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

Stephenson Again

Once more D. C. Stephenson, who introduced the system of getting his candidates for office to sign on the dotted line, is trying to get free by appealing to the courts for the traditional writ of habeas corpus.

Presumably, and certainly, the highest court will determine his legal rights in this and all other matters.

But aside from his court actions, Stephenson makes one charge which demands public attention and inquiry.

His recent lawyers declare that the attorney or attorneys which have acted for him in other times never represented his interests, but really acted in behalf of certain persons interested in keeping this famous prisoner behind the walls of Michigan City.

The public is interested in this phase of the matter because of its knowledge of what happened when the grand jury that delved into the Black Boxes and other scandals, discovered a peculiar activity on the part of the lawyer who filed the appeal for Stephenson in the Supreme Court.

As a result of the disappearance of many important witnesses, including the custodian of the Black Boxes, and a former stenographer for the grand dragon who lived for days under an assumed name at a high priced Cincinnati hotel, the grand jury recommended that this lawyer, Kiplinger of Rushville, be prosecuted for contempt of court.

Thus far the office of Prosecutor Remy has failed to file these charges and there may be a reason for this delay. It now becomes more than ever important that the recommendation of that particular grand jury, in which the people had the utmost confidence, be followed and forever determine whether the new charge of Stephenson that he was betrayed by legal advisers is false or true.

If it be true, who then had an important interest in keeping Stephenson silent and in prison?

What was the reason behind the peculiar disappearance of witnesses?

They possessed and shared the secrets of Stephenson. But they could not serve his interests by running away at a time when Stephenson was telling everything he knew.

It is important now because the people are again about to vote and the candidate for Governor on the Republican ticket has as his strongest endorsement the statement of Governor Ed Jackson that Leslie is just the man he would select as his successor.

It is important because the people are about to send a Congressman to Washington and may wish to endorse that written contract signed by Congressman Updike with Stephenson, promising patronage and the naming of a postmaster for this city, in return for support. Or they may decide to send Louis Ludlow, famous newspaper man and a different type entirely.

It is important because Arthur Robinson, once the close friend of Stephenson, is trying to get back to the United States Senate.

Stephenson is important as long as any man who served him is a candidate for office.

Calles' Decision

Ambassador Morrow forgot diplomatic decorum and cheered President Calles' statement to the Mexican congress that under no conditions would he accept another term at any time. We join in the cheering.

Here is Calles' reason for his renunciation:

"Not only because of moral principles involved or of my personal political belief, but also on account of the need which I consider imperative and final to pass from a system of more or less disguised 'government of caudillos' to a clean one of 'government of institution'."

This is my sacrifice that my country may pass from dictatorship to democracy, says Calles in effect. Not that it is a personal sacrifice, for it is clear that the president seeks the rest and peace of political retirement after the burdens of his own and Obregon's administration. But it is a public sacrifice.

Most observers of the troubled situation in Mexico following the assassination of President-Elect Obregon agree that Calles' continued political leadership would be the easiest and safest way out.

But he has chosen the harder and higher path for Mexico. He has shifted the responsibility from himself to the people. Whether they are ready for such a severe test in democracy or not, Calles has tried to inspire and strengthen them to carry on a representative constitutional government without crutches.

He has shown them that benevolent paternalism is to be avoided by a real democracy no less than military despots.

With some European countries returning to monarchy or dictatorship, Calles' faith in democracy is all the more inspiring.

A dispatch from Milan says that Olga, eldest daughter of the late czar, is alive. It will be a shame if no newspaper reporter doesn't locate her father and mother.

The world soon may become hatless, as a Doctor of Styles predicts, but we still have to have hats for the men to throw into the ring and caps for the ladies to set for some.

The trouble with most of these pilots who graduate as full-fledged fliers after studying aviation three weeks is the place they usually pick out to pile it.

It's easy to drive, easy to shift, easy to steer and ride easily, but oh, boy! the payments!

The Booze Industry

Revelations in Philadelphia's investigation of the illicit liquor traffic give some idea of the magnitude of the industry.

It is well organized and financed, and like many reputable businesses, is presided over by a "czar," with power to arbitrate disputes. The czar, it is said, has been able to have individuals sent to prison, or killed, as seemed best.

Gang murders have been a part of the business. Police officers and other officials have been paid to countenance violation of the law.

A republic can not be developed through dictatorship, however, and eventually people must assume the responsibilities of self-government if they would enjoy its advantages. That seems to be the idea Calles is trying to impress on Mexico.

He announces his intention of quitting the presidency for good and all at the expiration of his term, Dec. 1, which not only gives the people of Mexico their rightful chance, but brings the revolution to a logical conclusion.

The stage is well set for such an experiment. With Obregon dead and Calles out, no dominating figure remains to balk the public will.

The one risk consists in a habit of thought which has prevailed ever since Hidalgo raised the standard of revolution. Has Mexico come to a point where she can think in terms of principle, rather than in names, where she can form parties instead of depending on leaders?

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World of Anomalies

Calles "chooses" to quit and Alvaro "chooses" a king. If this were not a world of anomalies, one might make much of the contrast.

It is a world of anomalies, however, so what is the use of trying?

Hardly a day passes without its two or more events which seem to prove the opposite. Democracy is champion in one place and challenged in another for the same reason that everything else is. Crowd whims are no easier to explain than individual whims.

Putting that aside, if the Alvarian prefer a king, why isn't it their privilege to have one? Who can say that they are wholly unlike?

Not every people is fitted for democracy, though we appear to think so, and not every people wants democracy, though we find it hard to understand why.

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Romance to Date

The crowning of Zogu I reads like the crowning of the Fourteenth century. He took the oath on a bible, as well as a Koran, liberated 2,000 prisoners, promoted six colonels to the rank of general and decreed bonuses of one month's pay for State employees.

Other features of the ceremony gave it a more modern aspect. There was no crown, no sceptre and no nobility.

You cannot get away from custom, whether new or old. Some things have gone out of date for good, and some others which remain are greatly modified. Habits and customs, whether born of tradition, or creative intelligence, come to dominate every human activity.

The King of Afghanistan dresses his Parliament in frock coats and shaves its whiskers.

Kings may still reign, but they never can be the kind they once were.

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Ideas of Glory

A rusted pontoon tells the stern fate of Amundsen. He died as he could have wished—in harness and on a mission of humanity.

Not only was he trying to rescue his fellow men, but one among them who had treated him with shameful discourtesy.

Most men who had suffered as Amundsen did at the hands of Nobile, would have left him to his fate without raising a hand. Not so this strange and restless spirit.

Nobile had his idea of how to gain glory, Amundsen had his. The future, that inexorable sister of human conduct, will determine who was right.

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Can Germany Pay?

The Dawes plan enters its most crucial year. Hitherto it has operated on a rising scale of reparations. From now on it will demand a fixed payment of 2,500,000,000 marks or \$500,000,000 from Germany each year.

This is an enormous sum for a country even as rich and industrial as Germany. Financial experts doubt whether she can stand the burden. Their doubt is increased by the refusal of the allies to fix the total amount of reparations which she must pay.

As the situation now stands, Germany may be called upon to pay \$500,000,000 a year for half a century and more. This, more than anything else, fills her people with hopelessness and discouragement.

They visualize children yet unborn having to shoulder the load—children who were in no wise responsible for the war. Such a prospect is filled with emotional dynamite. No man with intelligence can regard it otherwise than as containing the seeds of future trouble.

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Among the chief names of the period were Linacre, Champier, Fernel, Gonthier, Caius and Gesner.

Thomas Linacre is of special interest as the founder of the Royal College of Physicians.

He edited many Greek works, made translations of Galen and taught Greek at the University of Oxford.

Conrad Gesner, perhaps was the greatest of them all.

divide the history of science into periods. And from one point of view, it is quite reasonable to regard the fifteenth century as the dividing line between the old and the new.

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The way to disarm, she proclaims, is to disarm, which sounds fine, but means little. As a matter of record, Russia has not gone farther than other nations in disarming.

She has not gone anywhere nearly as far as we have. This being so, why bother to throw the verbal

REASON

By Frederick LANDIS

A Lot Seems to Depend on Which Guide You Follow



RASKOBILLIAN FOLLY
—THAT \$2,500 HORSE
—RATS THAT EAT TAXES

official rats who eat the taxes people.

Our Federal and State governments have innumerable useless tax eaters who get more for one day's work than honest men make from Monday morning to Saturday night.

Fully one-third of our public office holders should be fired.

The bootleggers of Philadelphia put more than \$10,000,000 dollars in the bank last year.

When those distinguished Americans who took their lives in their hands and signed the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia 152 years ago look down upon this vast nest egg of organized crime, then contemplate the modest aggregate of their own savings, they must regard their earthly labors with vast mortification.

After thinking of bootleggers and corrupt politicians, let us turn to the higher animals for relief and contemplate Pal, the noble dog of the national capital, which sat in faithful vigil on the doorstep of his master and mistress for ten days after they were drowned in the Potomac River, all this time refusing food and drink.

The katydid says "six weeks till frost," but does not say whether it's to nip Hoover or Smith.

Likewise, the farmers want to know how to spell prosperity out of the present drop in the price of wheat and a 20-cent fall in corn.

BUT leaving out the big question—that is, whether the industrial workers and farmers are getting a fair share from the present economic system—the figures support the contention of the Federal Reserve board, the Commerce department, and such private agencies as the National City Bank, broad St., and Dun's that general business conditions are good and improving.

By almost a weather miracle, bad crop prospects have been converted into bumper yields. The wheat crop is the third largest on record, a total of about 891,000,000 bushels. The corn yield is more than 3,000,000 bushels close to record.

Including all the leading grain crops, the estimated increase over last year is \$70,000,000 bushels.

So even with lower prices than those which obtained when grain shortage was forecast, the farmers have such large crops that their buying power will be great. The agriculture department index of farm products' purchasing power now is 93, compared with 100 pre-war.

This purchasing power of the agrarian districts is enhanced by the high prices of dairy products, hogs and cattle, which in turn somewhat minimizes the political reaction in farm States against the Administration and Hoover.

On the industrial side, Federal Reserve Board figures for July show production 4 per cent higher than a year ago.

Questions and Answers

You can get an answer to any answerable question of fact or information by writing to Frederick M. Kerby Question Box, Room 100, Post Office Department, Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Ave., Washington D. C. Enclosing 2 cents in postage will help to get an answer. No advice cannot be given, nor can extended research be made on other topics. Unsigned requests cannot be answered.

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EDITOR

What is the seating capacity of Wembley Stadium, London, England?

126,000.

Who was the author of "Swiss Family Robinson?"

J. R. Wyss. The book was originally written in German.

Who is the "skipper" of a vessel?

Skipper is a nickname applied to the master or captain of a vessel.

What is the record attendance at a sport event in the United States?

The two largest are the Dempsey-Tunney fight before an audience of 144,468 at the Sesqui-Centennial stadium, Philadelphia, Pa., and 145,000 at the annual 500-mile Memorial day automobile race at the Indianapolis Speedway, Indianapolis, May 30, 1927.

This Date in U. S. History

Sept. 4

1861—Confederates violated neutrality of border States by sending troops into Kentucky.

1862—Lee crossed the Potomac and invaded Maryland.

1881—Chicago World Fair Association asked the Government for a \$5,000,000 loan.

Russia throws bricks

Russia signs the anti-war treaty, though not without scowls and criticism. That is Russia