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Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way

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THE LEAGUE'S SORE SPOT

THE sore spot of the League of Nations has been touched again by Poland's attitude to repudiate the minorities treaty.

With the proper indignation the self-righteous great powers—Britain, France and Italy—pointedly reminded Poland yesterday that she had accepted the minority and other treaties "in exchange for her independence." Poland has no legal right to kick over the treaty on her own motion and without consent of the other parties to it. This objection to Poland's move is especially pertinent because the international treaty protects minorities who are too weak to protect themselves.

Nevertheless, there is no justice in subjecting Poland and certain of the other "new" countries to supervision and regulation from which the older and larger countries are free. There is an issue of obvious and unjustified discrimination. Similar discrimination has been used against Germany, of course, in the matter of disarmament.

From the beginning, the league has been rigged in favor of the great powers, who too often have exercised arbitrary dictatorial control of the international machinery at the expense of the weaker powers.

Poland and other smaller nations have a case. But they will have to use more intelligent and effective methods than Poland has used in the minorities dispute if they hope to win their fight for a more democratic league.

PAT PLAYS SANTA CLAUS

PROBABLY it is nothing more than political patter when Senator Pat Harrison announces at the summer White House that the next congress may not have to pass a new tax law.

The astute senate finance committee chairman knows there are mounting billions of deficit that must be met. He knows these huge bills for relief and recovery must be paid.

It is true, as Senator Harrison says, that the federal revenues are increasing. Taxpayers turned in a billion more dollars for the last fiscal year than they did for the entire year before. But much of this new revenue came from the pockets of consumers, in the form of excise and processing taxes on food and clothing. Only \$70,000,000 represented increases in taxes on incomes.

There will have to be higher income taxes up and down the line, based on capacity to pay. It is only fair that those who have profited by incomes through better business should help meet the cost of the recovery program. This has been done in England and other countries, and Americans are no less patriotic.

But Senator Harrison apparently has his eye on the November election. He probably recalls Al Smith's remark that people don't shoot Santa Claus just before Christmas, and he is putting on whiskers. It is unlikely that he will fool the political groupings of either party.

A STRONGER LEAGUE

NEWS that the council of the League of Nations is ready to welcome Soviet Russia as a member of the league means that this unwieldy and sometimes rather unreal international organization is ready to take a step which should properly have been taken several years ago.

Whatever the league may or may not amount to as an international force, it is at least obvious that it could never realize its full potentialities so long as it excluded one of the strongest nations on earth from membership. With the United States staying out, of its own desire, and Soviet Russia excluded like a card sharper from an exclusive bridge club, the league was doomed from the beginning to be only partly effective.

Admission of the Soviet union does not, of course, mean that the league will immediately become all that its founders hoped. But at least it will be operating on a sounder basis than it has in the past. Part of its peculiar element of unreality will be gone.

TALK AVOIDS TROUBLE

THE English seem to have thorough knowledge of the way in which free speech serves as a valuable social safety valve.

British Fascists had a big mass meeting in London's Hyde park the other day. Thousands of Fascists paraded; thousands of their sympathizers gathered to cheer them; thousands upon thousands of bitter foes of Fascism gathered to heckle them—and, finally, five thousand bobbies were present to see that no blood was spilled.

There are civic authorities who would have been alarmed at such a demonstration and would have ordered all speeches called off and all mobs dispersed, to prevent trouble. But not the British. They let everybody talk. The bobbies had little or nothing to do. No heads were broken, no noses were punched, and everybody went home happy after it was over.

By letting the discontented talk their heads off, the British very frequently escape serious trouble.

REAL ROMANCE

THE word "romance" is a strange one. It usually conjures up visions of men who live lives of danger and action—soldiers, cowboys, explorers, sailors, and so on; too often we forget that the greatest romance of all is sometimes to be found in a life which, to all outward seeming, is prosaic and uneventful. One is reminded of this by news of the recent death of Dr. William Campbell Posey, noted Pennsylvania ophthalmologist.

Dr. Posey spent his life combating diseases of the eye; and a short time before his death he wrote a short article for the Life-Saving

Review, telling of the romance he had found in the long fight to keep people from losing their eyesight.

He told of the German physician, 150 years ago, who first suspected that infection in a child's eyes at birth could be the cause of blindness, and who vainly tried to persuade his colleagues of the truth of his theory. He had no success.

Physicians kept on explaining to harassed parents that their children had lost their sight because of peculiar atmospheric conditions, cold drafts, unbalanced conditions in the alimentary canal, and the like—and new-born children kept on being stricken with blindness.

Then Dr. Posey went on to carry the story down through the years. He told how the old German doctor was vindicated, some eighty years later, when another German doctor showed the world how to have the sight of thousands of infants annually by dropping a 2 per cent solution of silver nitrate into the eyes of new-born babies.

He told how other specialists devised equipment to make happier and easier the lives of people born with weak or defective eyes; how special methods of care and training were drawn up to fit those who did lose their sight for useful, normal existence; how hospitals and clinics were founded to prevent blindness; how means were found of preventing many injuries to the eyes; how a vast mass of knowledge of disease of the eye was compiled, to make the task of saving eyesight progressively easier.

And in all of this Dr. Posey found an absorbing romantic story—as the rest of us can do, also, if we get rid of our preconceived notions about what romance really is.

In the age-old struggle to make the hard lot of human beings a little brighter and happier there is romance enough to satisfy the most ardent. All we need is some one like Dr. Posey to make us see it.

A CURE FOR NERVES

OVER in London they are trying a new traffic system. Autoists are forbidden to sound their horns after 11 at night. The theory is that when a pedestrian steps off a curb, the motorist won't reach promptly for the horn, but will slow down and stop. This, London believes, will reduce traffic accidents. Too, London wants to sleep and horn-blowing isn't the best thing in the world for a good night's rest.

We in Indianapolis might take the hint for most of this city's automobile drivers are afflicted with toot-itis. Toot-itis, it might be explained, is a peculiar disease.

It's not limited to any particular class. Old and young both have it. Perhaps we should say that four out of five have it. Here's how toot-itis works! You're driving up the street; the traffic light half a block away turns from green to yellow, then to red; you slow up, come to a stop. Cars stop behind you. Then the light changes from red to yellow and although you're supposed to start on the green, not the yellow, you are immediately urged to get along by a blast of toots from behind you.

Or perhaps it's a halt at a downtown corner. If the traffic officer doesn't switch the traffic in ten or twenty seconds, somebody back in the line lets out a weak toot. The fellow in front of him lets out a bolder beep. Suddenly, the chorus starts, honks, beeps and toots. It's all toot-itis.

Let up on that horn, Mr. Indianapolis. We'd like a little peace and quiet for a change.

MANUFACTURING DEFIANCE

THE National Association of Manufacturers cast itself in a questionable role when it advised all employers to ignore the Houde case decision of the National Labor Relations Board upholding qualified majority rule in collective bargaining.

Unless and until the courts upset it, the labor board ruling stands as the highest interpretation of the collective bargaining law passed by congress in Section 7A of the recovery act and in Joint Resolution 44. It is not in the spirit of orderly government for private citizens or organizations to defy law agencies by such methods. Employers have much to lose if defiance of law becomes general in the country.

One wonders what the gentlemen of this association would have said if the American Federation of Labor advised all workers to defy the National Labor Relations Board and its decisions. Wouldn't the cry of "revolution" be raised against labor?

Americans who do not like the laws, or their interpretation by duly constituted authorities, have recourse to the courts and congress. The National Association of Manufacturers can not afford to encourage Americans to resort to less orderly methods of change.

MODEL OF GOOD WILL

THE United States and Canada joined hands recently to dedicate restored Fort Niagara, at the foot of Lake Erie; and while the colorful ceremonies drew much public attention, the whole occasion really should have been impressed on our attention even more strongly.

For this celebration emphasized a familiar but still profoundly important fact; namely, that the long frontier between Canada and the United States has been unfortified for 117 years.

In a world that bristles with international fears and rivalries, here are two great nations so supremely confident that they will keep the peace with each other that they let their joint frontier go entirely undefended. It is a unique achievement in international relations, and restoration of the old bastions of Ft. Niagara is simply a symbol of it. The people of the two nations have a right to be exceedingly proud.

Count and Countess Armand, big landholders from France, were pictured smiling during their trip around the world. In the face of new deals and higher taxes.

Major Angus certainly is right about the coming American boom—at least it's coming for Major Angus.

The bones of a man born 12,000 years ago have been found in Minnesota. If he would only talk, the investigation committee might get some more munition information.

No hurricanes or floods should be scheduled during October. All the Red Cross people will be away at a convention in Tokio.

Maybe we wouldn't mind taxes so much if we could pay them through those "matte game" machines.

Liberal Viewpoint

—BY DR. HARRY ELMER BARNES

A READER in Cincinnati takes me for a rough ride with respect to some things he alleges I have said about collective bargaining and labor unions.

Whatever his strictures, I admire the man because he has had the nerve to sign his name to his letter, something which is altogether too rare with correspondents who have something unpleasant to say. He writes as follows:

"Dear Sir:
 "For some time I have been reading your 'pink-dark pink-stuff' syndicated in the Scripps chain.

"One wonders about just how such a mind as yours works—if at all.

"Any one who dares to write for the public should have as his first clear principle intellectual honesty. You show none of this.

"As an example you relate the killing or wounding of strikers by the police and national guard. Why do we have police and the national guard if not to preserve the peace and protect life and property? Such stuff as you preach is a direct incentive to anarchy.

"You dote on the divine rights to strike. Why not a divine right to work unmolested?

"To be fair, why didn't you tell about the Toledo strikers not only going into property not their own and destroying and bombing? Why didn't you tell of the brutal beatings of those who wanted to work, and the destroying of over three hundred cars belonging to their fellow workmen?

"Few men of any character of intelligence or honesty can write such stuff, unless you think it is more salable because it stirs up class prejudice.

"Why not visualize employers charging with stones, clubs and guns and bombs the headquarters of an A. F. of L. local? Or destroying the laborer's individual property because the laborer would not come to work on the employer's terms.

"You and the other reds and anarchists would howl to the high heaven at this. My only hope is that you may be the personal victim of the lawlessness you condone and approve.

"Damn you! I hope you need police or national guard protection for your life or property and can't get it.

"You and your ilk are too damned big cowards to go to Russia, but you ought to be sent. Yours, C. W. DAVIS."

I MAY misjudge Mr. Davis' sentiments, but if I read between the lines of his letter correctly it somehow seems to me that he doesn't like me and may possibly be opposed to labor unions and collective bargaining.

If he believes that I ever have written anything condoning the wanton violence of the labor unionists, his spectacles have done him a signal disservice.

Indeed, if he had flattered me enough to be "a constant reader," he could not very well have missed a number of columns devoted to a scathing denunciation of labor racketeers and gangsters.

I never have gone further than to maintain that what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. So long as employers invite and practice violence, they can not very well complain if their employes begin to play at the same game, especially when the police are far more solicitous in protecting employers from laboring violence than they are in coming to the rescue of employes threatened by company gunmen, deputy sheriffs and police.

Suppose, however, that I were for a moment to espouse wholeheartedly the cause of property. Unless we have ample mass purchasing power, capitalism is bound to fold up, to be followed by an economic system which will have slight respect for property rights. We know well enough, from more than a century of experience, that without labor unionism employes voluntarily will not pay wages sufficient to supply this necessary purchasing power.

Alert and vigorous labor unionism is the surest bulwark against the ultimate extinction of private property in the United States.

Mr. Davis apparently does not like Russia, but those who share his philosophy are doing more than any one else to make Communism inevitable in the United States.

Munitions—A Game

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Here's some more senate munitions committee testimony: J. Samper, agent in Colombia for Curtiss-Wright planes (in a letter to W. F. Goulding, vice-president of Curtiss-Wright Export Corporation): "I have been in Colombia for some time (Parachute company) some scarfs to distribute among the pilots here. I am afraid that the propaganda was sent too late, because I was informed definitely that the government had ordered the consuls to place orders with our competitors (Switlik) for the parachutes they are in need of."

Artemis Denasos of the Societe Financiere et Technique de Greece, at Athens (in a letter to Export Corporation officials: "I have succeeded to persuade the air minister through a common friend to give his preference to your material. . . . Write to me a private letter saying . . . you will allow me a commission of 5 per cent. . . . I shall transfer this letter to the friend of the minister in order to guarantee him that he shall get his profits without this transaction being disclosed. . . ."

C. W. Webster, agent of Export Corporation for Latin-America (in a letter to Captain C. K. Travis, his representative at La Paz, Bolivia): "In telling this Falcon to Peru, please handle this, if possible, in the same manner as the other Falcon and Hawk we sold. Payment to be made to me personally and not to the company, as I have certain commissions that will have to be paid. . . ."

C. W. Webster (in a letter to J. V. Van Wagner): " . . . Conditions are becoming very acute and I do not wish our files to contain anything with a bearing on this business. You always can send any necessary letters to my home and thereby keep them out of our files. . . ."

W. F. Goulding, vice-president of the Export Corporation (in a letter to F. C. Nichols, of Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company): "In a letter (from Bob Farnsworth, an Export Corporation agent) he refers particularly to the recent visit of General MacArthur (United States army chief of staff) to Turkey, and the fact that General MacArthur was received with great pomp and enthusiasm by the Turkish dignitaries. Naturally, the general was made familiar with the business which we are carrying on with the Turkish authorities and, apparently, he talked up American military equipment to the skies in discussions which he had with the Turkish general staff. Bob Farnsworth says that for safety sake he is not putting down in black and white what was said, but I rather gather that your equipment and ours did not suffer from lack of praise. . . ."

Kaletta Mulvihill Green, the Pittsburgh heiress who wed a truck driver, must have a marvel press agent. Probably she is going to Manila so that she can wear her bathing suit all winter.

Could it be the first-aid companies that encourage Communist candidates for public offices? They never fail to do a good business during the elections.

An Illinois bank, going out of business, offered free fountain pens to induce customers to check out their deposits. If the bank wanted people to withdraw their money, it simply should have failed.

These munitions men apparently have for their slogan: "Let's you and him fight."

London collects taxes through a \$10 fine on auto horns blown after midnight. But our politicians must keep some pleasures.

GULLIVER IN THE LAND OF THE GIANTS



The Message Center

[I wholly disapprove of what you say and will defend to the death your right to say it.—Voltaire.]

(Times readers are invited to express their views in these columns. Make your letters short, so all can have a chance. Limit them to 250 words or less.)

MIND IN RELATION TO MEDICINE

By F. T. W.

In The Times of Sept. 5, Dr. Morris Fishbein enumerates marvelous discoveries in medicine, after which he added:

"There is one important additional trend of modern medicine above all others that has been omitted from the list. It is medicine's recognition of the importance of the mind in relationship to the body generally."

Dr. Fishbein does not claim medical discovery, but rather that medicine recognizes the importance of mind. If medicine had made the original discovery it would have been the greatest discovery of modern times. The good doctor does not define mind, or tell us much about it, in fact nothing, though he admits its importance. Webster of course had to give us a definition, thus:

Mind is the intellectual or rational faculty of man; consciousness; soul; memory; intention; opinion."

One easily may see that the great Webster was somewhat dizzy and rather uncertain as any one must be who attempts to define mind.

Mary Baker Eddy brought to the notice of all mankind the importance of the mind which resulted in greater study of mind and its power than ever had been up to her discovery. Mrs. Eddy defined mind as "spirit, soul, principle, substance, life, truth, love," which is as bewildering as is Mr. Webster's definition, because mind is very difficult to describe, if indeed it ever has been or ever will be properly defined.

New Thought, Unity and other metaphysical followers accept Mrs. Eddy's definition pretty generally. However, these cults differ materially as to the abode or location of the mind. Some believe it to be within the human body, while Mrs. Eddy declares that it is not and could not be. Dr. Fishbein would, of course, differ with Mrs. Eddy.

Medicine does well to recognize mind in its relation to the body and its importance in treating the body for the cure of disease. Students of medicine who recognize the mind as an important factor in relation to bodily functions will discover greater power of the mind than medicine ever has admitted up to this time.

OPPOSERS ARRESTS FOR POLITICAL REASONS

By Orie J. Simmons.

I do live in Rhode Island, the state that was colonized for freedom of speech and opinion, and it was not the federal President, but only a state Governor, who issued to every police chief the order, "arrest immediately and hold for examination every known Communist, for possible connection with riots and disorders in this state."

The order, although a state matter, will be backed if necessary by national troops.

Hitler treated the Jews very similarly. Spain drove out the Moors. At one time the Ku-Klux Klan had a parallel project. Herbert Hoover says, "For the first time in two generations the American people are faced with the primary issue of human liberty."

I am a Republican and detest communism almost as thoroughly as Heywood Brown detests Herbert Hoover, but I hope this thing of arresting members of the "out" political parties goes no further.

The New Deal does not like Republicans much better than it does Communists. Herbert Hoover, the editor of the StatEvePost, and I might all be thrown into the same jail together. If this happens, I

Charges Democrats Fail to Keep Promises

By John A. Simpson.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that the Democratic party has failed utterly to make good most of its campaign promises, as follows:

First, if beer came back, taxes would be reduced greatly. But what are the facts?

Second, although pledged to strict economy, taxes are higher, especially on property. We also have gasoline, oil, sales, tobacco, income, cancelled check and amusement taxes.

Why has the NRA failed? Did it not give labor the right to organize and bargain collectively? Never in the history of this great nation did we witness so many general strikes.

Why so much talk about radicals? Every disgusted person being deceived by rotten politics is not a Communist. Why are elderly persons receiving \$7 a month instead of the \$15 old-age pension maximum?

hope they put the Communists in a separate cell. I am willing to fight to the death their right to spout their jolly ideas, but heaven deliver me from being forced to listen to them.

ATTACK BY HOOVER CALLED BOOMERANG

By D. Yaver.

Mr. Hoover's persistent efforts to belittle the President and his administration have proved a boomerang as ably evidenced by the results in Maine. Mr. Hoover apparently has learned nothing from his infamous "Grass will grow in the streets" tactics.

Mr. Hoover, you are being advised badly in criticizing a real leader and humanitarian like Franklin Roosevelt.

While you and the rest of your element were enjoying your "prosperity around the corner" thousands of families already were destitute and millions of others were undergoing intense suffering quietly. You no doubt held these people in the same scorn you did the Chinese coolies you are alleged to have exploited in your mining ventures.

Indiana can bow her head in shame for permitting your Fascist agent, Arthur Robinson, to represent the state.

Your attempt to frighten the people through the columns of the reactionary Saturday Evening Post and subsidized newspapers is a complete fizzle. The writer suggests you retire to the \$5,000,000 ranch you presented your son and spend your remaining days being entertained by the Meltons, Milles, Falses and Doughens, and by all means surround yourself with your great cabinet.

DEEMS SOCIALISM ONLY WAY OUT

By W. Williams.

More than ten million men now are walking the streets and highways looking for work, and at least another ten million are forced to submit to part time employment. Think of it! Want and grim fear of want haunting the multitudes of the working class. Think also of four million farmers in distress.

Now, let us study the ABC of unemployment. About 5 per cent of the nation's industrial set-up, the mines, mills, factories and railways. By owning the property, they are held also to own the right to give or withhold the jobs connected with the property.

In order that there may be profits, two conditions are absolutely necessary. First, the workers must be paid less than the value of the goods they produce. Second, there must be a market in which to sell the goods.

The Democratic and Republican

I defy the public officials, national, state, county and city administrations to point out economy, with one single exception, namely, reduced pay of underpaid state, county and municipal employes and veterans of all wars, the ones who could least stand the gross injustice. I ask if the Democratic party is the true friend of the forgotten man?

Why not enforce employers of labor to comply with the law, as well as the toiler? Why are the national guard and police always on the scene? Strikers are shot down and strike breakers protected.

The old political bunk is not being crammed down the throats of the voters as easily as office seekers think. We demand justice and action, not promises. We taxpayers foot the bill and demand service, economy and true representation.

parties always have stood for this kind of a system, and stand for it now.

Regulation is not enough. Trust busting is not enough. Honest money is not enough. Do not let yourselves be fooled by those who advocate salve treatment for our social leprosy.

Fifty years of liberal and progressive surface reforms have brought us to the condition in which we find ourselves today. Only the Socialist party advocates the orderly reconstruction of industrial society to bring a full, glad life to all. It is the workers' party in America.

The wealth and knowledge of 150 years of achievement are at our command if we will organize for power. We shall not starve in the midst of plenty. We are the majority. Workers and farmers everywhere unite, agitate, educate and organize. We have world to win and nothing to lose but ball and chain.

ABOUT CHURCHES AND GAMBLING

By a Times Reader.

A few lines for Mr. Jeff will be appreciated in the Message Center. I am sorry for him, worrying about the so-called churches, where the gambling really begins.

Wotsamatt, Mr. Jeff, did you take a chance on the auto given away and didn't get it?

Maybe you do not realize these so-called churches do not wait for the taxpayer to support them, and what is more of it, their schools are self-supporting if you have been reading the papers for fourteen years. It seems you would be more broadminded. Yes, and I don't happen to be a member of these so-called churches.

URGES MORE MONEY FOR RELIEF PURPOSES

By William Rupert.

It is right to cut expenses and reduce taxes in some cases, but in the name of justice and mercy, why cut appropriations for the poor and unemployed and old-age pensions so much more than other items?

We all know there are more needy old persons in this state than last year. Besides, what they have to old persons in this state than last year. It is cruel and inconsistent.

Most of the county councilmen are well-to-do and have plenty of this world's goods. The present President of the United States and ex-President, both with big hearts and big vision, suggest that more ought to be done for the unemployed, the poor and the aged.

I challenge any county council or any individual to show cause why poor relief or old-age pensions should

be reduced below \$8 a month or \$100 a year. The needy can not live or be cared for at any poor home for less. Shame on such treatment. If the county commissioners in some counties do not raise the amount when they meet again next month, some old persons will go hungry and cold this coming winter. I am praying and hoping the unemployed and the aged will be cared for as human beings.

ASKS POLICE "AID" TO BAN DRUNKS

By a Business Man.

As a taxpayer, home owner, a business man in the 1800 block, Shelby street, I hope you will give space in your paper for this letter to the chief of police.

I ask him to do something to clean up Shelby street from Minnesota street to the Belt railroad. On Saturday nights these two blocks are the drunks' paradise. Come out and see for yourself, Chief Morrissey.

When these bums see a police officer in uniform they hide and when he is gone they come out like rats to insult our women and girls.

A family stopped trading with me because the mother was afraid some drunk would harm her children.

Again, Mr. Morrissey, I am asking you to do something about this condition. There are bums on this street who have no means of support. They beg, and if you do not give them money they insult you.

If there is not something done to relieve this condition, we will be forced to go before the board of safety.

So They Say

I just throw 'em in—that's all. Sometimes the ball gets stuck, sometimes it doesn't. Most times, if I throw 'em fast enough, they don't get hit.—Schoolboy Rowe, Detroit Tigers' pitcher.

We all get breaks, good and bad. What happens when they occur is mostly a matter of how we meet them.—Deems Taylor, American composer.

It is far less expensive to replace slum areas with clean, healthful living quarters than