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

The Busy Bosses

The open manner in which the politicians, big and little, discuss what they intend to do "if the manager law is declared unconstitutional," creates an unfortunate situation in view of the fact that the supreme court has apparently found the problem so difficult as not to be able to render an early decision.

As the situation stands two of the judges of the court have gone on record as stating that the law is constitutional. So did the judge of a lower court in which the contest started.

The City Manager League, in distinct contrast with the bosses, has taken the position that the law is as technically right as it is right in principle.

The league has shown its respect for courts by accepting the decision of such judges as have passed upon the question. It is only the bosses and the self seekers who persist in their plans under a theory that not only the law but every judge who has gone on record is wrong.

The situation is not conducive to the best in government. Uncertainty, whether created by whispers or delayed decisions, is never a good factor when the people are creating a new government, and the people of Indianapolis will create a new government of some sort, a few weeks hence. They will either establish city manager or elect a new mayor.

The persistency of the bosses and their interest is easily understood. The slight glimpse of what is happening in Lake county reveals a part of the picture of bossism. It indicates why there are men who devote themselves, exclusively, to the work of building up political machines. It reveals the value of party labels to these bosses.

A party machine in a city links itself with a party machine in the state. Then steps in federal patronage. The whole system is so interwoven that at times it is necessary for United States senators to write self-serving letters denying protection to law violators, the letters to be dragged out in the event of possible revelations and not given to the public at the time they were written.

Bossism depends upon blind policemen and crooked contracts. Bossism profits and lives upon private use of public powers. And its existence depends, primarily, upon a partisan city government under which citizens vote for birds or animals and not for men.

Let it be hoped that the supreme court will very soon be able to untangle whatever intricacies exist in the legal status of the city manager law.

That decision will force these bosses and their arrants into the open.

The Ignorance of Mr. Schwab

Charles M. Schwab, chairman of Bethlehem Steel, was called some years ago in the armor plate investigation—and didn't know anything about it. Charles M. Schwab was called in the senate investigation of conditions of feudalism and terrorism in his coal mines in Pennsylvania—and didn't know anything about it.

The same Charles M. Schwab has been called by the senate committee investigating his company's secret paid propaganda agent, Shearer—and he doesn't know anything about it.

Mr. Schwab's record of ignorance of the pernicious activities of his companies is consistent and colossal.

There may be people who do not believe Mr. Schwab's alibis. We do not want to take that position, even though we find his sanctimonious and tearful conduct on the witness stand rather distasteful. We would like to believe that, as a leader of American industry, he has no direct responsibility for the sins of his companies.

Of course he can not escape indirect responsibility. At best he is guilty of negligence, which amounts most to criminal negligence in the case of Shearer's employment at Geneva.

We would like to believe this armament maker's testimony that he favors "an arrangement by which all battleships should be sunk," and that his company's employment of Shearer was a violation of his policy.

But it must occur to a clever man like Mr. Schwab that he will be judged by his fellow citizens, not by the patriotic words which roll so easily from his lips every time he is investigated, but by his deeds.

His deeds are difficult to reconcile with his loud professions of virtue.

When he was informed by the press that Shearer was reported to be in his employ, why did he not investigate and end the relationship?

When the matter became such a public scandal that he had to speak to his assistant, President Grace, why did he not see that something was done about it. He had to admit on the stand Saturday, "What action (Grace) took I can not tell you."

When he discovered that Shearer was employed not by a company underling, but by Vice-President Wakeman, did he discharge Wakeman for violating the alleged policy of his company? He did not. Did he even mildly reprimand Wakeman? He did not.

When he discovered that Shearer had been subsidized by his company repeatedly, not only at the Geneva arms conference, which the propagandist helped to wreck, but also in the shipping lobby at Washington, did he take any action whatever to mitigate the evil?

Did he then warn the press that his company's denials of connection with Shearer were unintentionally untrue? He did not.

Did he then inform the government that Schwab's money had been used to fight the government, so that

M. E. Tracy

SAYS:

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HARRY F. SINCLAIR says that he is not ill, but persecuted, and that he asked for a pardon not to save himself or his stockholders, but to spare an unjust government remorse in the future.

He violated no law, he says, in having the jury watched, but merely emulated the department of justice, and was held in contempt of court for what he considers a legitimate practice.

There is just enough truth in this declaration to make it seem plausible and just enough sophistry to destroy its effect.

Obviously, Mr. Sinclair does not think he did anything wrong.

What is even more curious, he seems to be unimpressed by the fact that most people think differently.

Opinions are not only interesting, but convenient.

Senator Howell is of the opinion that Washington is all wet, but that President Hoover could make it dry.

President Hoover is of the opinion that Senator Howell would not make such statement without specific information as to "time and place."

All of which having been spread on the public record, we are no wiser than we were before.

They Won't Tell

BOOTLEGGING in the nation's capital may be a matter of common knowledge, as Senator Howell suggests, but those who possess it display great reluctance in sharing it, especially with the authorities.

When you get right down to brass tacks that is really what prohibits.

Too many people know things that they don't dare to tell, except in a general way.

Glad enough to declare how prevalent bootlegging is, they grow suddenly dumb when it comes to giving names, or street numbers.

Just another phase of the lying which has grown up around this noble experiment.

There is a lot of lying in this good day and generation which can not be traced to the Volstead act or eighteen amendment.

Even in court, where witnesses are sworn to tell "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," there often is a surprising difference between what they admit and what actually occurred.

Technicity has become the yardstick by which we measure what is true.

Judges have declared that a large percentage of divorce cases hinge on perjury, not only as to evidence, but as to the formal complaints drawn up by counsel.

Bookkeeping often is of great advantage for what it conceals.

Credit to Shearer

IT develops that though Samuel M. Wakeman, vice-president of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Company, employed William B. Shearer to act as an "observer" at the Geneva conference, and though he was actually paid more than \$25,000, the records in Mr. Wakeman's office do not reveal any such transaction.

Chances are that the transaction would have gone unnoticed had not Mr. Shearer sued the Bethlehem and two other shipbuilding companies for a large sum of money which he claims to be due under the original agreement.

Whatever else may be said of his activities, Mr. Shearer deserves some credit for giving the affair such publicity as to make its concealment impossible.

But for the course he took, it would have gone down in history as just another "contribution" to something or other.

Undoubtedly, the elaborate system of laws, regulations, and records which we have developed, spells progress.

Undoubtedly, we would experience great difficulty in going back to the simple ways of our forefathers.

Undoubtedly, more or less hair-splitting goes with civilized commerce, justice and politics.

At the same time, the system seems to involve some risk.

When people arrive at a point where lying is not lying, except under certain circumstances, where burglary is not burglary, unless the criminal goes through certain motions, and where money actually received is not income, unless it falls under a certain head, we find quite a problem in telling our children what the word "truth" means.

It's a Boomerang

THE collapse of moral education in this country, of which so many people complain, is attributable in some measure to their own cut practices.

The father who avails himself of every business twist in making out an income tax return, or reasons that he is not violating traffic rules when he exceeded the speed limit, finds it rather embarrassing to insist that Johnny tell him the exact truth on every possible occasion.

The mother who fritters away her time in useless pleasure finds it just as hard to teach the desirability of honest, conscientious effort.

The young people are confused not only for lack of the right kind of precept, but by the prevalence of the wrong kind of example.

As we listened to President Hoover over the radio the other night, the thought came to us that Abraham Lincoln might have been able to prevent the Civil War had the radio been with us then and the Rail Splitter been able to assure the south that he intended to observe its rights under the Constitution.

Judges Gemmill and Klawkowski of Chicago deserve somebody's thanks for their refusal to recognize these fraudulent short-order divorces, obtained by Americans in Mexico by the correspondence method, and other judges should follow their example.

What an ideal way for us to get rid of some of our undesirable foreigners!

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SCIENCE

BY DAVID DIETZ

Chicago, Aided by Its Neighbors, Seeks to Be the Best Planned City in the United States.

CHICAGO, already famous for its gang battles, its political war on the king of England, and its quarrels with other cities on the Great Lakes over the diversion of water from Lake Michigan, now seeks fame in a more peaceful field. Chicago seeks to be the best planned city in the United States. Under the direction of the Chicago Regional Planning Association the latest findings of scientists, engineers, medical men, architects and civic experts are being assembled. The association even has an airways committee to study the airplane problem of the future.

The association is a graphic example of how present-day scientific advances are breaking down old political limitations. Not only has the association extended its work far beyond the political boundaries of Chicago, but it has spread into two of Illinois' neighboring states.

Public officials and business men of fifteen counties, nine in Illinois, three in Indiana and three in Wisconsin, organized the association. It represents 280 cities and villages in a great circle fifty miles from Chicago's "loop."

This territory, called the "Region of Chicago," by the association, is expected to have a population of 7,500,000 by 1950. This is more than double the population which the region had in the 1920 census.

Sanitation

PLANS are made for the Chicago region to constitute an example for every American city, according to Daniel H. Burnham of the city and regional planning committee of the American Institute of Architects.

"With more than 280 cities and villages all laying pavements, sewers, water pipes, and other public works, each as a unit of a comprehensive system, it stands to reason that the ultimate development of the region will be on a sound basis," he says.

"For the tremendous population of this region in the future, many facilities, such as highways and streets, parks, forest preserves, sewers, sewage treatment plants, water supplies, electric power, gas, systems of telephone connections and other facilities must be provided.

There used to be a call for tonics, but it is recognized today that the best tonic is good diet, outdoor air, suitable exercises and plenty of rest.

Vitamin preparations are beginning to take the place of the old-time tonics.

When it comes to sleeplessness, the safest remedy is a warm drink and a warm bath before going to bed.

Every one has his favorite mouth wash, tooth paste and gargle. It is doubtful that the mouth wash, tooth paste or gargle kill germs, but it may make the congested and swollen tissues feel better by protecting them and by washing away the secretions from the surface.

The wisest thing for every family to do is to go through the medicine chest at least every three months with the intention of throwing away things that are not constantly used. The things that are used constantly should be listed and the family physician should be asked to give his opinion as to their merits.

Ideas and opinions expressed in this column are those of existing writers, and are presented without regard to their personal views or the editorial attitude of this paper.—The Editor.

Highways

THE highway problem is receiving considerable attention from the association. Its desire is to build a thorough modern co-ordinated system in the region.

"Under direction of a committee on highways of the plan association, which includes federal, state, county and municipal officials, there first was compiled a composite map showing the paved highways and those expected to be paved by every state and county in the region," Burnham says.

"The second step was to connect these routes, which are proposed to be paved, at state and county lines where they do not now connect.

"The third step was to bring city and village officials into touch with the county and state officials so that they might