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

### Here's a Chance

Durant, the automobile man, not the philosopher, has offered a prize of \$25,000 for the most practicable solution for the enforcement of the prohibition amendment.

He indicts his own class—the rich and powerful—as being the public and private customers of the bootlegger, breaking the law with impunity and furnishing the rich profits which have turned gamblers and illiterate thugs into millionaires, and lifted many a lowly Government agent to the realms of affluence.

Durant believes the people want the law enforced if only some one could find a way of doing it.

The prize, be it remembered, is for a practicable method of enforcement, not for repeal or nullification.

That ought to be very easy for the professional dry leaders who have used the sentiments of those who really believe in prohibition to build up political machines and put into office men who violate the law, the agents of corrupt bosses in such States as Indiana, the proteges of bigotry, prejudice and graft, as long as they give lip service to the "cause."

Will Dr. Shumaker suggest, as his representatives did to the Indiana Attorney General, that the Government resign its powers and "cooperate" with the Anti-Saloon League and let it enforce the law?

Does the remedy lie in the spending of \$70,000 in every city every week by Government agents to close up night clubs, as was done in New York?

Will the padlock on every home that makes home brew be the solution? Or will the repeal of the constitutional guarantee against search of private homes without warrant be the answer?

Perhaps there may be those who will suggest that the Army and Navy and the National Guard be called to action and martial law be proclaimed until every man who buys a drink is safely behind prison walls.

Certainly no one would argue that if every one stopped patronizing bootleggers, the problem of sale would be solved and if every one who permitted grape juice or malt to ferment was put in stripes the manufacture would end.

Being practical enough to make three or four fortunes, undoubtedly Mr. Durant will demand something that will work. It's a great chance for some one. And it should be so very easy for those who make a business of telling how easy it is.

### Our Visitors

That the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be made more than welcome during their stay in this city may be taken for granted.

Indianapolis has a fine spirit of hospitality and it will be even keener and more solicitous on this occasion.

It is but coincidence that at the very time these men who fought for the defense of the flag in other lands are gathering here to recall and review their experiences and their victories, the Secretary of State of this Nation is meeting with diplomats in Paris to sign a treaty designed to make other foreign wars improbable if not impossible.

Perhaps nothing could better illustrate the spirit of this land than that we are foremost in efforts to promote a permanent peace, but ever ready to defend the sovereignty of this country when it is invaded.

The proudest boast which these honored guests could wish or make would be to be able to say:

"I fought in the LAST foreign war. I fought in a war which ended all wars."

### The "Mike" Upsets Politics

Had Smith and Hoover opposed each other eight years ago the advantage in the speaking campaign would all have been with Smith.

Today the advantage is the other way around.

The reason is the radio.

Hoover's radio voice is vastly better than Smith's. It is a curious fact that the better a man is in public speaking of the old fashioned sort, the less effective he is before the "Mike," and that the traits which were disadvantages before the radio was employed become advantages now.

In the pre-radio sense, Al Smith unquestionably is the best living campaigner, and Hoover just about the same.

Before an audience that can see as well as hear, Smith carries all the poise and all the charm of a combination of Theodore Roosevelt and Tom Johnson. He possesses to an indescribable degree that most subtle and most valuable of all the traits of actors and platform speakers—the ability to sense the reactions of his hearers, to get the crowd "going," to play upon it as a skilled musician plays upon an instrument.

Every great orator, from Demosthenes to Bryan had that skill.

And while Smith is not the born-orator type, in the smooth, musical sense that characterized Bryan, nevertheless he is as effective in his way as Bryan ever was in his. Before radio came in, a voice with carrying power was essential. Without it the speaker was lost. Smith's voice was that.

Through the long years of his platform schooling, he learned the art of making that voice go forth to the farthest reaches of the largest hall. And that very skill, developed with such arduous pains, becomes one of his chief handicaps today.

For not only is the "spell" that goes with Smith in a personal appearance lost to the invisible audience,

but the very habit, acquired through all the years of talking to make himself heard in large auditoriums, kills his radio effectiveness.

The best radio voice frequently is the poorest platform voice.

Before an audience, Hoover is nervous and quickly transmits his nervousness to his audience. He lacks altogether the ease and skill that Smith possesses. As compared with Smith, he is almost a complete failure in putting his message over. He has a trait of monotonously pounding with both fists to enforce his points. He stands tense. He lacks the "sway." The pounding with his fists becomes rhythmic and finally distracting. His voice drones. He becomes terribly hard to follow.

But it happens that the drone, the monotone, is the very best possible radio voice. And that the distracting things about Hoover's personal platform appearance are shut out by the radio.

The world does move and so it comes about in the evolution of politics that the asset of yesterday is the liability of today.

And millions listen to the radio now to thousands who heard the presidential candidate of eight years ago.

### The Ceremony in Paris

A flutter with the flags of all nations Paris today was host to the principal powers of the world, gathered to witness America's formal return to the international fold after ten years of aloofness and estrangement.

Today's signing of the pact to outlaw war universally is hailed as one of the most important events since the Versailles treaty. But to Europe its importance is due almost entirely to America's re-entrance to the concert of nations.

Epoch-making though the event is, it lacks great special significance to European nations individually. As members of the League of Nations they signed a similar pact against aggressive war when they signed the covenant of the League of Nations. So when they walked up to the table today in the historic building on Quai D'Orsay, they assumed no additional obligations.

He was a bright young chap, and made himself especially attractive by entertaining folks with card tricks, fortune telling and other forms of parlor magic. He bewitched them so successfully that they came to look upon him as a rather superior person and to explain his feats on the ground of mysticism.

Being neither dumb nor modest, the young perceived his power and decided that it could be converted into cash. First, he chose the name of "Brandorine." Then he set himself up as a more or less regular quack. The gullible responded with enthusiasm, paying for his advice, buying his charms and spreading his reputation.

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## M. E. TRACY SAYS:

"We Are Moving Forward All Along the Line, Even if Some of Us Constantly Run the Risk of Being Crushed Beneath the Juggernaut of Progress."

TWO years ago Sandy Wee brought a white elephant from India to England. White elephants are held sacred in India. Many of the natives believe that he who profanes one by removing it from its native land will fall under a curse. Sandy Wee, having become a Christian, held such superstitions in contempt.

Things went well for Sandy Wee. He not only toured England, but America, with his prize exhibit, and afterward found a comfortable lodging in the London Zoo which he shared with a man of his own race, said Ali. The two became fast friends, notwithstanding that said Ali was a Mohammedan.

Last Friday night the white elephant, which had been returned to Calcutta, was reported to have died. Saturday morning Sandy Wee was found a raving maniac, dancing and gibbering beneath the window of his apartment.

Thinking it strange that the uproar had not disturbed his roommate, said Ali, the police investigated and found the latter dying. He had been beaten to a pulp with a pickax and a sledge hammer.

Back on the shores of the Ganges there will be thousands to assert that this is no more than should have been expected after the profanation of a white elephant, that the curse has been fulfilled and that Sandy Wee could not have escaped his fate.

### Fate in Fortunes

Ornamental hooey, you say, but listen! Two years ago, and at about the same time, Sandy Wee came from India with his white elephant, a cotton mill worker sought employment in a Southern town.

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### Near Jungle's Border

Add this to your stock of similes: "As appealing as a golf course to a farmer after a day in the harvest fields."

People should eat the same things every day, says Thomas Edison. In this opinion he is backed by a couple of million boarding house landladies.

A British newspaper is conducting a debate on the question of whether or not a man has a right to open his wife's letters. Seems to us more a question of courage.

A sure sign of autumn is evident when parents count the days until college opens and they can ride in the family car again.

### David Dietz on Science

No. 139

### A Fashionable Physician

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BY W. W. WENTWORTH

(Abbreviations: A—ace; K—king; Q—queen; J—jack; X—any card lower than 10.)

HERE are additional illustrations

of the disadvantage of the singleton lead when one holds

length and strength in trumps. In

each instance south's declaration is

hearts, and west, who must lead, holds:

1. Spades, A K XX; hearts, XXXX;

XXX; diamonds, X; clubs, XXXX;

West should open with the spade

King. If partner plays in a manner

which encourages leading

spades, west should continue that

suit. Otherwise, west should lead the

singleton on the next round.

2. Spades, XXXX; hearts, Q XX;

diamonds, X; clubs, Q X 10.

West should not lead the singleton.

When holding trumps as good

as QXX, the singleton lead is inadvisable.

West should lead the club

Queen. Dummy may cover with the

club King. Partner may take the

club Ace. By leading the club

suit, partner may enable you to take

the next trick with the club Jack.

West should play the club 10 on the

third round and if partner discards a

diamond higher than the diamond 6, west should then lead his singleton.

3. Spades, X; hearts, K X; diamonds, XXXX; clubs, XXXX.

West should lead the singleton.

An astute player would rely upon

partner's taking the trick and returning the spade suit.

West would then win the trick with his small

trump and lead a diamond or club.

It is probable that the declarer will

finesse in an attempt to capture the

heart King and it will win a trick even though the protecting card is missing.

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### Risk Moving Forward

We are moving forward all along the line, even if some of us constantly run the risk of being crushed beneath the juggernaut of progress.

Though it might make no difference to the victim whether he was killed with an executioner's ax, or by a subway train, it makes a lot to other people.

Even though we have failed to make life 100 per cent safe, our intentions are mostly good, which is more than can be said for some past generations.

What is the Fascist party oath?

"In the name of God and Italy, in the name of all those who have fallen in battle for the greatness of Italy, I swear to consecrate myself exclusively and unceasingly for Italy's good."

Galen's writings were extensive. Studies have been made of them by many authorities, one of the most recent by Prof. Lynn Thorndike of Columbia University, formerly of Western Reserve University.

## Laugh, Clown, Laugh!



### DAILY HEALTH SERVICE

## Nicotine Removal Not Perfected

BY DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN

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ONE of the dangers of smoking denicotinized preparations is the belief of the user that only the nicotine in the tobacco may be harmful, whereas there are many other constituents which, taken in overdose, may interfere seriously with health.

The report of the Connecticut chemists indicates the amount of nicotine in practically all of the common varieties of cigarettes and tobacco. It was found by comparison that the denicotinized products as a group contain about 30 per cent less nicotine than is likely to be found in ordinary unprocessed tobacco.

However, many denicotinized preparations were found to contain as much nicotine as ordinary tobacco and, in general, the special products contained but little less nicotine than corresponding nationally sold brands of cigars or cigarettes.