

NATION'S ROADS TEEMING WITH POOR, HUNGRY

Huge Peace-Time Army, Is
Causing New Problems
of Social Disorders.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—A great
migratory peace-time army, of tens
of thousands of homeless men,
women and children, has been let
loose upon America by the depres-
sion, to create menacing problems in
dependency, sickness, crime and
social disorder.

Drifters—hoboes, "bindle-stiffs,"
hitch-hikers, "fliver tramps" and
even whole families turned vagrant
—are storming towns and cities in
numbers heretofore undreamed of.
They are begging for jobs, falling
which, for food and shelter. Many
are being driven to crime. Commu-
nities, bewildered by their num-
bers, pass them on to other com-
munities.

Conditions among this aimless,
drifting multitude, recently were de-
scribed by Robert Whitcomb, a
writer for Atlantic Monthly, who
was forced into what he called "the
new Odyssey," as "a monstrous
nightmare of dull horrors." And
stories coming into the President's
Gifford committee headquarters
bear out this description.

Faint With Hunger

One man tells of a farmer's whole
family from drought-stricken North
Dakota crawling out of a box car in
Chicago, stiff with cold and faint
with hunger. A Utah civil engineer
counted ninety-two persons—in-
cluding three women, one of whom
carried a baby—on one freight train.
President John S. Poyett of the
Denver & Rio Grande, is quoted
as saying that there are from sixty
to 200 "dead-heads" on every freight
train and from six to twelve on
every passenger train. In July,
another officer of this road says
11,000 persons were carried on its
freight lines. Many, weak from loss
of sleep or lack of food, fall from
the moving trains to be killed or
crippled. When thrown off by train-
men the ragged horde gathers in
hobo camps.

Highways Swarming

The highways swarm with hitch-
hikers, travelers report. These are
augmenting the usual migration of
casual workers that swings around
the great national circle from the
northwest wheat belt southward to
the cotton belt and thence west-
ward to pick fruit.

This year are seen many families,
dispossessed in the cities, traveling
toward sunnier climates in Florida,
Texas and the Pacific coast. Cali-
fornia and Florida are the worst
sufferers. Reaping fruits of years
of climate boosting, California now
harbors more than 100,000 stran-
gers, its river banks, valley towns
and railroad rights of way infested
with thousands of disillusioned
easterners, its cities pressed with
the task of feeding new mouths.

St. Paul, Detroit, Chicago, Bir-
mingham, New Orleans, El Paso,
Texas, all cities and the entire
Pacific coast feel the brunt of the
problem.

200 SCHOOL MEN MEET

Clay Pigeon Shoot Features Outing
of City Club.

Clay pigeon shooting featured the
outing of the Indianapolis School
Men's Club at the Boy Scout
reservation Wednesday afternoon.
Approximately 200 were present.

Leaders in the pigeon shoot were
W. A. Hacker, director of social
service, Russell Wilson, president of
the board of school commissioners,
and Paul C. Stetson, superintendent.
Dinner was served in the scout
field house. At the meeting held
after the meal, W. S. Barnhart,
head of the commercial department
at Manual Training high school and
president of the club, presided.

WARNS IN LICENSE WAR

Hiner Serves Notice on Florida for
Jailing of Driver.

Ward B. Hiner, Red Ball truck-
man, has served notice on Florida
officials that he will launch a drive
against all Florida licensed cars in
Indiana unless they release one of
his drivers now being held in jail
at Jacksonville for having Hoosier
license plates.

In a letter to the press Hiner
charges that the war on truck
licenses is backed by the railroads
to prevent cheap hauling.

Hiner is backed in his stand by
James W. Carpenter, Indiana license
commissioner.

It is said that there are 11,896-
780 different hands possible in the
game of bridge.

INSURE GUNMEN? NEVER 'Lead Poisoning' Risk Too Great



They all wanted insurance . . . but they were all turned down flat. . . Al Capone, upper left, Legs Diamond, upper center, and Johnny Scaccio, lower center, were all refused. . . Joe Aiello, right, and Mickey Duffy, lower left, have already demonstrated what poor risks they would have been, if accepted. . . they having been later murdered.

BY DEXTER H. TEED
NEA Service Writer

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Big
time gangsters and rack-
eteers and all the smaller fry,
wealthy though many of them
may be, are entirely out of luck
when they try to get life insur-
ance.

Even if they are robust and
healthy their susceptibility to
"lead poisoning" makes them poor
risks.

And now, although it means loss
of policies, aggregating millions of
dollars, the great insurance com-
panies of America have agreed
unanimously to refuse life insur-
ance to all racketeers.

It is a cold business proposition,
and their judgment has been vin-
dicated. Behind the scenes in this strug-
gle to prevent gangsters from ob-
taining insurance is the story of
anonymous investigators who are
risking death and injury to ferret
out the true status of underworld
characters who apply under as-
sumed names and give false oc-
cupations.

Such notorious figures as Al Ca-
pone, Legs Diamond, Joe Aiello,
Mickey Duffy and Johnny Scaccio
have tried in the past to take out
policies that would assure their
heirs of plenty of insurance
money. All have failed.

IN the case of Duffy the good
judgment of several com-
panies was proved. Duffy, shot
down in a luxurious suite in an
Atlantic City hotel, went the way
of many of the "big shots" in
gangdom.

Since 1927 he had been applying
to a score of companies for \$100-
000 life insurance and was invari-
ably turned down.

Little Joe Aiello, before rival
gangsters wrote him to his career
with machine gun bullets, had ap-
plied for life insurance under an
assumed name.

His identity was determined and
he died without benefit of life insur-
ance.

Even well-fed Al Capone, fat
and robust and well-protected, can
not get a cent of insurance.

Though he is the dominant
figure in Chicago's gang life, none
of the great insurance companies
will take a chance on him.

Probably Legs Diamond, New
York's most publicized gangster,
couldn't have passed a physical
examination anyway, but he never
tried. He didn't get that far when
he applied.

THE dramatic struggle to iden-
tify gangsters still continues.
Only recently an enterprising in-
surance agent was tipped off that
a wealthy man living in a fash-
ionable suburban center near New
York wanted some insurance. The
agent saw him and the man ap-
plied for coverage of \$50,000.
Investigators who started look-
ing up the man's record found
that he had skyrocketed from a
humble home to a splendid man-
sion in a few years. That made
them suspicious.

And when they learned that
gangs of thugs often visited him
in the dead of night, uncovering

the fact that he was a bootlegger
and gangster was inevitable. He
was turned down cold.
"When issuing a policy to a
man we invariably determine if he
is a good moral risk as well as a
good physical risk," is the way it
is explained at the big companies

like Metropolitan, Equitable, New
York Life and others.
"Gangsters have a short life ex-
pectancy, their moral characters
are bad and they are usually in
effect public enemies. We haven't
any desire to aid or protect such
a person in any way."

THEY TELL ME

BY BEN STERN

NO statement issued by an In-
diana public official in recent
years has received the earnest at-
tention and careful scrutiny which
has attended the demand for Mayor
Reginald H. Sullivan for a special
session of the legislature to pass an
income tax law.

Almost overnight Sullivan has
been projected into a position of
real importance in the Indiana
Democratic party.

As mayor of the largest city in
the state, he was, of course, a
prominent in the political picture,
but due to his own inactivity and
diffidence, he did not take his rank
among the front runners in the
party.

Today mention of his name causes
a pricking up of ears.

Friends in Indianapolis occasion-
ally had advanced his name in
governorship talk, but such mention
was received lightly.

It is known that he has pledged
himself to support Frank Dalley for
the nomination and even has gone
so far as to tell this to Paul V. Mc-
Nutt, outstanding contender.

Yet through fortuitous circum-
stance of time and place, his de-
fiance of the state tax board and paid
lobbyists for organizations demand-
ing tax slashes, his name is now
to the fore when nominations in
1932 are being considered.

He pointed out that unless real

estate is relieved of at least 50 per
cent of its present burden, the small
owner is faced with confiscation.
This statement alone won for him
the regard of the Indiana farm bu-
reau, with its more than 50,000
members; the independent home
owner and real estate dealers.

Then Sullivan showed that the
presence of water and light com-
pany representatives on the Cham-
ber of Commerce budget-slashing
committee is worthy of a horse
laugh, because the companies they
represent collect millions from the
city government for light and wa-
ter and yet they desire to cut every
item but that which affects them.

This attack on the commerce
committee also is a ten strike, be-
cause all classes of Indianapolis
citizens are tiring of the attitude
taken by this special committee.

But the proposal of a one-day's
session of the general assembly to
pass an income tax bill and lift the
burden on real property is of es-
pecial interest, because public opin-
ion over Indiana is asking that Gov-
ernor Harry G. Leslie convene the
legislature to devise some method of
improving the situation.

Whether Sullivan's suggestion is
accepted does not detract from the
fact that he is the first important
public official in the state to describe
the situation frankly and suggest a
possible solution.

For this alone politicians now
praise him.

PRESIDENT REAL POWER IN U. S. BEER SQUABBLE

Congress Almost Certainly
Won't Do Thing Without
Strict Orders.

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Lots of
people, judging from inquiries, are
not sure whether President Hoover
could restore beer and wine to the
country by a mere executive order.

Of course, he can't and only an
act of congress could make beer
legal.

But the wide attention being di-
rected at the President in connec-
tion with the beer speculation is
based on the fact that a strong
declaration from him at this time
would carry tremendous weight in
congress and through the country
and definitely mark the turn-
ing point away from prohibition.

He Must Demand It

Neither house of congress will pass
any beer legislation during the next
session unless Hoover demands it,
and he is not expected to do so.

Even if the President did come out
for beer and urge congress to re-
store it there is some room for
doubt whether the house and senate
would fall over themselves in a rush
to comply.

The point is that White House
intervention is the only thing that
might cause legislative action in the
near future.

Could Be Modified

The Volstead act could be mod-
ified by a majority vote, but each
house is still regarded as approx-
imately three-fourths dry.

A call for beer from Hoover, be-
cause of the presidential influence
and the fact that beer is now being
demanded as an important step to-
ward relieving depression, would be
likely to whittle down the dry ma-
jorities considerably, although one
can only guess as to how many
votes it would affect.

Members of congress will vote for
beer when they dare and not before.

Intimation Not Enough

A mere intimation that the Presi-
dent would be willing to sign a 3
per cent bill probably would have
little if any effect on Capitol Hill.
It would be necessary for Hoover,
if he espoused the beer cause and
sought to get anywhere with it this
winter, to mobilize sentiment
through the country to help him
and to announce his conversion in
emphatic tones.

There is plenty of pro-beer senti-
ment but there also is still plenty
of anti-beer sentiment and no one
has yet been able to tempt Hoover
to defy the latter.

Thus the likelihood is that all
this beer talk as well as all the ef-
forts to persuade the President will
come to nothing.

36 Varieties of Wheat Grown

By United Press
HARRISBURG, Pa., Oct. 2.—
Pennsylvania farmers grew thirty-
six different varieties of wheat dur-
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ma Blumberg, Mrs. Edith Jett,
Mrs. Jennie Lince and Mrs. Frona
Oliver, with a portion of the food
prepared for poor persons.

FLIER, WIFE SEPARATE

Mrs. Lawrence Genaro Wins Limited
Decree, Alimony and Children.

Limited divorce on grounds of in-
fidelity has been granted Mrs. Cecilia
Genaro from Lieutenant Lawrence
Genaro, army air reserve corps flier
stationed at Ft. Benjamin Harrison,
in circuit court.

She was granted \$2,160 alimony
and custody of their two children,
Joseph, 5, and Carl, 2.

Lieutenant Genaro filed a cross-

complaint asking an absolute di-
vorce, but Mrs. Genaro won the
separation.

In his own defense, Lieutenant
Genaro exhibited his flying logbook
to show he had not taken other
women on his airplane flights, as
charged in the complain against
him.

Old Pile Bridge Still Used

YORK, Me., Oct. 2.—What is be-
lieved to be the first pile bridge in
America, built in 1876, still is in
use on one of the main highways
here.

FLIES TO DYING FATHER; NABBED FOR BAD CHECK

Race to Bedside Ends in
Jail, With Death and
Cops Victors.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—The race to
Chicago from Los Angeles by air-
plane of A. H. Goldbogen, 25, con-
struction company official, to reach
the bedside of his dying father,
ended with him in jail today and
his father dead before the son had
seen him.

A squad of detectives met Gold-
bogen at the airport. They arrested
him on request of Los Angeles police
who charged him with issuing a
worthless check to finance the trip.

Soon after Goldbogen was placed
in a cell, a telephone call came from
the home of Hyman G. Goldbogen,
the father.

"His father is dying, please let
him out to see him before it's too
late," a relative pleaded.

But Goldbogen was not released.
A short time later came this
message to the jail:

"Your father is dead."
"When a telegram informed me
that my father was not expected to
live, I left for the Los Angeles air-
port without even changing clothes,"
Goldbogen said.

"I left \$220 for expenses in
another suit. I signed a blank check
with the understanding my super-
intendent would bring \$150 to the
airport to take it up. I had to get
started, father was dying."

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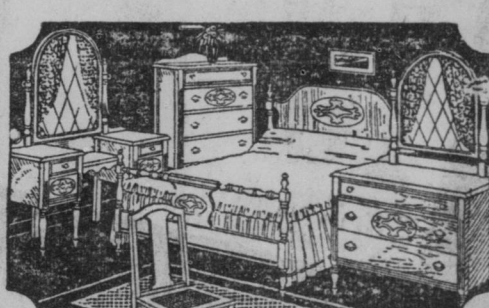
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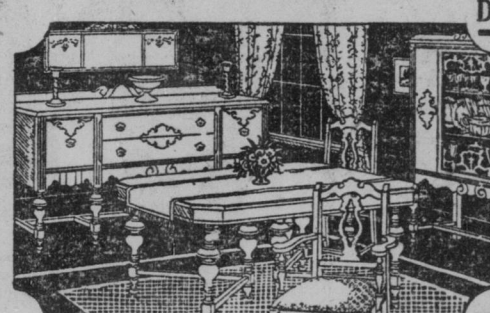
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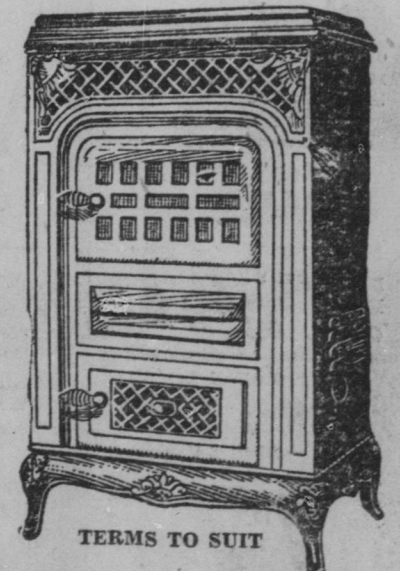
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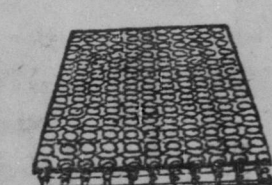
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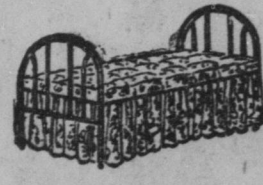
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