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

### Unloading the Jonahs

The crew in charge of the Watson ship, fountaining in heavy seas in these days and about to sink before it reaches port on Tuesday, is tossing Jonahs overboard.

The first to go was Schortemeier, one of the original slate of the Watson machine which started out to put over the heirs of Stephensonism, in a quadruple combination of Watson-Robinson-Schortemeier-Updike.

Shorty, as he is affectionately termed, was picked by the Indianapolis News as the Jonah of the ship and rather rudely tossed into the angry waves. Under the policy that anything possible must be done to nominate Dawes by getting votes for Watson in Indiana, the News found Shorty rather too much of a load.

The next to go is Updike. The Indianapolis Star, clinging with childish faith to the thought that Watson will "clean up" the Republican party affairs, tosses him as a sacrifice to public opinion.

Printing what The Times has so often suggested to the voters, the Star has this to say of Mr. Updike:

Mr. Updike, it will be recalled, first went to Congress four years ago when the Klan was in the saddle. The grand jury report filed at the end of last year cited that the jury had in its possession an agreement made by Updike and given to D. C. Stephenson, whereby the Klan boss was to be permitted to dispose of political patronage in this district.

The making of such an agreement was a crime in violation of the corrupt practices act and, according to the grand jurors, would have meant indictment had not the statute of limitations run. He went to Washington as the bounden agent of D. C. Stephenson and has only escaped prosecution because that fact was not disclosed sooner. It is inconceivable that Marion County will deliberately retain him in view of what it knows.

We the Times a friend of Watson, it would suggest that the worst Jonah has not yet been dropped overboard.

There were other documents in the black boxes, still carefully kept from the public, which are quite as illuminating as the contract which Updike signed.

One was the letter of thanks for a pearl necklace at Christmas time. That went from the household of Senator Robinson, now seeking renomination as United States Senator.

If there is to be a real effort to get rid of all those who came into power with the ascendancy of Stephenson, certainly the voters have as much reason to discard Robinson as they have to defeat Updike, of whose fidelity Stephenson seemed less sure and of whom he demanded a written contract.

This is a good time to follow the example of Watson's friends and drop all the Jonahs. They have pointed the way.

### France Turning to Gold

A return to the gold standard likely will be among France's first internationally important moves as a result of the Sunday elections which gave Premier Raymond Poincaré a popular mandate to carry on with his program of national rehabilitation.

Next Monday a huge new loan will be offered the French people to enable the premier to maneuver the nation's finances back to a strategically better position.

This, done, he is expected drastically to reduce the amount of paper in circulation—now around 60,000,000 francs—and fix a much lower legal limit to the figure.

Then after careful preparation, the French government expected to stabilize the franc at approximately its present value of twenty-five to the dollar, or five francs paper to one franc gold.

Incidentally, it is reported that France intends to pay both the United States and Great Britain this year's installments on her war debts, or \$11,500,000 to America and \$20,000,000 to Britain.

But it would be a mistake to infer from this that Premier Poincaré intends to ask Parliament to ratify the Mellon-Berenger finding agreement, for he hardly will do any such thing, at least not unless the United States permits the reservation that France needs pay only if Germany pays.

France, of course, lacks the gold to warrant a full and free exchange of gold for paper. But so did Great Britain when, in 1925, she returned to the gold standard.

Britain at that time was in possession of a gold reserve amounting to \$750,000,000 and had to borrow \$300,000,000 in New York to bring it above a billion.

France is in better shape than that. She now has in the bank of France an amount about equal to what Britain had and, in addition, approximately a billion and a quarter dollars gold to her credit abroad.

Economically, France's return to the gold standard is not likely to have much, if any, appreciable effect. The franc today stands at approximately twenty-five to the dollar and there it has been for considerable more than a year.

Wages and cost of living, foreign trade, taxes and the budget already have adjusted themselves to the situation and, barring surprises, the act will amount to little more than official recognition of an existing fact.

To France as a leading member of the small community of first-class powers, however, her return to gold can not fail to mean much.

### Fatal Carelessness

An Ohio woman went to her medicine chest the other day to get a bottle of medicine. By mistake she picked up a bottle of chloroform. She drank it and died a short time afterward.

Carelessness around the family medicine chest is dangerous. If you are wise you'll always observe these two rules:

Never keep any kind of medicine or drug in a bottle that isn't labeled.

Never use any kind of medicine or drug from your chest without first making sure that you have the right bottle.

## KEEPING UP With THE NEWS

BY LUDWELL DENNY

Can Hoover beat Smith? From now until the Kansas City convention, Republicans opposing Hoover's nomination will raise this question in a dozen different forms, and answer them all with a lusty "no."

Such is the result of the Smith victory in the California Democratic primary, apparently assuring his nomination on an early ballot.

The anti-Hoover forces, composed of the Lowden-Dawes-Watson-Curtis-Goff-Hilles factions, are faced with the problem of convincing their party within six weeks that Hoover's nomination would result in a Democratic victory in November.

The argument against Hoover from now on will be put something like this:

1. Smith is certain of carrying the South; the expected Democratic split against him has not developed; Many southern Democrats will stay away from the polls rather than vote for the wet Catholic, but they will not vote Republican.

2. Given the normal Democratic State, Smith's election will depend upon capturing Republican strongholds in the East and in farm States of the Middle West, and in holding border States such as Tennessee.

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### Who Are They?

Ifa! At last the public has a chance to find out just who is responsible for the Republican party in this State. All that they have to do is to ask the Indianapolis Star.

For when they are found, then will be discovered the men who, so it is declared, decided that Watson was to be a goat in the name of harmony, become a fake candidate for the presidency and put Indiana in the attitude of trading her thirty votes in the Kansas City convention to the fellow who will promise the most jobs.

The final confession has been made in a most ardent plea by the Star, alleged friend of Watson, to the voters to defeat Herbert Hoover.

It says that, if you would like to vote for Dawes, you must vote for Watson.

It says that if you want to vote for Curtis, you must vote for Watson.

It says that if you like Lowden, vote for Watson.

"The responsible heads of the party," so says the Star, decided that Watson should become a favorite son in order to have harmony.

The "responsible heads" decided that it would never do for Dawes and Lowden and any other real candidate to come into Indiana, frankly and submit their names to the voters. That might prove too much of a shock when compared to the Hoover vote.

"The responsible heads," therefore, deliberately plotted to take away from the Republican voters a chance of taking part in the nomination of a President, to rob them of their choice, by putting forward Watson as a blunder to frighten away the real candidates.

There is one more fact which the people should have as an addition to this confession of a fake Watson candidacy in an hour when the tide against Watson for his past sins of omission and commission is running so high that sure defeat for him can be seen.

Who are the responsible heads of the party?

Governor Jackson, the chief executive and free from prison under an appeal to the statute of limitations?

Clyde Walb, late chairman, now sojourning at Leavenworth as a guest of the Government?

D. C. Stephenson, who dominated four years ago?

George V. Coffin, indicted jointly with Jackson on the outlawed bribe charge?

Step forward, gentlemen, and be identified.

That will make the selection of Hoover almost unanimous.

Golf and fishing are great helps to the health, says a doctor. Judging from the fish and golf stories we've heard, all fishermen and golfers believed they were healthy, anyway.

A Pittsburgh couple gave a \$100,000 dinner to their friends in Paris. That ought to speed along payment of those war debts.

Harry Lauder says he's going to shorten his skirts. If the style ever changes to veils for men, you wouldn't be able to tell Harry from an opera prima donna.

David Dietz on Science

### Warmer on Mars

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CALCULATIONS necessary to interpret the observations of the planet Mars, made in 1924, have only recently been complete. As a result we have better information today about the conditions on Mars than ever before. But alas, for those who desire final judgment, the question about the habitability of Mars is not yet settled.

On Aug. 22, 1924, Mars was 35,000,000 miles from the earth. This is the closest the planet ever approaches. During the weeks preceding and following that date, astronomers concentrated their efforts upon the study of the planet.

Studies of the temperatures on Mars were carried on in particular by Dr. W. W. Coblenz of the U. S. Bureau of Standards, who perfected the thermocouple, a delicate electrical thermometer, for astronomical use. Dr. Coblenz worked at the famous Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz., in cooperation with Dr. C. O. Lampland of that observatory.

A similar study with the thermocouple was carried on at the Mt. Wilson Observatory in California by Dr. Seth B. Nicholson and Dr. Edison Pettit, members of the observatory staff.

The results of their studies are now interpreted to mean that the planet Mars is much warmer than it was formerly thought to be.

This view is taken, for example, by Dr. Henry Norris Russell of Princeton, one of the world's greatest astronomers.

Dr. Russell says that he believes that the habitability of Mars is made much more probable by these observations of 1924.

The reader may wonder why it took so long to interpret the results of the 1924 observations.

There are two reasons. First of all, the observations themselves are not easily made. The radiation which we receive from a planet is a mixture. It chiefly reflects sunlight associated with heat waves which arise on the surface of the planet itself.

Proper observations mean arriving at the exact amount of visible light, of ultraviolet and of infrared or heat rays received from the planet.

Then the calculations must be made. The radiation from a planet must pass through the earth's atmosphere before it strikes the thermocouple. At once we are faced with the question of making the proper allowance for the absorption of these various kinds of rays by the atmosphere. But the calculations have been completed and we will next examine the figures.

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## There's Nothing Like a Demonstration



### THE STORY OF CIVILIZATION

## Artists Buy Bodies of Criminals

Written for The Times by Will Durant

PERUGINO went to Rome and became the greatest religious before the age of giants. His "Crucifixion" makes that abused topic new, and his "pieta" is as noble as any ever made; every head in it is a masterpiece and a classic restraint governs the inexpressible tragedy of the scene, there are no tears here, and no violent sorrows; it is as if the mother understood hoped consoling that behind the chaos stood some loving order.

"It is related," says Vasari again, "that Francesco del Pugliese offered to give the nuns three times as much as they paid Pietro for the picture, and to cause another exactly like it to be executed for them by the same hand; but they would not consent, because Pietro had told them that he did not think he could paint the one they possessed."

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