

FLYING OFF THE HANDLE

OUR old friend Shep runs out and barks at every auto that passes. His father and grandfather rushed to the dusty road to bark at the old-time horse-drawn buggies and wagons. And in a few generations, when most traffic will be in the air, Shep's descendants will scamper along underneath, barking at the huge steel birds overhead.

No efficiency expert ever has been mean enough to figure out how much energy Shep wastes by running out to bark at every passing auto. Of course, he has to let off steam in some way. But what a futile and purposeless habit it is.

We do our greatest rushing and barking about trivial, inconsequential matters. The things that excite us most, cause explosions of anger, make life miserable for ourselves and others "don't amount to a hill of beans."

Friends quarrel, lovers part, enemies are created—usually "over nothing." The really big issues of life, we meet calmly. The petty things are what cause the trouble, misunderstanding and misery. You see this proved when some one flies off the handle."

PRICE HOAX ANGLE

PICKING up an economist's report by mistake for a fiction magazine, a reader notices that American exports of foodstuffs and partly finished manufacturing materials gained twenty-five million dollars in February, compared with February a year ago.

The reader says this elated him so much, he read on. Then he learned that while the value was up (dollars), the physical quantity of exports (tonnage) dropped 6 per cent. The reader wants to know whether exports rose or fell. It depends on the viewpoint. They gained if viewed from the angle of the price hoax.

Fluctuations in our foreign trade are chiefly due to changes in prices. The total tonnage rarely moves far above or below normal.

CRYING OVER DRAMA

OCASIONALLY a critic with a lazy liver means about America not being able to produce any art—our best plays coming from abroad, and so on. It rather bewilders us to pick up the London Daily Mail and find its critic, Gordon Street, lamenting that London theaters are playing twenty-two home-made plays, against seventeen imported ones. He is alarmed because "The United States is an easy first where dramatic importations to this country are concerned."

Distance lends enchantment.

LID ON CRIME FILMS

THE police commission in Victoria, B. C. (Canada), wants crime films suppressed, claiming that gunplay in the movies is largely responsible for crime wave among boys.

One thing about the writers of the old-time melodramas and Nick Carters, they always have the villain come to grief and pictured him so that the audiences hissed. It was against professional ethics to idealize any form of crookedness or even give it an element of alluring romance. The writer or producer who makes crime "cute" or heroic is a valuable ally of the underworld.

INCREASE IN USE OF CIGARETS

"CHILD mediums" are quite common among the rising generation, according to spiritualists. In England 13,340 children from the ages of 10 to 18 are training to be mediums, in the Lyceum Union Spiritualist Sunday schools. They will make a formidable missionary force.

If not interested in the psychic, here's something decidedly material: More than five billion cigarettes are manufactured in the United States in one month. That's nearly a third more than the output a year ago. Manufacturers are divided, whether the increase is due to women smokers or to prohibition—nervous nation seeking in tobacco the thrill it formerly got in alcohol.

Questions ASK THE TIMES

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Times, Washington Bureau, 1332 New York Ave., Washington, D. C. Enclosing a cent in stamps. Medical, legal and love and marriage advice can't be given, nor can extended research be undertaken, or papers, speeches, etc., be prepared. Unsigned letters can't be answered, but all letters are confidential and receive personal replies.

What States produce the most maple sugar?
Vermont first, New York, second.

What is the fastest thing that runs on legs?
The whippet, a racing dog, which averages 200 yards in a trifle more than ten seconds. Up to 100 yards the greyhound is his superior, but up to 200 yards the whippet can outrun anything on legs.

When was King Humbert of Italy assassinated?
Sunday, July 29, 1900.

By whom and when was the lacholitic theory presented?
By G. K. Gilbert, about 1877.

What do the initials F. F. V. mean?
First Families of Virginia.

Which signer of the Declaration of Independence was a Roman Catholic?
Charles Carroll.

What will be the enlisted strength of the United States Army under the latest appropriation act?
125,000 enlisted men, exclusive of 24,488 Philippine Scouts.

If a man had a compass in his hand and stood on the top of a mountain containing iron where would the needle of the compass point?
It would continue to point to the magnetic North.

What salaries do firemen receive in the Indianapolis fire department?
Captains, \$2,500; lieutenants, \$2,000; first grade firemen, \$1,733.75; second grade, \$1,551; chauffeurs, \$1,800.

Under the War Risk Insurance law may a widow's compensation be attached for the payment of the debts of her husband?
No, the law prohibits this, the section reading as follows: "The allotment and family allowances, compensation and insurance payable under articles two, three and four respectively shall not be assignable; shall

BANKS SHOW HAND WHEN PRICE HIKES

Calendar of Sugar Gouge Indicates Wall Street Has Finger in Pie

By JOHN CARSON.

Times Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Here's the sugar gouge calendar to date, showing Wall Street's fine financial hand in the sugar "price hiking."

Feb. 2—Loan of \$50,000,000 made to Cuba by New York financial interests, including the National City Bank.

Feb. 3—Cuban report says sugar industry strongly organized through sales organization which includes National City Bank.

Feb. 10—Sensational reports in New York about a "sugar shortage." Prices go up.

April 3—Willett & Gray, sugar authorities, report total world production this year is \$21,625 tons greater than last year. Cuban production, at this time, is 409,738 tons greater than last year.

April 10—Total stocks of sugar in Cuba, 1,079,344 tons, or one-fifth of the yearly demand of the United States.

April 10—Sugar gamblers cry that Cuban sugar factories are closing because of short crop. Willett & Gray declare conditions not unusual.

April 10—Prices look like they will go down. Mysterious buying starts in New York. Willett & Gray declare condition "peculiar." Prices go back up to 7.75 cents a pound.

April 20—Cuban sugar producers say they cut an average of 4.20 cents a pound for their sugar. At that rate, sugar to the consumer at 7 1/2 cents should be the rule.

Today—Consumers pay 11 cents for sugar.

SAYS CHRISTIANITY AND SPIRITUALISM FAIL TO CONFLICT

English Scientist Here Explains Three-Fold Nature of Man.

"Spiritualism does not conflict with the basic teachings of Christ," said H. J. Osborn, English psychic lecturer and journalist, when he arrived here today. He will lecture 8 tonight at the Masonic Temple, North and Illinois Sts., under auspices of the Indianapolis Central Psychic Phenomena Society, on "Science, Philosophy and Religion."

"There is no reason why people should not stay in the churches to which they belong and adopt spiritualism in addition," he continued. "Spiritualism holds the continuity of life after death. It teaches at the same time the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man."

Osborn says that man's make-up is three-fold. There is his physical body, which every one sees; the etheric body, which is seldom seen, and the spiritual body, which no man can see.

Osborn compared the etheric body to double-exposure scenes which are so common in moving pictures.

"Moving pictures have brought spiritualism to a high perfection by mechanical means," he said.

Osborn is a member of the Society for the Study of Super-Normal Phenomena, London. Sir Conan Doyle is vice president of the society. Osborn has studied spiritualism for the past fifty years.

REALTY FIRM BIDS FOR SWAMP LANDS

Auditor Objects to Sale at Sum Offered.

The East Chicago Company, a realty firm, today offered the State a certified check for \$119,735.25 as the only bid on approximately 320 acres of submerged land in Lake County, part of a huge tract sought by the Jones & Laughlin steel interests for development as an industrial center. The offer bettered the State appraisal of \$350 an acre by \$25.

Robert Bracken, State Auditor, in whose office the transaction was to be made, objected to the sale, contending the land was worth \$350,444. Governor McCray and Ora Davies, State Treasurer, members of the sales committee to which Bracken was appointed, favored the sale.

Action was expected late today.

FOLK HARDENED TO SIN

"Sin does not alarm people today," so said the Rev. Joseph E. Smith of Redlands, Cal., at the National Holiness convention at the Merritt Place M. E. Church.

"People look lightly upon sin," he said. "A Christian experience that does not keep people from sin in this world would not keep them out of hell in the world to come."

The convention will close Sunday night.

Princess Declares Old-Fashioned Love Is All That Counts; Title Means Nothing

Bank Book Ends Mother's Objections



THELMA SPURLING, GIRL WIFE, AND HENRY SPURLING, HER BOY-HUSBAND.

By NEA Service

ACON, Mo., May 4.—When a bride of 12 and a husband of 19, who can earn \$200 a month together, can save half of it to buy a home, there is no good reason for parting them merely because of their youth.

Judge Walker of the Macon County Circuit Court believes so, and so Mrs. Thelma Spurling's parents are prevented from interfering with the couple's married life.

One of the ways Mrs. Spurling, formerly Thelma Ess, proved to the court she ought to be permitted to remain with her husband, Henry Spurling, was to exhibit a bank book showing a saving on the part of the two of \$100 a month since their marriage.

The girl-wife works in a Des Moines store. Her husband is a salary man in that city.

A few months after their marriage the bride's mother sought to annul the tie on the ground that the Missouri laws had been violated in the issuance of a license. But Thelma returned to the scene of the conflict and in addition to disavowing on the love that exists between the two, got down to more material things and showed the bank book.

That settled it.

CHICAGO TO GET G. O. P. CONVENTION

Treasurer Upham Assures 1924 Meet for Windy City.

By CHICAGO Press

CHICAGO, May 4.—The 1924 Republican national convention virtually assured to be held in Chicago, Fred W. Upham, treasurer of the National committee said today.

Although the national committee does not meet to pick the convention city until next December, twenty-nine of the fifty-three members are already reported to have signed pledges to cast their votes for Chicago.

"I have no doubt but what Chicago will get the convention," Upham said. The meeting has been eagerly sought by cities throughout the country, especially on the Pacific coast. Representatives of Republicans in California, were recently in conference with Upham urging that San Francisco be chosen for the meeting.

Tech Seniors Hold Class Party

June seniors of Technical High School held their class party Thursday afternoon in the girls' gymnasium. Dining was the chief entertainment. Vivian Stevenson, chairman; Robert Webb, Carlos Jeffy, Virginia Foxworthy and Catherine Roberts were in charge.

Pool Selling Alleged

Ora Dooley, 50, proprietor of a soft drink establishment at 6 W. Louisville St., was arrested today by Lieutenant Richter and Sergeant Tooley on a charge of baseball pool selling.

Among other subscriptions which have been reported are the following:

Charles R. Ammerman, \$50; employees Leeds Manufacturing Company, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Charles St. Clair, \$50; Victor C. Keen, \$100; employees Robbins Body Company, \$100; R. S. Foster Lumber Company by R. S. Foster, \$50; Albert W. Brown, \$50 each.

GIVE!

To the James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association:

Please record my pledge of \$_____ for the building fund for the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children. I understand in making this pledge that it is to be paid in four annual installments of \$_____ each, the first installment being payable Sept. 30, 1923, and the three installments thereafter on Sept. 30 of the next succeeding years. I also understand that I am to be notified of the amounts due as they are payable.

Signature _____

Address _____

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Fill out the above blank and mail it to the campaign headquarters, 1503 National City Bank Building. All pledges are payable over a four-year period, one-fourth of the total pledged being payable on each Sept. 30.

Wants to Be Plain American Citizen and Look After Mother.

By JOSEPHINE VAN DE GRIFT

NEA Service Staff Writer

NEW YORK, May 4.—"Snobs" excludes the beautiful Princess Dimitri Galitzine, "there's nobody in the universe perfect enough to be one."

And thereby does the princess, who was the wealthy and much sought after Miss Frances Stevens pass the final word upon international marriages and explain why, after four years as a Russian noblewoman, she is trying to regain her status as plain American citizen.

"I wanted to have an ideal dignity," explains the princess. "I thought how wonderful it would be to have a title to my name, to be set apart and looked up to."

"Now I know that a simple good woman has an honor that all the false pride in the world can never give."

"You ask what it has brought me? This is what it has brought—I arrive in America practically penniless and find my mother living on crumblers and milk in order that she might have money to send me."

"My husband, scion of one of the noblest houses in Russia, is learning to be a carpenter at a school for shell-shocked soldiers in France. His father, Prince Nicholas Dimitrovich, and one-time prime minister of Russia, is robbing the shoes of peasants in Petrograd."

"I—I have nothing but an empty title and an empty pocketbook. But I've gained an education."

"When we were married four years ago we went to Siberia on our honeymoon. I lost \$35,000 just through the falling money rates. In

order to get out of Siberia I had to ship as stewardess on a cargo boat. I tried to set my husband up in business and lost \$70,000 on the venture. I trusted an agent with \$13,000 and have seen nothing of him since. In other words, I paid high for my education. I've graduated from the Siberian kindergarten of crime and the French finishing school of crooks."

"I landed in America the other day with \$50 in my pocketbook."

"I've learned my lesson. A title is just a nice little old antique. I'm going to give up mine and become a plain American citizen so I can look after my mother."

"Unless one has a fortune to build up a fairy-tale existence love under the apple tree is better."

C. Huffstetter, George M. Cornelius, W. W. Thornton and Irene B. Thornton, \$50 each. Pledges totaling \$842.50 were received from members of the Russian Club of La Porte to be applied to this \$150,000 special memorial fund being raised by the Russians of the State.

Mrs. and Mrs. E. Clifford Barrett, \$500. Mrs. D. E. Sullivan, \$100. Henry & Robinson, \$50.

DELTA TAU MAKES 250 BANQUET RESERVATIONS

Division President Coming for Fraternity Meet, May 12.

Reservations for 250 guests have been made for the eighteenth annual State banquet of the Indiana Alumni Chapter of Delta Tau Delta May 12 at the Columbia Club. Dr. John Oliver of Indianapolis, will be toastmaster.

Frank L. Mulholland of Toledo, Ohio, Pearl Miller of Columbus, Ohio, president of the fraternity, and Clarence Humphrey of Cincinnati, Ohio, will speak.

Prizes will be awarded for the best "stunt" to be put on by the five active chapters from Wabash, Indiana, Butler, Purdue and De Paul. Music will be furnished by the Butler chapter, George Kadel of Indianapolis and Frank Ball of Toledo, Ohio.

Money and Checks Missing

Burglars entered the home of Mrs. Gus Goldberg, 2226 E. Washington St., detectives were notified today. Mrs. Goldberg said \$150 in money and \$200 in checks were missing.

Tech Seniors Entertain

June seniors of Technical High School in room 31 gave a return entertainment to the post graduates, late Thursday. Vivian Stevenson sang two solos. Louise Spillman gave two piano solos, one of them the class song which she composed. The boys quartette, George Newton, Adrian Pierce, George Cottrell and Bruce Savage, sang four numbers. Thelma Rubush played a violin solo.

Miss Natalie Brush, president of the Junior League which is in charge of hospital booths in banks and hotels, reported that \$3,116.06 in cash and pledges has already been given through the booths. These included the following:

Mrs. Charlotte S. Moxley, \$1,000; Emily Tassart Smider, \$500; E. L. Cottrell, \$500; Donald Jackson, Louise E. Dowden, Dr. M. J. Barry, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Monahan, A. C. Wadley, John C. Wright, \$100 each; Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Dore, W. J. Holliday, George W. Dillar, Smiley N. Chambers, \$50 each; George M. Gahagan, Sol. Blumberg, Mr. and Mrs. Green and Mrs. W. A. Rowland, \$40 each; Mrs. F. F. Chandler, E. Cook, J. C. Schafer Jr., Lucy H. Michel, \$20 each.

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TOM SIMS SAYS:

If they prove Conan Doyle's spirit pictures a fake, Conan's spirits will be in low spirits.

Judge Landis kissed an opera star in Cleveland, proving an opera star can shut her mouth.

Thinking they were having a free-for-all fight, four Seattle men found it cost thirty days.

Starch factory explodes in Argo, Ill., and a great many people felt stiff in the joint.

Hollywood girl with the most perfect feet has married, showing they got her somewhere.

New York will have daylight saving this year, just as if New Yorkers ever used much daylight.

Mexican woman of 102 smokes cigarettes. Anti-tobacco bugs will say she wouldn't be near that old if she didn't smoke.

Perhaps a Michigan man claiming the moon is flat also thinks it is made out of cheese.

Little Spokane girl who forgot to wear a dress may have thought she was going to a dance.

Detroit woman driver hit a building, and may plead it was on the wrong side of the street.

Ambassador Harvey threatens to sail for America May 3.



Harding Would Rather Publish Star Than Be President of U. S.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The President is not for sale. President Harding, its chief owner, says so.

In the days before he went to the White House, the Star, a prosperous and sizable "country" daily, furnished Mr. and Mrs. Warren G. Harding a comfortable living and some of the luxuries of life.

"I am hanging on it," the President confessed recently to a group of newspaper editors, "because I would rather be a newspaper publisher than anything else in the world. I like it and I hope I am going to be the chief owner of the Marion Star when they settle up my estate in a legal manner."

The President has not been active as editor of the Star for at least eight years. When he went to the Senate, the active editorial direction of the paper was transferred to one of his assistants, but during all of that time, and in the White House now, Mr. Harding as publisher of the Star, has kept in intimate contact with its career, its earnings, its rise in circulation, its editorial achievements and its public service.

Hundreds of newspapers come to the White House daily, but of them all, the Star is the President's favorite. A copy is always on his desk, and, as in the old days, he takes it "home" in the evening so that Friend Wife can read it.

When he resumes active charge of the Star, Mr. Harding says he will eliminate news pertaining to the failings of people.

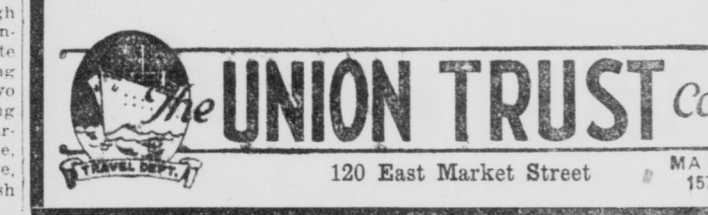
"I think the most unfortunate contribution to the disturbing tendencies of today is the excessive publication of sensational vice," the President told a group of editors recently. "I believe if I were to write the code, and could write it for all the newspapers of America, I would have everything of a vicious character except that which is necessary as a public warning. If I ran a newspaper to suit my own ideals there would not be a police court reporter on the paper—never a police court column in the paper."

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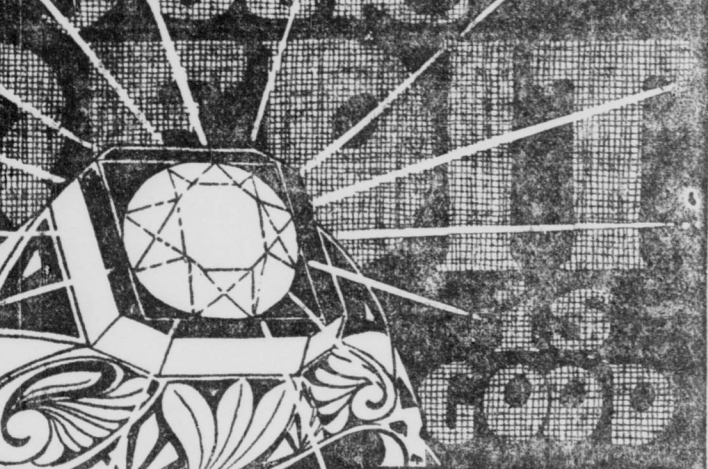
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