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

Well, Why Not?

Every citizen will be interested in the effort to bring here the national convention of the Republican party. This city is equipped to entertain such a gathering. It would offer an opportunity to exhibit to the nation the resources of Indiana. It would advertise the progressive rehabilitation of the Republican party in the state through a series of defeats at the polls. It would herald a growing opportunity for the followers of Lincoln and Roosevelt to regain control of the party itself.

True, the present indications are that the convention may be a ratification meeting and without dramatic interest. But even that picture may change before the convention. The show may be worthwhile. Let it be hoped that a similar invitation will be extended to the donkey that goes to the elephant. That convention has promise. It will probably be filled with fireworks and that most important phase of drama—suspense.

It is possible, of course, that both parties might accept invitations. They may desire to have an American atmosphere in which to operate. They may desire to tent upon contested territory. They would find that in Indiana.

The Way of the World

Entrance of Clarence Darrow, noted defender of the underdog, into the case of D. C. Stephenson, will attract public interest and perhaps it may center attention upon the group of politicians who rose to power when this one-time czar ruled Indiana.

The people know part of that sordid story. They know that candidates for congress sold their patronage for favor. They know that governors obtained fancy prices for spavined horses and that mayors of cities took orders. They know that the laws of the state were rewritten by this dictator and that legislative committees were named at his suggestion.

They remember the sycophantic fawning of the great upon the man who is now under a life sentence. They know that through his influence men went to high places, even the United States senate.

They remember the sighs of relief from these same beneficiaries when Stephenson was lodged behind a cell and official power was used to prevent a confession of his political crimes and a revelation of his political triumphs and alliances.

There were whispers of promises of a pardon that never came, of influence that would be used for him but if used at all, was used against him.

It is written that those who live by the sword shall die by the sword and so it happened that those who used Stephenson and were used by Stephenson deserted him in his dark hours. Gone were the Coffins and the Robinsons. Gone were the puppets of mayors. Gone were the pliable congressmen. No wonder that Darrow came.

He was the outstanding foe of the Klan hate. He had stood rigidly for tolerance. But when you hear the yelping of an underdog, especially a deserted dog, somewhere in the offing is Darrow.

How Miners Live in West Virginia

Years ago the soft coal miners in West Virginia were reasonably well organized. But in the struggles of the last fifteen years against coal companies and deputy sheriffs at the beck and call of the employers, the union organization has been broken. The results on the lives of the workers are thus described by Tom Tippet, a highly capable and reliable student of labor conditions:

"The miners live in isolated company villages far up in the mountains. A small, unpainted shack on stilts, uncared, with broken steps and leaky roof, is a common type of home. These houses are jammed like boxes next to each other, separated by narrow bare yards and untidy fences. Privies stand close to the houses and often above the out-door wells from which all water must be carried.

"The miners must trade at the company store where prices usually range from 20 to 66 per cent higher than in the outside towns. The wages of many run about \$2 and \$3 a day—and work is far from steady. On pay day many workers receive, literally, no money whatever, their payments for rent, food, doctor, explosives for mining, etc., having used up all their earnings and being subtracted from their pay. A very large proportion of the men are in debt to the company month after month. They hardly ever see real money, what they usually get being scrip, or company money, which must be discounted perhaps one-fourth if they wish to buy outside the company domain.

"When the union was strong, the men worked only eight hours a day. Now they often are forced to stay in the mine for ten, eleven, twelve hours without extra pay. After work they go back to their little homes literally 'coal-black' from head to foot with the dust.

"Since the men are in debt to the company, it is very difficult for them to leave. Boys inherit their fathers' debts. Some villages can be approached only up the railroad track owned by the company. The miners, their wives and children are practically locked up in these isolated, bleak, bare villages. Company guards are always on hand to keep the miners in the camps, and strangers out, and the miners remember how hundreds of their fellows have been tortured and shot down in the past by these private gunmen. But they are determined to fight nonetheless for better lives for themselves and their families."

A desperate effort is now being made to reorganize the West Virginia coal fields and regain for the workers some part of their former decent standards. Those who join the union are ruthlessly discharged by the coal companies and are compelled to live under conditions such as the following:

"There is the home of a 30-year-old striker, whom I will call Walter Robinson. He went inside. Some coals were burning in a grate, and around it huddled Mrs. Robinson and three small children. All of them without shoes, all only half clothed. On the bed in the same room was a tiny baby, 3 months old. Still another child died this year. From where I stood I could easily see through the house whose walls were single planks separated by wide cracks. It was just as easy to see sky through the roof. Nothing that is called furniture was in the place nor any other thing commonly associated in our minds with the word home. All the Robinsons were hungry and have been under for months.

"Robinson is not a shiftless fellow. He gathered up his pay envelopes which he proudly has kept for a long period. Ten years ago, when there was a union here, he could earn \$70 or \$80 for two weeks' work. But that is all gone now. His home is a perfect mirror of his wages. Time was when he had furniture and clothes and food and a feeling of security with a strong organization back of him. The union was destroyed and with it his home and his self-respect. Now he lives on much lower standards than the mine mules.

"The Robinson home is typical of all the stranded

M. E. Tracy

SAYS:

Parisian Patrioteers Have Shown Us How Not to Solve a Big Problem in a Simple Way.

NEW YORK, July 2.—A dramatic ten days, thanks to the weather, airplanes and France. Eight hundred people have died from the heat in this country alone, while the world has shrunk by more than 50 per cent in the time required to go around it, and Parisian patrioteers have shown us how not to solve a big problem in a simple way.

Win, lose or draw, France has made a mistake. Her emotions may be understandable. But her reasoning is not.

Jailing Debtors Futile

It's all right to yell that a contract's a contract, but what are you going to do when one of the parties to it goes broke?

We used to put poor debtors in jail on the theory that if we couldn't get the money we were entitled to such satisfaction as went with seeing them suffer, but even those whom they owed finally got wise to the senselessness of it.

Modern business not only gives the debtor every chance, but when his situation becomes hopeless, lets him go through bankruptcy and wipe the slate clean. Every one is better off, creditors included.

Nation Can Go Broke

NATIONS are not much different from individuals when it comes to finance. They are just a little bigger.

Nations can be foolishly extravagant, get behind with their bills and go broke. They can make a big play and lose it all, or stand in their own light by crowding those who owe them too hard.

In view of what has happened since 1914, there should be no need of pointing out that nations can't always get what they want when they want it.

France Forgets Rescue

FRANCE is wise, she will profit by the failure of Kaiserism's arrogance, and not make the blunder of imitating it. Also, she will admit that she escaped disaster, not through her own prowess, but through the timely assistance of fifteen or twenty countries.

If 1914 proved that no nation could win battles alone, 1931 proves that no nation can maintain prosperity alone.

The one outstanding effect of modern progress is to lift human activities and interest beyond the control of individual governments.

Statecraft Lagging

TRADE, travel and interchange of every description have become world-wide affairs. Statesmanship, which is the art of handling the world, is lagging behind the challenge which this involves.

The performance of Post and Gatty stands out in sharp contrast to the windjamming, at Paris. Statecraft is at least 100 years behind science and industry. It has hardly reached a point, where it can visualize the need of the grocery business, much less that of aviation.

As a matter of fact, statecraft is doing quite as much to block the paths of natural development as to open them.

Ally of Progress

THERE is one aspect of Russian Communism and Italian Fascism which outsiders would do well to study. Both recognize the necessity of adapting to modern life, and employing it to help people get the benefits of modern commerce, science and industry.

That must become a world-wide attitude, regardless of the particular form of government under which people live, or the particular political belief they hold.

Mechanical power has altered completely the problems of trade and finance.

New Vision Needed

MANKIND stands on the threshold of a new era, an era which promises to bring the resources of the entire world to the home and workshop of the humblest of us, but only if statecraft opens the way.

Statecraft can not open the way by clinging to traditional prejudices, or even traditional habits.

"The politician, as well as the trader, must recognize how definitely horizons have expanded and increased his perspective to fit them.

Trade Confusing

WE talk about international banking as though it were a calamity, when it is only a logical by-product of the times.

While professing alarm at certain aspects of international trade, we are all in favor of the goods it carries, especially if we can't get them at home.

The general struggle to prevent imports on the one hand and boost exports on the other has become so confused as to be doing more harm than good.

Such problems need to be clarified, but that is impossible without giving every one interested a chance to be heard, or without paying some heed to majority opinions.

Questions and Answers

How old is Babe Ruth, the baseball player?

He was born Feb. 7, 1894.

Is there anything that can be put on the hands while playing tennis to keep the racket from slipping?

Magnesium carbonate rubbed in the palms will give you a better grip.

What is the name of the song written by Phil Plant and dedicated to his former wife, Constance Bennett?

"My Yesterdays With You."

What is the mean elevation above sea level of the city of New Orleans?

Approximately 5 feet.

Is Australia an island or a continent?

It is an island entirely surrounded by water, but its great size warrants it being called a continent. It frequently is referred to as the "island continent."

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SCIENCE

BY DAVID DIETZ

Noted Educator Denies Any Reason for Clash of Science and Religion.

THERE is no reason for a conflict between science and religion. So says Sir J. Arthur Thomson, professor emeritus of natural history in the University of Aberdeen.

Thomson is well known to American readers as the author of a number of books on evolution and natural science. He is one of twelve British authorities who contribute to a symposium published under the title of "Science and Religion" by Scribners.

Thomson states his thesis as follows: "If science is descriptive formulation and if religion, on its intellectual side, is a transcendental or mystical interpretation, there should not be any radical antithesis between them.

Such a sorry cry as 'The Bible of Darwin' illustrates the false antithesis, sounding like 'Food or Fresh Air'; the plain answer in both cases being 'more of both.'"

It seems to me that here Thomson touches upon one of the chief reasons for the battles which rage between scientists and religionists. Too often, the scientist is hasty in his judgment of religion. And too often, the religionist is hasty in his judgment of science.

Moreover, science realizes that it is far from its full development, and it seems likely that there is yet room for much development in the field of religious experience.

More of Both

SCIENCE and religion, says Thomson, are to be ranked among the greatest achievements of man. He describes them as "science, which makes the world translucent, and religion, which hitches our wagon to a star."

And, he continues, "it seems in some measure wasteful that two of man's greatest achievements should so often be pitted against each other."

"Would it not be better to spend the time and energy in gaining more science and more religion, for none of us has too much of either?"

"Suppose it be allowed that religion, like science, is a natural and necessary activity of the evolving spirit of man; that both religion and science in pure form are inherently noble; that both, apart from perversions, make for the enrichment of life; then it seems a pity that they dissolving, it is based on experiment and observation, and verifiable by all normally constituted minds who can use the methods."

Science, says Thomson, opens the way for religion. "Science," he says, "in dissolving the minor mysteries, leaves the wonder of the world confessed. When the half-gods go, the God may arrive."

About Labels

I HAVE quoted at length from Thomson's contribution to the symposium, because in many ways it seems to me that the spirit which lies beneath the entire project. It seems to me that too much is being made in the world today of the distinctions between the labels, "science" and "religion." After all, there is only one universe. We, and all our experiences, are part of that universe. Labels and distinctions are all of our own making.

Science once upon a time was far more divided by labels and distinctions than it is today. The gap between physics and chemistry has been closed by physical chemistry. Astrophysics has united astronomy and physics. Biochemistry has united biology and chemistry.

The physiologist and the psychologist are beginning to realize that frequently they are both talking about the same things, differing only in each other only in the uses of their individual technical vocabularies.

Sociologists today are making use of the findings of science. In countless other ways which might be enumerated, gaps are being closed. We speak of the "art of medicine" as well as the "science of medicine."

Perhaps, there is reason to be optimistic. The world is beginning to see that every proper human activity leads to the enrichment of life.

Daily Thought

And if any man obey not out word by this epistle, note that man, that he may be ashamed.—II Thessalonians 3:14.

We need only obey. There is guidance for each of us, and by lowly listening we shall hear the right word.—Emerson.

Lukewarm Baths Will Reduce Fever

BY DR. MORRIS FISHBEE

Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine.

WHENEVER any one has a fever, his metabolism is increased. Formerly all fevers were believed to be harmful and the first attempt of the physician was to get rid of the fever as soon as possible.

It now is recognized that fever may be a reaction of the body against disease, and physicians are not so anxious to get the fever lowered.

During a fever there is an increased production of heat. However, the amount of heat produced is no greater than that experienced during moderate exercise.

The reason for a rise in body temperature is primarily interference with elimination of heat. A rise in temperature, therefore, means that the heat production is increased and the amount eliminated is interfered with.

When the temperature reaches a certain high level and stays there, physicians understand that a balance has been reached between heat production and heat elimination.

In fevers the heat regulating mechanism is adjusted to a higher level. In other words, the thermostat that controls heat is set at a higher point.

When the temperature reaches its maximum, the regulator begins to work, giving the blood increased circulation through the skin and this throws off enough heat to maintain the body at a fairly constant level of temperature.

One of the best known methods for reducing fevers is the use of baths with lukewarm water, which help to eliminate the heat from the surface of the body.

Investigators have found that for each degree of centigrade rise in the body temperature there is a 13 per cent increase in heat production.

An increase of three degrees of centigrade in temperature means an increase in metabolism from 30 to 60 per cent. This also may explain the great loss of weight associated with long-continued high fevers.

There is a toxic destruction of body tissue; indeed, the destruction of proteins during fever is more excessive than that secured by starvation.

One German investigator estimates that a loss of 500 grams of muscle during pneumonia occurs not infrequently. The reserves of carbohydrates or sugar are, however, burned first.

IT SEEMS TO ME

BY HEYWOOD BROWN

A CERTAIN novelist wants to ask a certain question. "Do you believe," he inquires, "that personal attacks, false or true, should be included in articles which purport to be reviews of an author's book?"

"Do you believe that a critic should confine himself to an opinion of the literary values and the importance and originality of a book without intruding his emotional reactions toward the author as a man in daily life?"

It is not necessary that I should confine myself wholly to the literary value of a book, or to the emotional reactions toward the author as a man in daily life. I believe I am against this particular writer. For instance, let us assume that a new war novel comes out. I may happen to have information, personal or otherwise, that the author is a pronounced pacifist and that his book was written with the desire to arouse sentiment against war. I think it is my privilege to note this fact in my review. It is not necessary that I should confine myself wholly to the literary value of a book, or to the emotional reactions toward the author as a man in daily life. I believe I am against this particular writer. For instance, let us assume that a new war novel comes out. I may happen to have information, personal or otherwise, that the author is a pronounced pacifist and that his book was written with the desire to arouse sentiment against war. I think it is my privilege to note this fact in my review. It is not necessary that I should confine myself wholly to the literary value of a book, or to the emotional reactions toward the author as a man in daily life. I believe I am against this particular writer. For instance, let us assume that a new war novel comes out. I may happen to have information, personal or otherwise, that the author is a pronounced pacifist and that his book was written with the desire to arouse sentiment against war. I think it is my privilege to note this fact in my review.

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Even though the writer takes the characters of his story to an unknown city, still he travels with them. He is writing himself down on paper.

How, then, is it possible to leave him out of my comprehension, to report upon his poem or play or story? Since he has not left himself out of the story, why should the critic leave him out of the review?

Fame?

I where, in all humanity and mercy, the line of revelation must be drawn, but it is nonsense to say that the personality of the author is irrelevant.

Something of the author himself remains upon the page even after he has completed his job and the book is bound and sold.

I do not see how it is possible to draw a sharp line between the individual and his performance.

No Privacy

TO be sure, there are certain facts about an author which I would not want to drag into a review, even though I might be perfectly sure of my ground. But even here I must setup the rather feeble excuse of a partial devotion to good taste.

It would embarrass me to say in reviewing a novel, "The author happens to be a notorious drunkard." Yet an argument can be made for even such an intimate revelation of an artist's private life. Surely such a fact, if true, is not irrelevant.

If the book concerned modern American life, its tone and its emotion might very well be colored by the creator's violent revolt against Volsteadism both in theory and in practice.

Some years ago there was great commotion because a literary critic indicted an author by remarking that the author was a spinster. I hasten to add that it was not my review which brought this severe accusation. I think I would have hesitated to go into the delicate problems of an author's sex experience or lack of it.

A Target

AND yet I can not maintain that the critic was wholly beyond the domain of legitimate reviewing. The book possibly could have been influenced vastly by the author's lack of sophistication.

As it happens, I would not think of contending that no one can write about Du Barry unless she has been Du Barry, I myself intend some

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REASON

BY FREDERICK LANDIS

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REASON

BY FREDERICK LANDIS

THE Oklahoma deputy sheriff who shot those two Mexican students was acquitted at Ardmore, as was expected.

Possibly he thought the students were bandits, possibly he thought his life was in danger.

But he did not have on a uniform and all officers who seek to make arrests these days should have some sure designation to distinguish them from hold-up men.

There is not a motorist in his right mind who would stop, night or day, when commanded to do so by a man in plain clothes.

In the early days of motoring, all cars stopped to assist a brother on wheels when he was in distress, but now the driver who knows his onions and his bandits will not stop for anything but a washout or pick up anybody but a grandfather who has been duly certified.

A GENTLEMAN out in Iowa who weighs more than 400 pounds was overcome by the heat and it required the services of six policemen to take him to a hospital, proving once more that large bodies move slowly.

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