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## SCHOOL CHILDREN'S SAFETY

**O**PENING of schools in Indianapolis next week revives interest in efforts to safeguard children and to educate motorists, parents, teachers and pupils concerning their joint responsibility.

In addition to efforts being made by various local agencies, the Hoosier State Auto Association, through its safety department, has issued a special bulletin.

"If parents and teachers will seek to instruct their children in such a manner that the little ones will understand what it is all about, we believe much good can be accomplished," the auto association says. "At the same time a major responsibility rests with the driver of every motor vehicle in Indiana to use his wits—always keep them handy—and exercise sane and sensible precautions when near a school zone. As you love your own kiddies, don't be the cause of maiming or killing some one else's loved one."

The Hoosier association urges that parents and teachers clip these rules and use them for "texts" in the city and rural districts:

1. Don't play in the streets or on paved country roads.
2. Keep on the sidewalks or the edge of paved roads. Don't dart into the middle of street or road at any time.
3. On paved country roads it is safer to walk along the LEFT side of the roadway, because in such position the pedestrian is always facing on-coming traffic and easily may step farther to the left to let vehicles go by. This is safer for adults, too. Much safer at night for all concerned.
4. Don't ride bicycles at night without a light. Don't roller skate after dusk on streets or paved roads.
5. Don't hang on vehicles with roller skates, "bikes" or sleds. Don't climb on the side of a moving vehicle at any time.
6. Don't step off of a street car or interurban or a school hack without looking in both directions before starting across the street or road. Too much hurry means death.
7. If you get half way across a street or road and see moving vehicles coming from one or both directions, STAND STILL.
8. Children: Tell your mother or dad always to use arm signals in stopping or turning, whether in the city, town or country. The law requires this and defines how to give proper signals. Tell them it is a violation of law for a child under 16 years of age to drive a motor vehicle. Tell them they should never park or stop their car on a curve or near a hilltop, and that it is a violation of State law to stop or park on a paved road with all four wheels on the pavement.
9. Tell your parents it is a violation of State law to fail to stop behind a street car, interurban car or school hack that is stopped to take on or let off passengers. Tell "dad and mom" always to slow up to full control when they come to a "blind" road or street intersection. Scores have been killed in Indiana for failure to observe this common-sense precaution. Tell them that the State law gives the right-of-way to the driver approaching from the right-hand intersecting road.
10. Tell your parents that when they see children on the streets, sidewalks or alongside the country road they should immediately slow down to a moderate speed and be prepared to stop. They don't want you maimed or killed; they really don't WANT to kill or maim any other child. They WON'T IF THEY JUST THINK, THINK!

NOW, if you, and your parents and all of us, just will USE OUR WITS and keep our eyes open—the streets and highways of Indiana MAY BE MADE MUCH SAFER FOR US ALL!

## TENSHUN! BOOTLEG CONSUMERS

**T**WICE as many Americans were driven crazy by liquor last year as in 1921. This is claimed by numerous insanity authorities, including Dr. Horatio M. Pollock of New York State hospital commission.

It means that booze is steadily getting more poisonous, rather than that people are drinking more in spite of prohibition.

The old-time rum-hound who "saw snakes" had it easy compared with the victim of bootleg hooch. Dr. John A. Houston, head of a State hospital for the insane in Massachusetts, reports:

"The patients who now come to us after alcoholic drink has rendered them insane are in a condition almost wholly different to that of patients whom we took in before prohibition.

"Our alcoholic insane today are in a much more confused mental condition and they are very sick physically. They do not have the hallucinations and fears which characterized the alcoholic insane in former days. But the most notable thing is their awful physical sickness.

"This is, of course, due to the poisonous drink which they have taken. They are in such a condition that they are really, at least for a time, a puzzle to the diagnostician."

There have always been a great many grades of liquor. Drunkards in the old days knew that certain brands of whisky "packed more headache" than others. At the bottom of the list is bootleg, and that is why so many veteran drunkards, knowing liquor and sampling the sort that circulates today, have gone on the water wagon.

Even when comparatively "pure," bootleg liquor at its best is green liquor. In saloon days every self-respecting bartender apologized if the whisky were less than seven years old.

THE STATE of unrest is bounded on the north, east and south by France, and on the west by the whole of Europe.

SEVERAL MAKERS are making autos as funny as they can, but can't get jokes started about them.

NO FEMALE mosquito lives more than one winter, thank heaven.

A FALL may prove fatal to flies.

ISN'T CHICAGO the easy place to live? A bankrupt there admits liabilities of \$4,000,000 and assets of \$1.70.

IF WE "GET" the Democratic papers accurately, C. Bascom Sloop is to be the "villyun" in the next political play.

EASTERN COTTON manufacturers announce a 50 per cent cut in production. Perhaps we need a lot of cotton manufacturers on our farms.

THE WALTZ is coming back to save our morals, whereas it came a few years ago to ruin them. It was Georgie Cohan who said that "Life's a funny proposition, after all."

## LABORITES IN BRITAIN FIGHT TAX

Demand Revision of Peace Treaties and General Disarmament.

By JOHN W. RAFTER

**T**HE Labor party is second in numbers in the House of Commons, with 137 members of the total membership of 615, not quite 23 per cent. (The number was 138 until a few days ago when one member announced his withdrawal from the party.)

Twenty-nine of the members represent Scotch districts, eighteen are from Welsh districts and 19 are from English districts, most of them located in the great industrial section that includes Leeds, Sheffield, Manchester, Birmingham and Derby and is generally referred to as the Midlands.

There is a great difference in the style of the labor declaration of principles and the style of the other three parties. The program of the Unionists was announced in a speech made by Bonar Law, the prime minister who retired recently on account of ill health while the National Liberal policy was outlined in a speech made by Lloyd George. Both are in the style of the republican and Democratic politicians in the United States. Lloyd George's speech especially being in the well known bias style of American politicians.

The Independent Liberals, led by Asquith, announced the party program through a manifesto issued from party headquarters instead of through a speech by the leader. More than two-thirds of this manifesto is devoted to denouncing the administration of the government formed by Lloyd George and the Conservatives.

### Little Denunciation

Labor's program, or, as we would say in the United States, labor's platform, was announced through a manifesto issued from party headquarters. This manifesto makes only slight reference to the other parties or the criticism of them, mentioning them briefly in two places.

All of the rest of the manifesto is constructive. It is made up of short, terse paragraphs, twenty-five of which state definitely its position on twenty-five different questions.

It demands revision of the peace treaties as "the first step to peace." It demands reparations with Germany's capacity to pay; calls for an all-inclusive League of Nations with general disarmament as the goal; advocates real independence for Egypt and self-government for India.

### Deals With Taxes

The manifesto declares against direct taxation and opposes all indirect taxes, customs, excise or stamp duties. It favors reopening trade with foreign countries, the nationalization of production and a large program of construction in public works. It advocates a reduction of rents to help farmers and a board to enforce adequate wages for farm employees.

NEXT: The British Labor party hardly fits the American idea of a "labor" party. Its membership includes capitalists, scientists, preachers, editors, manufacturers and college professors as well as manual laborers.

## Marvels

By BERTON BRALEY

Ulysses roamed about the world And saw, he said, a lot of it; But all the tales that he unfurled Concerned a tiny spot of it. Today when travel's what we seek We take a car and ride about And cover more ground in a week Than Ulysses did about.

Ulysses told convincingly Of monsters, gods, and goddesses; Yet wonders that we daily seek Would fill a dozen Odysseys. The simple-minded Grecian folk, With never thought of censuring, Believed each word Ulysses spoke About his long adventuring.

Yet had he told of radio Which undulates through space to us, Or steam, or aeroplanes—which grow So quickly commonplace to us, The Greeks would probably have said "We can't believe these airy tales. The old man's crazy in the head, Or else he's telling fairy tales!"

In brief—a stranger world we view And travel far and wide about. Than that which old Ulysses knew, Or claimed he knew, and lied about! (Copyright, 1923, NEA Service, Inc.)

## A Thought

The world passeth away, and the just thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.—I John 2:17.

**L**ET no man be never so ungrateful or inhuman, he shall never destroy the satisfaction of my having done a good office.—Seneca.

### Royal

Touring America in an auto R. C. Bruce and wife of Los Angeles have covered 35,000 miles in thirteen months.

That's more ground than Alexander the Great was able to cover in his whole lifetime. And there wasn't as much to see in his day.

Mechanical invention enables the plain people of 1923 A. D. to see more of the earth and enjoy more real luxuries than the kings of long ago.

## Heard in Smoking Room

**H**E had spent the summer in the South and he was telling the other smokers about it. "Yes," he said, "it was warm down there all right, but no more so, I guess, than it was in the east and middle west. Anyway, we found relief in a considerable degree by going to the ball games and forgetting thermometers and sweat. In the town where I was they had a new idea in base ball umpiring that was rather disconcerting, but interesting. It is worth consideration by the big league fellows, when I attended my first game it

## TOM SIMS - - - Says

After being single ninety-eight years Bluefield (W. Va.) girl got a hubby at last, thank goodness.

Mishawaka (Ind.) maiden sisters, ages 60 and 70, married same day. Live and hope, girls.

Boston man of 60 swam fourteen miles. We don't know if an old maid was after him or not.

Great news for horses. Italy has decided cavalry is useless.

Printers will hold their next convention in Canada, much to their wives' suspicions.

Bad news for boarders. Potatoes are plentiful this year.

Leather dealers hold their next meeting in Iowa. A ruling on restaurant steaks is expected.

Women are so touchy. Detroit one asks divorce just because he split a plank over her head.

It seems, only natural that the throne is slipping in Greece.

Seven Ohioans held a picnic up in a balloon, which is one way to keep things out of the lunch.

First frost reported in New York. That place claims everything.

Detroit robber was a college graduate, but they caught him.

Los Angeles girls wear men's trousers. Girls will be boys.

## 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. W. 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. Unpaid letters cannot be answered, but all letters are confidential and receive personal replies.—Editor.

Describe the Confederate monument which is to be made of Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, Ga.

Stone Mountain, sixteen miles from Atlanta, is an isolated mass of granite, seven miles in circumference and one mile in height. The cliff face is 800 feet high and 1,500 feet in breadth. Upon 700 feet of this space a moving army of Confederate soldiers is to be carved. Notable groups will be those of Davis, Lee, Wheeler, etc. Under the central group a great hall is to be excavated in the cliff with thirteen massive columns in its portico; twelve windows and a door decorated with the arms of Georgia. The auditorium will be almost limitless. The entire site is a gift from Samuel Hoyt Venable, the owner of the mountain, to the United Daughters of the Confederacy who are to dedicate this unrivaled monument "to their heroic fathers." The sculptor instrumental in directing the work that is to transfer Stone Mountain into a Confederate monument is Gutzon Borglum.

Why is the Dead Sea called dead?

Because it contains no life what-soever except a few microbes. Sea fish placed in it soon die. The water contains at a depth of 1,000 feet 27 per cent of solid substances. Chloride of magnesium gives the water a bitter taste, chloride of calcium an oily appearance and feeling. There is no outlet to this sea.

Who was called the Father of the Constitution?

James Madison.

Who was called the "Swamp Fox"?

General Francis Marion.

Oh what fiber are Panama hats made?

Panama hats are made of immature unexpanded leaves of the treeless screw pine, also called jojoba. The weaving is done under water.

## Science

Opening the Arctic region to commercial use is not impossible. A great deal of research work along that line is being done by different scientific agencies and big business enterprises.

Many wrong ideas about both the Arctic and Antarctic regions prevail. Most persons have merely a vague idea that they are lands of intense cold and ice all the year, and that they are similar. Both these regions have plant life. There are over four hundred species of flowering plants in the north polar region. There are only two species in the south pole section. This indicates the great difference existing between the two polar regions.

The mean temperature for the three summer months—June, July and August—in the northern region is five degrees above freezing, which is not an impossible climate. At the south pole for the same corresponding time of year it is 25 degrees below freezing.

Coal and oil may be the industries that will lure capital to the north polar regions, but the possibility of business reaching the south pole is very remote.

could not discover any umpire present and on the job. The game started, but still no umpire. At last I heard a man up in the grand stand call "strike one" and I was astounded. Turning to my neighbor, I said, "great Caesar's ghost, man—what's the umpire doing in the grand stand?" "Well," he drawled after the usual expectation, "yuh see, the spectators used to accuse him of bum work, so much that he 'lowed if folks up in the grand stand could see every play so darned good, he'd better go up there an' do his umpiring." An' so he did it."

## JAPS TAKE QUAKE AS FATALISTS

Little Men Accept Disaster to Nation as Act of Gods.

NEA Service Staff Writer.

**N**EW YORK, Sept. 7.—A dingy tramp steamer slid into dock at Staten Island. From her stern floated the "Rising Sun" emblem of Japan.

Her deck was noisy with the laughter of little men.

"Look! How they laugh!" said some one on the dock, vastly surprised.

"Japs are fatalists," another said grimly. "They can laugh at earthquakes and death."

But those laughing Japanese on the rusty tramp knew nothing of the great calamity. They were happy because they had reached the turning point of a long voyage; soon they would be sailing back home to wives, sweethearts and parents.

### Noise Lessens Suddenly

Very suddenly the noise on deck lessened. The laughter quieted and died out. Then a stir among the small men and deep silence.

Officers were gravely reading the foreign newspapers with their queer marks, headlines big and black, that quarantine officers had just brought aboard.

Now the wireless operator detached himself from the group with the newspapers. With slow steps he made his way below, to emerge shortly with slips of rice papers in his hand, paper covered with the picture writing of Japan.

Quiet groups of little men gathered round. One, better educated than the rest, monotonously intoned the soft Japanese syllables.

Not a face changed. Not an eye winked. No sign of emotion was printed on those set faces. Slowly they moved away to take up their duties.

There was no more laughter. Happiness had been washed away.

This was the first Japanese ship to reach New York since news came of the Japanese earthquake disaster. The entire crew of the tramp steamer, Mayo Maru claimed Yokohama and Tokio and the country in between as home.

All lost? They don't know.

### Fates Unknown

Chief Officer S. Kameda wonders what has become of the girl in Yokohama that he was to marry on his return from this voyage. What has been the fate of the parents he bade good-by in Tokio?

"We can only wait and hope," he said. "We Japanese are fatalists. For centuries our race has lived face to face with death. Always we knew that the earth might shake and bring disaster."

"What has come is but the will of the gods. It is fate and must be accepted."

## Indiana Sunshine

It wasn't a day of mourning but all Greensburg was in tears recently. An ammonia pipe burst and the fumes were so strong half the residents of the town were crying before the break could be repaired.

A couple of young men of Elwood engaged in a bitter dispute over the time that the straw hat season should end. The verbal argument became so heated that blows followed. Before the row was over both straw hats the young men were wearing had lost their usefulness. It seemed the argument was successfully settled.

A new pastime has appeared at Kokomo. Thirty motorists were arrested for not having tail lights on their automobile lighted. Thirty angry owners fumed and sweated before the city judge wondering what in tarnation had suddenly gone wrong. And the kids who did the mischief laughed up their sleeves.

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## Europe's Goat



## Family Fun

Poetic

When Mark Twain was running his country newspaper he was deluged with all sorts of contributions that would have hurried any one less than a humorist to an early grave. One day he received a poetic effusion all tied up with pink ribbon and entitled "I Wonder If He'll Miss Me." When Mark had recovered his composure sufficiently to mail back the poem, he did so, with this note attached:

"If he does, he ought never to be trusted with fire-arms again."

### Here's One for Dad

Henry had been tardy at school, and this was the excuse he handed in: "Miss Mackentire please excuse Henry for being late he was kept on the spot on account of his family young respect Jess Rogers."

"Henry," said the teacher, after she had read it, "I have serious doubts

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## Observations

about the genuineness of this. It looks very suspicious.

"I know it, m'am," he replied, smiling. "I told paw I could write it a heap better'n he could, but he just would do it."—Judge.

### No Limit to Kids

"When you grow up, how many children are you going to have, Dorothy?" asked one 10-year-old.

"I don't know," seriously answered the daughter of the ardent trout fisherman. "What's the legal limit?"—American Legion Weekly.

### Ma's Favorite Pudding

"Good heavens, Amelia! Not a date pudding again? What do you take me for—a sheik?"—Boston Transcript.

### Dad's View of Heaven

"Say, dad, why are there no marriages in heaven?"

"Because it's heaven."—Dallas News.

Of course, Henry Ford knows how to use a pail when he sees a fire. He hasn't filled radiators all these years for nothing.

Now they are trying to demonstrate that President Cal is human by going back to his boyhood and showing that he was a devil in his old home town.

If they keep on lowering the wheat crop estimates, there isn't going to be over-production in anything but the geases.

In Paris, if an automobile hits him, a pedestrian may be sued, but that sort of thing would not work here. When we are hit we are dead.

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