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HARBOR LAW IN DANGER

Because a state department at Springfield wants to make investigations as to the proposed interstate harbor at Wolf Lake and Lake Michigan, instead of referring the matter to the proposed Interstate Harbor Commission, it is likely that the Illinois bill will not be passed this session and the great project may have to wait at least two years.

After years of effort by local interests the U. S. Engineers made a plan for the harbor and it has been approved at Washington. Uncle Sam is ready to spend $6,000,000 to $8,000,000 on an outer breakwater and dredging an entrance channel, providing that suitable terminal facilities are assured by a proper local public body. The federal officials approve the interstate harbor commission plan and the state of Indiana has passed a law establishing the same and appropriating $25,000 providing that similar legislation is enacted by Illinois.

The proposition has the support of the Chicago Association of Commerce, the Western Society of Engineers and the mayors of Chicago, Hammond and Whiting. Now the entire project is blocked by a state department that wants to function in an interstate matter. It is as if U. S. Engineers insisted upon making the determining and final survey for a Canadian boundary line.

The appropriations committee of the House seems disposed to listen to the state officials and so the matter stands.

Major Skinner, U. S. Engineers, in an address to the Rotary Club of Hammond, stated that he believed the proposed interstate harbor would finance itself from the start by a bond issue to be paid interest and principal from receipts from warehouse and railroad terminal leases, wharf fees, etc.

Here is one of the most needed harbors in the entire world, an unexcelled site, unequaled railroad connections, 450 factories at hand, lakes-gulf waterway, Great Lakes, world commerce via the proposed St. Lawrence waterway, Uncle Sam ready to spend $8,000,000, Indiana ready to do her part. Illinois hesitates to appropriate $25,000 because of the objections of a state bureau.

"Man clothed with a little brief authority here below doth cut such capers before high heaven as makes the angels weep."—Calumet Record.

THE WAR-CRIMINAL TRIALS

A correspondent who witnessed the first trials of the war criminals at Leipzig characterizes the proceedings as a farce. This is shown, it is claimed, in the fact that the trials have opened with "small fry" whose offenses at worst were trivial in comparison to the crimes that roused the world against Germany. The correspondent compares the situation to trying a police court case before the supreme court of the United States.

Doubtless the reason these small offenders were put on trial first and found guilty was due to a desire to make a showing. It is possible that neither had influence and they may have been regarded as satisfactory sacrifices. Possibly the conviction of these two men is intended to lay a foundation for proof of willingness of the Germans to convict and punish war criminals. That once established, it may be found that the "proof" against the higher-ups, those responsible for the gross brutalities, is sufficient to establish guilt. Of course the Germans could not convict one against whom there is insufficient evidence.

Were the Germans acting in good faith they would certainly have sought to establish it by bringing to trial one of the arch-criminals. They would have demonstrated their sincerity by making the example conspicuous. The captains and sergeants may have been brutal, but it will not salve the wound to punish a few such. The generals, the men whose orders transported Belgians into German slavery, others who fathered the atrocities that are too well authenticated to be doubted, should have been the ones first called to the bar.

It will require more than the convictions already secured to convince the world of German good faith.

A CARPENTER SPEAKS.

There is one side of the building trades wage controversy about which little has been heard—the side of the union worker himself. In a letter to a Chicago newspaper, Henry C. Johnson, a carpenter, unbosoms his mind as follows:

"I am one of the old time carpenters, a man of 50 years, a taxpayer, and head of a family. I learned my trade in the early days, when a trade meant something, and had to be thoroughly learned. The ranks of the carpenters, and I might as well say also the other building trades, are today filled with what we old timers know to be 'wood butchers, hammer and nail men, helpers and roustabouts.'

"Out of a given number of carpenters, say 5,000 in Chicago today, you would not be able to get a select 200 real carpenters who have a complete set of tools and really know their trade. The balance of the ranks are filled with the wood butchers and the square heads mentioned above.

"The idea of this class of help holding out for a wage of $1.25 per hour and not getting it does not appeal to a real carpenter, or, in fact, any real owner of a trade. The fact that this class of timber heads are able to keep the rest of us from working through the medium of the grafting business agents is fast dawning upon us, and the recent criminal developments have shown us that we are being exploited by a lot of dishonest loafers and grafters.

"For one I am going to work June 1 for $1, union or no union.—Henry C. Johnson.

FORMER GOVERNOR Patterson of Tennessee says that the only way to make America really dry is to annihilate the booze. Well, a lot of people are complaining because it is so hard to get enough to annihilate.

CHEERING IS the prediction that good times are coming, but for those who work diligently they are already here.

IT IS STILL hard to convince the public that the price tags are altogether honest.

The-Passing-Show

WE dread to think what would happen to the few

DOLLARS we have saved up for a rainy day

IF somebody should introduce us to Peggy Joyce.

IT doesn't hurt to tell the

TRUTH once in awhile

THE more powder some women use

THE more they look like

THEY need a bath.

GROVER Cleveland Bergdoll's mama

SAYS he is a silly boy but our

BELOVED pastor lapsing

FOR a moment into his wartime vocabulary

SAYS he is just a damphool.

NO use feeling sorry for Carpentier

JUST look what the

GATE receipts will be.

WE don't see where Eve

HAD any kick coming. She was

ABOUT the only woman in history

WHOSE lesser half

DIDN'T try to flirt with some woman

AT one time in his life or another.

IF a woman is realy good-looking

SHE can often square everything

BY making a man apologize

WHEN she bumps him with an automobile.

WHY is it that no one

CAN look innocenter

THAN the girl that aint?

FUNNY how the man

WHO wants the front row

WHEN he goes to the theater

IS satisfied with the rear row

WHEN he goes to church.

IN other words the one palpitating

TROUBLE of today is men

ARE running too strongly

TO office suites and not enough to plow.

IN our curious way we

OFTEN wonder to what pitch of

EXCITEMENT Hammond citizens would rise

IF the news was circulated that

THE Erie was going to build a handsome new depot?

ABOUT this time of the year

FATHER sits around in nervous dread

EVERY Sunday. He is waiting

FOR mother to tell him to take the

SCREENS out of the basement

AND put them up in the windows.

EVERY time we get in certain

KINDS of automobiles we wish that

OUR legs were arranged

TO bend in more places than they do.

IN this day and age

SOME people appear to learn the view

THAT a benevolent government

CAN raise meals and clothing on trees.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

1—What is the color of the flower which makes way for the banana?

2—In what state was the Ku Klux Klan organized?

3—What is a jobber?

4—What is logrolling?

5—What are star routes?

6—What was the most important event in 1921 B. C.?

7—How long did the trial of Charles Guiteau, assassin of Garfield, last?

8—What is an armature?

9—What is a binnacle?

10—What is a facade?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUESTIONS

1—What is the most ductile of substances? Ans. Platinum.

2—How do bees feed their young? Ans. They carry home pollen on their theighs and after rolling it up in balls press it into the cells containing the young. It is called bee bread.

3—What pest is a natural enemy of the bedbug and will clear a house of them in short time? Ans. The cockroach.

4—Why does the beaver build a dam? Ans. In order to raise water of a stream to a sufficient height to give him entrance into his home at any time.

5—What kinds of friction are there? Ans. There are two, sliding and rolling.

6—What is the most malleable substance? Ans. Gold.

7—What kind of a bear is the bruin of the stories? Ans. The brown bear of Europe for bruin merely means brown.

8—Do bananas grow in the position we see them displayed in the stores? Ans. No, just the opposite.

9—How high do bamboo trees grow? Ans. Some of them reach the height of 200 feet.

10—What sore of an animal is the Aye-Aye? Ans. It is a mammal of the lemur family found in Madagascar. It has large eyes, a bushy tail and lives in the densest part of the jungle.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

CEDAR LAKE REJOICES

Editor Times:

Cedar Lake is surely coming into its own as Lake county's popular beauty spot for one to bring their friends or family for a day's fishing or a summer's outing.

Cottages and homes are going up as never before and with school out in a couple of weeks the kiddies and scouts will take possession. The seasons fishing has been the best in years and the week end and holiday crowds are immense.

It might surprise some who knew Cedar Lake in its hi-day to know that lake frontage sells from $25 to $30 a foot and acreage a thousand dollars and better and prices still climbing. But isn't a pleasant summer's outing priceless.

Stone is ordered for the asphalt stone road around the south end of the lake, and is expected to be done early in July, which completes a paved road around that beautiful lake.

One of the old and pretty sights is a steamer back on the job, as in picnic days, and the water's line.

Very truly,
CORDIE B. COFFIN.

LOWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Dinwiddie left yesterday morning in their auto for a trip down state. They will drive to Martinsville and points further south.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Gragg left yesterday for Modeste, Cal. They are making the trip in their auto.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Buckley of Aledo, Ill., came last evening for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Buckley and sister, Miss Mabel Buckley.

A. E. Condon and Charles Dickinson went to Bloomington, Ind., yesterday morning to attend the commencement exercises of the Indiana university. They are both former students of Indiana.

Boyd Watson and James Little went to Lafayette yesterday to attend the commencement exercises of their alma mater, Purdue university.

Thomas Grant went to Indianapolis yesterday morning on business connected with the Indiana State fair.

Mrs. Ella James of Hobart was here yesterday.

Senator Will Brown of Hebron was here yesterday. He went from here to Rensselaer on business.

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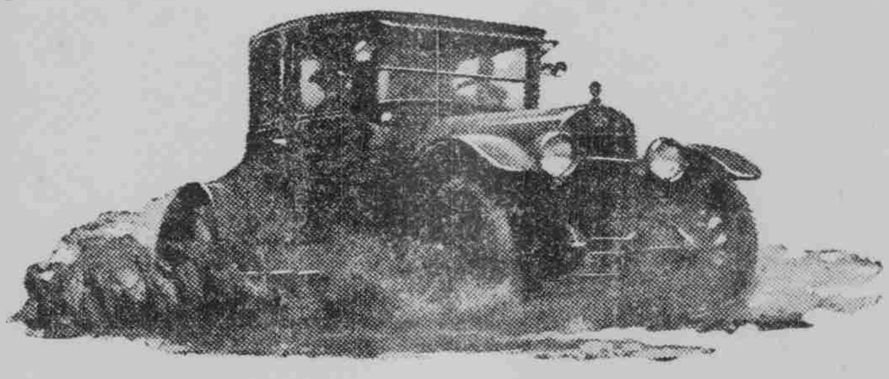

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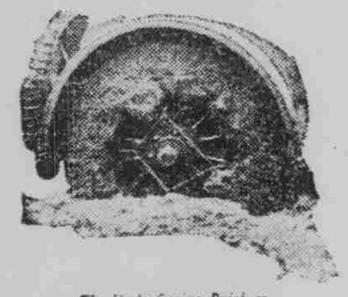

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