

Timely Topics

By Samuel Rosinger

I congratulate the Insull jury on its common sense and fair judgment. Were all those high financiers who rob the public placed behind the bars, the government would have to build scores of huge penitentiaries to accommodate them. The jury felt that if the Mitchells, the Morgans and Mellons managed to get out of the clutches of the law, why should Insull be singled out and made to suffer for the sins of all the financial pirates. As to the government, it should have locked the stables before, and not after the horse had been stolen. If Insull and his ilk were guilty of defrauding the public, the government was a party to the crime by not checking the inordinate gambling which, it took not prophet to foresee, would inevitably lead to the disastrous crash. Here we have another gratifying instance in which the sovereign people check the aggression of the government by its sound common sense. In 1936, the government will have to submit its case to the jury composed not of twelve, but of millions, and we may be reasonably sure that that great jury will again bring in a verdict which will vindicate its good sense and sound judgment.

I highly commend the firm step the Board of Education has taken in making vaccination compulsory in the Beaumont school district. I hope the city authorities will find means whereby they may compel the other two school districts that are in the city limits, to fall in line with the action of the School Board. The elimination of the scourge of smallpox through vaccination represents one of the greatest achievements of medical science, and any religion that opposes such a preventive measure of health, belongs to the dark ages and is a stumbling block in the path of progress. There was a time when some denominations opposed life insurance on the ground of it being lack of faith in God's Providence. If the light of knowledge is not brought to bear upon religion, religion degenerates into superstition, and far from serving the welfare of mankind, it clouds his mind and warps his judgment.

Upon the invitation of the officer in charge, I visited the C. C. C. Camp at Kirbyville. As a pacifist, I do not take much delight in armies, but the tree army of two hundred and ten husky, healthy and happy boys that I met in this camp, captured my heart. They are doing conservation work which I hope will continue long after the economic emergency has passed. They are turning the wild thickets into a real forest that will more than repay the cost involved by the timber it will yield in the course of years. The boys come from indigent homes and of the thirty dollars they earn a month plus complete maintenance, twenty-five dollars goes towards the support of their dependents. Thus the work of the tree army yields a three-fold blessing. Would, that other recovery measures were as constructive spiritually and as sound economically.

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Slants at the Meeting

The tableaux by the High School last week were inspiring sights—they quickened the beat and raised the temperature.

There is nothing quite so enthusiastic as Youth and there is nothing in this world quite so precious as Youth.

Youth is the golden gift of the gods, and all the endowments of riches, power and intellect faded into insignificance compared to this supreme dowry.

This array of youth, effervescing with pep and enthusiasm, may have been a fitting portent for the coming event Thursday when their loyal team, the Royal Purple, stood as staunch as the French poilus at Verdun and cried "They shall not pass" in defiance of a team superior in weight but inferior in play.

We doff our hats to your prowess, High School!

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Last week's Rotarygram paradoxically attained variety perhaps at the expense of monotony:

Our friend Jack Dionne Tuesday night told this story over a hook-up in Texas:

He said there was a very powerful but dumb student on a college team, who perhaps had been subsidized with left handed gifts, but the student body was very fearful of his ability to pass a history exam. And unless he made 50% in this exam he would be denied the privilege of football. The professor of history called him into class-room alone and gave him the exam. Much to the elation of the student body he passed. An inquisitive mind called the prof aside and asked how it happened that Bill passed. The gentleman informed him he had only asked two questions: Who discovered America? The student said George Washington, which was wrong. Next he asked him who wrote the constitution of the U. S.; the student said he didn't know. Which was right, and thus making the 50% grade.

After last week's effusion in the Rotarygrams, we had one intelligent member say he thanked us for the issue: By the same token we figure we attained a grade of 100%.

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Odds and Ends on Rotary

Rotary has over 3,700 Clubs and 152,000 members.

It has just entered another country, Lithuania at Kaunas, November 14th, 1934.

New Rotary headquarters is now at 35 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill.

The next annual Convention of Rotary International will be held at Mexico City, June 17-21, 1935. Your directors will send the editor of Rotarygrams there, maybe.

Bob Hill is international President of Rotary and will sail in January for Manila where the Pacific Rotary Conference will meet.

For the year ending June 30, 1934—Rotary Intl.

Income\$623,237.84

Expense 574,370.91

Excess of income over expenses.. \$48,866.93
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Remember the Community Chest

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If to be venerated for benevolence, if to be admired for talents, if to be esteemed for patriotism, if to be loved for philanthropy, can gratify the human mind, you must have the pleasing consolation to know that you have not lived in vain.—From a letter written by George Washington to Benjamin Franklin, Printer.

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