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

### His Own Estimate

Governor Ed Jackson, whose opportunity to take part in politics this year is firmly founded in the statutes of limitations, announces that Harry Leslie is just the man he would have picked to be his successor.

That may have been a libel. Leslie, of course, ought not to be charged with responsibility for any undesirable supporters and it may be too embarrassing for him to disown the Governor, although the convention which nominated Leslie did balk at sending the Governor to a national convention or even listening to his prepared address.

It may be taken as a fact that a very great majority of the people of this State are not looking for a similar successor, but one who differs very much from Jackson.

Leslie, in the few brief minutes awarded him at the political rally of big guns of his party this week, fortunately supplies his own estimate of the office of Governor.

He rushed to the defense of the present administration and in his wierd defense declared that it had never been caught stealing any money. He denied that there had been any thefts of State funds.

The people will understand the reason he specifically listed theft as a crime not committed or for which there had been no conviction.

When a demand was made in the Legislature for an investigation into the frauds and corruption of Stephensonism, it was Leslie who caused a party caucus to decide that there should be no inquiry—and all the time the statute of limitations was running against crimes, political and otherwise.

The defense by Leslie merely furnishes the basis on which to judge his own estimate of the office to which he aspires.

If a guest at a private home should run amuck, outrage a servant, cut up the carpets and sing obscene songs, he might plausibly say, "I didn't steal the baby's bank."

Of course, the fine part of it is that Leslie will not be the successor of Jackson. It is beyond belief that such things can happen again in Indiana.

### Rozelle's Vindication

It is announced that the Federal grand jury which investigated the business owned by Frank Rozelle, has vindicated him.

Rozelle was very prominent in Republican politics. He received a strong certificate of character from Senator Arthur Robinson, whose former private secretary is prosecutor in Federal Court. He is signed as United States marshal just before the inquiry into charges made by Robert Hicks, the known Nemesis of mail order frauds.

Now that he has been vindicated, it is due Rozelle that the public be given all the facts, especially as his friends announce he expects to get back his important Federal job.

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Of course, the friends of Rozelle and of Loomis, who had charge of the inquiry, will make all haste to see that these facts are furnished promptly.

### A Blow to the Fanatics

Prohibition fanatics doubtless will be horrified and otherwise disgruntled on learning that wine was served in the American embassy at Paris at a formal dinner given by the American Secretary of State.

But there really is nothing for any sane American to worry about. Secretary Kellogg did the right thing. Statesmen from several European countries were his guests; also in liberal Europe a banquet without wine is unthinkable.

Doubtless the Scott McBrides and Bishon Cannons would have been loaded to the muzzle with glee had Kellogg slacked the thirst of his guests with coco cola, grape juice, ginger pop or buttermilk, but any one of them would have given diplomatic insides an awful shock. They have stomachs accustomed to the scientifically fermented juice of the grape, and not at all acclimated to ice water.

The American embassy is, of course, American territory. Possibly strict construction of the Constitution and the Volstead Act would require that even the best of French wines have no proper business on the premises, or in the stomachs of an American ambassador and Secretary of State.

But, nevertheless, neither propriety nor decency requires that an American diplomat on European soil shall make a blooming ass of himself by suspending old world customs in order to please the Anti-Saloon League back home.

### It All Depends

If you attack a neighbor without justification you are put in jail or fined, or both.

If an agent of the United States Government does the same thing he may be "rebuked."

Five Federal agents in Baltimore have just been "rebuked."

It seems that a man-named Conway was brought before the United States commissioner on a charge of assault. The evidence showed that each of the five agents, without warrant, had beaten Conway unmercifully and that when Conway had struck back the charge of assault was brought against him.

The agents were guilty of "cowardly conduct," said the commissioner. That is the rebuke—and only punishment—they received.

Conway is in the hospital.

The French minister of war wants the title of his department changed, "war" being too rough a word. Why not call him the minister of uncordial relations?

## M. E. Tracy

SAYS:

"If We Had Had Barmaids in This Country, Instead of Excluding Women From Both Sides of the Counter, We Might Not Have Volsteadism Today."

SECRETARY KELLOGG gives the world not only a new treaty, but fine example of how to keep it.

It was expected, of course, that he would come to France loaded down with speeches. That would have been in keeping with diplomatic tradition and the good old American habit. But Secretary Kellogg said never a word.

The shock of his silence is impressive. He could have furnished no better illustration of how to start renouncing war.

Talk is the greatest trouble maker known to man—idle, impulsive, useless, talk.

When we learn to keep still, we shall have less strife, treaty or no treaty.

Too many people think ideas go with gab. They do not. If they did, we should have ten times as many inventors, millionaires and statesmen.

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### Birth Rate Falling

The birth rate is falling in England, while suicides are on the increase. Those who think they know, say unemployment is responsible. They say that lack of work has discouraged women from becoming mothers and made other people view death as a relief.

Whether that is true, unemployment is probably responsible for the drive to do away with barmaids. Men want their jobs, which makes a fine excuse for starting a "moral movement."

Nothing much would be achieved by substituting men for the 125,000 women, who now serve John Bull his drinks, except to lower the standard of the saloon.

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### Chance for Relief

One hundred thousand people face starvation in Haiti. Who cares?

Let that Republic default an interest payment, and we are ready to spend millions for intervention. How much are we willing to spend to save its women and children?

We have always claimed that it was solicitude for the welfare of Haiti and other Latin American countries that caused us to interfere with their affairs, to take charge of their governments and to kill any one happening to get in the way.

Now we have an opportunity to prove whether that solicitude includes bread, as well as bombs.

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### Byrd Hop! Flops

One cannot do much of anything these days, without having a cigarette, song, ship, real estate development, or something worse named for him.

Commander Byrd draws a dance as his publicity prize and the dance draws a row.

The "Byrd Hop" they call it, which would be all right, except for the movement that goes with it.

They look bad enough on the stage, under carefully arranged artificial light, but out in the open daylight they are just too bad for words.

And, since the average girl's esthetic sense tells her this is true, we don't expect to see any school doors battered down by bare-legged beauties this fall or any other fall. The stocking factories will have to tend to their knitting to supply the normal demand.

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Our reason is a good one. It's so good that we haven't any doubt that it will decide the issue our way. This is:

### Don't Do It, Girls

You hear a lot of talk in these dying days of the summer silly season about bare-legged girls.

Chicago, for example, is all stirred up on the subject and so is Washington, D. C. The question is: Shall or shall not hoseless girls be admitted to school this fall?

Some school authorities appear prepared to defend, to their last breath, the classrooms against such an invasion. Others say, in effect, Shucks, its all right with us if their mothers permit it.

This newspaper has an opinion in the matter, an opinion that may surprise those who know our liberal views on most questions.

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