

The Indianapolis Times

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

Member of the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance * * * Client of the United Press, the NEA Service and the Scripps-Paine Service.
* * * Member of the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

Published daily except Sunday by Indianapolis Times Publishing Co., 214-220 W. Maryland St., Indianapolis, Ind. Subscription Rates: Indianapolis—Ten Cents a Week. Elsewhere—Twelve Cents a Week.
* * * PHONE—MAIN 3500.

A BANG-UP NAVY OR NONE

IT'S a mighty gloomy picture they are painting of our Navy. First Admiral Coontz says it. Then William B. Shearer, former special expert with the Navy Department. And after them, the first naval officer you meet.

Recently, says the admiral, when the fleet arrived off Panama for maneuvers, the light cruisers, store ships, destroyer tenders, colliers, tugs, repair ships, sea planes, lighter-than-air craft and miscellaneous auxiliaries were missing.

They had not been able to keep up.

After maneuvers started, it was found that even the snail's pace of ten knots an hour could not be maintained by the fleet formation owing to the slowness of certain units. Speed had to be reduced to something approximating a brisk walk.

Nor was that all. Submarine behavior proved that our under-sea craft are more dangerous to our own boys who man them than to the "enemy." Obsolete in design, lacking in ventilation, unreliable and deficient in speed, for fighting purposes they are virtually so much junk.

As to destroyers, we are not so badly off, compared with Britain and Japan. But even these are handicapped for lack of destroyer leaders. Ours number exactly zero as against Britain's eighteen, Italy's eight and France's seven.

We are lacking in proper air-craft carriers, mine sweepers, mine-sweeping gear and mines.

We are lacking in fast light cruisers of 10,000 tons and thereabouts. In fact, we haven't one. Britain has six and Japan four. In the 3,000 to 8,000 ton class, we have ten ships—like the Richmond—and these are good; but Britain has thirty-five and Japan twenty-three, so we are again outclassed.

We lack destroyer tenders, submarine tenders and unarmored auxiliaries capable of keeping up with the fleet.

A chain is no stronger than its weakest link, and Mr. Shearer is not far off when he says that instead of the ratio of our strength being what the Washington conference said it should be—Britain, five; America, five, and Japan, three—it is nearer Britain, five; Japan, three, and America, one.

What Admiral Coontz, Mr. Shearer and other experts are saying will open the eyes of the country. We hope it will do as much for Congress.

The country hears much of crack ships like the Colorado, with her 32,600 tons of sleekness and her race horse speed. And a lot is said of bullseyes scored at 30,000 yards and of world's records made at target practice. And we go away with the comfortable feeling that our Navy is "the best on earth."

Well, it isn't. What's the good of bullseyes at 30,000 yards if other navies can score them at 35,000 yards—which is the case? In the event of war we could not get close enough to the other navies to score any bullseyes.

Our Navy must be as good as the best. Unless it is, then it is worse than none at all. It becomes a highly dangerous and mighty expensive luxury, a needless challenge to other and more powerful fleets which could send us to the bottom in a day.

It's up to Congress to remedy this disgraceful, if not actually menacing, situation.

AN IMPOSSIBLE IMPOSSIBILITY

THE trouble with the American home is that the modern husband expects his Penelope to be a Cleopatra, too," declares Mrs. Walter Ferguson, exponent of women's editorial views.

It is a terrible indictment of the modern husband and somebody should say something for his reform. A Penelope-Cleopatra, wife the aspiration of the modern husband? Let us deliberate.

As we recall matters of youthful days when a long-whiskered professor scorned our grasp of ancient history, Mrs. Penelope virtuously awaited the return of her husband for many years, occupying herself with knitting socks, rearing a fine boy and holding at bay some dozen of eager suitors, who were finally shot up by her returned husband without asking many questions. Mr. Penelope found his house in perfect order, wife knitting vigorously and virtuously, fresh paper on the pantry shelf, warm biscuit in the bread box, coal in the bin, rugs cleaned, son's ears washed, and everything. His was a wife to be clung to by any husband, modern or 'way back. But, how in blazes can any modern husband conceive of a composite of such a wife and Cleopatra? Mrs. Cleopatra never worked or kept house a little bit. She passed her time sailing around, in a mere sample of a kimono, on the Nile, with seven large blacks fanning the flies off her and six immodest maidens to it that the kimono didn't interfere with the public view. She married her own brother and took up with Anthony, Caesar and other Roman high-ups as fast as they came along.

Verily, in those old days, as in our own era, there never has been a husband who believed he could have, or who wanted to have a wife who, morally, both knitted and flitted, as a habit. The modern husband who could vision such a composite is just one of the idiots who sit up nights to figure on what would happen should an irresistible force run against an immovable object. That's that!

Tom Sims Says:

Atlanta (Ga.) woman shot at her husband three times without hitting him, proving some women are not trained for matrimony.

A tornado demolished many homes in Austin, Texas, but escaped before it could be asked to run for office.

In Blytheville, Ark., a man tried to run down his enemy with an auto instead of with his mouth.

A spotless reputation needs more care than a pair of white trousers.

Bands robbed a Granite City (Ill.) bank. Got \$63,000. This is enough money for a vacation at a summer resort.

New York girl who led a double life reached her end just twice as quick.

Agrarian bands are terrorizing Vera Cruz land owners and many American jazz bands are still at large.

The wild flowers are holding their annual beauty contest.

One thing the scientists have shown us is that the first million years have been the hardest.

Paint heart never won fria lady, but many a fat-head has.

Other Editors

New Plaza Idea

Speaking of the plan to demolish churches now standing on that World War Memorial plaza at Indianapolis, just what provision has been made in the memorial building itself for a chapel or for a place for religious or sacred services fitted to such a memorial structure? And is it not possible to remodel or adapt existing church buildings, if remodeling is necessary, to fit them into the general scheme of the memorial plaza?—Lafayette Journal and Courier.

One Explanation

Comfort is the prevailing note of the spring fashions. The younger generation must be getting old.—Clinton Clintonian.

Maybe

McAdoo is still a candidate for the presidential nomination on the Democratic ticket. Did we say "still"? Yes; very still.—Alexandria Times-Tribune.

One Way to Look at It

One nice thing about being a candidate, even if you are not elected to office, is that one has such a fine opportunity to get acquainted with the people and find out how many folks promised the other candidate to vote for him—and did it.—Logansport Phoebe Tribune.

INDIANS ARE FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES

Battle Conducted by Aborigines Against Death, Dope and Settlers.

By ROY J. GIBBONS

NEA Service Writer
ANTA FE, N. M., May 3.—Pueblo Indians of New Mexico are nearing the end of the trail.

Members of the oldest civilization extant in America are now battling for life against a combination of desperate odds.

Great stretches of cultivated lands they claim are occupied by white settlers.

Numerous diseases are taking great toll.

And dope, bought by factions that claim to use it for religious and medicinal purposes, has brought on the added peril of internal strife.

According to estimates obtained from reliable sources, half of New Mexico's Pueblo Indians are afflicted with a disease of the eyes, while many are victims of tuberculosis.

Most Babies Die

Infant mortality among the race is also high.

Says Mrs. Francis C. Wilson, president of the State board of health and child welfare:

"During the summer months in some of the Pueblo villages practically



PUEBLO MOTHER AND CHILD

all of the Indian babies are expected to die.

"This is a deplorable situation over which the State has no control since the Pueblo are wards of the Government."

"Most Indian mothers know nothing about infant dietetics and many of them feed their year-old babies on chile, watermelon and corn."

Investigators believe this health problem among the Pueblos to be paramount to the legislation now being agitated in Congress to reclaim great stretches of Pueblo land and water rights now in possession of white settlers.

At one time the Pueblos held title to some 800,000 acres of land.

Part of this was given them during days of the Spanish sovereignty.

Other tracts were purchased outright by the Pueblos, or else were confirmed upon them by Congress.

Land Is Taken

Today the Pueblos, who number slightly in excess of 8,500 members, claim that practically all but 17,000 acres of the 80,000 acres in their original holdings susceptible of cultivation, have been taken from them.

The Pueblos charge that most of this lost irrigable land passed from their hands in an illegal manner.

They are now petitioning Congress for restoration of their former property, and, in event such return is impossible, want the Federal Government to compensate them for its loss by building ditches to irrigate their lands now under cultivation.

Some 5,000 white and Mexican settlers are affected by the controversy.

The Indians claim that these settlers in most instances should be ousted from their lands.

But attorneys for the settlers maintain that fully 80 per cent of their clients are holding former Indian land in good faith, and that the Indians were paid for the lands generations ago, before New Mexico became a part of the United States.

What might be likened to a separatist movement is afoot in many of the Pueblo villages.

Smokes

Americans are using 140 cigarettes for every 100 used in 1922, judging by factory output.

Cigars and pipe tobacco continue slumping steadily.

The cigarette, made "respectable" by the war, is our national smoke. Fifty cigarettes a month are being manufactured for every man, woman and child in our country.

Thunderin'

HAL COCHRAN

TWO little kiddies are tucked in to bed and the covers are pulled up real tight. Their faces are washed and their prayers have been said, and they've kissed mom and daddy good night.

There's darkness outside and the wind starts to shriek and the tots are as still as can be. Then one to the other will cautiously speak, "Say, cuddle up closer to me."

And then comes the glare of a lightning flare and a thunder roll blazes through the night. Two pillows are bare; little heads are not there 'cause they've suddenly huddled from sight.

When the weather is warm and a summer-time storm sends the elements out on a tear, you can't blame the mites on the thundery nights for wishing in their parents were there.

A faint little call travels down through the hall, over the thunder and lightning die. "Oh, mamma! Oh, daddy! Come here, hold my paddy! They're having a war in the sky." (Copyright, 1924, NEA Service, Inc.)

MT. VERNON NAME HELD ANTI-U. S.

Congressman Would Indict All Cities Named for Once Enemy Nations.

Times Staff Correspondent
1322 New York Ave.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—And now Congress is asked to investigate the whole United States for treason! Page W. J. Burnell, Representative John F. Miller of Seattle, Wash., has uncovered the most gigantic plot against 10 per cent Americanism ever conceived.

Miller has disclosed to Congress that there are States, cities and counties in the Union named for British nobility who fought against the United States!

That there are hundreds of places in the West with names of Spanish origin, in spite of the fact that Spain was once at war with this country and for many years previous had oppressed peoples now American citizens!

Patriotic Horror

That there are even towns here with names distinctly and unmistakably German in their origin!

Wherefore he raises his voice in patriotic horror and calls on Congress to appoint a committee to immediately investigate geographical nomenclature in the United States and recommend new names for those places that can't show unsullied and honorable American derivation.

The trouble started over Mt. Ranier. Some one discovered that the mountain was named for Admiral Peter Ranier for the British navy, who once fought against the United States. Miller says even more glaring examples of disloyalty in nomenclature remain unchallenged.

Ach Hemmell and Caramba

He particularly objects to these: Georgia, Virginia, Maryland, Baltimore, Braddock, Mount Vernon, Jamestown, Georgetown and Norfolk, named for British nobility. San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Jose, Santa Barbara, San Diego, San Joaquin, Los Alamos, Saint Augustine, all of Spanish origin. (Sacramento, California)

And these: Germantown, Bismarck, Bremen, New Munich, Kaiser, Schleswig, Metz and Berlin, undoubtedly of German origin! (Ach Himml!)

He would have a committee of ten members investigate the United States, Philippine Islands and Canal Zone and find new names for all of these places within eight months.

Ask The Times

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Times Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Ave., Washington, D. C. including 2 cents in stamps for reply. Medical, legal and marital advice cannot be given, nor can extended research be undertaken. All other questions will receive a personal reply. Unpaid requests cannot be answered. Letters are confidential.—Editor.

What is the correct way to pronounce the word Lyric?
Lyrik—short sound of i; accent on first syllable.

To which State does the Wabash River belong?

That part which flows in Indiana belongs to this State. If a river divides two States each owns to the middle of the river bed, except where the Government gave a State title to a river before the adjoining territory became a State.

Did Harold Lloyd really climb the building in "Safety Last?"
Ask Harold Lloyd, Hollywood, Cal.

How did the celebration of May Day originate?

There is some reason for believing that the celebration of May Day is a survival of the rites which were offered on May 1 to the Roman deity, Maia, goddess of Spring and Fertility. The actual basis of May Day seems to have been the Roman Floralia, celebrated April 28 to May 3, and instituted at Rome in the year 238 B. C., on account of a bad harvest. Floria, to whom the feast was consecrated, was also Goddess of Fertility as well as of flowers. She is generally represented as wearing a wreath of flowers.

Is there any verse in the Bible that states illegitimate children will be damned?

No; but in the twenty-third verse of the second chapter of Deuteronomy it says they shall not be admitted to the "congregation." The explanation of "congregation" given by a Bible commentary is that it meant either admission to office or public honors in church or state, or, in case of foreigners, incorporation with the nation by marriage.

Why are leases limited to ninety-nine years; why not an even hundred years?

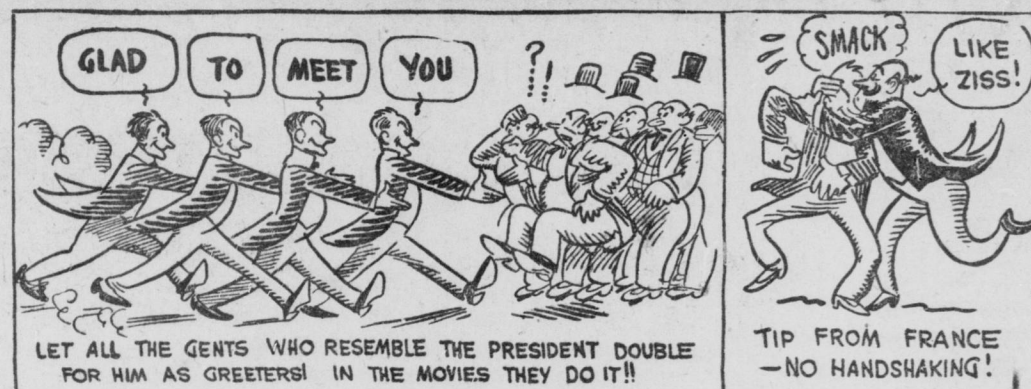
The limit of ninety-nine years in a lease would seem to be connected with a somewhat arbitrary estimate of 100 years as the probable extreme duration of the life of man. Leases for years are in their attributes, evolution and history, a sort of middle term between an estate for life and a tenancy at will. For this reason a period a little short of the duration of the life of man is devised so that the lessee might reasonably build or lay out money on the property.

What is an internal combustion engine?

One which obtains its power by the combustion or explosion of fuel in the cylinder. The gas employed may be a fixed gas, or the vapor produced from ether, alcohol, gasoline, petroleum oils, naphtha, etc. These engines are divided into three classes: (1) Gas engines, those in which fixed gases, such as producer gas, are used—usually stationary. (2) Oil engines, those using oil, either in the form of a spray or the vapor given off when the oil is heated—usually stationary. (3) Engines in which is used the vapor of gasoline or other volatile liquids—used in automobiles, launches, etc. In these three classes of engines the air and gases in the cylinder are compressed and then exploded by a direct flame, (old style) a hot tube, or an electric spark; the cylinder being either air or water cooled.

What is the fortieth wedding anniversary?
The ruby wedding.

The Presidential Handshake!

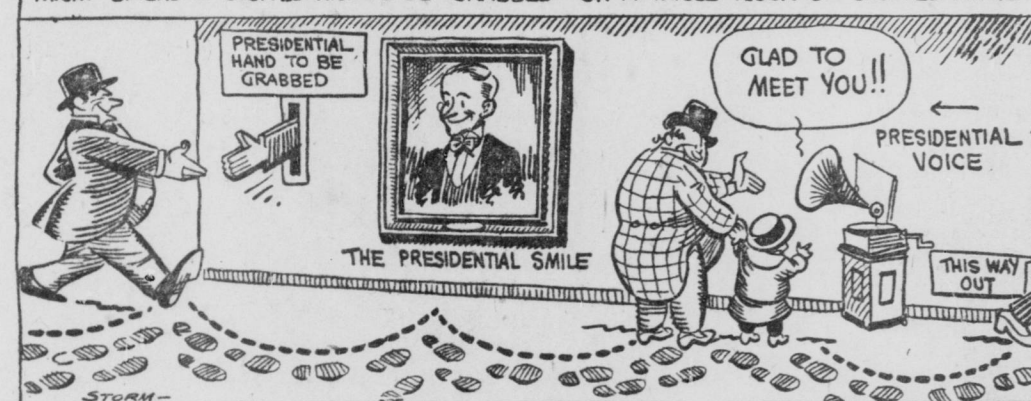


LET ALL THE GENTS WHO RESEMBLE THE PRESIDENT DOUBBLE FOR HIM AS GREETERS! IN THE MOVIES THEY DO IT!!

TIP FROM FRANCE—NO HANDSHAKING!



MIGHT EXTEND A STUFFED ARM TO BE GRABBED—OR A WHOLE FLOCK OF STUFFED ARMS



MAMMY LOVE OF SONG IS PROVED REAL

Baby Abandoned Years Ago Faithfully Reared by Colored Woman.

By NEA Service

NEW ORLEANS, May 3.—The love of the old negro mammy for her "white chile," immortalized in song and story of the South, is no figment of the poet's fancy. Concrete evidence of it can be found today in a last bequest of faithful love that now is puzzling officials and welfare workers.

They indeed have a problem on their hands—a 7-year-old problem, with the gentle mannerisms of those children of southern aristocracy. They call him "Sidney Lanier."

The welfare agents found him, carefully reared in isolation by an

Tongue Tips

Margaret Bondfield of British labor ministry: "Work lends a woman poise, one of the greatest gifts in the world; one that is essential in the gaining of any disputed right."

Mrs. W. S. Jennings, General Federation of Women's Clubs: "It is heartbreaking that vital reforms have to come at the cost of great sacrifice, but this seems to be history."

Dr. Henry VanDyke, author and preacher: "Men of privilege without power are waste material."

John H. Connor, United Shoe Machinery Company: "There is no question about it, the United States must find a way to sell largely abroad or else content itself with a reduction of existing standards of living."

Mrs. C. H. Remington, educator: "In this game of life neither the teacher nor the parent can afford to be a back number, and I would add also the school superintendent. The world is going much faster today than when we were children."

FARMERS NOT ASKING FOR PRIVILEGES

Reader Declares Country Has Not Returned to 'Normalcy.'

To the Editor of The Times

Will you please tell me where I may find the evidence of a well known return to the normalcy mentioned by President Coolidge in his address to the Associated Press? So far as I can see, things are abnormal. The farmers are groaning under their mortgages, heavy taxes and unstable prices for what they produce while the packers, not satisfied with immense profits, brought suit against the government for \$1,077,000 for unfulfilled meat orders which the Government denied owing, and declared the packers owed the Government \$2,000,000 for overcharges. The packers won. This is to be followed by other suits totaling about \$7,000,000 which of course the packers will win, as the first suit was a test case.

The railroads are declaring millions quarterly dividends. The steel mills are running at full capacity, and continually adding new ovens. Henry Ford's income is estimated at \$200,000,000 yearly. The Northern Pacific Railroad, after it had received \$136,108,833 from the sale of its Government bonds, which is nearly twice the \$70,000,000 it cost to construct it, is asking a grant of land in the national forests of Montana, Idaho and Washington, worth \$36,000,000 more.

Investigates Crimes

Our Government has spent and is spending unthinkable sums of money to bring to light the crimes of men holding some of the high posts of honor in our country. Our tax free securities are valued at \$11,360,942,000. Few farmers have any securities.

The United States Agricultural Department spends \$148,687,700 to aid the farmer. Office salaries take \$10,395,000. We cannot see the farmer benefit by the rest of this sum? The last two years the agricultural department has given attention to marketing stock and grain and the only help to the farmers was that he was induced to feed high priced corn to high priced hogs at a loss to himself but to the benefit of the packer. In the last ten years farm taxes have risen 126 per cent.

Evasion Not Wished

Mr. Coolidge says the opponents of the Mellon tax plan assume the country wants to evade the law of service and seek the benefits of government without paying for government; that the idea that the taxes on the masses could be cut and more taxes extracted from the rich was an "unworkable principle." The farmer does not wish to evade payment for government—he could not evade it if he wished. His land, his buildings, his stock and his grain are all in full view and the assessor puts his assessment on the full value of his property. The tax board raises it 25 or 30 per cent.

Mr. Coolidge says the welfare of the country would be in jeopardy by paying the soldier bonus. Send our Senate to the wars hereafter, for they apparently would ask no bonus. And Mr. Coolidge says we are not going into the League of Nations. Well, then, why don't we keep out of it? Why have we been unofficially meddling in it? Mr. Coolidge says when stability is assured abroad we will have another conference on limitation of armaments. The first one got into the League of Nations. Let us get down to sane, sober thinking. Our people are a people with good hearts. Give them a chance to come forth with clean hands and clean hearts.

We do not want so many King Abahs who covet another's vineyard, nor so many Jezebels to tell what to do to possess it. The farmer is not asking favors, but justice.

O. G. B.

Fulfill Her Father

"Are you sure the course is clear?" She whispered, sliding down to the arms of her lover. "Yes," he replied. "I succeeded in boring a hole in the water pipe. Your father has discovered it and will keep his finger over the hole until the plumber arrives."—Virginia Reel.

A Thought

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee.—Isa. 26:3.

Peace is the masterpiece of reason. —Johann Muller.

A Real Job



Looks like the order clerk's desk. But it isn't. It belongs to Representative Roy G. Fitzgerald of Ohio. All this mail accumulated while he was away from the Capital for a few days. The Congressman, however, isn't stumped. Coat off and sleeves rolled up, he is wading right in to clear it up.

Family Fun

Use The Dictionary

Letter received by a Detroit school principal:
"Sir: My little girl was given a 5 in her spelling lesson because she could not spell 'Octogonism' and 'Diagnosision.' I do not care to have her study about these perhistoric animals in the first place."—Detroit News.

Read to Uncle

Uncle Jack asked little Celia if she didn't want him to play with her. "Oh, no," she said, "we're playing Indian, and you're no use 'cause you're scalped already."—United Presbyterian.

Baby's Points

"Who does he resemble?" "Well, he has my wife's eyes and nose, but I can't imagine where he got his voice from unless it was my motor horn."—Judge.

Son Copies Dad

"Now, my little man," said the barber to the little boy in the chair, "how do you want your hair cut?" "With a hole in the top, like dad's."—Southern California Transmitter.

Let Us Sing

We will sing the little ballad entitled: "She was only a livery man's daughter, but she was well liked by all the employes."—Middlebury Blue Baboon.