

SPEEDWAY AS AN AD FOR CITY

JUST how great an asset the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is to the city is demonstrated in the amount of publicity given the city as a result of the race this year. Newspapers as far west as San Francisco and Sacramento carried eight-column headlines on the result of the race, incidentally telling the world at large it was held in Indianapolis.

There is only one other regular sporting event, the world series, that obtains as much general publicity as the annual 500-mile race. There are few other events of any description that win such wide-spread publicity. This publicity is keeping Indianapolis on the map as nothing else could.

Despite the fact, objectionable to many, that the race is held on Memorial day, the event is of immeasurable value to the city. There should be no thought of abandoning the track, as has been suggested. If the present owners do not care to continue the race, citizens of Indianapolis should take over the property and operate it. Advertising pays.

AL SMITH STARTS SOMETHING

THE other day the Governor of New York took his pen in hand and wrote his "Al Smith" on a bill which repeals the State enforcement act. There was quite a hullabaloo about it, because Al had waited a whole month to make up his mind. Since that dramatic moment, the drags have been painting Al with a devil's fork and saying he seeded New York from the Union, while the wets, all of a sudden, have awakened to the fact that Al's head is hovered over by a halo!

What is much more important to the country as a whole is the aftermath of Al Smith's signing of the repealer.

A lot of good folks are taking the attitude that Governor Smith has definitely committed the national Democratic party to the "wet" cause in the coming political campaign. They seem to think the New York repealer forces the "wet" plank. They would like to force it on their party generally.

Where they will meet their stumbling block will be in the South, almost solidly Democratic, where the party is strongly "dry" in sentiment.

So, it begins to look as though the Governor of New York did more than merely write his Al Smith to a State prohibition repealer—what he really did was tear his party in twain on an issue that gives national political leaders nightmares every time they think of it.

PLUG UP THE LEAK ON 'GAS'

WHY it should be necessary for any city automobile to travel an average of ninety-six miles a day, as a report to the city council indicates has been done, is not clear. It is realized a city car might be required to travel that distance some days, but for a car to average that distance every day for a month is out of the realm of reasonableness.

It appears that a not very accurate check is being kept on gasoline used by the city. Slipshod methods in this respect lead sometimes to enormous unnecessary expenditures. All business concerns keep accurate checks on gasoline and other supplies used, else such "leaks" would soon eat up profits. There is no more reason why "leaks" should be tolerated in the operation of a city government than in the operation of a business.

WHAT'S FORTHY MILLION?

A LAW suit reveals that the late William Penn Snyder left an estate of \$40,000,000. It starts one thinking about our system, when one man can accumulate and leave this much, yet not one American in 1,000 ever heard of him. Did you? He was an iron baron—owned furnaces in the Shenango valley, ore freighters on the Great Lakes and big iron mines in the Lake Superior country, not counting his sidelines.

ASK THE TIMES

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Times, 1322 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamps. Medical, legal, and love and marriage advice cannot be given, nor can extended research be undertaken. Papers, speeches, etc., be prepared. Unsigned letters cannot be answered, but all letters are confidential, and receive personal replies.—EDITOR.

What is ptosis?
Drooping of the upper eyelid.

I am a war veteran receiving compensation. I have recently developed a nervous disease. Can I get a higher disability rating and have my compensation increased?

If upon proper medical examination the nervousness is traced to war service, you can. Write to the local representative of the Veterans' Bureau for a reopening of your case.

Is it unlawful to change your name?

Not if the reason for doing so is an honest one. However, to avoid possible complications later, it is advisable to have the name changed legally.

Has a married man the right to ask his wife where she is going?

Yes, but he has no right to compel a reply. Under ordinary circumstances the wife should reply to such a question, if put courteously; but wives have some rights of privacy, even where husbands are concerned.

A reader of this column asks for an outline of the Monroe Doctrine. Any other reader who wishes this information may obtain a bulletin on the subject by writing to our Washington Bureau, enclosing 2 cents in stamps.

Who wrote "The American Creed"?

William Tyler Page, the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, in 1917.

Does oil shale yield gold?

It has been claimed that gold has been obtained from oil shale, but as says by the United States Bureau of Mines indicate that there is little chance of gold or similar precious

metals being commercially recoverable from it. Samples reported to contain an ounce or more of gold were found by assay to carry less than a hundredth of an ounce per ton, worth about 20 cents.

Is typhoid fever increasing or decreasing in this country?

The American Medical Association reports a steady decline in typhoid in the United States during the past twelve years. Last year, in large cities, the extremely low rate of 3.15 for every one hundred thousand inhabitants was reached.

How many passengers are carried by the street railways, subways, etc., of New York and London each year?

The estimated total for London is 2,164,932,522 and for New York 1,161,861,261.

Is it proper to say a history or an history?

We should say "A history," although as a rule the sound of "h" in a syllable unaccented would require the article an. We would say "a history," but "an historical work."

I have a misplaced heart. How can I make money out of it?

Write to the American Medical Association, Chicago, Ill. They will tell you the medical schools and hospitals that will pay you for submitting to investigation and study.

How many children have Helen Gould and her husband adopted?

Two girls and a boy.

How many times was Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy married?

Three.

When was nitrate first mined in Chile? How much does the United States import?

About sixty-three years ago. We import about 1,250,000 to 2,000,000 tons annually.

Which are the "most common birds in the United States?"

The robin, the English sparrow, the song sparrow, the catbird and the house wren.

DO DEAD MASTERS GUIDE HAND OF GIRL?

Detroit Miss Who Declares She Has Never Had Lesson Paints The Christ and Critics Marvel at Her Deftness of Touch and Wonderful Skill



MAUDE ROOSE AND (INSET) HER FIRST PAINTING.

VALLEY OF MAHONING IS THE RUHR OF AMERICA

Youngstown, O., Is Heart of Steel Industry, Not Pittsburgh.

When Judge Gary on behalf of the steel trust, delivered his ultimatum, refusing to abandon the twelve-hour day in the steel mills, W. H. Porterfield of that paper's Washington bureau, was assigned to visit the Mahoning valley, the heart of the steel district, and see how men worked and lived there. Herewith the first of his articles:

By W. H. PORTERFIELD.
YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, June 6.—Here is the heart of steel in America, not Pittsburgh, three times as big, seventy-five miles eastward, for Pittsburgh, with all her great steel mills, has other important interests. Youngstown's 150,000 men, women and children, think, breathe and have their being in steel.

Starting only a generation ago because of local deposits of high voltage coal in the Mahoning valley, Youngstown has grown beyond the most fantastic dreams of the local boomers. Today half-mile long trains bring thousands of tons of Michigan iron ore from Erie ports sixty miles away to be turned into steel by the miracle of coke and the ingenuity of man.

Ohio Coal Exhausted
The coal itself now comes from Pennsylvania, the local supply having been long since exhausted. From out this heart of the American Ruhr go train loads daily of steel pipe, structural sheet iron, plate and all the varying creations which go to make up the greatest industrial era of all the ages, the age of steel.

One may realize how beautiful this whole region once was by viewing the very heart of Youngstown, slashed by a gorge so lovely as to defy competition among natural parks in American cities.

Mill Creek Park, 2,500 acres of verdure-clad canyon or gorge, is saved to posterity by the generosity of one man. It is a series of sylvan meadows, watered by a dashing, roaring stream whose waterfalls and ripples once turned four mills now picturesque in their half-ruined stage.

Lines of Mighty Stacks
Twenty minutes from Mill Creek park one sees long lines of mighty smoke stacks, great gas rotors and seemingly inextricable mazes of tracks and switches, and over all a pall of smoke, the sign manual of modern industry! At night even the great mills

TOM SIMS SAYS:

All of us brag about how bad we were before we grew up.

About the most expensive things on earth are prices.

Love thy neighbor, but be not too friendly with his garden tools.

What this country needs is a good 5-cent sugar.

One bad thing about summer is it doesn't come in winter.

Never stop chuckling at grousches until you run out of grousches.

Many a rich young fellow makes a poor husband.

We always think up what to say after it is too late to say it.

Everything about clothes go out of style quickly. It is hard to find last year's price.

The richer they get, the more they hate putting on heirs.

Anything But the Truth

By BERTON BRALEY

LIES!
They're frequently kindly and wise. Lies like, "That baby is surely SOME lad. He looks like his mother, but more like his dad." (When, if the cold truth were quite ruthlessly said, The baby is funny and equally and red. As healthy, and normal, perhaps as he may be. But looking like nothing on earth—but a baby!)

LIES!
They add to life's joys, I surmise. Lies like, "I've had such a WONDERFUL time! I think that your party was SIMPLY sublime. (Whereas, if the truth should come out with a thud, The party was awful, the hostess a dud. But lies of that fashion make living more bearable; The social world, lacking such fibs, would be terrible.)

LIES!
They often are things you're looking for. Lies like, "How lovely you're looking today!" Or, "How DO you dress in that marvelous way?" Or "Just what I wanted. Your present was fine!" Or "Dearest, your eyes have a beauty divine." Lies that are destined to flatter and soothe. Lies that are making the planet run smooth!

LIES!
But oh how these nice little fibs that we spring Make life a more gentle and kinder thing! The white lies, the light lies, that come from the heart To brighten existence and temper its smart. The lies that save friendship, or aid the course of That tender alluring delusion called love; Why, civilization is bound by the lies Of courteous, thoughtful, considerate Lies! Of courteous, thoughtful, considerate Lies! (Copyright, 1923, NEA Service, Inc.)

By MAURICE HENLE
NEA Service Writer

DETROIT, June 6.—Miss Maude Roosevelt, here, is either a victim of her own imagination or else Raphael, Hals and Murillo—dead masters—have come back to earth. A few weeks ago, first word leaked out that Miss Roosevelt had been painting under inspiration of the masters of a bygone day.

That sounded incredible to a skeptic. But as the result of an hour's conversation and observation there is not the slightest doubt in the mind of this writer that some force, some phenomenon unknown to us poor mortals is at work on the responsive vibration of Miss Roosevelt's young body.

One day last September she was startled to hear "forces" command her to paint. Paint? What? The side of a barn?

That's how much she says she knew of painting. But these mysterious forces attacked her in increased numbers. She couldn't sleep. Finally, unable to stand it longer, she went—

by intuition, she says—to a certain art store here.

Paints the Christ
"There is an old man who comes here. He wears a beard," she told the salesgirl, and proceeded to describe him. "Do you know whom I mean? I don't know his name." Yes, the girl did know. Miss Roosevelt went to the man the girl named, and the trend of the conversation was something like this:

"Mr.—, I'm going to paint a picture. This may sound foolish to you, but I believe I am being guided by dead artists. Won't you help me pick out paint and so forth. I know nothing about it."

The old artist smiled. "Certainly, and I don't think it as foolish as you believe."

Then Miss Roosevelt started. Her first portrait was that of The Christ. It hangs on her wall. It really is beautiful. There is a sympathetic appeal to the blue eyes, a lifelike glint to the flesh tint.

Then came the second painting. Four figures in this one, also a biblical

subject. Nothing crude. And in oils, too.

"Throughout it all, I am guided," says Miss Roosevelt. "They wield the brush through me."

"Raphael and Murillo inspired the first two paintings. But Gainsborough, Hals and Rubens also have come. They don't speak fluent English. They're very abrupt. All they say is 'Paint! Paint! Paint!'"

"Am Carried Away"
"I feel my hands carried away. Raphael directs me in faces and coloring. Hals specializes in backgrounds. Rubens in coloring and Murillo in hands."

"My future? I don't know. I am entirely in their hands. What they direct me I will do. I believe in it heart and soul."

Before Miss Roosevelt discovered she possessed this strange power, she was a skeptic. She worked in a department store.

It is being literally forced upon her. She can no more control it than Tiny Tim could stop an earthquake. What is it?

Warden's Wife Works to Reclaim Souls Through Sympathy, Not Sentimentality

Prisoners at Illinois Pen Put Faith and Trust in Woman.

By GEORGE BRITT
NEA Service Writer

JOLIET, Ill., June 6.—An eye that is equally quick to detect fraud and to shed the sympathetic tear makes Mrs. John L. Whitman, wife of the warden of the Illinois State Penitentiary here, as vital a part of the prison community as her husband himself.

"I don't think that she comes in personal contact with our men so much," explains Warden Whitman. "The effect comes simply from her presence and her interest which cannot be concealed. It is the effect of character which calls out the best in others."

"Just that presence, according to 'Yellow Kid' Weil, one of the most notorious prisoners who ever passed through in recent times, is 'the greatest influence in making convicts go straight.'"

"This isn't a situation of mother and her boys," she says. "They are men and deserve to be met on that basis. No sobs and sentimentality. Just a friendly, square helpfulness."

"There aren't any incorrigibles. 'There's so much good in the worst of us that it is bound to come out if given encouragement and opportunity.' Years ago when Warden Whitman was in charge of the Chicago House of Detention, there was a fire. One cell house containing about 300 men blew through its windows and it seemed doomed. Yet not an outcry arose and not a sign of panic appeared."

After the fire came the explanation from Mrs. Whitman. "I just went in and told them to put wet towels over their faces and told them they would be taken out if they were in danger," she recalled. "But how did you make them pay attention in all that excitement?"

"Why, they knew me, and of course they obeyed."

"No soul is so dead that it won't respond to kindness and kindly anew with hope."



MRS. JOHN L. WHITMAN

United States Is Ready to Act Without Delay in 'Next War'

By ROBERT TALLEY

WASHINGTON, June 6.—"The next war"—and they are already talking of it down at the War Department—will find this nation ready to act without delay in any part of the world.

It may not come for five years, ten years or fifty years—it may not even come at all—but if the emergency does arise the general staff of the army will be ready for it with plans that are being kept constantly up-to-date.

Following the pattern originated by European nations, General Pershing and his general staff have worked out a definite set of war plans.

Description Unnecessary
It is sufficient to say the United States has war plans without attempting to describe them. The reader will understand why.

Peace-time preparation of war plans is entirely new in this country. Other nations have been doing it for years, and now, with modern airplanes and other fast transportation methods rapidly shortening the miles of ocean that formerly constituted our natural barriers, quick action is necessary.

The matters that come before the general staff show clearly why has become an economic as well as military struggle. Its first duty is to consider as much information as is available about other nations and its second is to reason out what these nations would probably do in case of war. Knowing your enemy and anticipating his moves is half the battle.

Economic Data Necessary

Naturally, military information comes first, but there are many other subjects to be covered. For instance, a general staff must have economic data such as crop reports and the like to estimate how long a people could hold out under war; geographical data, so our troops won't be sent into dank swamps or headed toward impassable mountains; religious data, because re-

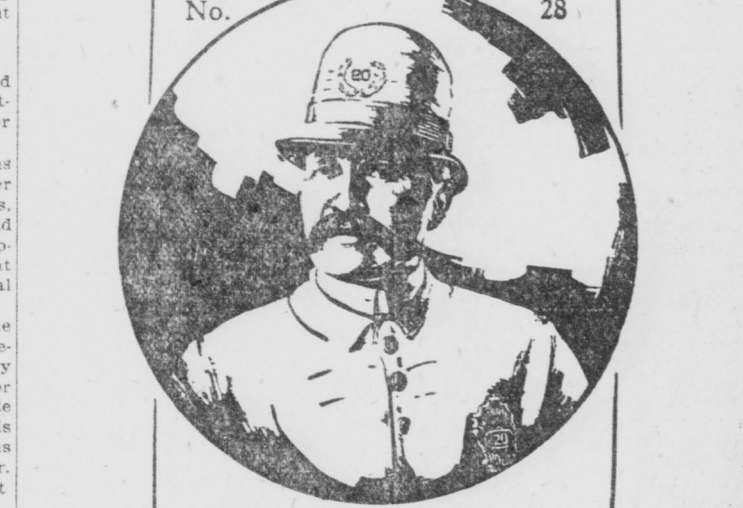
ligious hatred may mean a war of the most bitter kind—and so on.

Clothes and Jewels Loot.

Hamilton Bennett, 809 N. East St., today told police a thief took clothing and jewelry valued at \$300 from his room.

The First Police Force

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In September, 1854, the first Indianapolis police force was organized. It consisted of one captain and fourteen men. The force had a very peaceful existence until August, 1855, when they attempted to arrest some offenders under the Prohibitory Liquor Act, which went into effect in June of that year. There was a riot on Washington street and several were wounded by pistol shot. The force was disbanded after this and it was several months before it was reorganized. Today the personnel of the police force consists of 560 men.

For almost a quarter of a century before this Fletcher's Bank had been safeguarding the interests of its clients. The guiding influence and sound counsel of this organization has been instrumental in every step of the growth of Indianapolis during the past 85 years.

Fletcher American National Bank

1839 1923
Capital and Surplus, \$5,000,000

40 PER CENT OF WOMEN SMOKE FAGS

Tobacco Consumption Increases to 8.5 Pounds Per Capita.

By Times Special
WASHINGTON, June 6.—Forty per cent of American women are cigarette smokers. It was estimated at a conference of Social Workers.

This is one way the Department of Agriculture accounts for the increase in tobacco consumption from four pounds per person per year fifty years ago to 8.5 pounds per person now. Dr. Julius Klein, director of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, estimates "in the first three months of 1923 we manufactured enough cigarettes to go around the world twenty-six times, or, in round numbers, 15,000,000,000 cigarettes."

Economic conditions in Europe are improving, according to the cigarette barometer. Export of tobacco to European countries has increased tremendously during the last year. China is importing tobacco as she clamps down the lid on the use of opium.

Two million acres in the United States is devoted to raising the nicotine plant. The product is manufactured in 1913—cigarettes, cigars, smoking and chewing tobacco, and snuff—were valued at more than a billion dollars.

U. S. SAVES BY WEDDING

By Times Special
WASHINGTON, June 6.—A reinstated pension of \$30 the month has just been awarded Martha L. Tilton of Sanford, Maine, widow of Alfred L. Tilton, Civil War veteran who died in service in 1862.

At that time the widow applied for and was granted a pension. Eight years later she applied for another in-law, Oliver Tilton, although she knew this meant loss of her pension.

Now husband No. 2 has passed on and the twice widowed lady is again drawing a pension. By her second venture in matrimony, she saved the Government \$7,897 which would otherwise have been paid her in pensions.

TRAFFIC WISDOM

by Dr. R. C. Roueche
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. 4

Motorist crossing intersection.
1. Obtain clear view to LEFT and RIGHT before entering intersection.
2. Avoid racing, as increased gas may stall motor.
3. Use your brake when you sound your horn near a pedestrian.

PLAY FAIR ON THE HIGHWAY