

The Indianapolis Times

EARL E. MARTIN, Editor-in-Chief
ROY W. HOWARD, President
ALBERT W. BUHRMAN, Editor
WM. A. MAYBORN, Bus. Mgr.

Member of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers • • • Client of the United Press, United News, United Financial and NEA Service and member of the Scripps Newspaper Alliance. • • • Member of the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

Published daily except Sunday by Indianapolis Times Publishing Co., 25-29 S. Meridian Street, Indianapolis. • • • Subscription Rates: Indianapolis—Ten Cents a Week. Elsewhere—Twelve Cents a Week. • • • PHONE—MAIN 3500.

TREAT THE CHILDREN RIGHT

If you were not already convinced Indianapolis needs some new school buildings, the picture of the building at Market and Bloomington Sts., printed on the front page of The Times Saturday, should have convinced you.

School authorities and specialists have a habit of going into the hills of southern Indiana, picking out school buildings as horrible example, and talking about needed improvements. We doubt if there is a "horrible example" anywhere else in Indiana that emulates with that building right here in Indianapolis.

Whether that structure will continue to be used for school purposes or whether a modern building will take its place will be determined at a hearing before the State board of tax commissioners at 9 a. m. Wednesday. The hearing will be in the Statehouse.

Fourteen persons, only one of whom has children of school age, are trying to delay the building program, trying to compel children to attend school in such shacks as shown in the picture.

Every citizen of Indianapolis who has the interest of the children at heart can help prevent those fourteen persons, who fear they will have to spend a few dollars more in taxes during the next thirty years, from blocking the school program. Let the tax board know what you think about such conditions.

WHY NOT REGULATE BOXING?

HAT Firpo fiasco at the Hoosier Motor Speedway the other night is just another argument for a State boxing commission and proper regulation of the sport.

The Indiana law prevents prize fighting. Under interpretations given the law almost anything is a prize fight. That law is violated repeatedly and only occasionally is an effort made to enforce it.

In case of the Firpo-Downey affair, officials attempted to go half way in enforcing the law. As a result, the whole performance was a joke. It resulted in everybody being made to look ridiculous and in the spectators becoming "sore," and justly so.

In nearly every Legislature an effort is made to legalize boxing, or prize fighting if you would have it that way, under proper regulation. Every effort to pass such a bill has been blocked.

Would it not be better to have regulation than to permit the recurrence of such events as the Firpo-Downey affair?

EWALD O. STIEHM

"JUMBO" Stiehm is dead. This news brings sadness to the hearts of thousands of former students of Indiana University and to many more thousands of football fans.

A coach is a hero with university students and sport fans alike. He plays a big part in the life of a college or university. More often than not he "puts the school on the map."

Ewald O. Stiehm was popular with students, players and the public. His passing leaves a gap in the ranks of Indiana sportsmen.

DOLLAR MARKED JUSTICE

VER at Lewisburg, mountain hamlet in West Virginia, a dead-locked jury again has failed to convict William Blizzard, a miner, for murder in connection with the armed march of the miners back in 1921.

So they will have another trial in another mountain hamlet and scores of witnesses will be brought in for a prolonged comedy of justice at tremendous cost to the taxpayers of West Virginia and to the United Mine Workers of America.

Oh, no, it is not just Blizzard who is on trial. If Blizzard were fighting alone, he would have been hustled off to prison long ago. But it happens that Blizzard has behind him the strength of the United Mine Workers, who by reason of their numbers can afford to hire legal talent, to bring witnesses to trials, and to see generally that Blizzard gets a square deal.

These trials, which drag on year after year in West Virginia, are not to mete out justice at all. They are the battle grounds between the coal mine operators, who run West Virginia, and the miners' union. Their object is to exhaust the funds of the United Mine Workers. It costs much money to hire lawyers and transport witnesses to trials.

This is a happy means of fighting the unions, from the operators' point of view. The operators' lawyers are used by the prosecution. They are on the State's pay roll. The operators' witnesses are produced at State expense, because theoretically the State is supposed to prosecute all murderers.

So all the operators had to do was convince the State officials that Blizzard was a criminal. That was easy, in view of the fact that the operators run the State. Repeatedly, the States'-operators' attorneys have failed to convict Blizzard, but just as often and once often the States'-operators' attorneys trumped up new charges, brought new trials in new and hard-to-reach villages, and the mockery of justice went on. It will go on as long as the United Mine Workers' money holds out. The miners say that will be until the operators give up their attempt to jail union men.

Thus West Virginia doles out her dollar marked justice.

IRISH boys in freedom plea—headline. It is a habit.

HOW many miles did you drive today?

A COMPANY is said to be selling photographs of dry agents. Don't they look like detectives?

THE sheriff ought not to find so many parkers now that gasoline is cheaper. Or will there be more?

THE more gasoline you buy the more will be the total of your saving.

STILL, those unable to enjoy a trip on a sea-going steamer this summer can always take a ride on the Brightwood or Central Ave. car lines.

THE old adage, "talk is cheap," won't apply so well around Indianapolis since the Federal Court decision boosted telephone rates.

FOLLOWING Firpo's use of "pillow-like gloves" Downey used an ambulance for a taxi back to town. What if the affair had been staged with light gloves?

THAT Detroit hold-up had all the thrills of a Jesse James exploit. Some one should have had sufficient foresight to obtain the motion picture privileges.

U. S. SHIPS ARE LOSING TRADE LEAD

Both Private Owned and Shipping Board Vessels Show Decrease.

By JOHN CARSON,
Times Staff Correspondent.

ASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—American ships are rapidly losing business as compared with foreign ships, despite the reports of "progress" from the Shipping Board.

During the first four months of this year, according to the figures of the Department of Commerce, the comparative business was as follows:

LOSS 99,000 Tons

Shipping Board vessels carried in overseas trades 2,765,000 tons in January, February, March and April of this year as compared with 2,804,000 tons in the same four months of last year. The loss was 99,000 tons or 4 per cent.

British ships carried 4,739,000 tons as compared with 4,022,000 tons last year, an increase of 772,000 tons or 19 per cent.

Other foreign ships carried 5,654,000 tons as compared with 3,930,000 tons last year, an increase of 1,124,000 tons, or 28 per cent.

Foreign Shows Increase

The figures show that while 1,604,000 tons more of cargo were offered this year, American vessels carried 297,000 tons less than last year and foreign vessels captured all the increased business and the American losses also, making a net gain for the foreign vessels of 1,901,000 tons.

In the year 1920, American vessels carried 43 per cent of the overseas business; in 1921, only 35.67 per cent; in 1922, 36.23 per cent, and in January, 36.13 per cent; February, 34.92 per cent; March, 32.50 per cent, and April 31.48 per cent.

Monroe (Mich.) robbers blew a safe for 50 cents. Now their union is liable to get them.

Ford gave Edison a car. Autos may replace campaign cigars. We may hear "Have another car."

Some people are so confident Firpo will whip Dempsey they are calling Jack the former champ.

Wheat is cheaper than corn. And flour is higher than meal.

Men are kicking about sleeveless dresses. In a few years they may kick about dressless sleeves.

No matter how long you stay in jail you don't get a vacation.

New York boy of 4 is said to be a good trap drummer. That's what comes from setting kids bad examples.

Santa Rosa, Cal., reports 6,000,000 gallons of wine in storage. Go east, young drink. Go east.

Next: Betting is a mania over there. Raper discovers, watching men and women of all ranks gamble on race horses.

from the Referee's Tower

Tom Sims --- Says

OMEN are prohibition's backbone," says Pussyfoot. Men are the wishbone. He's the funny bone.

Frenchman flew almost seven miles high. Some say he was looking for the dove of peace.

Anything can happen now. European statesmen are going to Ireland to rest a little while.

Prohibition has been postponed a month in Constantinople, and indefinitely in the United States.

Mrs. Smith, not the one you know, will go around the world with one suitcase. She is not a dancer.

Even mah jong is dangerous. Mid-dletown (Conn.) couple got engaged while playing mah jong.

The corn borer, army worm, pea louse, boll weevil and low prices are destroying crops.

Columbia speaker puts good homes before good schools. Boys put good swimming holes first.

Short hauls and shipments in small quantities are responsible for the small freight cars. Undoubtedly this aids in dispatch. English shippers with whom I have talked make no complaints of car shortage or delays.

Nearly all Americans say the English trains are slow. I can't see it. Through trains average just a trifle less than fifty miles an hour. A trip of any length on a local train consumes considerable time, but that is because many stops are made. Between stations they run extremely fast.

A locomotive not equipped with a bell. It isn't necessary, as grade crossings are about as rare as hen's teeth. I have seen only three in Great Britain. They were provided with heavy picket gates and kept securely locked. Anybody who wished to cross the tracks with a team or motor car had to go to the station and notify the station master, who would unlock the gate and open it.

Women are still employed in cleaning both passenger coaches and locomotives. Girls run the station lunch counters—no stools for the patron, he stands up—and girls operate wagons which they push up and down the platforms. The station restaurants and lunch counters are clean and the food good.

I have never witnessed the coronation of a king nor the inauguration of a president. But I once saw the "opening" of an oldfashioned American saloon. I was among those present, on the far side of the crowd, when Harry Davis was inaugurated governor of Ohio.

And I have seen the Caledonian Railway's Edinburgh express depart from the Glasgow station. The spectacle more than made up for missing a coronation.

Now, Raper discovers, watching men and women of all ranks gamble on race horses.

What Editors Are Saying

Magnus

(Bloomington Star)

We notice that some of the Republican papers are ridiculing the election of Magnus Johnson as United States Senator from Minnesota. They say that he is an uneducated man, and is nothing but a "dirt farmer."

He was elected by 50,000 majority over the Republican candidate. President Coolidge was taken from the farm to become Governor of Massachusetts, although he had been in politics for many years. Senator Johnson may be a joke, but when he joins with Senators H. Johnson, La Follette, Borah and other progressive Republicans in the Senate, it will be no big laugh for the standpatters.

There is always hope for a world that has generous humanitarians like Sawyer, forerunners of a day when the brotherhood of man will be so worldwide that generosity like the gift of an eye to an unfortunate fellow man will be customary.

Life is never any more miserable than humanity makes it.

Speeders

Sweden, determined to check auto speeders, passes a national law making it compulsory for all autos to be equipped with speedometers that will make a record showing how fast the car has been run. No arguments with the traffic cop then.

Unfortunately, after passing the law, the Swedish Riksdag discovers no such speedometer has been invented.

We'll have such devices in America eventually. Also, as autos approach the saturation point, we'll have to gear cars down so it will be impossible to run them more than, say,

twenty miles an hour.

Gold.

Ancient alchemists sought a method to create gold from cheaper substances, especially lead. Modern alchemists seek to destroy gold, says Dr. Paul D. Foote, government scientist, because one gram of gold destroyed by transformation into electrical energy would be worth \$2,600,000 at the present price of electricity.

The chief goal of modern science is how to release the energy locked up in the atom. The discovery will be made some day. Political revolutions fire our imagination, but the greatest of all revolutions is the industrial one that is taking place in our generation.

Dollar.

The dollar is worth only 65 cents now, on the 1913 basis, says Prof. Irving Fisher. He means that \$1 will, on the average, buy only as much as 65 cents bought in 1913.

He has wholesale markets in mind. But the situation is almost identically the same when it comes to retail prices—cost of living.

Guy Tibbles, the bald eagle expert at Port Clinton, O., is quoted in Field and Stream regarding one visit he made to an eagle's nest. He found seven steel traps in the nest. The traps had been set for muskrats and caught them. Then the eagles grabbed both traps and muskrats and carried them to the nest, where the dead animals were speedily eaten. The traps were left in the nest as souvenirs. Guy also says that the female eagle hatches three babies, but only one of the latter ever leaves the nest, a case of the survival of the fittest and strongest. The first born, you see, has such a voracious appetite that he dines on the other two as they come from the eggs.

Animal Facts

All five of the Pacific salmon species live in the first spawning period, which is four to seven years. The eel is long-lived, sometimes reaching an age of 55 years or thereabouts. In the New York aquarium there are striped bass 20 years old, whitefish 10 years, large-mouth bass 11 years, muskellunge, calico bass, rock bass and yellow perch 10 years. One striped bass, kept in captivity for nineteen years, weighed twenty pounds and was three feet in length at death. It was six inches long when captured.

Farmers of Noble County are in a quandary. They are wondering how they are going to husk the twelve and fourteen foot corn which is being grown in many sections. Indications point to the largest crop in the history of the county.

Farmers, determined to check auto speeders, passes a national law making it compulsory for all autos to be equipped with speedometers that will make a record showing how fast the car has been run. No arguments with the traffic cop then.

Unfortunately, after passing the law, the Swedish Riksdag discovers no such speedometer has been invented.

We'll have such devices in America eventually. Also, as autos approach the saturation point, we'll have to gear cars down so it will be impossible to run them more than, say,

twenty miles an hour.

Supposing

(Tipton Times)

Tax exempt bonds are issued by cities, counties, States and nation. The holder of these bonds pays no taxes on the income derived therefrom.

Bill Jones, whose income results from his labor and investments in industries, pays every known form of taxation, and he pays considerably more than is just in order to make up for amounts lost to the government through "tax exempt" incomes.

Supposing everybody tried to get tax exempt bonds, where would the money come from to run the government?

The continued issuance of tax exempt bonds drains away from productive enterprise and increases the tax burden on all those who do not hold the bonds.

Half the farmers made less than \$1,000 last year, claims Nathan Straus in a special extract of the New York State Senate. Such figures are confusing. Do they represent clear profit? If so (and probably not), the farmers, in addition, got their living. Few city workers have \$1,000 clear after paying for food, etc.

On the other hand, in New Jersey, 399 school pupils in one year cleared nearly \$70,000 above all expenses, from their home gardens. That's \$175 apiece and in spare time. They had, of course, no investment in land, no notes at bank, no taxes.

Intensive farming and diversified crops may be the solution for many farmers, especially ones who stake everything on one crop. The cotton grower finally is learning this.

If it were not for the automobile, where, we would like to know, would the coroner be?

No sooner had Mr. Underwood's hat landed in the ring than Mr. Bryan began to criticize its vintage.

Flood

Again comes a warning, this time from National Industrial Conference Board, that the indebtedness of our State and local governments is becoming perilously large.

Ten years ago the combined debt of our State and municipalities was only \$3,850,000,0