

SHALL U. S. BE A SHYLOCK? BEFORE we permit ourselves to be led by the standing committee of England haters in the United States Senate into the fields of controversy over this British war debt agreement, let's find out what it means to us.

Uncle Sam advanced to his partners in the war something more than ten billions of dollars. That was part of the proposition of winning the war. Little was said at the time about paying it back. In fact, little has been said by most of the borrowers since, about settlement. England is Uncle Sam's one good bet.

As a matter of fact, as international loans go, it would be a Shylock sort of a deal on Uncle Sam's part to insist on a higher rate than that which the American funding commission has said that England, up to her neck in other debts as well as this, should pay. We ask approximately what it costs the United States treasury to handle this loan through the issue of bonds.

That is consistent with the American policy of not profiting out of the war. It is consistent with the American tradition established when our Government returned money exacted from the Chinese following the Boxer uprising.

When the England haters start fighting long settled battles all over again in the effort to stir up a frenzy over a fair deal offered by our Government to the one other government willing to settle its debts, let's keep these thoughts in mind, and not let Uncle Sam become a Shylock.

HUNDRED PER CENT AMERICAN IT strikes us it is about time to lay away to rest that hackneyed phrase, "one hundred per cent American," born in the hysteria of the war. It has camouflaged enough of sins.

It drops out in its true light in the testimony, before the Arkansas legislative committee inquiring into the mob rule at Garrison of M. B. Robbins of Heber Springs on the stand:

"Why was the mob formed?" asked a Senator.

"We wanted to end the strike," said Robbins.

"What was meant by 100 per cent American?"

"I don't know, unless it was 100 per cent for the Missouri & North Arkansas Railroad," testified Robbins.

Other witnesses told how they were given the choice of signing pledges to "become 100 per cent American," or of leaving their homes.

The long and short of it is that through the adroit use of this meaningless but high sounding catch-phrase, a group of railroad officials were able to delude a mob of citizens and use them to drive other citizens from their homes, beat them, and lynch at least one.

All in the name of being "100 per cent American," whatever that is.

OCEAN BREW IS LATEST Y YOU READ about the liquor ships lurking outside the three-mile line along the Atlantic coast, selling their cargo to rum-runners in smaller boats.

Two-thirds of the supposedly imported liquors sold from these floating warehouses are manufactured at sea by redistilling alcoholic preparations like toilet waters, exported from the United States.

So claim some prohibition officials who are matched against the rum smugglers. Right or wrong, it will throw a scare into many thirsty. The greatest prohibition enforcement agent is fear of poison booze—and will be increasingly so.

JENNER, YOUR FRIEND O FFHAND you can rattle off the names of at least twenty leaders who won lasting fame by destroying life and property.

But what do you know about Edward Jenner? England, his native country, has been honoring the one-hundredth anniversary of his death. Jenner was the physician who discovered how to prevent smallpox by vaccination.

This discovery, according to many scientists, has saved probably a thousand lives to every life destroyed in the last century by wars. Remember his name. Without his discovery, you might be dead now.

DISTANCE AND VALUE W ILLIAM A. BRADY, theatrical producer, claims our critics are overestimating the players from Moscow Art Theater who made quite a sensation in New York.

Brady champions the American stage as second to none in the world in the number of fine artists it has produced. He thinks the Moscow players look better largely because they come from abroad.

Psychologically, this sounds plausible. Peculiar trait of Americans: Everything looks better at a distance. We have the world championship at panning ourselves.

Deaths by Accident in U. S. During 1922 May Reach 90,000

QUESTIONS ANSWERED You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to The Indianapolis Times' Washington Bureau, 1425 16th St., Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamp. Medical, legal and love and marriage questions are welcome, but all letters are confidential, and receive personal replies. Although the bureau does not have time to receive prompter replies, if readers will confine questions to a single subject, writing more than 100 words on each of various subjects are desired—EDITOR.

How many deaths from accidents occurred in the United States during 1922? Estimates as to the number of deaths from accidents in the United States in 1922 range from 75,000 to 95,000.

In what direction would the needle of the compass point when one is at the north pole?

At the north pole there is only one direction, south. Therefore the needs of the compass would point south, with very slight inclination toward the magnetic pole, which is located at 70 degrees north latitude and 37 degrees longitude. The magnetic pole is not a point, but merely the center of magnetic areas.

How is lye prepared? What does it contain?

Lye is prepared from tar oil by saponification, and contains about 50 per cent cresols. It is soluble in water, alcohol, chloroform, glycerin and benzine. Lye is one of the most efficient disinfectants on the market today. With water it forms a clear, frothy, soapy liquid. This property is a disadvantage in surgical work requiring the use of instruments, as it renders them somewhat slippery. For purposes where a lubricant is desired, it is a most useful antiseptic for the

What are the addresses of Wanda Hawley and Lila Lee? Address Wanda Hawley, Realart Studio, Hollywood, Cal.; Lila Lee, Lasky Studio, Hollywood, Cal.

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