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

Weakness of Public Works Solution
The \$800,000,000 bond issue is oversubscribed by \$5,200,000.

That oversubscription exceeds the largest figure yet suggested for public works as a quick way out for unemployment. Within the last week, two such suggestions have been urged, one for three billions, by a group of economists and social workers who tried unsuccessfully to call on Hoover; the second for five billions, by William Randolph Hearst in a radio speech.

One lesson from the oversubscription is important. It means that the money is available, that it is eager to be used, and that it is willing to go to work at a low rate of interest.

Hoover helped invent the idea of big public works in slow times as a stabilizing factor in offsetting depression. His idea looked good when first broached. It still looks good, years later. But what is lacking is its execution. The weakness in the big bond issue proposal now still is to be found in the execution column.

Political bodies move slowly. As Al Smith has pointed out, it took longer under a political system to build the elevators in the New York State office building than it took privately to build the whole Empire State building, the largest in the world.

Millions in public works today, federal, state and city, still are tied up in the political red tape of getting started. Construction projects that would mean employment for thousands and tens of thousands of men haven't even reached the blueprint stage.

In terms of work for a man out of a job, a big governmental road project means nothing so long as the politicians still are quarreling about what route the road will take.

Billions similarly would be tied up, if billions were voted. Summer would go and autumn would come, then winter and spring and summer again, and on and on, before those billions actually would get into action.

The only practical "out" in this public works idea as a long-haul remedy for depressions is to plan that the appropriations are made and all construction programs completed in good times; to get the gun all ready to shoot when the shooting is called for.

A big bond issue gives little hope for the immediate future. If carried through, however, it might help solve the next depression.

Prohibition Reform

When a group of outstanding women publicly demand a change from Volsteadism as a means of reform, the old charge that all such efforts are inspired by liquor interests loses its force.

The women of Indianapolis who have joined in this nation-wide movement have been leaders in every civic movement for progress or for charity.

These women were prominent when the drive to clean up the government was started. All of them were in the great crusade for a city manager charter. They have given of their talents and time to good causes.

Now they declare that the present prohibition regime is a menace to morals. They must be given credit for the same sincerity that they have shown in the past.

For many years the prohibition forces had a monopoly of respectability. That was before it was tried. That was when the evils of the old saloon were apparent. That was when the welfare of the future seemed to be in the direction of absolute suppression.

Today respectability demands practicality. It demands that the ideal be reached, not abandoned to a phrase. It demands the same old objective of the curbing of the evils of alcohol and that the objective be reached by a path that will produce results, not greater evils.

The liquor problem must be solved. Perhaps these women of keen conscience and keen minds will point the way. They can not be ignored. Nor can their motives be attacked.

A Real Service

Out of the list of fine agencies which last winter endeavored to minimize the misery of the workless and hungry, none rendered better service than the kitchens operated by city employees.

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The Rights of Age

For 42,000,000 of us the poorhouse no longer lies just over the hill, but a long way back in the realm of discarded fears.

For 70,000,000 of us it may lie just ahead.

In the United States, where forty-eight rights must be made for each victory won, it is a long tedious time before conceptions of social responsibility, accepted elsewhere, come to prevail generally. But in the last year, recognition of the need for old age security has spread more rapidly than ever before in this country.

Five states have been added to those with old age pension laws in the last few months, and the total of these now is seventeen. Four state commissions are studying old age security, with a view to action when their legislatures convene again.

The state legislature of Indiana adopted a pension law this spring only to have it vetoed by the Governor. The legislature of Pennsylvania adopted a constitutional amendment opening the way for future action.

In seven other states, one branch of the legislature favored pension laws. All this indicates that the movement for old age security probably will move forward even faster in the future.

Our obligation to those who have toiled honorably in the community for a lifetime has been neglected too long. All the haste with which we can act to discharge it will not be too great.

Mussolini and the Pope
Ever since the Fascist dictatorship took over power in Italy, political prophets have foretold its speedy end. This is too late in the day to fall into such easy prophecy.

Mussolini, when the time comes, probably will not fall quickly. His control of military weapons and espionage is so complete that he is apt to give revolutionists a long run for their money.

Nevertheless, it is not too much to say that his growing conflict with the pope is weakening his hold seriously on Italy. Not that the Catholic church alone is able to undermine him, but that its power is said it would be when added to other anti-Fascist elements.

Long ago Il Duce lost support of the Liberals and Labor. The middle classes now are restive under his restraint.

At this distance it is idle to speculate on the reasons for the church-Fascists conflict, which seemed to have been settled by the papal treaty of two years ago. Rigid censorship obscures the facts.

Whether the Catholic societies took the initiative in anti-Fascist political action and thus aroused the Fascist rank and file, as the government contends, or whether Mussolini deliberately precipitated the terrorism, is not clear.

But in either case, Mussolini seems to be getting himself into a deeper hole.

If the church societies were attempting illegal interference with political affairs—and that has not been proved—Mussolini could have handled the issue to his own advantage by legal methods. Instead, he has allowed a reign of terror, which only can make martyrs of large numbers of religious adherents.

An Italian delegate warmed things up by asserting that though only 1,600 pounds of heroin were needed to supply the world each year, Switzerland had produced five times that amount in four months.

A Swiss delegate defied anybody to prove that any drug produced in Switzerland had entered illicit traffic.

The Italian delegate said that he was willing to take his Swiss brother's word for it, that he expected no one to admit that drugs from his country were entering illicit trade, but that the tons and tons now being smuggled all over the map must come from somewhere.

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By giving the state power to enjoin publication of newspapers carrying alleged defamatory matter, the Minnesota law clearly limited the freedom of the press, contrary to the due process clause of the federal Constitution.

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It should be obvious to the layman, much less to a jurist, that the laws of libel give necessary and adequate protection against published matter, without the sweeping gag rule attempted by Minnesota.

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