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

### The Pulitzer Award

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Four years ago the Ku-Klux Klan was "the State" in Indiana. Riding on a wave of religious and racial bigotry, a super-government had come to hold dominion over a commonwealth. Before it, politicians cowered and many private citizens, fearing the strange force, did obeisance.

The word of the dragon was the word of law, and the mask and the robe and the threat of punishment were the tolls of its enforcement. Against all who opposed, war was declared—bitter, ruthless, costly war.

In October, 1924, The Indianapolis Times met the issue as follows:

"A government for the people, by the people and for the people—

"Or—

"A government of the people, by the Klan, and for the Klan.

"That's the issue.

"It overshadows all other issues.

"Party lines are fading.

"No longer is it, Are you a Democrat, or Republican or an independent? But, instead, are you Klan or anti-Klan?

"The Times wants no misunderstanding as to its attitude.

"Accordingly it is herewith printing in type that you can read while you run—

"The Times is anti-Klan.

"Our Nation was conceived in liberty and dedicated to the principle that all men are created equal.

"The Klan was conceived in secrecy and bigotry and dedicated to the principle that all men are not created equal.

"Thereby the Klan strikes at the very vitals of our national life.

"And The Times is not willing to see government by class substituted for government by the people."

The Klan counter-attacked instantly. Within a week, a boycott had cost 17,000 circulation, more than one-fourth of The Times total, and the long, long battle had begun.

The story of that struggle is told elsewhere in today's issue in connection with the award to The Indianapolis Times of the most coveted honor in journalism—the Pulitzer award "for the most disinterested and meritorious public service rendered by an American newspaper during the year—for its work in exposing political corruption in Indiana, prosecuting the guilty, and bringing about a more wholesome state of affairs in civil government."

The year of 1927 brought the victory—and the reward. The fruits of accomplishment are sweet, naturally. And the entire Scripps-Howard organization is happy in the recognition that has come to one of its members.

But, after all, such recognition, deeply appreciated though it be, should be regarded as a by-product rather than the main objective.

The spirit of true journalism is a spirit of courage and of service. Without it, there is the shell, but not the substance.

With it journalism succeeds, and the honors follow in one form or another as a matter of course.

Lacking it, failure is inevitable. Trite though the saying may sound, courage and public service in journalism are their own reward.

### The Law's Delays

When Harry F. Sinclair went scot-free the other day, after standing trial on a charge of conspiring to defraud the Government in the lease of Teapot Dome, judicial procedure came in for much adverse criticism.

The Supreme Court of the United States, and minor courts, had held the transaction fraudulent and corrupt, yet a jury could not be convinced.

The difficulty, it seemed, was not so much with the jury as with the fact that pertinent and damning facts could not be offered under the rules of evidence. The prosecution made the best of what it had, but the most convincing testimony was excluded.

"Why in the hell didn't they tell us?" one juror is reported to have asked after the trial, when his attention was called to evidence that had been barred.

What a similar criticism of court procedure will apply in the case against Sinclair for contempt of the Senate. It was on March 22, 1924, that Sinclair refused to answer questions about the Continental Trading Company, put to him by the Senate Public Works Committee.

More than four years later, so slowly has the judicial machinery moved, Sinclair's appeal from a sentence of three months in a common jail for contempt is just about to be argued in appeals court.

And after arguments are heard, and a decision given, the oil man still has recourse to the United States Supreme Court. During the time since 1924 Sinclair has been indicted and has tested the validity of the indictment clear through to the United States Supreme Court. The indictment has been sustained and he has been brought to trial and, more than a year ago, convicted.

Now the appeal is about to be heard, and heaven only knows how much more time will elapse before the United States Supreme Court finally will say whether Sinclair will be put in jail.

Legal gentlemen no doubt can offer plausible and convincing arguments to justify these delays.

They will have a hard time convincing the man in the street, however. He can not understand why, if Sinclair was accused more than four years ago, he long since has not served his time or been cleared.

### Not a Battle—But a War

Today's primaries, however they may result, must not be considered as a mere battle.

The issues in the primaries were fairly well defined. They are the same issues which come into every campaign, in elections as well as primaries.

The struggle was for the preservation of self government. The issue was whether the people shall rule themselves or permit their government to fall into the hands of the venal, the unscrupulous, the bigoted and the intolerant.

Corruption dies hard. Intolerance is even more obstinate. Bigotry is seemingly almost incurable.

And yet the great mass of people are honest, tolerant and fair-minded.

Fortunately for the people of Indiana, the issues of today were clear. It was easy to make the choice. The exposures of the past year had placed the candidates. In this campaign men could be easily counted. They were either for or against the forces which have discredited and disgraced Indiana.

The only safeguard of liberty is an informed, alert and determined citizenship.

There is every evidence that the people of Indiana are alert. They have been informed, largely through the efforts of The Times. They are determined.

Each battle won makes the victory easier. But this a war, in which the enlistment is for the life of the republic and the continued honor of the State.

Whatever errors of judgment may occur today can be corrected in November.

### The March of Armies—and Time

The Department of the Interior has just revealed that there remain fewer than 80,000 Civil War soldiers pensioners. The veterans of Lincoln's armies are dying at the rate of 1,200 a month; within twenty-five years the last centenarian among them will be gone.

The men who still survive have seen great changes.

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