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BUMPER POTATO CROP

C. R. Hickey, president of the Rotary club of Nampa, Idaho, has written to each Rotary club in the United States in regard to the Irish potato crop, which, by reason of over-production, is a great loss to farmers.

Mr. Hickey suggests that wherever practicable each citizen buy a bag of potatoes—or enough to supply his family for the winter—at a reasonable price so as to help move the tremendous crop in the United States.

This movement is different from the buy a bale proposition several years ago in that it is not speculative. The buyer can use what he gets. Except in western counties, the Irish potato crop in North Carolina, we assume, is raised in the spring and disposed of early in the season.

COAL STRIKES

Floyd W. Parsons, who writes with understanding of industry, has an article in this week's Saturday Evening Post on the coal situation. Next week he will give his remedy for the trouble.

Mr. Parsons lays down the proposition that the country cannot be prosperous if its fuel supply is threatened. He does not believe that the miners and operators, who have a strangle hold on the mining business, should be allowed to hold it.

It is about time some way out of this unsound condition is found. Denouncing the mine operators or the leaders of the miners—as some of us do—will get absolutely nowhere unless we can make congress see the necessity of doing something.

The strikes in the coal mines will cost those who have to buy their fuel in Hickory at least \$4 more per ton.

It will cost consumers more in some other sections.

The public has reason to be interested.

It was inevitable that a railroad strike predicted on nothing less than determination to help some other shopmen beat up the public and roads in another section of the country would not succeed.

The Southern Power Company announces that it may be forced to cut off the current one day a week unless the coal situation improves.

Many new homes have been erected in Hickory during the past eight months—at least 40 in the last three—but still the demand for homes is acute.

Don't forget that the fair is just three weeks off. It ought to be the best we have ever held in Catawba county.

THE MAINE ELECTION

Maine's political barometer indicates a change in the weather but not to a degree sufficiently marked to afford ground for great Democratic jubilation. A Republican plurality of from 26,000 to 28,000, with women voting, would on its face mean considerably less than the normal—though "safe"—Republican plurality of a "Republican year," if the old Progressive standard of comparisons were applied.

It is necessary to adjust somewhat the old scale upon which calculations were wont to be based. Before the Progressive split of 1912 it had been generally true for a good many years that a Republican plurality of 18,000 or more meant that the Republicans would carry the country, while, if the figures fell below, national victory was likely to be with the Democrats.

In 1912 when Wilson carried the state with the help of the Progressive split, a Republican governor was elected by 3295. In 1914 the Democratic candidate for governor was elected by a plurality of 2177, but the Progressive candidate received 18,223 votes.

To what extent the women voted this year there is not sufficient data for stating with any definiteness. It may be significant, however, that in a straw vote taken by the Portland Press-Herald in the closing days of the campaign, more women voted than men.

The campaign was marked by unusual lack of public interest. National issues failed to arouse enthusiasm, notwithstanding the imposing array of Republican orators of national prominence who went down East to defend the party and the administration.

LAW AS TO CIGARETTES TO MINORS

We will say for the information of Judge Webb, who stated on the bench that nobody ever paid any attention to this law for the protection of minors—that this paper has published the law time and again and has called the attention of the policemen and officers from time to time—but we confess that we have seen very little result or very little done to protect the boys from the use of cigarettes.

Section 4438.—If any person shall sell, give away or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly, cigarettes, or cut tobacco in any form or shape which may be used or intended to be used as a substitute for cigarettes, to any minor under the age of seventeen years; or if any person shall aid, assist, or abet any other person in selling such articles to such minor, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by fine or imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Duty of Police Officers. Sec. 4439.—If any person shall aid or assist any minor child under seventeen years old in obtaining the possession of cigarettes, or tobacco in any form used as a substitute therefor, by whatsoever name it may be called, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

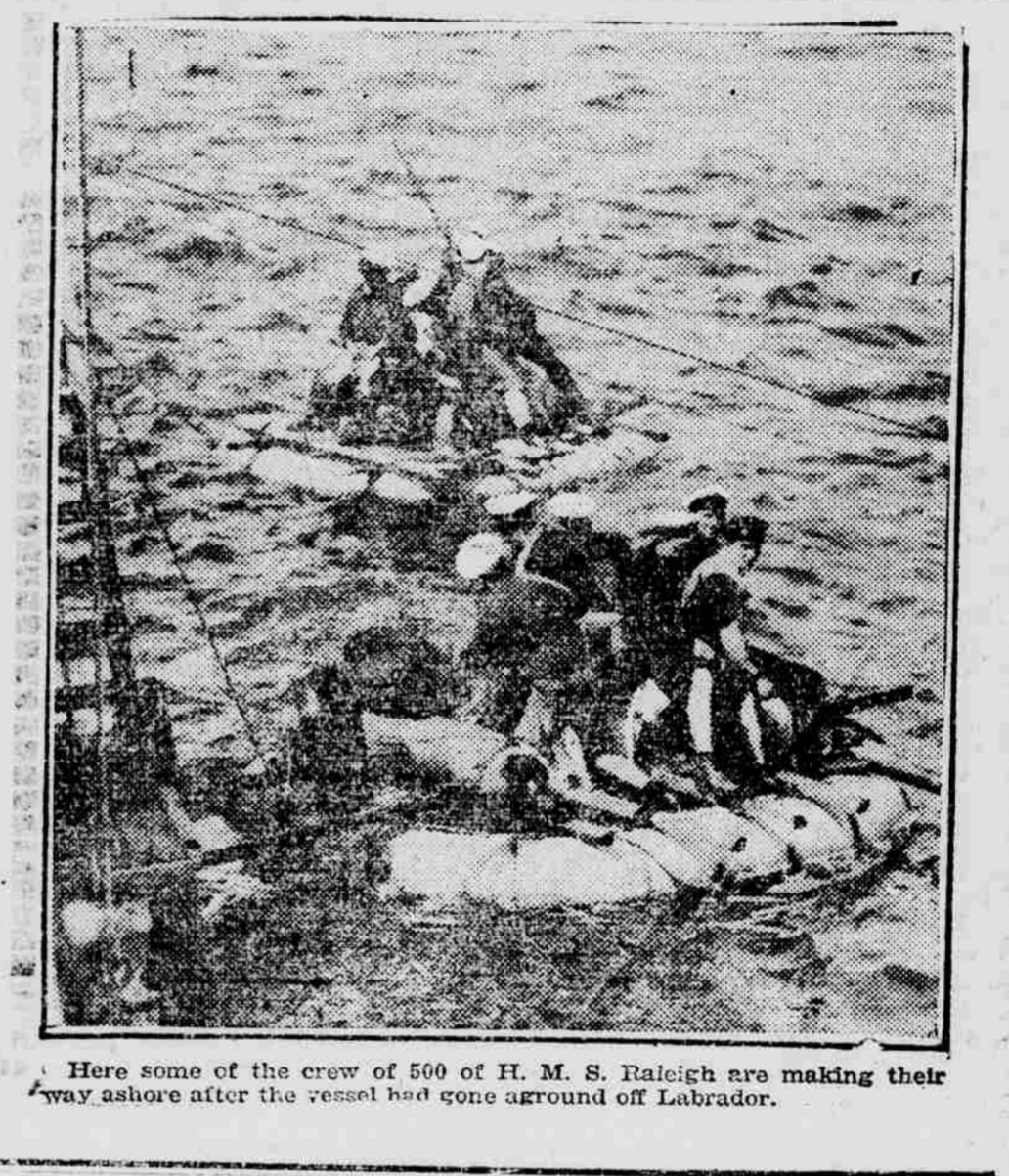
It shall be the duty of every police officer, upon knowledge or information that any minor under the age of seventeen years is or has been smoking any cigarette, to enquire of any such minor the name of the person who sold or gave him such cigarette, or the substance from which it was made, or who aided and abetted in affecting such gift or sale, upon receiving this information from any such minor, the officer shall forthwith cause a warrant to be issued for the person giving or selling, or aiding and abetting in the giving or selling of such cigarette or the substance out of which it was made, and have

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