

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

ONCEANALLY a critic with a lazy liver moans 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 "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

Answers

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Times, 1503 National City Bank, 1322 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamps. Medical, dental, legal and many other questions can not be given, nor can extended research be undertaken, or papers, speeches, etc., be printed. Unsigned letters can not be answered, but all letters are read and receive personal replies. Editor.

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.

MAYBE THEY'LL GET THIN

Dilapidated Elevator at Courthouse Once Stopped.

Fat lawyers and disgruntled judges trudged up and down stairs at the courthouse today, following two stops of the ancient elevator between floors, passengers being rescued with a step ladder.

"Some one will be killed on that old contraption, and we just gave orders to stop it until completely overhauled," said John Kitley, member of the commissioners board.

The elevator has fallen twice in recent years and stops between floors have delayed divorces and tax payers too many times to count, commissioners said.

Hopes

By BERTON BRALEY

WHEN I leave home to wander About the world a space To see what you have to offer In some far-distant pine, I hope, when I have started, Wherever I may fit, Friends won't be heavy hearted—Now fit.

It would continue to point to the magnetic North.

What salaries do firemen receive in the Indianapolis fire department?

Captains, \$2,000; 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

not be subject to the claim of creditors or any person to whom an award is made under articles two, three and four and shall be exempt from taxation."

(Section 28 War Risk Insurance Act.)

Answers to these and other questions will be given in the "Ask the Times" column.

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BANKS SHOW HAND WHEN PRICE HIKEs

Calendar of Sugar Gouge Indic平ates Wall Street Has

Finger in Pie

By JOHN CARSON,
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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—Cuba reports sugar growers get "better banking accommodations" to assist them to withhold their sugar crops from market.

Short Time Later—Charles E. Mitchell, president National City Bank, denies a \$2,000,000 sugar monopoly is being formed but admits the sugar industry is being "integrated" or the "small units are being tied together" and that the "integration" reaches both producers and distributors of sugar.

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 521,626 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, 1,753,344 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 75 cents a pound.

April 20—Cuban sugar producers say they got an average of 4.20 cents a pound for their sugar. At that rate, sugar to the consumer at 75 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 at 8 tonight at the Masonic Temple, North and Illinois Sts., under auspices of the Indianapolis Central Psychical 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 ethereal body, which is seldom seen, and the spiritual body, which no man can see.

Osborn compared the ethereal 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 Pictures, 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 \$119,765.25 as the only bid on approximately 320 acres of submerged land in Lake County, part of a huge tract bought by the Jones & Laughlin steel interests for development as an industrial center.

The offer bettered the State appraisal of \$250 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," said the Rev. Joseph E. Smith of Redlands, Calif., 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.

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

Bank Book Ends Mother's Objections

Wants to Be Plain American Citizen and Look After Mother.

By JOSEPHINE VAN DE GRIFT
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NEW YORK, May 4.—"Snobs" exclams 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 crackers and milk in order that she might have money to send me.

"My husband, son 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 sometime prime minister of Russia, is cobbling the shoes of peasants in Petrograd."

"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."

"International marriages?"

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



PRINCESS GALITZINE

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 Marion Star 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 sizeable country daily, furnished 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 editor, 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 fallings 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 of the newspapers of America, I would bar 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."

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, Piqua, and De Pauw. Music will be furnished by the Butler chapter, George Kadel of Indianapolis and Frank Ball of Toledo, Ohio.

Sunday will be "Subscriber's day" at the building site of the hospital where the first \$500,000 building of the institution is under construction.

There will be no ceremony but men familiar with the plans for the development of the institution will be on the ground to answer questions and to point out where the hospital buildings will be placed.

Meetings will be held at the headquarters today in Eli Lilly & Co., where Almus G. Ruddell, county chairman, spoke.

The Rev. N. S. Sichterman spoke