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Teacher Shortage A National Problem

While Indiana is educating its people to the
menace of poor schools, imminent because of a
shortage of teachers, other states in the Union
are face to face with a real crisis.

Reports received by the bureau of education
prove that the shortage is still a grave one. On
the basis of returns from state school officers,
the commissioner of education found that 18,279
schools were closed because of lack of teachers
and that 41,900 schools were being taught by
teachers rated below standard but accepted to
meet the emergency.

Replies to his office showed that in 18 states
pupils were transferred from closed schools to
others, in three states no provisions were made
for their schooling, and two states reported that
the children would lose the grade.

A revival of interest by taxpayers in obtaining
better pay for teachers is noted in 14 states
and a number of commonwealths believe that
public opinion has been thoroughly aroused on
this topic.

A marked decrease in the number of young
men and women preparing to enter the teaching
profession is reported from 190 state, county,
city and private normal schools. More than
11,000 fewer students were enrolled in these
courses last November than in previous years.

Today's Talk

By George Matthew Adams

Several years ago a young fellow
by the name of George J. Whelan
stood on the corner of Broadway and
Seventeenth street, New York, and de-
cided he wanted a smoke.

He looked around for cigar store,
but found none. He walked four
blocks before he got what he wanted.
Then he stood outside—and thought.

That district at that time was one
of the busiest in New York. And a
man had to walk four blocks to get
a cigar. "There ought to be a cigar
store on every busy corner in this
city," said Whelan to himself.

And today there is. And Whelan, as
the head of brains back of the United
Cigar Stores, is the greatest cigar
man in the world.

When a brain and an idea get to
bumping together—watch out! Things
happen.

Long ago, Wendell Phillips said that
"the biggest brains don't go to con-
gress!" And it holds true in every
walk of life, that ideas and a lot
of faith are what makes the world
keep growing.

The other day I talked to a quiet,
modest man in a little real estate
office at Miami, Florida. I marveled
at the great growth of a city that is
so little known to the millions of Amer-
icans. They sell "climate" down there.
And the man whom I talked to owned
one of the largest stretches of that
"climate." And though he is still but
middle-aged, he told me that when he
went there to live, there were only
two houses! But he saw a city. And
now he owns a large part of it.

Here are the names of a few other
beginners whose achievements have
become immortal: Columbus, Edison,
Morse, Bell, Westinghouse, Fulton,
Marconi, Ford, Schwab—each starting
with an idea, and an unkillable faith in
himself!

Dinner Stories

Lectured for 14 years late, the
farmer's boy promised that in future
he would be "up with the lark." The
next morning the old farmer came in
from his milking and found his son
sitting on the stool and singing as
blithely as though there was no such
a thing as work.

"Why, young rascal," said his
exasperated sire, "this is worse than
sleeping. What do you mean by loafing
on that stool and singing at the
top of your voice?"

The lad grinned.

"Why, dad, you told me to be like
the lark, and that's all he does when
he gets up early."

In an infant school the teacher
chose the miracle of the water being
turned into wine as the subject of
the usual Bible lesson.

In telling the story, she occasionally
posed a few questions. One of them
was:

"When the new wine was brought
to the governor of the feast, what
did he say?"

A little girl, remembering what she
had heard, probably on some festive
occasion, called out:

"Here's luck!"

"Perhaps I ought to tell you," said
the applicant for a position, "that I
have just finished serving a prison
sentence."

"Oh, that's all right," said the em-
ployer.



As these schools represent 60 per cent of the
normal schools of the United States, the commis-
sioner of education believes that there will be
7,000 fewer graduates in 1920 than in previous
years. Teacher-training departments in colleges
show approximately the same falling off, his re-
port says.

"Another significant fact is revealed," says
A. O. Neal, of the bureau's division of rural edu-
cation, in commenting upon the situation. Since
1890 there has been a continuous and increasing
withdrawal of men teachers from the profession.
The percentage of men teachers in 1890 was 37
per cent. In 1910 it had fallen to 22 per cent, and
in 1918 to 17 per cent. In other words, in 1890
one teacher in three was a man; in 1910 one
teacher in five; and in 1918 one teacher in six
was a man.

"The question of teachers' salaries is vital in
this discussion, and a comparison of teachers'
salaries from 1916 to 1918, the latest complete
statistics available, shows that in the two years,
from 1916 to 1918, the average teacher's salary
advanced from \$563 per year to \$635 per year,
an increase of \$72, or 13 per cent in the two
years. The total figures for 1918 show that the
average salary for elementary teachers in the
United States was \$606, and the average salary
for high school teachers, \$1,031. The bureau is
now collecting salary schedules from various
states, giving the actual salaries received by
individual teachers in three counties in each state.
These show that the salaries of rural teachers
are far below this average in many states, and
that salaries as low as \$150 to \$200 per annum
are found in many localities.

"Another cause of teachers withdrawing from
the profession is found in the lack of provision
made for suitable homes in the community,
where the teachers may become a part of the so-
cial organization. This is particularly true in
rural districts, where in many communities they
are providing teachers' homes in connection with
the schools."

player. I won't hold that against you.
But, wait a minute. What kind of a
prison was it?"

"A model institution, sir. The
warden, God bless you, was a father
to me!"

"Ah, in that case, I'm afraid you
won't do. This job is not suited to a
hothouse plant." What I want is a man
with calloused hands, and a corn-
ed-beef-and-cabbage appetite."

Good Evening

By Roy K. Moulton

A western man has been missing from
his home for eight years and nobody
knows where he is. Maybe he is in
congress.

To market, to market,
To buy a fat pig.
Home again, home again,
With a half-pound of codfish.

Want ad. in New York paper:
"Lost—Valuable walking stick by a
gentleman with polished ivory head."

OUR OWN LITTLE SCHOOLHOUSE.
Q—When the political orators get
up to speak, what will they talk
about?

A—About two hours.

Q—When you go into a swell res-
taurant with \$5 to buy a meal, what
do you get?

A—You get thrown out.

Now a genius has invented a way
to make doughnuts by machinery. We
can only hope that the manufacturers of
digestion tablets are prepared to
meet this crisis for us.

The history of the doughnut has
never been written. A record of its
exploits in proving the persistency
of human life has never been set
down. What great painter, what great
engineer, what great architect did not
live for years on this confection—and
in spite of it?

The doughnut has left an imprint
upon the public endeavor of this era
which stands unchallenged in the
annals of spectacular achievement, in
the face of acute indigestion.

An apartment house landlord says
he doesn't want to go to heaven, be-
cause he doesn't want to meet any of
his tenants there.

Well, he can go to the other place.
He won't meet any there."

We don't know who will have the
best show next November, but we
believe Ringling Bros. will.

Why should the allies demand a
trial of the kaiser?

The Germans tried him, and he
wasn't any good.

Labor Calendar

Meetings of local labor unions
scheduled for Sunday follow: Glen
Miller Carmen, 671; president, John
Ryce; secretary, C. W. Genn. Time,
2:30 p. m.; place, I. O. O. F. hall.

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Answers to Questions

Telephone—How do you spell anes-
thetic?—Anesthetic is preferable but
anaesthetic is permissible.

C. M.—Who wrote "Fickle Fortune,
or How Gladys Hustled"?—O. Henry.

Voter—How many delegates will
Wayne county have in the Republican
state convention?—Twenty-five. How
many will the district have?—One
hundred and five.

Service Man—Where may one obtain
information regarding the vocational
retraining of disabled soldiers?—The
Red Cross office in the Court
House, or the Elks club, where a com-
mittee has been appointed to assist
disabled men to obtain vocational
re-training.

Eighth Grade Pup!!—Who were the
"White Caps"?—Lawless bands in
southern Indiana, who, from 1880, under-
took the regulation of the morals
of that section. They met in secret
places, wore regalia, which they don-
ned in the woods, rode by night, at-
tempted to regulate the people with
whom they lived, and held their hands
against society and law. They did
the most mischief around English and
Marengo. They wore white paper
foolscap, white paper masks, and
coats of coffee sacking. The whole
White Cap movement was borrowed
from English outlawry.

Gardner—Of what country is the to-
mato a native?—Of South America.

Soldier—How many feet in a kilo-
meter?—3280 ft. and 10 in.

What's in a Name (Copyright)

NATALIE

Natalie is another holy name, com-
ing from the Latin title of "Dies Natalis",
the birthday of our Lord. The word Natalie has furnished the title
of the feast to all the Romance por-
tion of Europe.

France made the word Noel from it,
meaning Christmas, and soon Noel be-
came a Christian name there. In
Italy it appeared as Natalie, Spain
and Portugal used the name Natal.

There is a feast celebrated on the
8th of September by the Greek church
as the festival of St. Natalia, the devoted
wife who attended her husband, St. Adrian, in his martyrdom. He is the
same Adrian whose relics filled the
Netherlands and whose name became
celebrated in the west where his wife,
Natalia, was long neglected.

The east, however, reversed the ar-
rangement and Natalia is popular there,
while her husband is forgotten.

Natalia was one of the favored
Greek Christian names. Russia adopted
her and, adding the usual consonants
of its language, calls her Natalia,
Nataschka, and Natascha. The first of the
tree names is extremely popular there today, or was until the
Bolsheviks came into power and with-
drew the attention of etymologists
from the study of feminine names.

France is said to have secured Nat-
alia from Russia, though there is re-
cord of a Natalie at Cambrai in 1212.

England preferred Natalie to any of
the other forms, rejecting Natalia as
too Latin in its influence. Whether
American Natales are representative
of the English, or taken direct from
France, is a matter of personal pre-
ference.

The pearl of purity is Natalie's tal-
ismanic gem. It promises good for-
tune for its wearer and makes her
gentle, kind, and lovable. Thursday is
her lucky day and 4 her lucky num-
ber.

SOUTH BEND—Favorable discus-
sion of the plans for organization of a
Northern Indiana Teachers' Association
occupied the attention of city and
county school superintendents of this
section in session here.

PRINCETON—L. Hamilton Humphrey,
aged 76, a commissioned veteran of
the Civil War and the first to
practice dentistry here, is dead at his
home.

TERRE HAUTE—Numerous coal
mines averaging 900 tons daily produc-
tion are idle in the Terre Haute field
as a result of a shortage of cars on
six of the railroads that enter the
field.

WABASH—Since prohibition be-
came effective there has not been a
single case tried in police court here
and the court room has remained idle
for the past six months. It will be
turned over to the community nurse
for her headquarters.

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