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

Save the Schools

With only Jim Nejdl, brave old soul, veteran of many wars in behalf of the people, standing in the breach, the state senate has passed a measure which will put into politics every country school teacher and every teacher in any town and village outside of Indianapolis and a few smaller cities.

It repeats the teachers' tenure law, which, to most people, is only a phrase, but which, to every father and mother, is the sole hope of having the children of this state taught by educators and not by politicians.

So the people may know, this law provides that any teacher who has taught for five years is assured of a lifetime job, subject only to removal for incompetency or insubordination.

Under this law, teaching becomes not only a profession, but a vocation which sincere people may adopt not only as a means of livelihood, but as a foundation for real service to society.

It now is proposed to put every country and village school under political pressure, where freedom of thought is impossible, and an ignorant township trustee may change the destiny of all the future Lincolns, Washingtons or Napoleons.

It might be added that all leaders, from time immemorial, have come from the country places, and that no city ever yet has bred a man who changed the course of history.

If there is any function of government that must be kept free from political taint and political tyranny it is the public schools.

If there is any position in public service that should be acquired by merit, under the most strict rules of civil service, it is that of teacher.

Those who guide the young should be beyond the fear of political influence. They should be free from that greater fear, which is job-fear.

Indiana has been kind to its teachers, but no state can be too kind. Its teachers want but little; the minimum pay is but \$2.66 a day. The excuse for this infamous measure is that teachers can be hired at minimum, perhaps, of men who voted for this bill) at \$2.15 a day.

So low have we sunk in our pessimism and period of deflated idealism that we propose to sacrifice all the tommorrows for pennies today.

Surely, a house of representatives which gives even lip service to Thomas Jefferson, whose proudest epitaph was that he founded the University of Virginia and the common school system of America, will not consent to such infamy.

Too Many Denials

The administration protests too much. Every time it denies its blunder of using the army against unarmed veterans, it becomes less convincing.

This continuous flow of alibis and justifications coming from the President, the chief of staff and secretary of war merely advertises to the public how uncomfortable the administration really is.

Secretary of War Hurley's shrill statement of Wednesday night is childish.

Why try to make a red scare out of it when every radical arrested during and after the battle has been released by officials for lack of evidence? Why try to prove that the men were not veterans, when the two shot down were veterans by the government's own admission?

Why insist that this was a violent mob threatening the institution of government, when the police chief who had handled these unarmed men peacefully for two months reported immediately before the army was used that he did not need troops to preserve order?

Why deny that the troops started burning the veterans' camps and ragged possessions, when scores of newspaper reporters and thousands of citizens saw them do it?

Why deny that the army injured any one, when so many of these same reporters and citizens saw the troops gas and ride down hundreds, including children; saw a soldier slash a man's ear, saw the cavalry ride against the doors of stores and homes, saw other ruthlessness?

Of course the army was ruthless—that is the function of an army. But the responsibility is not the army's. The President and commander-in-chief, who called out the army, is responsible.

A Good Diplomat

Ambassador Debuchi is to be recalled, according to apparently inspired reports from Japan. The militarists do not think he is violent enough.

They blame him for not convincing the American government and public that Japanese aggression against China is righteous.

Perhaps these reports are only feelers. It is hard to believe that Japan would be stupid enough to send a militarist to represent her at Washington.

In the critical months ahead, which may strain further the relations of Japan with the United States and with the League of Nations, Tokio will need an envoy here who is respected and trusted.

Rarely in peace-time has a diplomat been put in such a delicate position as Debuchi during Japan's drive on Manchuria and Shanghai.

He represented the best interests of his own government and at the same time retained the confidence and esteem of the United States. That was a great achievement.

Back for Battle

"It will be quite futile for any candidate, in the hope of conciliating any element of the population to attempt to subordinate the repeal of the eighteenth amendment to the solution of the economic problems which press upon us all. The two are intertwined inextricably."

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler has returned from Europe with the above characteristic, clear insistence upon the most genuine, irrepressible issue that has stirred the people of the United States in this generation.

Dr. Butler at once and vigorously takes up the great fight he carried to the Republican convention at Chicago and stuck to until he sailed.

In the "merriment and sarcasm" he heard in England regarding the Republican prohibition plank he will find increasingly duplicated in this country. President Hoover and the Republican strategists can show scant profit from the Chicago straddle.

Nor will they have an easy job from now till November convincing voters that a straddle really is a stride.

When Dr. Butler says repeal is an essential step toward the revival of prosperity in the United States, he also says why:

"Should not more than fifteen states adopt an effective system of state liquor control such as prevails in the province of Quebec or in Sweden, and should

M. E. Tracy Says:

Despite Mussolini's Praise of Fascism and His Own Achievements, Italy Will Find It Necessary to Forget Most That He Has Said and Done.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Mussolini regards peace and democracy as impossible, if not undesirable. He would. Neither leaves much room for men like him.

He owes his present position largely to the demoralizing effect of war. He could not hold it long if Italy were a democracy.

Mussolini is a remarkable man. He will go down in history as one of the outstanding figures of his time. Circumstances, however, have played a big part in his career. Like other dictators, he is nine-tenths creature of the crowd.

Like other restless souls who have risen to sudden and unexpected pre-eminence, he builds his philosophy around personal experience.

Dr. Green of "Nervura" fame once was asked if he really thought the medicine ever did any good. "It did me a lot," he replied, and Mussolini feels the same way about Fascism.

We are ready for repeat. It is the indicated first step, the natural home action by which this nation can move while it considers the larger international programs of prosperity building. We should be blind to our own interests to hesitate and fumble longer with a well-defined issue ripe for settlement.

"This is a case," Dr. Butler points out, "in which the moral issue and the economic issue are two sides of one and the same shield."

Exactly. That makes it the more dangerous for parties or candidates to try old juggling tricks. The day will come, we think, when President Hoover will wish he'd listened a little more to Dr. Butler and a little less to the Anti-Saloon League.

Mussolini is one of them. He has no doubt of Fascism, because it landed him where he is. He lacks the knowledge to appraise it by comparison with other systems.

He knows little about democracy, as practiced in this country. If he had been born here and had been elected mayor of some small town, or to congress, he undoubtedly would be an ardent Democrat.

His faith in Fascism is emotional, not intellectual. He is grateful for what it has done for him, but he is not a philosopher.

Tried Old Method

MUSSOLINI took a weary, confused nation and gave it order by unifying control. He benefited by a general desire for immediate relief, but never will be able to see it in that light.

He thinks that he originated something of new and lasting value, when he only met an emergency by old-fashioned methods.

Italy has had scores of dictators since Rome was founded. Like Mussolini, most of them thought they were the real thing; that the changes they made would last; that the parties they founded would become permanent.

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