through the Middle Ages to comparatively recent times, these changes were regarded with fear and foreboding.

In 1719 Mars shone with unusual intensity and brilliance, as a result many people were worried. Mars, terrible disasters and even the end of the world were predicted at the time.

But today we know what causes these changes in the appearance of Mars. The appearance of Mars depends upon how close it is to the earth.

Both the earth and Mars are revolving around the sun. Now when they are both on the same side of the sun, they will be fairly close together. But if the earth is on one side of the sun and Mars is on the other, then they will be very far apart.

The motions of Mars are of considerable interest because our chances of observing the planet are best when it makes its closest approach to the earth.

Therefore, let us next consider, in detail, some of the facts about the motions of this planet.

Times Readers Voice Views

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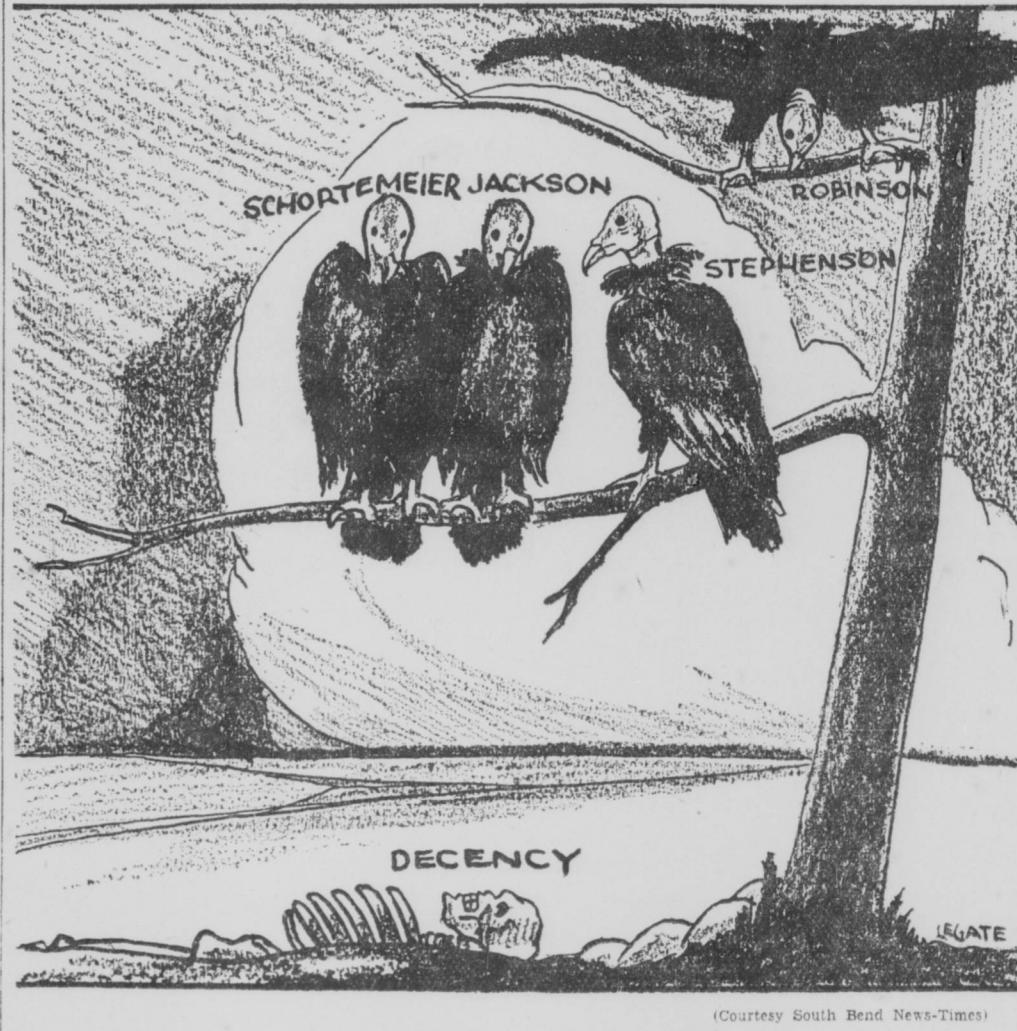
In the Thursday issue of another Indiana daily which is so interested in the welfare of our State and nation that it is giving about two-thirds of its space to boosting Senator Watson's candidacy will be found the following from Shelbyville, signed "Voter."

"Having had to do with Quakers during the world war, I want to ask what do you think Mr. Hoover would do if he was President, and this country should have to go to war? What would he have to resign?"

"And just think! What would we do? We'd be licked sure. Thanks, Mr. Voter for the tip and just in the nick of time. Congratulations, Shelbyville. READER."

Frankfort, Ind.

'Birds of a Feather'



THE STORY OF CIVILIZATION

Flesh Usurps the Soul in Paintings

Written for The Times by Will Durant

PRE-RAPHAELITES

FOR a century after Giotto the new art produced no such towering figure again; it was an age of experiment, in which oil began to replace fresco, and perspective appeared in the work of Uccello and Masaccio.

"Ah, Paolo," said Donatello to Uccello, "with this perspective you are leaving the substance for the shadow"; how could the great sculptor know that in these shadows and depths lay the promise of Leonardo and Rembrandt?

Of Masaccio we know nothing except that in a pitiful brief career (he was born in 1402 and died at the age of 28) he did the finest painting between Giotto and Botticelli, and contributed to the Renaissance almost brutal realism that makes him more akin to contemporary art than any of the famous figures that superseded him.

Here is his "Adam and Even Expelled from Eden"; the two figures, says Taine, are Florentines whom he has undraped, the man with slim thighs and blacksmith's shoulders, the woman with short neck and clumsy form, and both with ugly-shaped legs; they are artisans, who have not led, like the Greeks, a naked existence, and whose bodies have not been fashioned by gymnastics."

These frescoes in the Church of Carmine at Florence became famous, shocking and fascinating Masaccio's age and the next; almost every great artist came to study them: Verrocchio, Ghirlandaio, Botticelli, Leonardo, Fra Angelico, Fra Lippo Lippi, Fra Bartolomeo, Perugino, and Michelangelo himself. But Masaccio died homeless at the age of 26, without a stone to mark his grave.

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AND yet, even in the monasteries, the pagan influence of the rediscovery of Greece appears, and the flesh makes