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What the Social Service Bureau Does

The public little knows the manifold work performed by the Social Service Bureau. This organization goes about its work in a systematic manner, courting little publicity, seldom breaking into print, and withal performing a highly necessary work in the relief of distress, the social reconstruction of individuals and families, and the promotion of the general welfare.

The bureau is accomplishing the purpose set forth in its constitution, namely, "to promote the physical, social and civic welfare of the people of Richmond."

The best proof of its endeavor to execute the mission for which it was founded is to be seen in the committee assignments and the work which has been outlined for its members. For the purpose of acquainting the public with the wide scope of its work, a resume of the duties of the various committees is appended:

Finance and Membership—To prepare annual budget; to see that necessary funds are provided to carry out the budget; to approve all activities which involve the expenditure of money.

Family Welfare—Besides the case conference held on the first and third Monday of the month by the members of the committee, the following ex-officio members are present: Captain Salvation Army and wife, superintendent Union mission and wife, police matron, school attendance officer, agent board of children's guardians. The better housing department of this division proposes to secure facts about the city's actual housing and sanitary condition, in view of getting bad conditions corrected, and to promote a home beautifying campaign in the spring.

Child Welfare—To study child welfare condi-

tions in the county; to hold child welfare conference, with well outlined programs, two or three times a year.

Health—Under this caption are listed venerable disease clinic; baby clinic; prenatal clinic; dental clinic; public health nursing, which includes nursing supplies, including bed linens, layettes, bandages, etc., for use of visiting nurses; examinations of children pre-school age; tuberculosis clinic; home hygiene classes; health exhibits. The tuberculosis work to extend to the entire county, therefore a separate committee with a representative from each township in the county.

Suggestions to the health division include: Health week; child health week in June, 1923, in co-operation with the child hygiene division, state board of health; health pageant; anti-spit campaign; swat the fly campaign; social hygiene films; clean-up campaign in co-operation with other agencies; use more milk campaign; tuberculosis week, and to prepare charts showing births, deaths, etc.

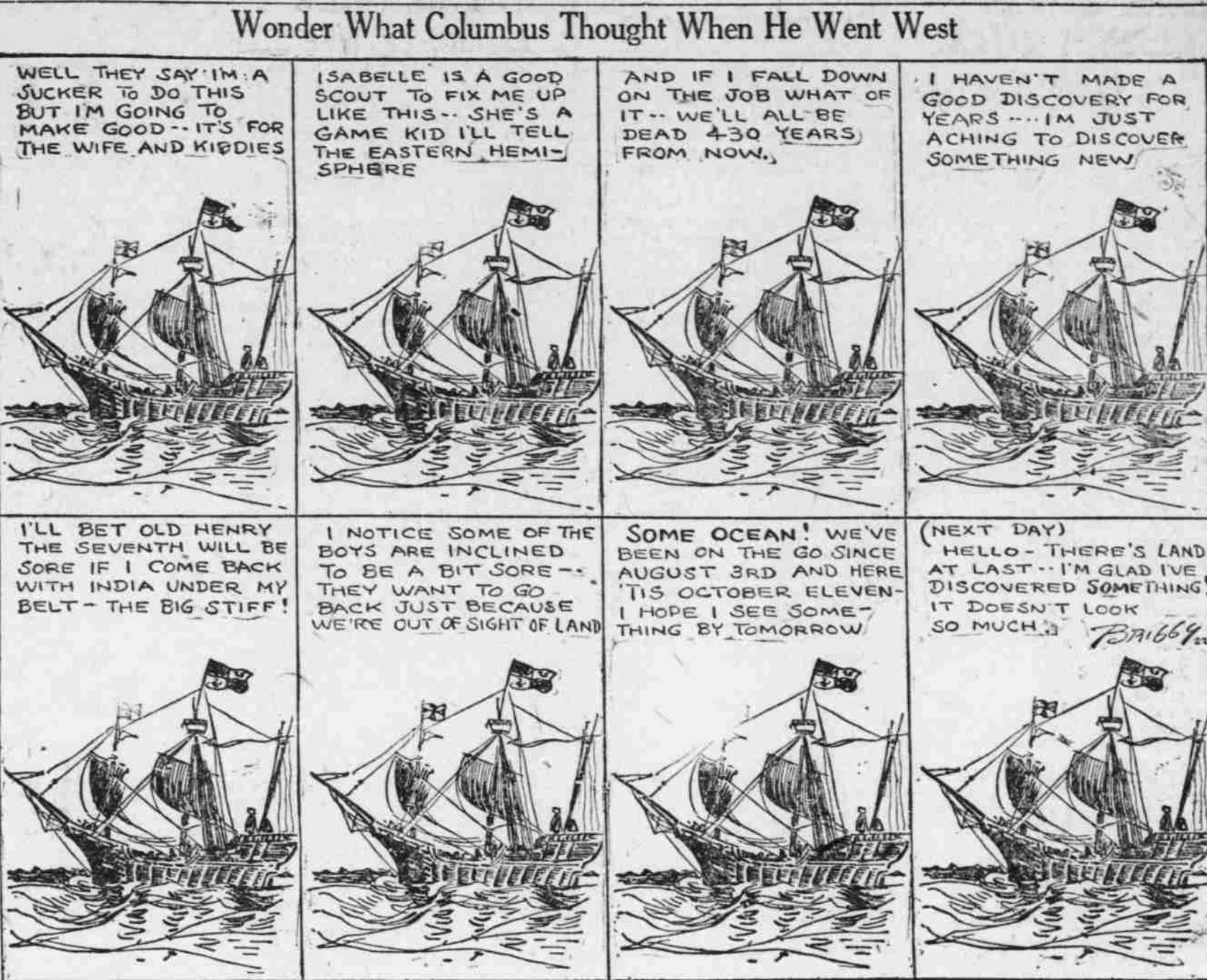
Red Cross Home Service—To conduct work for ex-service men for the Wayne county chapter, American Red Cross.

Americanization—Study of the foreign-born population, for purpose of ascertaining number of each nationality, length of residence, literacy, problems, and what is being done to meet them.

Even a casual glance at the foregoing topics will convince a skeptic that the Social Service Bureau has outlined a program of wide scope, in which it has enlisted the capacity and ability of many persons qualified to serve for the particular purpose for which they have been selected.

The bureau has long since justified its right to existence, while the steady development of its activities into new social fields demonstrates its progressive nature.

Miss S. Ethel Clark, who has been the general secretary of the bureau for a number of years, has earned warm appreciation for her service, as well as a reputation for her executive ability. This year's comprehensive program demonstrates a desire to serve the community in many ways.



Importance of Elections

Results Have Bearing on Next Struggle for Presidency—
Leaders May Develop in Contest.

By FREDERICK J. HASKIN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 12.—Off-year campaigns and elections are interesting chiefly for their bearing on the next struggle for the presidency. This is especially true of the fight now on which will terminate Nov. 7. It will determine the political complexion of the congress and which party will control the official machinery of various states, and all that is important, but the big thing it will do will be to spot-light the men who will contest for the great prize in 1924. In a way it will be the qualification or elimination round of the presidential tournament.

At the same time the general results of the 1922 elections will be accepted as indicative of the political trend throughout the country, foreshadowing what will probably happen two years hence.

If the Republicans regain control of congress and are measurably successful in the state contests, they will look forward to 1924 with redoubled confidence, for they would regard this as an endorsement of the Harding administration and of the party's legislative program.

On the other hand, if the Democrats

should carry either the house or the senate, and if they should win in one or two of the pivotal states, they would have grounds for the belief that their party is about to stage a comeback. They would go into the next fight with a far more aggressive spirit and their forces that are now somewhat disintegrated could be marshalled far more easily into a formidable fighting machine.

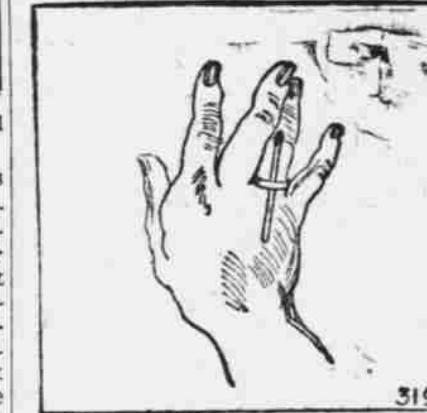
Peculiarly enough, while all Republicans are of one mind as to the desirability of their retaining control of congress there are differences of opinion among Democrats as to whether it would be a good thing for them to elect an actual majority in either branch of the national law making body. A few Democratic leaders in state that all they want is to score substantial gains in the congressional elections, leaving the Republicans in control of congress by the narrowest possible margin. This, they say, would not only make the Republicans solely responsible for whatever happens in a legislative way during the next 18 months, but would also make it impossible for the Republicans to explain any failure to carry out their program by blaming the people for electing a Democratic house or senate. These Democrats also point out that if their party gets control of congress it will incumbent upon it to make an affirmative record on which to go before the people in 1924. This is to say, the Democrats would be expected to pass bills embodying their views on the more important issues, and it is quite possible that they might get into a wrangle among themselves over such questions as the tariff, the bonus, ship subsidy, industrial relations, and the like, that would prove disastrous.

Moreover, even if they could get together on a constructive program of legislation anything they might do would doubtless be nullified by the veto of President Harding, and in disapproving Democratic measures the Republican President might find it

difficult to get a bill through.

Former Governor Ralston, of Indiana, is another to be reckoned with. He is running for the senate against the redoubtable Albert Jeremiah Beveridge. Any Democrat who can get himself elected to the senate from the Hoosier state, and particularly one who can defeat Beveridge, necessarily

After Dinner Tricks



No. 319—A Vanishing Match

A match is taken between the hands, which are rubbed briskly together. When they are separated, the match has disappeared. A trick is made with the aid of a finger ring. When the hands are rubbed together, the match is pushed down between the finger and the ring, at the back of the hand, as shown in the drawing. The hands may then be shown empty—from the front!

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Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

NO LAW

There is no law compelling us to read the books we think are rot; so it is vain to raise a fuss because such books don't hit the spot. For there are books for every taste, and we may choose the ones we like; and it is vain our scorn to waste on Author Pete or Author Mike. There is no law compelling men to sit through lectures long and flat, so why assault with tongue or pen the evening's wordy acrobat? There is no law requiring gents to hear a sermon or a play, so it is vain to raise laments when to our homes we wend away. We mark the poet with his harp, and say he should be sawing wood; we like to beat and kick and carp, and puny things please us more than good. We go to concert or to show like martyrs who must bear their cross; quite we'll bear before we start we know that it will be a total loss. But oh, it is a pleasant thing to roast the artists one by one, to say such people always sing when we're not furnished with a gun. We're fussing knocking all the time, denouncing things that do not please; the latest novel is a crime, you painting makes us think of cheese. Methinks if we were truly wise our troubled souls might find some rest; there is no law requiring guys to stand for things that they detest.

come apparent that his renomination is not to be conceded.

In either of such contingencies the likeliest candidates for the honor would be those Republicans who make the strongest showing this year. Beveridge, in Indiana, who surprised many people by defeating Harry S. New for the senatorial nomination, may well be one of these. Pinchot, who upset the Republican organization's apie cart in Pennsylvania, may be another.

Still another possibility is Senator LaFollette who won a notable victory in the Wisconsin primary and who is not likely to stand on tradition or precedent if he concludes that 1924 is a good year for him to make another bid for presidential honors. Senator Hiram Johnson, of California, likewise is one of those who are running this year in what might prove to be a preliminary canter for the next big race.

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Q. When should a house be painted?—E. V. B.

A. Painting, especially the priming coat, should be done in dry weather and preferably after a dry spell. The settled weather of the fall is therefore more desirable than the unsettled weather of the spring.

Q. How many British war medals have been distributed to Canadian soldiers?—A. O. McC.

A. Of the authorized issue of 450,000 British war medals for Canadian soldiers, 216,359 have been distributed to date, and of the authorized issue of 350,000 victory medals, 200,891 have thus far been distributed, according to a statement of the Honors and Awards Department of the Military.

Q. Is General Pershing the only army officer who has skipped any files without the formality of being promoted to them?—M. D.

A. The War Department says that several other army officers have skipped more than one file at a time. Q. How many uses does sawdust have?—W. F. J.

A. In a report of the Forest Products Laboratory 50 uses are given, ranging from its use in circus rings to the dressing of wounds. The report states that its list of 50 uses is incomplete.

Q. How is the word pronounced that was the password of the "Forty Thieves"?—M. E. O.

A. "Open, Sesame" were the magic words. Sesame is pronounced three-syllables, ses-a-me.

Q. Was the "Duke of Wellington" created a duke or was he born to the title?—S. V.

A. The title "Duke of Wellington" was one granted by the British government to Arthur Wellesley, who was born in Ireland, 1769. The Duke was one of the greatest of British soldiers, first becoming noted in Indian service, later in the Peninsular war. He achieved his greatest fame in the campaigns against Napoleon. He was created Duke of Wellington after the victory of Vitoria, and received then a grant of 400,000 pounds. After the battle of Waterloo, he received another grant of 200,000 pounds of the title of "Prince of Waterloo." He also received large estates in Holland, and an order of decoration from Louis XVIII of France. The title did not carry a landed estate.

Musings For The Evening

Uncle Sam has stopped scrapping his navy after finding that to do so was not in style.

It looks as though everybody has obeyed the four-power pact except three of the participants.

A baby boy weighing eight pounds was born shortly after midnight this morning to East Spruce street.—Titusville Herald.

It is difficult to stick on a throne of Greece. It is so slippery.

New York woman paid a \$420 tax-cab bill in pennies, 42,000 of them, which is one way of beating the gum machines out of a chance to make a living.

Another indication that we are living too fast is the appearance of a disease called "limousine foot" caused by stepping on the accelerator.

Mrs. Lloyd George says the premier wants peace. Even if he has to fight for it.

The greatest insult you can offer a Russian Bolshevik is to call him a "radish," this being the scornful epithet invented by Trotzky to designate those who are red only on the outside.

TODAY'S TALK

By George Matthew Adams, Author of "You Can," "Take It," "Up"

ASPIRE!

In the koran you will find this couplet:

"I was as a gem concealed;
Me my burning ray revealed."

That which is hidden away from us, that which is veiled from our reach in some waiting possibility—makes strivers of us all!

Our possible friends are passed unnoticed on the street, and most fortunes are dreamed away before any effort is made to earn them into reality.

But there they are—your friends, your fortune, your fame, the chief desire of your heart, no matter what it may be, existing in form and only waiting upon you to initiate them into substance.

Soon or later, there arises in the heart of every human being a great and unusual desire to be something more than the ordinary—something higher than is represented by the average effort of the average day.

And so it is that there are those who leave beaten paths, old haunts, and unsatisfied desires, to blaze a path that fits their will.

What you want, you will have to dig for—not merely wish to have. Only do not stop there. Know that greater thrill of pride which comes from distribution, from the giving away of that which you have honestly and enthusiastically earned.

Every human being, at birth, is "an a gem concealed." And often it is only after long years of patient waiting that one's soul catches warmth from some "burning ray" within, telling one about one's self as one is and as one is able to be.

If you want a successful career, you will have to go about it as the miner does when he digs for gold or diamonds.

And your best friends must somehow be "mined," too! You will have to get below their surface and even do much of the real polishing of their gem worth yourself, before they will shine back to you and satisfy you.

Who's Who in the Day's News

MARY ROBERTS RINEHART

"Let no woman who has crushed down her dreams of a career because she was not free to start till middle age be disheartened," says Mary Roberts Rinehart, authoress. "With the possible exception of starting any taxing physical work, I should urge every woman to prepare for her best service at 40, or 40-plus. At 40 a woman's mind has either sharpened or mellowed. It sharpens through self-interest, being turned inward upon its own experiences. It mellowes by giving and remaining sensitive to