



## The Indianapolis Times

(A SCRIPPS-HOWARD NEWSPAPER)  
Owned and published daily (except Sunday) by The Indianapolis Times Publishing Co., 214-220 West Maryland Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Price in Marion County, 2 cents a copy; elsewhere, 2 cents; delivered by carrier, 25 cents a week. Mail subscription rates in Indiana, \$3 a year; outside of Indiana, 65 cents a month.

BOYD GURLEY, Editor ROY W. HOWARD, President EARL D. BAKER, Business Manager

PHONE-Kiley 5551 Member of United Press, Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance, Newspaper Enterprise Association, Newspaper Information Service and Audit Bureau of Circulations.

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

### The Final Test

Public sentiment will support the attitude taken by Judge Harry Chamberlin and some other candidates on the Republican ticket who declare that they will have nothing to do with Boss Coffin or any of his friends in the coming campaign.

It is regrettable that the brave fight made to create a Republican organization that was above suspicion of any alliance whatever with Coffinism failed.

Had Ralph Gregg, courageous young lawyer, been elected to leadership, the Republican party would have had a much better chance to appeal to the independent voter in the fall.

While the attitude of Judge Chamberlin has always been known, the conversion of some of the others who are now listed as opposed to the boss has been too recent to be accepted without some scrutiny.

The slate of candidates in the primary issued by Coffin indorsed some of those now so listed. There is a disquieting feeling that some of those who publicly announced their stand with Chamberlin, whose reputation for honesty is worth votes to any one who can stand in its shadow, are privately consorting with the same old forces.

A signed declaration of relentless war against any boss would be a better test. But the final one will come when these candidates go upon public platforms and pledge themselves to the people to divorce themselves completely from Coffinism.

A real rebellion by candidates on the Republican ticket would go far to end all bossism.

### Why the Delay?

Weeks ago it became known that a large amount of liquor had disappeared from the federal building.

That liquor had been confiscated by prohibition agents who are paid by the people to enforce the law. It had been taken, presumably, to keep it from reaching and debauching any citizen, male or female.

The amount was given a value in accordance with prevailing bootleg prices of several thousands of dollars. The information in regard to the disappearance of this liquor was rather definite. The amount was a matter of common gossip. There was confirmation in official circles.

There is no doubt that the liquor went for the very purposes to prevent which it had been confiscated by the pay roll boys.

But there seems to be a singular lack of any official interest in punishing those who confiscated the confiscated booze.

Uncle Sam seems to be able to catch others but not himself when he goes into the bootleg industry.

Daily the public watches the procession of small offenders who are punished for violations of the liquor law. But it is not encouraged by the prosecution of faithless custodians of the "evidence."

If there be no zeal in pursuing this rather scandalous affair, there should be at least an explanation of the delay.

### Taxation Hardships

The federal budget will be balanced with necessary economies and a billion-dollar tax bill. It is certain now that this will be done. There is disagreement only as to which of several economy plans will be chosen, and which of several tax plans will be used—each equally able to balance the budget.

Now that the senate is beginning to consider its tax bill, the Scripps-Howard newspapers repeat the editorial statement made when the house tax bill was up last month—namely, that the nuisance taxes and the increased income taxes will not be necessary if beer is legalized and taxed.

Every industry and every individual singled out by the pending tax legislation to carry a heavier burden has a right to resent the hypocritical discrimination which lets the bootleg industry and the racketeer go untaxed.

Chief reason for the federal deficit is that we have been throwing away tens of millions of dollars yearly in an impossible attempt to enforce an unenforceable law, and at the same time sacrificing the government revenue from liquor which would go so far toward balancing the budget.

In offering his amendment yesterday for 4 per cent beer taxed at \$6 a barrel, Senator Bingham estimated conservatively that the return to the government would run from \$375,000,000 to \$500,000,000 a year. Taking the minimum figure of \$375,000,000, such a beer tax could be substituted for the following taxes in the pending bill:

Ten per cent amusement tax on admissions over 10 cents, \$11,000,000.

Radio and phonograph tax, \$11,000,000.

Communications tax, \$23,000,000.

Besides eliminating all the above taxes, the proposed beer tax would permit reduction of other taxes in the bill as follows:

Reduce automobile, truck and accessories taxes to 3, 2 and 1 per cent, respectively.

Reduce lubricating oil tax from 4 to 2 cents a gallon.

Reduce the proposed 3, 6 and 9 per cent normal income tax rates to 2, 4 and 7 per cent.

Those reductions would amount to \$68,000,000.

The automobile, amusement and communications industries should be willing—and are willing, we believe—to carry their share of any special burden necessary to balance the budget. But it is unfair and unwise to burden those industries and all income tax-payers with the tax due from the liquor industry.

It is especially unfair and unwise for congress to free the liquor industry from all taxes when a majority of the voters of the country have shown by straw ballots and official by-elections that the country is predominantly wet.

If the beer tax amendment is defeated in the senate, the senators responsible at least will be put on record for the benefit of the citizens who will vote upon some of them next November.

### New Pension Drive Casts Shadow

(From the Philadelphia Public Ledger)

Testing recently as to the staggering cost of benefits to World war veterans, without reference either to adjusted compensation or to possibility of outright pensions at some future date, General Frank T. Hines, veterans' administrator, calculated that it would reach a total of \$21,500,000,000 thirteen years hence, or more than half of the total cost of the war itself to the United States. Since the war, the government has expended \$6,000,000,000 on veterans' aid.

And he predicted that we still would be paying for this war well into the next century. He called attention to the fact that eight widows of the War of 1812 still are on the pension list.

Never in the history of this or any other nation has there been such an instance of general generosity with its soldiers as has been afforded by this government's treatment of the veterans of all its wars and especially those of the latest and greatest conflict.

## M. E. Tracy

Says:

*A Little Leadership at Washington Makes the Whole Country Feel More Cheerful.*

**N**EW YORK, May 11.—The change of atmosphere at Washington shows what a little leadership can accomplish. Congress is in a much better mood than it was at this time last week, and the country at large feels much more cheerful.

Not that the country at large is looking for a miracle, but that, for the first time in three months, it has reason to believe that the necessary bills will be passed.

The country at large never has regarded the problem of recovery as of partisan character, chiefly because it has had no opportunity to distinguish between partisan plans.

Neither party has announced anything like a coherent program.

The treasury department has made certain recommendations, which have been amended, modified, or thrown away to make room for substitutes by various congressional committees. As a general proposition, party alignments have gone to smash at the most critical moment.

The result has been confusion, rather than clean-cut cleavage.

The country has had little chance to form opinions in accord with party allegiance.

### Herriot Comes Back

"If European matters do not interest Americans, why don't they let us alone?"

"It hardly seems logical that we should be taking orders from the Americans, who disdain our difficulties and take interest in them only when they think they will prove profitable."

These and similar recent campaign statements by Edouard Herriot are being requested by the American press, now that the mayor of Lyons is to be premier again. Such quotations, taken alone, seem to make out Herriot a Chauvinist as bad as Tardieu and his extremists.

But that is hardly an accurate impression. Eight years ago, when he formed the left bloc government, Herriot was liberal, though not radical in his policies. He angered the Nationalists by agreeing to early withdrawal of French troops from the German Ruhr. He recognized Russia. He improved relations with the United States.

Something of a demagog, perhaps his present campaign tirades against Germany and the United States can be dismissed as a political gesture, made under pressure. That the campaign against him was a hard and dirty one was indicated when the right press and some officials of the Tardieu government tried to capitalize the assassination of President Doumer by calling the killer a Bolshevik.

The assassin was well known as a counter-revolutionist and Fascist, bitterly hostile to Communism and Moscow. But his misleading propaganda was expected to produce enough fear in the electorate to return the Right government to power. The ruse did not work.

The fact that it did not work reflects the intelligence of the French voters and their desire for a more temperate government.

Herriot's cabinet will be conciliatory. Just how far he will go in modifying French militarism, which is one of the great curses in world affairs today, will depend largely on whether he builds his coalition on the Socialists to the left of him or on the Centrists to the right of him.

In any case, with the far eastern mess still boiling dangerously, the world disarmament conference at deadlock, and the entire reparations-debt issue up for international discussion next month, the world will breath a little easier now that the liberal Herriot is headed for office rather than the amateur dictator, Tardieu.

### Hoosier Horse Sense

Washington, Ind., has a thirty-year-old publicly owned electric light plant that works not only for consumers, but taxpayers.

This project enables Washington to get along on the lowest tax rate in Indiana. This rate is 49 cents, compared with \$1.12 in 1930. The city has no debt. There is a \$70,000 surplus in the light fund.

Besides the plant's earnings at relatively low rates have added \$176,000 to the general fund. Last year, to save interest, the city paid off light plant bonds of \$57,000, some of which do not mature for twenty years. Out of light plant revenues, the city also purchased the local street railway system and operated it with a 5-cent fare.

Naturally enough, jockeying for advantage became the major objective, while the country suffered from lack of action.

### Platform Will Count

**P**RESIDENT HOOVER has gone a long way toward setting things right, and it will be very hard to rob him of the credit, though Democrats can do a great deal for their party by falling into line.

In this connection, both Democrats and Republicans would do well to remember that the election is likely to be won on issues and arguments which have little more than an indirect bearing on the depression.

What the footloose voters are waiting to learn is how the parties stand on such things as prohibition, power, graft and foreign trade.

This is one of those rare occasions on which the platform may count for more than the candidate.

What is the origin of the name Philippines and Filipino?

Filipino, the name applied to natives of the Philippine Islands, is derived from the Spanish name of their country, Islas Filipinas. The islands are named in honor of King Phillip II of Spain, whose reign extended from 1527 to 1598.

What is the origin of the name Alamo?

It is a Spanish word meaning poplar or cottonwood. The old Ft. Alamo in Texas took its name from a grove of cottonwoods.

What is the antonym of misogyrist?

Neogamist.

### Just Every Day Sense

BY MRS. WALTER FERGUSON

I AM willing to play fair with my correspondent from the Sunny South on the question of prohibition. To blame all social evils on the eighteenth amendment is not only short-sighted, but fanatical as she contends. Granting that, however, I shall have to ask her to be equally generous and retract her statement that any woman who works or writes against the dry law is in favor of universal drinking or a return of the wet law.

Surely between softness and complete teetotalism there is some firm middle way for our perplexed souls. Both law and license are evils when carried to extremes. There should be a happy medium which can be the goal of intelligent America.

Of one thing, however, we must be convinced: Never again can we go back to the state of mind that produced "Ten Nights in a Barroom." American wives never will knock timidly at the family entrance of liquor dens to beg for the return of inebriated husbands.

No matter what we may do with the prohibition law, the man who hangs out in saloon or speakeasy will not come home to lord it.

IN this respect there is no going back. The good or bad old days, however we may choose to regard them, are gone forever. It is childish to believe that we can assume again the habits of the 'Eighties in drink or dress.

And it is more than folly to contend that with the eighteenth amendment repealed every man would come staggering home and pawn the baby's shoes for a Stein of beer. Or that every wife suddenly would grow submissive and cowering in the presence of her mate, and meekly take in washing to keep the town drunkard in funds.

Because, prohibition or no prohibition, the American wife is an independent creature. Statistics indeed show far more homes broken by divorce during the dry era than ever before.

But the liquor question has nothing whatever to do with that. Women merely refuse to endure ignorance or abuse at the hands of men, a custom that was looked upon as very excellent when the saloon was in its heyday.

## Ps-s-t—Ps-s-t—Back of You!



### DAILY HEALTH SERVICE

## Charge 'Bad Jaw' to Mouth Breathing

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

**R**ECENTLY, English physicians have been agitated by a discussion of the effects of the English face of breathing through the mouth. For years adenoids have been removed because they interfere with proper breathing through the nose, and because they are associated with other infections.

Among the charges particularly made against the adenoids is the charge that they are associated with deformity of the face, known as "adenoid face," in which the nose is thin and poorly developed, the teeth irregular, with the upper teeth protruding, the mouth open, and the expression vacant.

Naturally enough, jockeying for advantage became the major objective, while the country suffered from lack of action.

**A Dark Horse Squadron**  
SHORT conventions and long conventions make for bad candidates. Steam rollers and battle royale generally produce a citizen of the weaker sort. Mr. Hoover's managers would be shrewd to let the Great Engineer have a chance to show his stuff.

The final choice may not come until Roosevelt, Smith, Garner, Senator Lewis, and a few others have been eliminated. These gentlemen first must cut one another's throats and then sit down in amity to discuss just which man within the ranks they hate the least.

**Entirely My Own Idea**  
OF course, the claims of Cox

are overpopulated by lawyers. I never have thought that they ex-celled as lawmakers.

And that is curious, for the individual in question has attracted wide attention through his clear and articulate comments on current economic and political problems. I do not think he is in grave danger of being chosen, and I have no means of knowing his vote-gathering capacity, since he never has run for anything, although he once held a minor political position to which he was appointed.

Even those who do not agree with his point of view on public affairs must admit that his position near always is well considered and founded on an intelligent grasp of the facts.

In the realm of journalism, I can think of two names which the Democrats would do well to bear in mind. James Cox of Ohio was badly beaten when he ran, but I think that most Americans are ready now to admit that the result of that election was a major tragedy in national politics. The voters might be anxious to make amends.

And it must be said that even in defeat Mr. Cox emerged from the campaign with credit. He was bold and forthright in championing the League of Nations, and surprisingly courageous on the prohibition issue at a time when popular sentiment had not yet begun to swing against the drys.

Among the Democrats, anything can happen. It generally does. Some obscure American who never has seen his name on the first page even now may be polishing a Cross of Gold speech which will put him into the headlines.

Since the race is wide open and none of us is safe, I do not think it premature for me to say that I am not even a receptive candidate and that I will refuse the nomination if proffered. And I mean positively.

But it long has been my contention that the newspaper profession has had insufficient representation in politics. For the most part legislative halls and executive chambers

is the method now used for taking deep sea soundings?

It is the echo method, consisting of an electric transmitting unit which sends sound vibrations through the water, and as they rebound from the ocean's floor they are registered on a receiver in the ship. The depth of the water is determined by noting the lapse of time between the sending and receiving of the signals. It operates like a clock.

Where are the leading zoos of the United States located?

New York, Philadelphia, Washington (D. C.), St. Louis, Detroit, Chicago, Cincinnati and San Diego, Cal.