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

## They Never Learn

Bourbon to the last, the professional politicians never learn.

They have not yet discovered that a new day has dawned for Indiana and Indianapolis in which the people are no longer idiots nor sheep.

In the legislature they are taking up the time of the people discussing the "advisability" of the city manager form of government. The people have already settled that. In Indianapolis the vote was five to one in its favor. In Evansville and Terre Haute the people are trying to vote on the same change with the chances in favor of its adoption in those centers by about the same vote.

In the past these slaves to the boss have tried tricks and force. They succeeded to a degree. Two years ago they delayed its operation in this city and kept in office one John Duvall until a grand jury discovered evidence on which he was later convicted.

The same forces which tried to protect Duvall are now at work trying to set aside the right of the people to run their own affairs.

The stupidity of these so-called leaders is only rivaled by their thorough and complete disregard for public opinion.

Why do they wish to kill the city manager plan of government?

And who are behind the bosses?

The answers are very easy.

The present scheme of things lends itself to the use of public office for political purposes. The jobs can be handed to the inefficient or the crooked. The power can be used to sell special privileges.

The politicians take the jobs. The grafters in business, in crime, in industry can buy what they want.

That is the reason that utility lobbyists are found working with the vassals of the bosses to kill the city manager law.

They are desperate, of course. And the showdown has come.

It would be a tragedy if an accidental majority in the last election should longer delay the rise of the people to power and a chance to assert the rights to run their own affairs.

## Public Building

The state senate will do less than its duty if it fails to explore every ramifications of the plan under which the state now has a large number of armories, all built within the past two or three years.

It may discover that the project was highly patriotic or professionally patriotic. It may discover that the purpose behind was to equip the state with buildings under which men can be trained for war and that the training is most necessary, or it may disclose that there was a high profit in the transaction which placed an unnecessary burden upon the people.

Most necessary is this investigation because of rumors that there is a very definite plan to erect a large number of schools under the same system of finance. The people ought not to be pledged to any such extensive program until it is thoroughly examined and completely understood.

There is a very definite provision in the constitution against the state contracting any debts.

That provision has enabled the state to escape the temptation to issue large numbers of bonds on which the future pays heavy interest charges.

There has always been pressure to avoid this provision and there is now an effort being made to avoid it for the purpose of road building.

On the surface the building of armories by private interests has some of the aspects of a plan to avoid this provision of the constitution. It is explained that the private interests, composed of a bank, a contracting firm and other necessary factors built the armories under a plan under which the rent on the installment plan would finally result in giving the state ownership of the armories.

The legislature had no control of the number, the location or the cost of these buildings. That does not seem to be the spirit of the intent of the laws regulating the acquisition of necessary public buildings.

The senate will, of course, obtain all the details of the transaction and probably discover whether there was any but a real purpose of patriotism behind this project, started in the name of altruism.

But more than that, there should be a careful inquiry into the effect of the plan as a whole.

If it is possible to build armories in this manner, it is possible to erect other buildings and perhaps purchase other forms of property.

If legal, the debt provision of the constitution means nothing at all.

Of course, refusal of the legislature to pay rent might leave the private builders with the property on their hands. But if the transaction is marked by good faith, there is a moral obligation to keep on paying.

If we are to throw away the constitution, the legislature should discover the inspiration

for the plan. Was it conceived by the state officials who saw a great necessity, or did the private interests which erected the armories inspire it?

When the senate has discovered this one fact, it may be able to proceed with greater intelligence.

## The Indian Inquiry

The senate committee on audits and contingent expenses meets today to pass upon the request for \$30,000 and continuance of the senate Indian investigating committee.

Senator Deneen of Illinois is chairman of the audit committee. It has been reported that he may delay or oppose the appropriation for the committee, which has investigated contracts signed by Roy O. West, secretary of the interior.

The Indian inquiry is important. It affects an entire race of people, a race that has been mistreated or neglected by this government for years.

The committee should vote the money and let the inquiry go on.

## Root to the Rescue

Elihu Root should be able to smooth adherence of the United States to the world court if any one can. He has the confidence of the European governments and of the Washington government. The former have chosen him as a member of the commission to revise the court statutes, which he helped formulate.

His unofficial mission is even more important. In his dual capacity as an eminent American and a friend of the court, he may be able to reconcile the senate reservations to American membership and the European objections to those reservations.

The difficulty is over the senate reservation which would prevent the court from rendering without permission of the United States, so-called advisory league opinions on questions in which the United States "has or claims to have an interest." Other governments object that this would give the United States a veto power, which even members of the league council do not have. But they have agreed that the United States have equal powers with council members, and in effect have accepted all the other senate reservations.

Some jurists abroad interpret the present statute as requiring unanimous vote of the council in requesting the court's advisory opinion; that is, as giving all council members veto power. If this interpretation is upheld by the jurists revising the statute, apparently the senate reservations will be accepted automatically by the court members and American adherence assured.

This would be another case of getting a half loaf, and unfortunately, the senate will not join anything but an emasculated court.

That would not get us far, but it would be better than nothing.

It's almost time for some debunking artist to discover that Captain Fried looks under the bed every night before retiring or drinks tea from his saucer.

The west is still a cattle country, says a New York writer. If you have tried to get into a New York subway train during the rush hour recently, you must know that the writer hasn't taken in enough territory.

Headline in a New York newspaper says, "Hoover Wrestles With His Speech." Maybe there are some formidable figures in it.

Who said the spirit of adventure is dying? Chicago gained 75,000 in population in 1928.

Mr. Ake has been appointed a treasurer of Ohio following conviction of Treasurer Buckley on bribery charges. Governor Cooper may have figured the vacancy was an Akin void.

David Dietz on Science

## Heavenly Motions

No. 276

THE spectroscopic not only is able to detect the chemical composition of the sun or a distant star and its temperature as well, but it also is able to detect the motion of a heavenly body.

Every one knows that when a locomotive is approaching, the pitch of the whistle seems to rise, while the locomotive is receding from one, the pitch of the whistle falls.

This is due to the fact that when the locomotive is approaching it is crowding the sound waves on top of each other. Consequently, we get more per second than we would if the locomotive were standing still.

As a result, the pitch goes up. For the pitch of a whistle depends upon the number of waves per second, what is known technically as its frequency. When the locomotive is receding, we get fewer waves to the second and as a result the pitch falls.

This is known as the Doppler effect because Christian Doppler, an Austrian physicist, first pointed it out. The spectroscopic reveals a similar situation with respect to light. If a source of light is approaching us, the number of waves received per second is increased.

This results in an increase in frequency and as a result, the lines in spectrum are shifted toward the violet end of the spectrum.

If the light source is receding from us, the spectrum lines are shifted toward the red end of the spectrum. As a result of this, by attaching a spectroscopic to a large telescope, it is possible to tell whether a star is moving toward the earth or away from the earth.

If the spectrum lines are shifted toward the violet, it means that the star is approaching us. If the lines are shifted toward the red, it means that the star is receding.

In the case of the sun, the spectroscopic can be used to determine rotation.

Let us suppose that we focus our spectroscopic on one edge of the sun and the spectrum lines are shifted toward the violet. This means that the edge of the sun, apparently, is approaching us.

Now let us focus the spectroscopic on the opposite edge of the sun. This reveals a shift toward the red. Apparently this edge of the sun is receding from us.

There is only one possible interpretation, namely that the sun is rotating on its axis.

By measuring the amount of shift, it is possible to calculate the rotation time.

M. E.

## TRACY

SAYS:

"Some Day Germany Is Going to Float a Bond Issue, We Are Going to Buy the Bulk of It and France Is Going to Get the Cash Which She Will Turn Over to Us."

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 11.—This is a town of amazing contrasts.

Though on the mainland, it largely is dependent on ferries.

Though on the west coast, it has an eastern waterfront.

Though suffering from a light rainfall, it is foggy much of the time.

Though built on hills, it has a new curved streets.

Those who laid out San Francisco had a higher regard for geometry than nature, running their highways straight, regardless of grade or swale and sacrificing beauty for the sake of a good blueprint.

Inexorable as much civilized blundering may have been, it failed to wipe out the original charm. The humps still are there—Telegraph Hill, Nob Hill, and a dozen more—making it possible for architects and real estate men to produce a sky line with far fewer stories than if the ground were level. So, too, is the Spanish tradition, oriental atmosphere and those curious phenomena with which providence has blessed the surrounding region.

One can get from the roar of market street to the somber silence of giant redwoods within an hour, climb to the top of any skyscraper and look at mountains as high and rugged as the Adirondacks, or cross the bay and be in a valley where oranges ripen a month earlier than they do in the Los Angeles territory.

## Chinese New Year

FIRE crackers announce that celebration of the Chinese new year has begun. This will be a week of queer noises and queer parades in San Francisco. We white people will look on with mixed emotions. When we have maintained our civilization as long, or may be able to appreciate what it means more accurately.

Like the thousand-year-old trees out in Muir woods, where I went Sunday afternoon, these folks from Asia, clinging to their ancient customs, in spite of the so-called modern life with which they find themselves surrounded, speak of forces big and far away.

## Earth on Its Way

A DISC is falling through space like a rock, that it is headed for a cluster of stars somewhere down below and that it may collide with one or more of them later, but that no one need worry since it has some 200,000,000 years to go.

That gives us plenty of time to settle the prohibition question, adjust German reparations, decide whether the talkies have not proved the case for legitimate drama and do a few other things.

If the earth is falling, it must have been on its way a good long time.

At all events, no one seems to know when or where it started, and nothing has happened within the memory of the oldest living inhabitant, or that of his grandfather, to justify the idea that there is a reckless driver at the steering wheel.

## Momentous Day

WITH a commission of experts assembled in Paris and authorized to fix the amount of German reparations, and with the pope and Mussolini signing a reconciliation agreement, Monday can be put down as a rather momentous day.

We have presently contended, or more accurately, perhaps, our officials have, that this country had no concern with the reparations problem.

Maybe so, but there are three distinguished American financiers in Paris—J. P. Morgan, Thomas W. Lamont and Owen D. Young—to help solve the problem.

If that lets us out, the moon is made of green cheese.

## Splendid Isolation?

WE keep telling ourselves that "splendid isolation," whatever that may be, is possible.

At the same time, we keep doing things to make it impossible.

The worst of it is, we keep doing these things because we can't help it, because the warp and woof of modern civilization forces us to do them, because it is out of the question to pursue any other policy and stay in the parade.

Call the thing by whatever name you like, but some day Germany is going to float a bond issue, we are going to buy the bulk of it and France is going to get the cash which she will turn over to us.

## This Date in U. S. History

February 11

1735—Birth of Daniel Boone.

1768—Massachusetts sent a circular letter to the colonies suggesting union.

1847—Birth of Thomas A. Edison.

1861—Abraham Lincoln left Springfield, Ill., for Washington.

1889—President signed bill creating the department of agriculture.

How is Yvonne pronounced? What does it mean?

It is pronounced Ee-veen and is a slavish form of the common name John, meaning "beloved."

On what date did Easter Sunday fall in 1887? April 10.

## For Their Own Good



THE HUMAN BODY AND ITS CARE—NO. 4

## Woman Quick to Use Health Fad

The fourth article of Dr. Fishbein's interesting series of seven articles on "The Human Body and Its Care" is presented here. The series, in pamphlet form, can be obtained from the American Library Association, 50 East Randolph street, Chicago.

BY DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN

THE human being is a credulous animal and women are even more credulous than men. Superstitions regarding health have been prevalent since the beginning of time and strange follies for the control of disease are constantly working, like a dangerous ferment, to disrupt man's intelligence.

Hence hygienists work energetically to overcome the wild accusations made by superstitious people and the claims of those who profit commercially by opposing scientific medicine.

The physical culture movement has meant much for the advancement of mankind so long as it has been kept within rational bounds. Its tendency has been, however, to adopt all-or-nothing policies regarding breathing, diet, starvation and outdoor exercise which are likely to do as much harm as good.

The most ancient and established

maxim in the field of hygiene is moderation in all things. It is well known that any force which is potent for good may also be potent for harm.

Among the peculiar follies of the physical culture movement none is so preposterous as the notion that breathing of one type or another is significant in the causing of disease or in the cure of various complaints.

Breathing may be to a large extent controlled, but it is also to a considerable extent automatic. All systems of breathing, such as abdominal breathing, rhythmic, deep breathing and other schemes, are irrational. Nobody ought to live for his lungs alone.

The cold bath fanatic is a menace to his associates, because he is not satisfied to indulge himself in his bath, but endeavors, as do all fanatics, to convince his friends.

Cold baths taken in the morning stimulate the nerve endings in the skin and drive the blood from the surface, to which it returns with a rush when the person comes out of the bath and rubs himself briskly with a towel.

This is pleasant and invigorating, but it throws a considerable burden on the organs of adjustment and

may be harmful to those whose organs do not respond readily.

Exercise is useful for stimulating the reactions of the body systems. But exercise does not mean marathon races or hundred-mile walks! The road to health does not lie in the exceptional performance, but in well-conducted and suitably regulated physical activities.

The fanatics who subsist largely on hay, grain and oats are not all either thoroughbred or jackasses. The vegetarians, the whole-wheat fanatics, the fresh fruit followers, the dangerous combination theorists and other food faddists do more harm than good.

The rational view is that all the things eaten by man are of value taken in proper amounts at proper times. Starvation cultists do as much harm as any others.

An occasional rest period may be helpful to the human digestive tract, but long abstinence from food place burdens on the digestion, which are not its due.

So irregular and fallacious are American habits of diet that every Babbitt is willing to listen to his neighbor's suggestion as to what he should eat.

Next—New discoveries in medicine.

IF STIMSON SAID IT HE PAYS FOR BOTH THE SANITARY BUGS

## Reason

By Frederick LANDIS



IF, as reported, Mr. Stimson announced in the Philippines that Mr. Hoover was going to appoint him secretary of state, then Mr. Stimson is not diplomatic enough to be in the diplomatic service.

Once upon a time Mr. Taft decided to appoint a Mr. Crane to high office and asked him to remain silent, whereupon Mr. Crane told it and Mr. Taft did not appoint him.

It comes as a great shock to have this New York financier accuse John D. Rockefeller of being mercenary in his efforts to beat Stewart for the control of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, inasmuch as we had always thought these oil magnates were moved only by their love for the common people.

There is great opposition in all states to a state income tax, but something should be done to lift the farmer's tax burden.

All he has is visible, consequently all he has is taxed, and since the holder of personal property can hide it, the farmer pays that gentleman's taxes as well as his own.

The Governor of Oklahoma is not a very chivalric figure in his impeachment trial when he announces that he will under no circumstances reappoint Mrs. Hammonds, his confidential secretary, who resigned.

He should be impeached for trying to pass the buck to a woman, if for nothing else.

All state legislatures seem to be concerned with movements to promote the safety of automobile driving and two things would help greatly. The first is to send all drunken drivers to the penitentiary for five years and the second is to banish all reckless drivers from the highway.

A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.—St. John 3:34.

IF there is anything which keeps the mind open to angel visits, and repels the ministry of ill, it is human love.—N. P. Willis.

IF Lindy can fly from the United States to Panama and deliver the mail, true to the exact minute of his schedule, the rest of us ought to be able to keep our dates.

Nothing is more conducive to bolshevism and high blood pressure than to be compelled to wait, wait, wait!

Reports from London are to the effect that the British government will take some notice of the action of congress, authorizing the construction of fifteen cruisers, but as these cruisers do not bring us up to the naval strength agreed on at the Washington naval congress, namely, naval equality with Great Britain, one fails to see where John Bull has any right to complain.

The Democrats of Virginia should permit Father Time to pour his magic ointment on their differences, instead of flying at each other's throats over the last election.

## Common Bridge Errors AND HOW TO CORRECT THEM

—BY W. W. WENTWORTH

40. FAILURE TO UTILIZE POSSIBLE RE-ENTRIES

North (Dummy)—  
♥ 7 6 5  
♦ 8 5 4  
♣ 9 6 3  
♠ K 5 4 3

West—  
Leads ♠ 2

South (Declarer)—  
♥ A 4 3  
♦ A K 6  
♣ K Q J 7  
♠ A Q J 2

The Bidding—South bids no-trump and all pass.

Deciding the Play—West leads 2 of spades and the first two tricks are won by East. The third spade trick is won by Declarer. How should Declarer plan to play to make game?

The Error—Declarer leads 2 of clubs and overtakes with king of clubs.

The Correct Method—Declarer observes that he is certain of making one spade, four clubs, two hearts and one diamond—a total of eight tricks. To make nine tricks, needed for game, the diamonds must be finessed twice.

This is accomplished by playing 2 of clubs to ascertain the distribution of the clubs, then playing queen of clubs and overtaking it with king of clubs, for one re-entry.

The diamonds now are finessed and queen of diamonds wins the trick, jack of clubs is then played and 3 of clubs becomes the second re-entry to finesse the king of diamonds.

The Principle—When playing a suit containing four top honors, two re-entries may usually be found therein, providing you do not block the suit.

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## IT SEEMS TO ME

By HEYWOOD BROWN

WHEN they said would I come to dinner to meet the grand duchess I naturally accepted. Even now I don't know which grand duchess. Experts in such matters tell me that when you've met one you've met 'em all.

There had been other engagements, but, of course, they had to make way for the command performance. In calling them off, I mentioned somewhat casually that I was dining with the grand duchess and how my friends don't like me as they may have once in the days when I was more simple and democratic.

But soon a chill wind of misgiving came to shear my arrogance and temper my strut. To face a grand duchess one must have tails. She would say "Oh with my head" to any upstart in a dinner jacket.

Here it was already 5 and we were to dine punctually at 8:30. I must admit that mine was a belated invitation and quite obviously the role would be that of extra man.

## Kingdom for a Coat

IN desperation I called on Mac who is not the type at all. He's built much closer to the ground.

"How about the sleeves?" I said. "The tailor can let them out in ten minutes," he answered.

"What will you do when you need it?"

"Oh, he can shorten 'em up again."

If one or two of us get actually caught up in the social whirl we'll run that tailor ragged. It might be a good idea to have the sleeves equipped with zippers.

While Mac stood over the tailor saying "Hurry! Hurry!" I was at the haberdashers to get a wing collar and a white tie. This house isn't equipped for any emergency that iodine can't handle.

Upon returning, my rosy dreams were crashing round my shoulders for there was a message that F. P. A. had called up to ask was I going to the dinner.

"Oh, yeah," I thought to myself. "It's going to be like that. I might as well be at the Dizzy Club. There will be Walter Winchell and Mark Hellinger and even Edward Hope. You can't get a step these days without running into columnists. They seem to get in everywhere."

## What No Hairpin?

BUT for half an hour the lists of guests was as long as the list of I was concerned. The collar simply wouldn't go all the way around. Mac was full of useful suggestions.

"We could do it with a button hook," he said. And a monkey wrench, a jimmy and a scalpel might have come in handy, but the cupboard was bare of all such contrivances.

"How about a hairpin?" hazarded Mac.

I had to give him a short discourse on modern styles and tell him that no woman who amounts to anything has used a hairpin in twenty years. At any rate I didn't have any hairpin.

But by collaboration we turned the trick. Using a headlock and a half-nelson a conjunction was effected.

Next I poured myself into the white