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

Public Protection

Once more Boss Coffin shows that great, generous spirit which always prompts him to relieve the people of this city from the difficult task of running their own affairs. He is willing, rather desperately anxious, to do the job. He appeals to the courts to destroy the city manager form of government.

Aside from the fact that the actions of his attorneys should be resented as throwing suspicion upon judges, many of whom he selected, the suit inspired by Coffin to defeat the city manager plan needs little comment.

It is significant that the Coffin mouthpiece, to revert to the gang parlance which the Coffin followers best understand, waited at the courthouse until they could get the matter before one particular judge.

Just what that judge thinks of such a proceeding remains to be seen. Certainly it does not inspire confidence in courts when the lawyers for the boss wait for one particular judge to listen to their plea for an injunction to prevent the people from electing commissioners under the manager form and to permit Coffin to pick two party candidates to run a fake race for mayor in the fall.

If the law is so plainly and clearly illegal as the lawyers for the boss pretend, it would seem that almost any judge would be bright enough to catch the point.

The legal attack on the city manager form of government at this date is most significant.

The supreme court, after many months of deliberation, handed down a decision in an Evansville case which declared the law constitutional. The original decision said that two of the judges were certain about it, and that a third had agreed to its "conclusions." The next morning this judge with the swift stroke of his pen erased the letter "s" from this notation and now nobody knows what he thinks about the constitutionality of the manager law.

The people of this city voted in large numbers for the adoption of the manager plan. They believe that they have the right to rule themselves as they please. As a matter of history the legislature tried to give the cities the right to set up the manager form.

Just whose rights and interests would be invaded by an efficient rather than a graft form of government is difficult to understand, unless there be a vested interest in bosses and bossism to control city governments in behalf of state political machines.

Certainly when Coffin and his henchmen straggle into court to protect the people from themselves, it is time not to laugh but to protest.

Really, George, there is no danger from such Bolshevists as Insley, Esterline, Linn, Hoke, and the thousands of other men who pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes for the support of government, nor from the great army of red women who are the mothers of all the school children, the leaders in every charity, the defenders of all decent things.

If there were needed any added reason for the establishment of the city manager form, the source of this attack, the whispers and the gag methods, furnish the necessary cause for a vigorous defense of its adoption.

The Children's Cry

A new born baby can't make itself heard when there's a lot of noise around, especially in congress. The senators and representatives are great and busy men. They have much to do and more to think about. And they have to listen to many people—people with lusty lungs, like tariff lobbyists, farm relievers, and office seekers, and dry crusaders.

But if congress in the midst of its important affairs had time to listen, it might hear the cry of thousands of babies. They will die unless congress helps.

The lives of 25,000 little children were saved last year by the government. But the Sheppard-Towner law appropriation stops June 30. Bills have been introduced to continue that federal program of maternity and infancy welfare. But congress apparently is too busy with other things.

Then there is the matter of economy. Congress must watch the people's pennies. There are many other things eating up appropriations. The government has to think twice before spending \$1,252,000 for babies, when it already is spending \$5,000,000,000 a year on one thing and another.

But even the most economical member of congress would be impressed if he had time to study the savings under the expiring appropriation for children.

That \$1,252,000 a year has reduced the infant death rate in the United States from 76 per 1,000 in 1921, when the law was passed, to 65 per 1,000 in 1927. In the same period it helped to cut the maternity mortality rate from 68.2 per 10,000 to 64.7.

Those babies and mothers will die this year unless congress acts before June 30.

Are battleships more important than babies? Is farm relief more important than maternity relief? Must the political din drown out the children's cry?

Aiding Mooney and Billings

The University of Pittsburgh unwittingly has aided the movement to free Thomas J. Mooney and Warren K. Billings, imprisoned for twelve years in California on perjured evidence.

After preventing a discussion of the case by Dr. Harry Elmer Barnes at a meeting arranged by the Liberal Club of the university, authorities have expelled the student president of the club; another student, and an instructor in philosophy. The club had

held a meeting in a university building in defiance of the authorities, they said.

The chancellor of the university characterized the student president as a communist, and said that the name of the university was being used to advance propaganda.

It is noteworthy that the instructor who was fired had been interested in attempts to curtail the authority of Pennsylvania's notorious coal and iron police, over which a struggle is going on in the legislature.

The expulsions will focus attention on the Mooney-Billings case. Persons who had known little about the wrongful imprisonment of the two men now will want to learn the facts. And when they do, their indignation will be aroused, and their voices will be added to the growing public demand that California see justice done.

Truth can not be bottled up. Tactics like those of the university authorities are futile and defeat their own ends.

The university is the only loser in the incident, for it will gain the reputation of denying free speech and thought. The three men who were disciplined doubtless are—and should be—proud of their punishment.

Sweat and Cotton

"I ain't a-fear'd of hell, because I've spent twenty summers in the mills." Is the way one striker put it.

A typical southern cotton mill presents an acre-wide area of floor, crowded with clicking, humming machinery. Those machines wait to bite off a finger or a hand of the unwary. High humidity is needed for spinning and weaving, so the water sprays never stop. Windows are closed. The air is dank and close.

The mills run day and night. Men, women, young girls, children work and sweat together—and cough together in the lint-laden air. They show the strain of watchful and long hours.

Sixty hours is the legal work week in North Carolina, and fifty-five in South Carolina. South Carolina has no adequate workers' compensation law; North Carolina until recently had none at all.

Around the mill is apt to be a village of company houses, four-room box-like places, all alike. They are supplied to the workers for a dollar each week. According to the bosses, such cheap rent justifies low wages. Yes, the wages are low—by any standard. Not more on an average than \$15 a week, probably less.

Only the rare mill hand can average \$20. Some employers provide churches and pay the parsons. Some extend the state school term out of their own pockets.

Many supply recreation grounds and some form of social welfare and supervision. Of employee organization there is in most mills none. The workers "talk it over with the boss," and the latter's word goes.

Some employers have tried to help the workers, and have striven desperately to keep up wages in the face of cut-throat competition. Others seem in the game simply for profits. Nor have the local chambers of commerce helped much, with their invitations to northern industry featuring cheap "all-American labor."

Such were conditions six months ago. Then certain mills, mostly northern-owned, brought down efficiency experts who followed employees around with stop-watches, measuring the wasted seconds when they stepped to a window to breathe fresh air. The "speed-up" was the direct cause of most Carolina strikes.

The wonder is not that there have been strikes, but that it required the "speed-up" to bring them; not that there is ill feeling, but that this smoldering resentment has not produced a real explosion instead of the present comparatively mild protests.

Cleveland police arrested hundreds of bootleggers after the homes of two policemen were bombed. The theory is that the bootleggers wouldn't be found.

The headline, "WOMEN VOTERS PICK NEW HEADS," may not be so misleading after all.

David Dietz on Science

Dew, Fog and Clouds

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DEW, frost, fog, and clouds are the result of the cooling of the atmosphere to the point where it no longer can hold all its moisture. Dew and frost are the result of the first method by which such cooling can take place—contact with objects colder than itself. (This was explained in detail in the preceding article.) The second method by which cooling can take place is by mixing.

place is by mixing with colder air. Fog and clouds can be formed by this method. However, Dr. W. J. Humphreys, physicist of the United States weather bureau, says that this method is not an effective one and does not account for the formation of much fog or cloud. Layer or stratus clouds sometimes form where relatively warm air comes in contact with a lower layer of cold air. This is due to the mixing of the two masses of air of different temperature.

Such mixing is also responsible for the fogs that frequently overhang the ocean where cold and warm currents are adjacent. These currents affect the temperature of the air above them and in the consequent mixing of the masses of air, the warm mass is cooled and the vapor in it condensed into fog.

The third process by which air loses heat—by radiation—does not have much to do with the formation of clouds. This is because a portion of air which has become chilled usually sinks to a lower level. Cold air has a higher density than warm air.

As a result, the chilled air sinks to a low level where it is warmed, thus becoming usually warmer than it was before it was chilled.

This, as Dr. Humphreys has pointed out, is one of the paradoxes of meteorology. The best way to raise the temperature of a mass of air is to start out by lowering it. Then nature will do the rest.

Cooling by radiation, however, is effective in producing fog when the air which radiates its heat is already near the ground.

Radiation, of course, refers to the loss of heat by dissipation. A red-hot piece of iron, for example, left in the open is said to lose its heat by radiation.

The fourth method by which a mass of air becomes cooled—namely, expansion—is the most important of all in so far as cloud formation is concerned. Cooling by expansion is responsible for the formation of the great bulk of clouds.

This will be discussed in detail next.

M. E. Tracy

SAYS:

The Menace of Money, Especially as It Can Be Used by One Interest to Control Another, Is Nine-Tenths Secrecy.

SIGHING for the jungle and with his whiskers unimpaired, Trader Horn spent two days in New York. He finds the metropolis all right, but rather hard to live in, because "one is always at the bottom."

He has a date with "a girl in Kent," after which he will visit King Fuad. Then he will go hunting in his Ford.

It all sounds interesting, but the Trader should not stay away too long lest the public lose interest in his books.

Big Bill and the King

IT'S a long lane that has no turning.

Two years ago Mayor William Hale Thompson was ready to "crack King George on the snout."

Now he stands blushing by while 160 Australian youths sing "God Save the King." Not only that, but he welcomes them to Chicago.

What is even more surprising, he invited them to come in a \$25-cable message which he sent collect.

You can not beat "Big Bill" when it comes to putting things over.

Sinclair Going to Jail

THERE is every indication that Mr. Sinclair will go to jail.

Those people who kept faith in the law are justified, even if it did strain their loyalty at times. The tragedy of it is that he will go to jail for about the least offensive thing with which he was charged.

It looks as though we had a good deal better law to protect the dignity of the senate than to protect the property of the people.

The moral is don't refuse to answer questions that a senate committee may ask, no matter how many oil fields you try to get away with.

Power Control of Press

WHATEVER else may be said about the International Paper and Power Company buying stock in newspapers, or loaning other people money with which to do so, Mr. Graustein was certainly frank with the federal trade commission.

He did not try to cover up what he had done, or make it appear different from what it was. That removes one element of danger at least. So long as we know what men are doing we can take measures to protect ourselves.

The menace of money, especially as it can be used by one interest to control another, is nine-tenths secrecy.

Entangling Alliances

ENTANGLING alliances are bad for journalism, whether brought about through outside interests entering the newspaper field, or through newspapers acquiring outside interests, but they can not accomplish much harm, except through concealment.

If the people of this country have intelligence enough to run a government, they have intelligence enough to discount the value of controlled journalism, or of journalism which has its own ax to grind. As between the two, one is just as pernicious as the other.

Artist Fights Bulls

SUCCESS largely is the matter of finding one's talent and staying with it.

Sidney Franklin went to Mexico as a commercial artist, but discovered that he liked bull fighting. Gaona, one of the three leaders in that lordly sport, gave him lessons.

Now he is in Spain to make his debut.

Our purists may hold up their hands in holy horror, but there are very few of them who would not pay \$5 to see the spectacle.

Sleuth Loses Job

SUCCESS depends not only on discovering one's talent and staying with it, but on keeping one's head.

While Sidney Franklin becomes a star bull fighter, the star detective of Scotland yard, Hubert Ghinoven, loses his job.

Ghinoven could track down crooks, but could not keep his mouth shut.

In the war he distinguished himself by dropping with a parachute behind the enemy lines, destroying an airplane and getting back to his own camp without detection.

That took courage, as well as skill. It took more courage, however, to resist the temptation of letting British secrets leak into Russia.

Physical courage is much commoner than moral courage.

Victory for Advertising

ANOTHER victory for advertising!

Cigarettes have shown a great gain during the last nine months.

During that period they paid a tax of \$247,000,000, which is a gain of \$23,000,000 over the same period last year.

North Carolina led the states with a cigarette tax of 37¢ a \$150,000,000. Arizona was at the foot of the line with one of only 30 cents.

All other forms of tobacco paid a tax of only \$48,000,000, or but little more than one-sixth of that collected on cigarettes.

Daily Thought

As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.—Psalms 127:4.

A MAN looketh on his little one as a being of better hope; in himself ambition is dead, but it hath a resurrection in his son.

The Temptress



HEALTH SUPERSTITIONS—No. 32

Sewer Gas Isn't Really Poisonous

BY DR. MORRIS FISHBEN
Editor Journal of the American Medical Association and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine.

BEFORE the advent of modern plumbing, houses were damp and all sorts of odors were likely to emanate from the basement. These were odors of decaying material of one type or another.

In the old days, before modern plumbing came into use, leaks were not infrequent and odors of putrefaction seeped from the sewers and the drains. At that time also the causes of typhoid fever, of dysentery and of many other diseases that afflict human beings were unknown.

True, careful observation had related them in some way to putrefaction, to water, and to milk and other food substances, but the definite relationships were not understood.

Because of the insanitary conditions generally associated with bad plumbing, bad housing and crowding, people living in residences in which such matters were not as they should have been developed numerous diseases.

Hence the simple mind, putting one and one together, argued that the sewer gas was responsible for the disease.

Today we know that definite bacterial organisms cause typhoid fever and various types of intestinal infection and that diseases are conveyed to the human being either

by carriers of the disease—people who have had the disease and recover, but who still carry the germs about with them—or by infected food, water, or milk.

The germs which act on the by-products of digestion and produce the nauseating gases from the sewers do not travel with the gas into the air and thus affect the human being.

The sewer gas itself is not a poison in the same sense as carbon monoxide if illuminating gas is a poison.

The sewer gas may mix with the air and nauseate through its odor, but it does not produce disease. It is an indication of bad plumbing and the plumbing needs to be corrected.

Ideals and opinions expressed in this column are those of one of America's most interesting writers, and are presented without regard to their agreement or disagreement with the editorial attitude of this paper.—The Editor.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By HEYWOOD BROWN

I'VE sold my house and I hope I never have to do it again. It was my notion that such things were simple. He said "how much?" you said "so much," and then you had a drink and got the money and that was all there was to it.

But it isn't like that at all. Even after I was anxious to sell, there was a lot of work for the lawyers. Some times I wonder just how the earth managed to revolve upon its axis in the days before there were attorneys. It can not be the lawyers, like the poor, are always with us. You never know your house until you try to sell it.

For instance, the man wanted continuity. There were no alleys between my brownstone and those on either side so far as the naked eye could detect and yet we had to get a lawyer to decide whether there were any strips left over.

And the liens and assignments! It seemed as if every other citizen of New York had owned a piece of my house at one time or another. And all were armed with imposing documents. That is all, but me. I had lost the necessary papers years ago and we had to chase over the entire country getting people to make affidavits that I actually had satisfied the claims.

That's Gambling

IF a man buys stock for a rise on the basis of study and information concerning the company that is speculation," he said. "But if another man buys the same stock because the first man does, and knows nothing about the stock, that is gambling."

But I am too inexperienced ever to be the first man. I've got to be the fellow that buys because somebody else tells him to.

What Mr. Raskob calls "speculation" is what I call downright, hard-bitten investing. My definition is not like his.

If Mr. A. buys Hoola Hoola Mines because his barber says that he understands it's a good thing then Mr.

A. is a speculator. But Mr. B. has a friend, Mr. B., and he says to B. "My barber tells me that Hoola Mines is good for a hundred points within the next two weeks."

Well, then, if B. goes out and buys that stock I would concede that he was a gambler. The word "speculator" should be reserved for such acute traders as gets their dope from the barber district.

Cold Hand of Caution

ALTHOUGH I talk bravely enough, in the end my courage probably will fail me. If I were a man of spirit I should buy some of the things that pay 15 or 20 per cent. It would be very pleasant to have \$322 coming in every year, money for which you didn't even have to turn your hand.

But the old buccaner Brown must have been corrupted somewhere with piker blood. At the last minute I turn away from the oil and the gold mines. With the cash actually in my two fists I shall be tempted into bonds or United States Steel.

It may even be that in some moment of wild panic I will be lured into a savings bank. And if my fortune does not disintegrate within the next few months, at the end of a year I will be giving talks on how to succeed.

"Get up early and work hard." I shall tell the young men, and for all I know that may be a good system. Indeed, some day I mean to try it.

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Quotations of Notables

"POLITICS and government in the United States are today purely a business matter, and correctly so. We are the world's bank."—George Jean Nathan. (American Mercury.)

"There is a surplus of at least 200,000 soft coal mine workers in this country today."—Ellis Searles, Journal. United Mine Workers' Journal.

"A quick-tempered mother should not have to call a doctor for daughter's tantrums; he can only advise self-control—in the mother."—Lincoln Steffens. (North American Review.)

"The history of charities abounds in illustrations of the paradoxical axiom that while charity tends to do good, perpetual charities tend to do evil."—Julius Rosenwald. (Atlantic Monthly.)

"Whether one is a Christian or not depends on whether one accepts or rejects Jesus' attitude toward personality."—Harry Emerson Fosdick. (Harper's.)

"I have never opposed reasonable restriction of immigration, but I have opposed and shall continue to oppose what I believe to be unreasonable and unsound methods of making selection of admissible immigrants."—Congressman Tilson, Connecticut.

"It is not by accident or chance but by dominating and ruthless con-

REASON

By Frederick Landis

Being a Tammany Methodist Sounds Something Like Being a Meat-Eating Vegetarian.

THE present revolution in Mexico having come to an end so late in the spring, it is not likely that next year's model will be out until fall.

Senator Copeland says he is a Tammany Methodist, which is a good deal like being a white black-bird or a meat-eating vegetarian.

Raskob says that Jouett House, when he was selected to rebuild the party (is a dry, but he doesn't sound like it).

Presidents Roosevelt, Harding and Coolidge have had dams named after them, but statesmen below the rank of President don't get an, except what they receive in the campaign.

The difference between Europe and the United States seems to be that on May 1 the communists of Europe throw their bombs and the kids of the United States take off their shoes.

IN the recent cleaning, one-fourth of a ton of dirt was taken out of the national house of representatives—almost enough to permit the congressmen to plant their garden seeds.

Marshal Pilsudski, dictator of Poland, calls the Polish lawmakers "monkeys," which proves that while languages may differ, the thought of the world is about the same.

A state commission states that it is cheaper to live in Northampton than any other place in Massachusetts.

This man was quite widely rumored when it was announced that Mr. Coolidge would resume his residence there.

CUBA, whom we rescued from filth, hunger, yellow fever, and Spain, now asks that we revise the Monroe doctrine to remove the "threat" exerted by our national power.

Pull a tyrant off a bleeding victim and you uncover an ingrate.

Mussolini has commanded the women of Italy to wear longer skirts. Good bye, Old Man!

The agricultural bill will pass the senate just as soon as every senator has proved that every other senator has reversed himself.

If this contemplated disarmament conference is held, it will be only fair to permit Chicago to have a representative of her own.

The Russian government just has closed three more American churches. Marvelous country.

STUDENT CAN'T PAY RENT, BUILDS HOUSE

Moves Home to College; Cooks Own Meals.

COLUMBIA, Mo., May 4.—John Davenport of Mercer, Mo., wanted to go to college but didn't have the money to pay room rent, so he built his own home and moved it to Trenton so that he could attend junior college there. When he has completed his two-year course he will move his little house to Columbia and finish his college education at the university.

When Davenport wants to "move" he pulls twenty-five bolts and the house is ready to be packed on a truck. He can rebuild in six hours. He plans to settle outside the city limits, or wherever he can find the cheapest site. The house is a one-room affair, heated by a little coal stove. John cooks his own meals on a three-burner oil stove.

ABANDONED CHILDREN PROBLEM FOR LEAGUE

GENEVA, May 4.—Children abandoned in all parts of the world and brought up at the expense of the different countries where abandoned eventually may be taken under the protection of the League of Nations.

This will apply especially to abandoned children of foreign nationality who often do not have the same rights as abandoned children of the nationality of the state in which they are found.

The League's Child Welfare Commission is now preparing the draft text of an international convention on the subject providing for common legislation and common measures in all states on behalf of abandoned children of foreign nationality.

Sealing Wax Craft

Many decorative and useful articles can be made with the aid of sealing wax. It can be employed both as paint and enamel to decorate various kinds of utensils that are common in every household, or it can be molded artistically into bijouterie, ornaments and flowers. It is also an excellent medium for children to use in creative modeling, since it has a permanence and attractiveness that cannot be obtained with clay. Our Washington bureau has prepared an informative bulletin on Sealing Wax Craft and Wax Flowers which will be sent to any reader on request. Fill out the coupon below and send for it.

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