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

## Effronter That Amazes

"We ask you to stamp your approval on an administration whose record largely has been one of mismanagement, extravagance and gross laxity in conduct of state affairs."

That is in reality what Republican candidates for re-election are asking of the voters of Indiana.

That is the record on which the secretary of state, the state auditor, and the state superintendent of public instruction stand.

They are asking a supposedly intelligent electorate to approve the administration of the highway department, which shows an increase in overhead expense of \$1,226,239 over the last fiscal year, an increase due largely to a flood of unjustified salary boosts and unrestrained spending in the maintenance division.

They are asking these same voters to approve the manner in which the state school aid fund has been handled, resulting in a deficit of approximately \$2,500,000.

The Republicans ask re-election of a secretary of state who has made the state police force merely a political machine working for his interests, instead of the interests of the people of the state. He has shown little or no activity in enforcing the blue sky laws. Every move he has made has been made with political gain in view. He has devoted far more time to his campaign than he has to the business of the state, and that business has suffered accordingly.

The state superintendent of public instruction has put politics and his own advancement ahead of the cause of education. He fought before the last legislature to keep administration of school aid funds in his department, instead of under the board of accounts, where these funds had been more capably handled, and a ghastly deficit is the result.

He has sought a letdown in the restrictions on child labor, which could undo much of the work accomplished for protection of children of Indiana. He, too, has devoted a great portion of his time to his campaign for re-election, neglecting the position of trust in which he was placed.

The state auditor consistently has dodged decisive action in the gasoline fee scandal. He has made little or no effort to expose those guilty of sharp practices, which have defrauded the state of thousands of dollars.

These men seek re-election on their records. Their effrontery is amazing. The voters should answer with such a landslide against them that even the most brazen politician will be convinced that they are through with mismanagement, extravagance and laxity.

## Ambassador Clark's Declaration

In appointing J. Reuben Clark as ambassador to Mexico, to succeed Dwight Morrow, the President probably has picked the best man available. This appointment is especially welcomed in Washington, because it is in happy contrast to the recent selections of lame duck politicians and campaign contributors for important diplomatic posts abroad.

A man who has been in public life as long as Clark always has some enemies and hostile critics. In the past, complaints have been filed against him by Madame Teresa de Prevost for his handling of a claims case while a state department solicitor under Secretary Knox.

But we are inclined to believe that Clark is unusually well fitted to take charge of the embassy in Mexico City.

Clark is a trained diplomat. Since 1906 he has been in almost continuous government service at the state department or on international commissions. He is a special expert on Latin American and Mexican affairs, a field of diplomacy which requires much more than uninformed good intentions.

Moreover, he will provide continuity of the Morrow policy, for which he has been jointly responsible. His work as undersecretary of state laid the foundation for the friendly shift in policy under Morrow. When the latter went to Mexico City, he soon called Clark to his side as counsellor.

Clark has the confidence and friendship of the Mexican government and people, who have greeted his appointment enthusiastically. This relationship will be in itself an invaluable asset to the United States government in future negotiations.

Finally, Clark, as undersecretary of state, was author of the still suppressed official declaration on the Monroe doctrine. That declaration swept aside all false interpretations by which previous administrations have misused the Monroe doctrine to justify American military intervention in the internal affairs of Latin American countries. Such misuse of the Monroe doctrine in the past has caused Latin Americans to distrust us today.

The Clark declaration on the Monroe doctrine is a true and accurate statement. It also happens to be a very expedient statement, one which will impress our Latin American relations.

Now that Hoover has promoted its author to be ambassador to Mexico, he immediately should cancel the order by which he has held up for a year and a half the delivery to the Latin American governments of the Clark declaration on the Monroe doctrine.

## A Fish Discovery

Representative Hamilton Fish of New York, chairman of the house red investigating committee, has found "plenty of communistic activity, but certainly not enough to be called a menace." Fish is in San Francisco, preparing to open a two-day inquiry there.

So the New York statesman has made a discovery. He has found out what almost everybody else has known all along—that the Communists in America are numerically weak, have made little headway despite years of agitation, and do not by the widest reach of imagination threaten the established order.

Fish and his associates will study the lumber and wheat industries in the west, dispatches say.

They also profitably might give a little attention to the Mooney-Billings case, to learn what comes of red-baiting, and to learn what inclines citizens toward Communism.

## The Fear of Unemployment

Fear probably is the most deadly disease that afflicts the human race. It doesn't kill its victims as spectacularly as do cancer, consumption, heart disease, diabetes and pneumonia, but it gets there just the same.

Those that it kills get into the mortality statistics under some other name—diseases brought on in a physical body whose resistance has been worn down by the mental worry induced by fear.

But it makes unhappy, miserable and mentally disturbed millions whom it does not kill immediately dramatically.

Fear attacks us in many forms. One of its most common forms is fear of losing your job, and that leads out into many other fears. What will happen to the wife and children? Where will the money

come from for food, rent and other necessities of life? Where will you get another job?

That's tough enough, but it's tougher still with the man who has lost his job. Especially if he has a family. Fear that he won't get another soon enough to keep his loved ones healthy and happy is enough to drive a sensitive man to distraction, sometimes to crime.

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## For Optimists and Pessimists

Business conditions are neither as good as the optimists would have us believe, nor as bad as the pessimists paint them, the industrial conference board concludes after a statistical survey in which the present depression is compared with the one of a decade ago.

The greater part of the decline in each of the two periods occurred within a few months. Dullness then ensued and when the upward swing began it was not a counterpart of the decline, but a slow and gradual climb. In other words, it is easier to slide down hill than climb back up.

The present depression is less severe than the previous one and we just about have reached the low level to be expected, the board concludes after a study of figures.

The board offers some sound advice on the subject of false optimism, which was "sponsored by high authorities, both public and private."

"Never before has there been such loud and boisterous whistling as we have passed through the dark lane of business decline," says the report. "Editors and speakers have been encouraged to equip themselves with rose-colored spectacles and to give all their utterances a joyous tone."

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