

# The Indianapolis Times

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## MEET THESE PROBLEMS!

SCHOOL will be out again Friday. With the closing come two problems for the grownups to meet. One of them has to do with providing something to occupy the children during the summer and the other has to do with making provisions for adequate school facilities next winter.

Indianapolis is rapidly developing park and playground facilities. This is commendable. There can hardly be too many playgrounds and too many of these can not be equipped with swimming pools. Every year a number of children drown in old-fashioned swimmin' holes where they didn't know the water was deep. Let's have more protected swimming pools. Then let's keep the small boys and others away from streams where there is no protection.

The second problem, that of adequate school facilities, is moving slowly toward a partial solution. The city school board has a definite building program and this is being worked out through all the meandering channels provided by law. It is hoped school buildings will be erected in Indianapolis before very long.

The use of portable, poorly heated and poorly ventilated frame school buildings is nothing short of criminal. They are a blot on the reputation of the city. Their abolishment is a problem that should be worked out during the summer. Nothing should be put in the way of sane, economical building program, not even politics or personal prejudice.

## WOMAN BOSS AT CAPITOL

WHY don't the women's organizations run a woman for President of these United States? Leo R. Healy asks this question in a letter to the New York Times.

The same idea has occurred to all of us at some time or other, probably. It certainly has given many a cartoonist and joke writer a "hunch" on a dull day.

But, after all, why not?

The average woman makes a bigger success of her home than her husband makes of his business. Men are forever getting fired from their jobs or failing in business and have to start all over.

For getting results and keeping up to schedule, a Mrs. President would have an inherited or intuitive natural instinct.

It's a rare man in the White House who doesn't lag.

Another excellent quality, universal among our women, is the feminine insistence on a periodical housecleaning. A woman can be flat on her back and with one foot in the grave, but never too low to worry because housecleaning is delayed.

Wouldn't it be a choice thing to have some one in the White House with this moral and nervous housecleaning spirit? The "works" in Washington needs a frequent "hoeing out."

When it comes to a woman's ability to handle the presidential job, it's a certainty that plenty of women could be found who'd be efficient at it. She'd at least have sense enough to seek competent advisers—and adopt their recommendations. That's the system for any president, male or female, the same as for any boss.

As we size up the situation on a hot day, the chief handicap to running a woman for President is that the men-voters, who swing the balance of power, might display their customary intelligence and elect a bathing beauty or a movie vamp.

P. S. Catherine did a mighty good job of ruling Russia. So did Victoria in England. Not to mention Wilhelmina in Holland, Cleopatra in Egypt and the hundreds of women who ruled as the powers behind the throne all through history.

### 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, 1322 N. Y. Avenue, Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamps. Medical, legal, love and marriage advice cannot be given, nor can extended research be undertaken, or papers, speeches, etc., be prepared. Unsigned letters cannot be answered, but all letters are confidential, and receive personal replies.—Editor.

What is the highest altitude ever reached by a mountain climber?

With the aid of oxygen Captain Finch and Capt. Geoffrey Bruce last year reached an altitude of 27,300 feet (over four miles), or 1,700 feet from the summit of Mt. Everest, Asia, the world's tallest mountain.

Were candles found in the tomb of King Tutankhamen?

Mention is made of tapers of bronze, trimmed with gold and ivory, which had twisted linen wicks soaked in oil and attached to rods by cirelets.

Who declared war in 1870—France or Germany?

France.

What is the difference in the relative amount of sweetness in one pound of brown, one pound of granulated, or one pound of confectioners' sugar?

Practically no difference. Brown is perhaps slightly less sweet. Powdered sugar seems sweeter because it is finer and more quickly dissolved in the mouth, and we get the sensation of sweetness sooner.

What is white gold composed of?

Gold, 75 per cent; silver, 15 per cent; copper, 10 per cent.

Is American rosin considered as good for stringed instruments as the Italian rosin?

No, Italian is preferred.

What was the story of the disappearance of the Cyclops?

The U. S. S. Cyclops, 19,360 tons displacement, left Barbados, West Indies, on March 4, 1918, and has not been heard of since. She had on board a crew of fifteen officers and 221 enlisted men, also, as passengers, six officers and fifty-one enlisted men as well as the American Consul General at Rio Janeiro, Brazil. The disappearance of this ship has remained a mystery.

Is there any evidence that America and Asia were ever connected by land?

According to Science Service, the evidence of a land bridge between these two continents is circumstantial.

# National Symposium Reveals Dry Law Modification Trend

By NEA Service

WASHINGTON, June 14.—As a presidential campaign nears, national leaders are slowly being beaten down in their panic-stricken efforts to keep prohibition outside the pale of politics.

Throughout the nation wets are strengthening their positions. And judging solely from a symposium undertaken by NEA Service for The Indianapolis Times they are, in widely scattered places, carrying public opinion with them.

This, however, is not disturbing the even tenor of the dry camps.

Sub-surface rumblings broke into the open when Governor Al Smith of New York signed the bill repealing the State enforcement act. Wisconsin immediately filed its repealing machinery and the lower house of the General Assembly has passed a measure similar to that enacted in New York, which now awaits Senate action.

An Illinois legislator, recalling that a referendum of the people in his State was defeated by 52,000 last year, has introduced a repealer.

Sentiment in New Orleans received a jolt when Governor John M. Parker congratulated Governor Smith for having "backbone."

Membership in the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment has more than doubled in San Francisco and other coast cities.

The wets have unfired their ranks. They want two things:

Beer and wine. No whiskey.

They realize, and hope, that booze is dearer than last year's styles.

Before prohibition the Bahamas practically were bankrupt. Soon they would have been completely under domination of the mother

country, it is said. England grants virtual self-government only where self-maintenance is evident.

Prohibition saved Bahamas. Money is in abundance. Civic improvements are many, and the national treasury overflows with gold reaped through the liquor traffic.

But despite all this, despite the gathering momentum for beer and wine, political leaders of both parties are loath to take a stand.

The outstanding argument of wets, following the trail-blazing act of Governor Smith, has been that prohibition is developing in the generation a disregard of all law. Youth today, the sentiment shows, consid-

ers it smart to be able to get the "stuff."

SAN FRANCISCO—New heart has come to Western wets as a result of New York's action. News from the East is acclaimed as the first victory in the fight against Volstead theories. Some drys maintain that happened in New York indicates only the unsettled condition there, a post-prohibition incident to be expected.

Personal Liberty Fight

MADISON, WIS.—The fight in the Wisconsin legislature centers around two thoughts: Restoration of "personal liberty," and maintenance of the inviolability of the home, according to wets.

CHICAGO—Numerous saloons now sell beer of pre-Volstead strength to the casual customer without hesitation. Moonshine is obtainable without exhaustive search at about 25 cents a drink.

Prohibition officials counter with the belief that dry sentiment is growing, not waning.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—"I believe that Illinois should repeal the State prohibition and search and seizure laws because the people said at the last general election they favored beer and wine," says Representative Thomas O'Grady, Chicago. He has offered a repealer to the assembly.

CLEVELAND, OHIO—Sentiment of the United States is drier than

## CIVIC CLUBS PUT WATER RATE FIGHT UP TO COMMITTEE

Groninger Will Speak at Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Tonight.

Investigation for the Federation of Community Civic Clubs of the effort of the Indianapolis Water Company to obtain higher rates will be left to the public utilities committee, E. O. Spooner, federation president, announced today.

The federation will discuss the water situation at a dinner at the Chamber of Commerce this evening.

Corporate Counsel Taylor E. Groninger, who has declared the city will resist any increase in water rates will speak.

Members of the public utilities committee.

William T. Quinn, chairman of the Englewood Hustling Hundred, Edgar F. Brown, president of the Brightwood Civic League, and John C. Keim of the Capitol Ave. Protective Association.

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## UNITED STATES FORCED TO HELP WORLD OR FIGHT IT, TIMES WRITER DECLARES

Rightly or Wrongly, Antagonism Is Growing Against This Country in Foreign Nations—Concern Lies Behind Harding Defiance.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, Times Staff Correspondent.

RIGHTLY or wrongly, concern over the trend of events the world over lies behind President Harding's defiance of the "practical politicians" of the Republican national committee who wish him to keep aloof from the rest of the world.

The Bulgarian revolution, which puts the pro-Prussian militarists back in power, is but one more step in the direction of the next world shake-up.

France and Germany are still virtually at war. England and France are at odds. Germany defies the allies to collect. Hungary is at daggers drawn with Roumania. Roumania seethes with unrest among her minority populations.

Austria is being kept aloof by outside help. Yugoslavia looks with suspicion upon the Bulgarian coup which puts her old arch-enemies back in the saddle.

Greece and Turkey are still at war, though there is now a truce. Turkey and the allies seem about to break again at Lausanne. Russia has her emissaries in Berlin hiding their time to strike for a communistic entente with Germany. Japan is negotiating with Russia for an understanding which breeds trouble for the future.

China is in revolt, civil war is raging and the lives of foreigners are in danger as President Li Yuan-hung totters.

Mussolini rules with an imperialistic hand in Italy, and Poland is in distress; Spain bubbles with troubles, internal and external. And all the

while the great powers continue their armament race despite the Washington Conference. And so, on and on.

Antagonism Against U. S.

Rightly or wrongly—it makes no difference so far as results are concerned—antagonism is growing against the United States abroad.

George W. Wickesham, attorney general under President Roosevelt, just back from ten weeks in Europe, declared his found feeling hostile even in England. The public, he said, is sore because of American insistence upon collection of its war debts without giving Europe more help. And other things.

Here, then, are some of the reasons why President Harding, of late, has been shouting from the house tops that America must work for a "fraternity of citizenship throughout the world" that "we in America must not be satisfied if the civilized world is in distress" that "we do not live by ourselves any more."

That is the secret of President Harding's defiance of the Republican National Committee. He is on the inside and knows the menace of continuing the policy of isolation.

TOM SIMS SAYS:

WE have with us today, ladies and gents, the June graduates; so the world is saved again.

What is so bad as an income tax payment in June?

A traveling man tells us New York is so wet now he couldn't find a dry place to spit.

Henry's little old Ford looks like a political machine.

These fickle youths, they know nothing about handling money. Spokane boy swallowed ten dollars.

Our guess at the Dempsey-Gibbons outcome is Shelby (Mont.) hotel men win by a lockout.

Egg producers met in Chicago. Enjoyed talks by eggsperts.

New Jersey judge rules you can't run an auto and pet a woman. We rule you can, with cooperation.

If you want a good laugh, save all this Dempsey-Gibbons dope to read after the fight July Fourth.

Mr. Poulin of South Bend, Ind., is satisfied with his lot. Man built a house on it by mistake.

Tattoo marks, apparently harmless, are very dangerous. California cops identified a map by them.

Barbers' Journal editor says haircuts may go to a dollar, making half bald men madder than ever.

Reds are trying to run things in the Ruhr. Only run amuck so far.

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