

**LAUGH AT LEGAL 'LOOPS'**  
HERE'S what the bootleggers are talking about: Ontario, Canadian province, has prohibition nearly as severe as on our side of the border. But it's legal to manufacture liquor for export in Ontario.

The logical export market, of course, is our country. If the Canadian hooch is exported by railroad or legitimate steamship, it's easy for American prohibition sleuths to seize it at the port of railroad terminal where it enters the United States.

The ideal arrangement for our bootleggers is to have the liquor exported out of Canada by motor truck, which can be met after midnight on a lonesome road and rushed across the line.

Following a few shootings in connection with this method, the government in Ontario made it illegal to transport liquor over the public highways, except to nearest railroad station or ship dock.

American bootleggers recently were overjoyed when a brewery in Ontario won an Appellate Court victory which could be construed as giving it the right to transport liquor over the highways by motor truck, for export.

However, the executive branch of the Ontario government promptly telegraphed its prohibition enforcement officers on the Detroit River border to ignore the judgment and enforce the law as previously.

The Ontario government's stand is that the court judgment was rendered not upon the merits of the case, but upon a technicality.

The average American lawyer, who thrives on technicalities, would be out of luck in Ontario or any other Canadian province. Their courts are primarily concerned with the evident meaning and intent of the law, not with jokers slipped in by blundering or crooked legislators—such as omissions of punctuation or words whose absence creates what we Americans call "loop-holes."

There are cases on record in American court history where the unintentional omission even of a comma in a contract has cost the defendants thousands of dollars.

**BUMPER CROP OF GRADS**  
WE have now arrived at the month of brides and bachelorette sermons and graduation orations. Before lovely June has passed in history, the 578 universities and colleges of this country will have issued beautifully engraved sheepskins to no less than 45,000 young men and women of the country, sheepskins which in the form of scholastic degrees will express to their own minds at least that they now belong to the intelligentsia of the U. S. A.

The other day, Prof. Charles Mills Gayley, retiring dean of the department of English of the University of California, speaking before a gathering of the alumni of that great institution, said: "Our mass system of education is a menace to the educational life of the nation. This university spent over \$200,000 last year teaching college students many of the rudiments they should have learned in high school. One-third of the present student body here are misfits for college degrees and one-half the remaining two-thirds should be eliminated!"

That's pretty severe talk, isn't it? If a newspaper editor were to get off anything like that he'd be regarded as "sensational," would he not?

But President Ray Lyman Wilbur of Stanford University, one of the most heavily endowed institutions in the world, says Gayley is right!

Both Gayley and Wilbur place the blame on the doting parent, who, not content with putting his child through high school, seems determined to force him through college for no other purpose than to get a degree which can be pinned on him like the badge of a small town reception committee.

What are we going to do with these 45,000 young college grads? Few of them will care to become bricklayers or stone masons or plumbers or electrical workers or even carpenters! Fewer still will care to take positions as cooks or steel mill workers or locomotive firemen. Fact is, most of them couldn't qualify for any of these jobs. Yet the world is greatly more in need of good men for these jobs than for doctors, lawyers, or writers, and the pay is better—at least it's surer.

How about it?

## Questions ASK THE TIMES Answers

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Times, 25-29 S. Meridian St., Washington, D. C., enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope. Questions should be clearly stated, and answers will be given in the next issue. Unsolicited letters cannot be answered, but all letters are confidential, and receive personal replies—EDITOR.

**How did the expression "Crossing the Rubicon" originate?**

From the historical rivalry between Caesar and Pompey during the last century (49 B. C.) of the Roman Republic. When the Roman Senate made Pompey the sole Consul, or dictator, of Rome, that body issued a decree that Caesar should resign his office and disband his Gallic legions by a stated day. Instead, Caesar ordered his legions to hasten from Gaul into Italy, and without waiting for their arrival, at the head of a small body of veterans that he had with him at Ravenna, he crossed the Rubicon, a little stream that marked the boundary of his province. This was a declaration of war. Within sixty days Caesar had himself master of all Italy.

**A reader of this column asks for information on the banking system of the United States. Any other interested reader may obtain a bulletin on this subject by writing to our Washington Bureau, enclosing a two-cent postage stamp.**

**What is zinc dust, the "blue powder" of the smelters, and what is it used for?**  
It is metallic zinc in a very finely divided form, used chiefly as a reducing agent in the manufacture of dyes, or other organic compounds, and as a substitute for the zinc shavings in the precipitation of gold.

**What should one say in acknowledgment of an introduction?**  
When one is presented to a lady, all that is necessary is to say, "How do you do?" or simply begin the conversation. The one who is presented simply bows and says nothing. Other

remarks may be, "I am delighted to meet you," or "I am very glad to meet you." Do not use the expression, "Pleased to meet you."

**Do plants grow in the Arctic regions?**  
Yes; about 1,700 species have been found.

**How many automobiles and trucks were manufactured in the United States last year?**  
21,656,064.

**How much horsepower from waterpower is there available in the United States?**  
About 30,000,000.

**What are the proper occasions for a man to wear full dress and when he may wear a tuxedo?**  
Full dress is worn at the opera, at an evening wedding, at a dinner which is known to be strictly formal, at a formal ball and at certain State functions. The tuxedo is worn at the theater, at informal parties, dining at home, dining in a restaurant and at informal dinners, and informal dances.

**Which is the largest union coal mine in the United States? What is its output?**  
The Orient Mine, Illinois, owned and operated by the Chicago, Wilmington and Franklin Coal Company. Output, 7,000 tons a day.

**Give me a formula for a lotion to be used on oily skin.**  
The following is said to be good: One ounce tincture of benzoin, two drams tincture of musk, four drams tincture of ambergris, five ounces rectified alcohol and one and one-half pints orange flower water.

**What is the present government of Mexico?**  
Mexico is under a new constitution promulgated Feb. 5, 1917, replacing the constitution of 1857. By it Mexico is declared to be a federal republic of twenty-eight States, each with a large measure of home rule, and with Governor, Legislature and Judiciary elected by popular vote.

**By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS  
Times Staff Correspondent**  
"PRESIDENT HARDING virtually holds the fate of China and her 400,000,000 people in the hollow of his hand. China has reached the forks of the road. One way turns back definitely into the 'middle ages.' The other leads forward to a new and prosperous China."

The peace of the world depends upon which road she takes, yet she will be left to drift into the one, or led into taking the other, by the action of these powers—Great Britain, Japan and America. Of the three, America will wield the greatest influence.

"Educated Chinese admit conditions are rotten in China, but they blame it on the system. They would welcome another International Conference to examine the situation and advise what should be done."

"President Harding, they believe, could bring some such thing to pass. If he does not do so, they fear, nobody else will, and the case of China seems well nigh hopeless."

These lines are from a dispatch sent from Shanghai, China, by the wire two years ago in May. Months later the suggested "International Conference," was called to order in Washington, on the initiative of President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes. And China's case was discussed.

Today China is in as bad a fix as ever. The Washington Conference acted but passively on the Chinese menace, and active help was, and is, imperative.

The League of Nations took over Austria when Austria was about to crumble, appointing a Dutchman as a sort of receiver to boss the country until it could get back on its feet. The pill was sugar-coated so Austrians could swallow it without much trouble.

China will ultimately have to be treated similarly, though the United States must declare itself in because of vital American interests in that part of the world. The Pacific Powers might act instead of the league.

China's entire governmental machinery must be overhauled and her score of provincial armies, totaling some 1,500,000 disgruntled ragamuffins and potential brigands, disbanded and set to work before there can be any improvement.

"I can't see how China is going to work out this problem alone," writes J. B. Powell, American newspaper man held captive by the Shantung bandits. And every foreign signer in China agrees with him.

"I favor armed intervention," advises Maj. Roland W. Finger, American Army officer captured by the same band. "Civilize 'em with Krags is my motto."

Bad advice, an excusable only as coming from one so wrought up that he allows his anger, rather than his brain, to speak for him.

China must be cleaned out. Intervention must be constructive, not destructive, and the only hope of this lies in America.

European powers are up against it at home and can't take the initiative. Japan wants a weak China, and won't.

So today, more than ever, "President Harding virtually holds the fate of China and her 400,000,000 people in the hollow of his hand."

And more than ever is international action of some positive, even drastic, nature imperative to prevent a break-up of China and a rupture of the peace of the Pacific.

**Electric Shock Restores Sight**  
GLADYS SHAFFER  
CORTLAND, Ohio, June 4.—Pink and white blossoms of the peach and apple trees are more beautiful than ever to 13-year-old Gladys Shaffer here.

For a modern miracle has reopened her sightless eyes. A marvelous panorama is slowly unfolding before her as she wanders through the orchard back of her home.

The flowers and the shrubs, the robins and the blue bird, the fish in the brook—all have taken on a new meaning for Gladys.

A year ago a bolt of lightning left her totally blind. Specialists declared her sight probably never would be restored.

But a prosaic vacuum cleaner did the unusual. Gladys, unscrewing the plug from a light socket, touched the contacts with her right hand. A shock went through her whole body.

"Oh, mother!" she called. "I can see again!"

"It was just as if my eyelids had turned over," she explained later.

Her recovery is a mystery to physicians, who predicted total blindness for the girl whose blue eyes behind their heavy dark glasses now sparkle with the joy of complete happiness.

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## CRIME CURB NECESSARY FOR NATION

By JOHN CARSON,  
Times Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Sure and swift justice for the criminal is the great need in the United States in dealing with the crime problem. In the opinion of Sir Basil Thompson, the famous English criminologist who recently visited this country,

Thompson has the reputation of being the world's greatest authority on crime and was director for many years of the criminal investigation department of Scotland Yard. His suggestions regarding the United States have evoked considerable comment from crime authorities in the country, among them William J. Burns, chief of the Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation.

Thompson made these suggestions for curbing crime in this country:

1. Increase police forces in various cities 30 per cent, and establish day police forces in those cities which do not have them.

2. Make the office of chief of police non-political and allow a man to hold it as long as he gives good service.

3. Appoint all police judges, instead of electing them.

4. Establish uniform legislation in all cities, and if possible, in conjunction with Canada and Mexico, forbidding the sale of fire arms and regulating the possession of them.

5. Limit appeals in criminal cases to one, that one to be heard within thirty days of the day of conviction.

6. Standardize the penitentiary system with proper safeguards against inhumanity on the one hand and against sentimental liberality on the other.

## SPORTS LEADER TO SPEAK

Gyro Club Will Hear of Athletics in Indiana.

A. L. Trester, permanent secretary of the Indiana High School Athletic Association, will speak on "Growth of Athletics in the State of Indiana" at the weekly luncheon of the Gyro Club at the Lincoln Tuesday.

Members of the Indianapolis good will delegation, now on their way home from France, have been invited.

## POLITICAL PEPPER! Pennsylvania Delegation Is to Season Convention Well

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**SAHARA GROTTTO COUNCIL**  
Local Members Plan Caravan to Cleveland Saturday.

Preliminary to the thirty-fourth Supreme Council session of the Mystic Order of Velled Prophets of Enchanted Realm at Cleveland, June 11-13, members of Sahara Grotto will attend "Tiger Ross" at English's Tuesday night.

The Indianapolis convention caravan will be composed of more than 300 with tales of every kind. And stimulates my mind; Who lead me in my roaming To lands beyond my ken, Then bring me blithely homing Again;

Keen friends, who make life savor Of wonder and romance, Who make my spirit braver Amid the thrall of chance, Who yarn of sword and saber, Broad seas, great skies above, Of battle, play and labor, And love;

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Do not send coupons to the Indianapolis office of The Times.

## Worst Henpecked Husbands Are Carefree Gypsy Men



LOUISE RICE, WHO STUDIED GYPSY LIFE BY GOING THROUGH THE WEIRD CEREMONY THAT MADE HER A MEMBER OF THE TRIBE.

**By NEA Service**  
NEW YORK, June 4.—The worst henpecked husband in the world—is the carefree gypsy!

So says Louise Rice, authoress, who is known as the "koske gorgio"—the good stranger—of the many gypsy tribes that restlessly roam the country.

Studying the Romany race has been a hobby of Miss Rice. After many years she learned to talk the gypsy tongue.

"Finally," she says, "I gained their confidence. But it was a long time before I went through the strange ceremony which permitted me to be a 'skit and knife' member of the tribe. Then I was able to get behind the scenes and see the real life of the gypsy tribe."

"The gypsy woman is the real boss in tribal life. The man has no money except that which his wife allows him. He has no authority over the children. He is a pauper."

"But he is a whopping liar. He loves a good lie and will tell it with the greatest conviction. It is his pastime, his hobby, and no one who knows anything about the real Romany will ever believe what a man of the race tells him."

"Most gypsies in America are part Hungarian, Romanian, Russian, or Spanish. Yet all of them adhere to the same ideas, superstitions and secret religion. They worship Isis, goddess of Egyptian mythology."

"The gypsies of today cover the same routes their ancestors have driven over for the past 2000 years, but so secretive are they, unless they want to make some money fortune-telling, or selling horses, the inhabitants of towns and villages seldom realize gypsies are in the vicinity."

ing her nerves by chatting with other women and having a few moments of genuine privacy.

"Anybody who has been spending his or her winter evening in stuffy rooms studying, playing cards, dancing or even just nodding, should by all means get out in the open air in the summer. A truck driver, on the other hand, might well spend his vacation indoors."

Open-air exercise is valuable, but exercise looks chiefly to physical health and ignores mental health which is now considered to be about as important as physical health. Dr. Cummin explained that's why he says millions of people need a "change" rather than a "rest."

**Not So Foolish**  
"As a matter of fact," he continued, "nearly everyone feels this impulse and unconsciously strives to act upon it. The 'tired business man' of whom the papers say so much is not so foolish as some persons think when he goes to the theater to listen to a far-fetched nonsense, for this is the very opposite of his daily work. Unfortunately, going to the theater is like his business—indoors."

"The point of it all is," said Dr. Cummin, "is to get new ideas for the brain to mull over. All persons after being tied to one set of ideas for months will find themselves a whole lot healthier and happier if they can pick out an entirely different set for their vacation."

**COMPANION**  
By BERTON BRALEY  
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Three Arrested When Police Are Called to 19 N. Oriental St.

Declaring that her husband was paying too much attention to the woman they were visiting and that when she objected she was beat and her clothes torn nearly off, Mrs. Susie Ross, 122 N. Delaware St., called police to the home of Maude Moore, alias Osborn, 19 N. Oriental St., where they were visiting and had her husband, Albert, arrested on a charge of assault and battery and Miss Moore for vagrancy. Ross's father, John Ross who was there also, was charged with drunkenness.

## TOM SIMS SAYS:

MARRIAGE announcements for June show the crop of peaches is not a failure.

As a cheap vacation, we suggest putting on a bathing suit and being photographed at home.

Boys leave the farm because they hate to plow through life.

The man who figured a fly lays about a million eggs will be able to prove it next month.

One who found the ant a model of industry was a wife trying to keep ants out of the sugar.

Our guess is the girls are shocking because the men are so anxious to act as shock absorbers.

Some men are so stingy they refuse to laugh at their own expense.

Ignorance is no bliss in the eyes of the law.

Trying to show what you know often shows what you don't know.

The children run everything around the house except the errands.

Many a woman goes visiting hoping they are not at home.

People who live in autos should not throw glass.

A shark is a big fish. So are who who think they are sharks.

When a couple of lying golfers meet, the recording angel has to start writing shorthand.

Out of 1,000 reasons why couples fight the main one is "because."

Choosing picnic weather is simple. Pick the day you want, then postpone it until the next day.

## Man Who Talks in Billions Is Stranger in Own Home Town

By DON P. DROWAN  
NEA Service Writer

SILVER CREEK, N. Y., June 4.—John W. Slack started out as a \$4 a week office boy—

Now he talks in billions. His bid of \$1,651,000,000 for all the Shipping Board's vessels startled the whole country. But it created more excitement than a cyclone right in his home town.

For Silver Creek, with its 3,300 souls, doesn't know Slack.

"True, most folk recognize him and pass the time of day when they meet him on the street. Others scarcely tell you where he lives."

"Oh, yes; he's a substantial citizen," some of the older business men inform you. "Nice fellow, but rather quiet."

"He's been here eight years now, but we don't know any more about him than we did the first week. He's president of the Columbia Postal Supply Company, and makes some sort of stamp cancelling machines for the Government."

"See that little one-story yellow brick building down the street. Well, that's his office."

And they point to a tiny factory, just half a block from the park, or square.

A clerk in a drug store directed me to Slack's home. It's a modest, single-story, frame dwelling.

Just before you come to the railroad tracks.

Slack's daughter, Ethel, 20, came to the door.

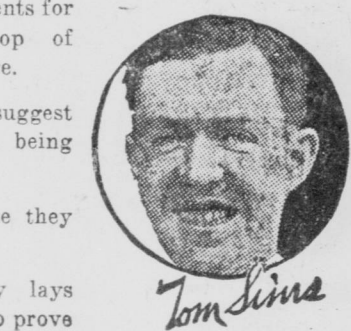
"Dad's out riding," she announced. "But he'll be coming in soon."

An hour later the writer returned and found Slack just climbing into one of his Packards. (He has two.)

"Going down to the office for a little bit," he explained. "Jump in." "Pretty nice town you have here, Mr. Slack."

"Yep, fine little place. Away from the noise and city."

"Looks like we've put it on the map. You know, I'm on the Cham-



Tom Sims



JOHN W. SLACK

## Traffic Wisdom by Dr. R. C. Rouche Chairman Safe Drivers' Club

Pedestrian crossing a street.  
1. At the curb, LOOK LEFT.  
2. At the center of the street, LOOK RIGHT.

LESSON NO. 2  
Motorist entering a street from a driveway.

1. At the sidewalk, drive as slow as a walk.  
2. At the curb line, LOOK LEFT, THEN RIGHT.  
3. Give right of way to vehicles on street.  
4. Make right turn near curb. Make left turn near center of street.

## PLAY FAIR ON THE HIGHWAY