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Watchman, What of the Night?

Dearborn Independent.
One of the most important questions of the hour is—What is really happening in Japan? The sudden extension of manhood suffrage to a people almost entirely unaccustomed to any exercise of political power has created a situation well-nigh unprecedented in history. Writing from Tokio to a representative of this paper, quite recently, a well-known authority on the Far East puts the matter in a nutshell. "The air is full," he says, "of new political projects, organizations, clubs, factions, castles, and bubbles. It is something like the preparation for the rush upon some new territory to be opened by a government for free settlement upon the firing of a gun. In this case the gun will be the signature of the Prince Regent." In

intellectual Japan, he insists, regards the new measure as tantamount to distributing rifles, razors and bombs as playthings among lunatics and children. The fact is, of course, that intellectual Japan is reaping the whirlwind of a tragic paternalism. When the country began to recover from the disaster of September, 1923, it was to emerge into a new bewildered life. For a time, the old intellectuals still held the reins; for a time the propaganda of optimism desperately fostered by the government had its effect, but gradually the deferred hope made the heart sick, and the Japanese peasant and artisan became an easy prey to a "liberty" crying press. The result is manhood suffrage and a condition of uncertainty, the like of which has hardly ever obtained among a great people before. The

momentous question—What of the Night in Japan—the future alone can answer.

It Was Up to Louie.
"Spike dear," pouted the bootlegger's wife. "Haven't you decided where we will spend the summer?"
"Not yet," said her fond husband. "Dat all depends on Louie. Dey pinched him yesterday."
"But," demanded his storm and strife, "what has Louie's arrest got to do with where we spend our summer?"
"It's got plenty to do!" was the reply from the family breadwinner. "If he stan's put we spend de summer with your Uncle Henry, but if he squawks we spend it wit Uncle Sam."

REMEMBER PENNY ADS ARE CASH

OUT OUR WAY

BY WILLIAMS



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Stewart's Washington Letter

BY CHARLES P. STEWART
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WASHINGTON—When the Cook county commissioners refused a few days ago to pass over the state's share of the county taxes to the treasurer of Illinois, they took the first step toward what may prove to be the greatest change this country has known since the cities began to grow. The state treasurer naturally will sue. And since a federal constitutional principle is involved—Ah, a word as to that principle! It's the crux of the whole thing.

ILLINOIS was distrusted for legislative purposes long before Chicago—Chicago and Cook county are the same thing—had obtained its present population. On the basis of its then number of inhabitants it was given adequate representation at Springfield. Chicago grew, however, out of all proportion to the rest of the state. Out of all the citizens of Illinois, nearly half are Chicagoans. They pay more than half the state taxes, but their representation in the legislature hasn't been increased by a single seat. Finally they demanded a redistricting of the state, on an up-to-date population basis. Rural members of the legislature, heavily outnumbering the city representatives, turned the proposition down.

THEREUPON, "Cook county," said the commissioners, "is being taxed without representation—without due representation, at any rate. This is unconstitutional. By violating the constitution the legislature has invalidated itself. We repudiate tax-

tion imposed and laws made by an illegal body."

Well, as previously remarked, the state treasurer will sue, of course, probably in the state courts.

But, a federal constitutional principle being involved, the commissioners doubtless will get the case before a federal judge. There will be appeals, but both sides will be in a hurry, the treasurer for his money and the commissioners to vindicate their position.

It will be a litigation well worth pushing ahead. In short order it will be before the supreme court in Washington.

NOW, suppose Chicago wins. It will mean a revolution, nothing less. Not a big city in the country but is in Chicago's fix.

New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, New Orleans, Minneapolis, St. Paul—all the rest—all in the same boat!

Not one but is under rural domination. The country is predominantly urban, as census figures show. But it is rural governed in every single state.

It looked as if this might go on forever. The situation could be changed only by the votes of rural legislators and they wouldn't vote that way.

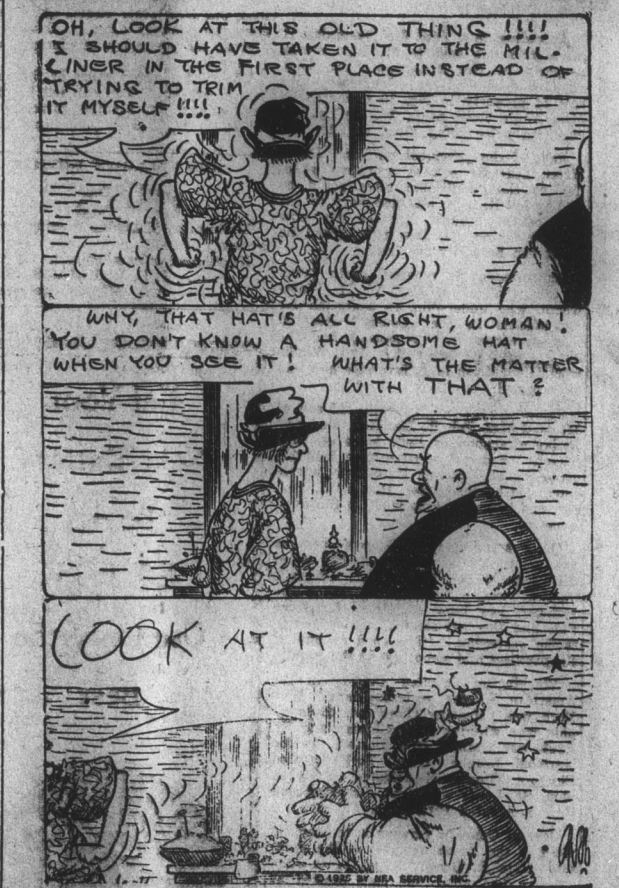
Chicago, however, has thought up a method of attacking the problem from a new angle—the judicial instead of the legislative one. It may work.

If so, it's inevitable that every center of population which hitherto has suffered under the "rule of those who, at best, know nothing of metropolitan conditions, and, at worst, positively enjoyed playing horse with city slickers, will follow the example of the community-by-lake.

Then look out for some mighty rapid changes in a lot of laws!

EVERETT TRUE

BY CONDO



Man Fined For Indecency at Albemarle Hotel

Stanly News-Herald.
M. D. Fields, a traveling salesman, of Winston-Salem, pleaded guilty on several charges arising from indecent exposure of his person, before R. R. Ingram in the county court here yesterday and was fined in one case and judgment was suspended in the others, with the understanding that the defendant not return to Albemarle any more. Fields, who is about 30 years old, was trapped several days ago by local policemen and caught in his nefarious conduct so that there was nothing for him to do but plead guilty. Complaint came to Chief Troutman several weeks ago about the man's conduct at one of the local hotels where he always stopped on Wednesday when working this town. From best information, the police officers believed the offender to be Fields, but to make sure, when he was in town and stopping at the hotel, Chief Troutman and one other officer concealed themselves in a home nearby and watched. They saw him and made sure of their man before securing a warrant for his arrest. The officers saw him on three separate days before the arrest was made.

Fields, so the evidence disclosed, would place himself at an open window in a state of nudity and would manage to attract the attention of school girls passing on the opposite side of the street. He did the same on occasions when ladies were passing.

Officers believe that Fields has been practicing the same reprehensible conduct for a year or more, and since his trial yesterday, it seems certain that, either he or someone else, has been engaged in the same depraved conduct off and on for a year or two in Albemarle hotels.

Fields appears to be about 30 years old, and is married, it is said. He travels for a wholesale grocery house in Winston-Salem.

Leading the Children

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., urges fathers not only to attend church, but to take an active part in church and Sunday school work. He spoke of his own father's influence being exerted not by what he said, but by what he did. He says: "When the father sits at home, reads the paper and insists that the son and daughter go to Sunday school, it doesn't carry much weight. Children can see through us much better than we can see through them. They are straightforward, and likely to call a spade a spade. The father who says to his son 'come, has some influence. The father who says to his son 'go,' has considerably less influence. If you want men or children to take a certain course, the best way is to lead them."

Mr. Rockefeller thinks the world is returning to the religion of Christ, and is laying aside the man-made religion of the theologians. In illustrating this point, Mr. Rockefeller mentioned Sheldon's book "In His Steps," and told how this book came to be written after the author, a minister, through a chance encounter with a tramp, had been led to alter his entire method of teaching and manner of life.

This tramp, according to the story, sought aid at the author's home and was refused because the author was too busy preparing his sermon for the following Sunday. The sermon was a success, but the tramp appeared in the church, asked to be allowed to speak and faintly of hunger in the pulpit shortly after he began his discourse. It was this incident, Mr. Rockefeller said, which caused the author to follow "In His Steps"—the steps of Christ.

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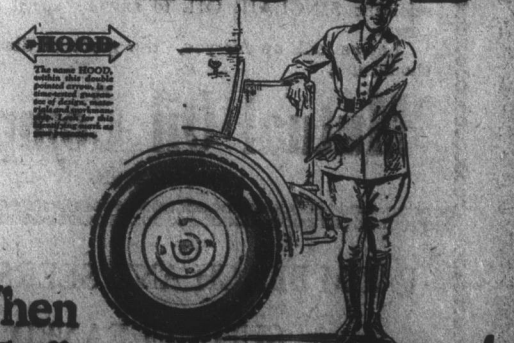
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