

**TAKING COUNTY INTO CITY** MAYOR SHANK proposes to include nearly all of Marion County in the city of Indianapolis. Most of the territory he proposes to include is platted. Some of it is farm land. All of it is extremely valuable because it is close to Indianapolis.

There is no one in Marion County who does not benefit by his proximity to the city. In a few cases persons living outside the city derive nearly all the benefits of city life without paying city taxes. These persons should be in the city. On the other hand, should a farmer be compelled to pay city taxes because the city wishes to annex him? There is room for argument. One of the arguments against the farmer is the fact that he probably owns the farm because he expects some day to turn it into city lots. His argument would be that profitable operation of a farm would be impossible if there were city taxes to be paid. It is a problem that must be solved.

There is another problem. That is the duplication of county and city governments. This problem already is present because the population of Marion County outside the city is comparatively small. Still, every taxpayer in the city is paying county taxes. There is as much argument on their side as on the side of the farmer who would object to paying city taxes.

The combining of governmental activities in Marion County and Indianapolis is a subject the next Legislature should take up. It might start by amending the Constitution to do away with the numerous justice of the peace courts, which threaten to become a nuisance in Indianapolis, and establishing a central court for petty civil pleas, letting the other courts take care of misdemeanors now handled by justices of the peace.

**WHEN THE CROWD GATHERS** ONE of the great unsolved mysteries of our big cities is why people like to gather in a crowd and watch the pick-and-shovel brigade dig a hole in the ground. It's a curiosity that isn't limited to cities. Go out into the country, start digging, and it'll be just a matter of minutes until the farmer will climb down off his tractor or desert his plow and hurry across the field to watch. It is one man's theory that the lure of digging into the earth is inherited from boyhood when all of us were firmly convinced that pirates' treasure was buried near by.

On second thought, he suggests: "The soil down under the surface attracts us because we realize, that's where we came from, and that's where we'll return."

Have you a better explanation? Mark this: The crowd that gladly gathers to watch the ditch digger is also ready to stop and gaze, semi-trance fashion, at the safe being hoisted out of a building, the fallen horse, the bootleg victim sleeping in the gutter, or similar unimportant sights.

It lures them all—from rushing business man to corner loafer, rich, poor, highbrow, simpleton. Afraid they'll miss something Never too busy to waste time.

However, let's keep on gathering in crowds to watch. Thereby we express the insatiable curiosity that is back of all progress. Curiosity, which drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden, is the guiding force of most of their descendants.

**THOSE PLUCKED BROWS** ARTIFICIAL eyebrows, for women who plucked theirs out with tweezers, are displayed at the national convention of hairdressers in New York. They also demonstrate how any woman with the price can get a new set of eyelashes, long and seductive like a movie vamp's. Men will wonder how they're attached—glued or stitched?

Ah, life might lose its glamor for men if they knew too much about feminine wiles. For life is an illusion, and all is futile and dismal when our illusions are destroyed. So, with you, we pass on to the less important things of life, chivalry forbidding us intruding on the secrets of the fair sex.

**A TIME TO LOOK AHEAD** TIMES are going to be good, for the rest of the year at least, predicts the conservative and able Harvard Economic Service. Its economic "background" is the last word in scientific statistics.

Another wise authority is Benjamin M. Anderson, economist of the Chase National Bank of New York. He says the sound and prudent business man "will be very conservative in paying out dividends or in taking profits out of the business. He will seek to conserve profits and to enlarge surplus as a buffer against future shocks."

A good lead to be followed by the average man.

## Questions

### ASK THE TIMES

#### Answers

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to The Indianapolis Times, Washington Bureau, 1325 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamps. Medical, legal, love and marriage advice cannot be given, but can be extended research be undertaken, or papers, speeches, etc., be prepared. Charged letters cannot be answered but all letters are confidential and receive personal replies.—EDITOR.

Was Austin, Texas, ever a world capital?

Yes, between 1836 and 1846, Austin was the seat of government of the independent republic of Texas, which for ten years existed as the viceroy nation of the United States. Ministers and special envoys were accredited to the republic by the United States and by half a dozen or more of the leading nations of Europe.

Is the brown rat a native of America? If not, where did it come from?

No. It crossed into European Russia from Asia in 1727, spread throughout western Europe and reached America during the Revolutionary War.

How did the ancient Peruvians do their plowing? Not having draft animals, they used a foot plow, a peculiar wooden implement, five or six feet long, worked something like a spade.

Which State Governor gets the highest and which the lowest salary? Pennsylvania Governor gets \$18,000 and the Governors of South Dakota, New Hampshire and Vermont \$3,000.

Is there any word that contains all the letters in the alphabet? No.

Where does "slogan" come from? What does it mean? Originally the war cry, or battle yell, of the Highland clans of Scotland.

land. It has come to mean the peculiar watchword, or motto, of an organization.

How fast do light, sound and electricity travel? At 22 degrees Fahrenheit, light and electricity travel approximately 186,000 miles a second; sound, 1,090 feet a second.

When was the first negro brought to this country? Who brought him?

According to John Rolfe, in 1619 "a Dutch man-of-war, that sold us twenty slaves," came into the harbor.

What is the difference between an atheist and an agnostic? Atheist: One who denies, or disbelieves in, the existence of God, or a Supreme Being. Agnostic: One who neither believes nor disbelieves in the existence of God or a Supreme Being, but claims that it can neither be proved or disproved.

What does naked truth mean? Exact truth. The fable says that Truth and Falsehood went bathing; Falsehood came first out of the water, and dressed herself in "Truth's" garments. Truth, unwilling to take those of Falsehood, went naked.

Are ex-Servicemen given any preference in the Civil Service? They are required to make a percentage of only sixty-five in the examinations, and are given preference over civilians in appointments.

What does dog-watch aboard ships mean? It is a corruption of "dog-eat-watch."

To prevent the same men from being on duty at the same hours every day the two short dog-watches were introduced in order to change or "dog-eat" the watch.

## BLACKMAIL IS RAPIDLY GROWING MENACE

### Radio Magic

Mute Is Taught to Use Voice.



HOW LEO KUEHN LOOKED WHEN RADIO TAUGHT HIM TO TALK.

DETROIT, April 4.—Radio already has enabled many deaf through birth or accident, to hear. But for the first time radio has taught a deaf mute to speak—and in one lesson.

This new radio marvel took place at the WCX broadcasting station here. Leo Kuehn, 28, deaf mute was the subject of the experiment. Receivers were clamped on Kuehn's ears. The radio frequency was amplified twenty times.

A strange light came into Kuehn's face. He heard! Not only music but voices!

Then he spoke—the first words he had ever spoken. The words were: "Holy, holy, holy!"

And before the evening had passed Kuehn had mastered half a dozen words.

Physicians looked on amazed. "Kuehn never will regain his hearing," they said. "But radio will teach him to speak."

Kuehn has ordered a powerful radio set.

## U.S. LIBERTY BOND OWNERS CARELESS ABOUT INTEREST

Americans Failing to Collect Money Due Them, Treasury Reports.

By JOHN CARSON, Times Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—If J. Pierpont or John W. Carey as little for the dollars as do thousands of Liberty bond owners.

Well, they just wouldn't be the Morgans and Rockefellers of today.

Such is the opinion of treasury officials, who have been convinced that a great many Americans care little about collecting money due them. As exhibits, the treasury officials today produced the following:

Now outstanding, \$76,682,500 in original and temporary Liberty bonds. These bonds had four interest coupons. When the four coupons were cashed, no more interest could be collected until the bonds were exchanged.

Any bank would handle the exchange. But owners of \$70,000,000 worth have not exchanged them and have collected no interest for several years. The Government owes this but is not being forced to pay.

Now outstanding, approximately \$30,000,000 of Victory notes called for payment last December. The Government has written some owners of registered Victory notes but has gotten no response. The Victory note owners are losing about \$10,000 each day in interest.

Now outstanding approximately \$25,250,880 in old bonds and notes which are producing no interest. Some date back to 1850 and beyond, but the owners are not presenting them for payment.

Now outstanding, approximately \$35,000,000 of old currency dating back fifty years and more. That includes some old "ship-plasters." The Government counts on not more than about \$2,000,000 being presented.

Wish for and if the courts demanded you return home?

"Yes," says Mrs. Susie Grace Ferguson Cofer, 16, who finds herself today in just that situation.

The young woman came here recently from her home in Sparta, Ga., 100 miles away, to visit her sister. At her sister's home she met L. J. Cofer, 22, blind since birth, known in Atlanta as an expert pianist.

A quick courtship followed. The two were wed.

Then G. F. Ferguson, the bride's father came home and carried his daughter back home. Cofer followed and instituted habeas corpus proceedings to gain back his wife. He won.

But no sooner had the reunited couple reached Atlanta than Ferguson filed papers seeking to have the marriage annulled, declaring Cofer had married his daughter through fraud.

The case will be heard soon in the Atlanta courts. Meanwhile the girl wife says all the law in the world

Five Famous Unsolved Crimes Linked by Startling Coincidences, With Extortion of Money as Probable Motive of Crooks.

By EDWARD THIERRY, NEA Service Staff Writer.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Organized blackmail, perhaps the weapon of a single gang, is considered a possible solution to a series of crimes having startling coincidences and culminating in the murder of Dorothy King, Broadway model.

Millions of dollars are secretly extorted, crime experts say, in blackmail plots that have wealthy men and women as victims. These conspirators are known sometimes as "crime scavengers."

Analysis of the possibilities of a series of notorious crimes having been in the hands of one organized band of blackmailers shows these cases as links in the chain:

MYSTERIOUS slaying of William Desmond Taylor, movie director, in Los Angeles a year ago last February.

KILLING of a sailor by Walter S. Ward, millionaire baker's son, near White Plains, N. Y., last May.

UNSOLVED double murder of Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills at New Brunswick, N. J., last September.

CHLOROFORMING of Mrs. Irene Schoellkopf, wealthy Buffalo woman, and \$520,000 jewel robbery in New York New Year's eve.

MURDER by chloroform of Dorothy King and theft of \$15,000 worth of jewels in supposed plot to blackmail J. Kearsley Mitchell, son-in-law of E. T. Stotesbury, millionaire Morgan partner.

Blackmail persisted as an explanation of Taylor's murder. Walter Ward, whose release has been the subject of an investigation by Governor Smith, declared he killed his victim to save himself from a gang of three blackmailers who had already obtained \$30,000 and demanded \$75,000 more. In the New Brunswick case the Hall family's theory was that Rev. Hall and Mrs. Mills met death at the hands of a band of blackmailers and robbers.

The Schoellkopf robbery case, the only one that did not end in murder, is linked with both the Hall-Mills and the King cases. Chloroform was used to subdue both Mrs. Schoellkopf and Miss King; in the latter case it came from New Brunswick, scene of the Hall-Mills murders.

"I have had a theory that the same gang of blackmailers might have been involved in other crimes previous to the King murder," said Assistant District Attorney Ferdinand Pecora. Edward S. Schwab, for eleven years postoffice inspector says: "Many blackmail cases hinge on letters through the mail, and postoffice inspectors have investigated some that run into amazing figures."

Chief Detective Edward Raines, attached to the district attorney's office, says only a few blackmail cases a year get into the courts because most wealthy victims are willing to submit rather than face exposure, even though innocent.

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## Love Wreck

Mother, 19, Slain; Student Held.



MRS. THELMA BEYER (ABOVE) AND FILMORE HEIKKILA (BELOW).

By NEA Service. SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., April 4.—Love most commonly appears in the guise of an inspirer, a creator, an upholder. But, less often, it takes on the form of a destroyer, and leaves ruins and wreckage behind it.

It played the latter part here the other day and left in its wake: A 19-year-old mother, Mrs. Thelma Beyer, dead from a pistol shot.

A high school senior, Filmore Heikkila, facing a manslaughter charge.

An 18-month-old baby, waiting for its dead mother.

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## TOM SIMS SAYS:

TWO men married the same nurse in New Jersey. They both need one.

An Alabama couple has twenty-two children, so every time the family goes out strangers think it is a picnic.

People who eat in restaurants may be glad to learn a cook was hurt when his stove exploded in New York.

London women are wearing monacles, proving untrue the belief women are particular about what they wear.

A new tunnel under the Catskills is eighteen miles long and would be ideal to pass through on a honeymoon.

While Dempsey is hunting for a fight he should be careful to find one he won't lose right away.

A new idea for making rain has been advanced which may be merely a new idea for making money.

In Saskatchewan, 15,000 muskrats were caught this season, much to 15,000 muskrats' surprise and disgust.

When a young lady with a comfortable parlor all her own can't be a June bride she isn't half trying.

The rookie pitchers who pass four balls too often will soon be stopping before the three-ball signs.

A movie kiss is only a few feet long unless it is in the audience.

Fire destroyed six buildings at Camp Lee. Is this an official move to satisfy the vets who have received no bonus?



## Interest Mounts in England's 'Dorothy Arnold' Mystery

By MILTON BRONNER, NEA Service Staff Correspondent.

LONDON, April 4.—A clew from faraway India has revived national interest in "England's Dorothy Arnold."

Paralleling the famous case of the New York girl, whose mysterious disappearance a decade ago still remains unsolved, is the case of Mamie Stuart, pretty Welsh girl.

Dozens of gardens in various parts of Wales have been dug up seeking the missing girl's body. Since December, 1919, when she walked out of a Swansea hotel she has been variously reported as stolen, in hiding, a suicide, a runaway, or the victim of murder or accident.

Scotland Yard, convinced she was dead, gave up the chase long ago. Now the cables are hot to India because Thomas James, chief officer of the steamship Blythmoor, a friend of the girl's father, a retired sea captain living at Sunderland, turned up with the story that he had seen the missing girl in India.

His ship put in at Karachi, he said, and an English troupe of actors playing at one of the Karachi theaters, was entertained on board.

"I recognized one of the young women as Mamie Stuart," said James. "I went up and spoke to her, calling her by name. She stared at me in a peculiar way, and then said she was not Mamie Stuart, and walked away. But I could not possibly be mistaken."

Her father had died of a broken heart. Her mother lies ill, broken by sorrow and old age. But the flicker of hope roused in her has spurred Scotland Yard to new efforts to find the missing girl.



MAMIE STUART

Several years before her disappearance she tried many times to go on the stage. From London she wrote her friends that she was married. Then her letters suddenly ceased, and investigation showed that she had walked out of the Swansea hotel one day leaving her luggage behind. George Shotton, said to have posed as her husband, was arrested on a charge of bigamy, and he was convicted in an unusual trial in which the first wife, but not the second wife, was produced.

## THE FIRST COLLEGE