

## ANCIENT EGYPT FOUGHT CURSE OF MARIHUANA

Pernicious Drug Known From Earliest Times, History Shows.

(Following is the second of three articles on a little-known but widely-used drug produced in this country.)

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—The ancient Egyptians punished users of hemp drugs by extracting their teeth. Today finds modern lawmakers still enacting penalties, less violent but still deterring, against those who traffic in marihuana, the American name for bhang or hasheesh.

One of the oldest narcotics, this plant which has "gone society" traces its history as far back as the sacred books of the Brahmins, written before the year A. D. In the fourteenth century, records were found in Egypt revealing the dire penalties of the year 78 of the Hegira (about 700 A. D.).

Ortental history is speckled with crusades against the drug and its resultant crime, degeneracy and insanity. Experts say cannabis, the hemp-derived drug, is now used in some form in all Oriental countries and its devotees number countless millions.

**Grown for Cloth**

Indian hemp, best known here as marihuana, is not a native of American soil. Early cultivation here was of the small European variety which was grown in the New England colonies for fiber in making homespun. It also was grown in Virginia and Pennsylvania colonies and was cultivated in the early settlements of Kentucky, from whence it spread to Missouri.

The European variety was sup- planted by the larger Chinese plant about 1857 and has been grown at various times in Illinois, in the Kan- kakee River Valley of Indiana, in southeastern Pennsylvania, and in Nebraska, Iowa and California.

Today it grows in either a wild or cultivated state. At one time 40,000 acres in this country were devoted to it; today the acreage cultivated for legitimate uses is hardly over 300, according to agriculture department estimates. But it is abundant as a wild plant in the west and southwest and this growth, along with that cultivated for narcotic uses, furnishes state and federal authorities with their present problem of control.

**Smoked in Cigarettes**

The name "marihuana" is Mexican in origin, but the plant and drug are known by a wide variety of names in foreign countries. Many of them are of Indian and Persian derivation. In Turkey it is hasheesh, in India it is bhang, elephanti, it is guia, ganja, charas, siddi, subi, putti, momra, and gangjah. The U. S. narcotics bureau describes it officially as "potent aphrodisiac, provocative of crimes of singular atrocity." It is used most in cigar- ettes.

The plant, known botanically as cannabis sativa, has an angular stem, bears palmately-compound leaves and may attain a height of ten feet. It is the same "loco-weed" that produces madness in grazing horses.

For narcotic uses, the flowering top of the pistillate or male plant is gathered just before pollination. The female plant also has drug content, but in weaker form. The flow- ers lose their strength rather rapidly and after a year or two are practically harmless.

**Also in the Hookah**

Although thirty-four states forbid its sale, the cigarettes are bootlegged widely by peddlers at from a nickel to a quarter a piece.

In Oriental countries, particularly in India, the weed is smoked in the hookah, or waterpipe, or in the chillum—the ordinary tobacco pipe. Frequently it is diluted with tobacco and, because of its offensive smell, is sometimes mixed with herbs.

While the plant, according to government experts, can be grown in almost any soil, it produces the greatest drug content in tropical climates. In cold sections, it remains a fiber containing little of the drug cannabis.

Its medical usage has dwindled greatly. It relieves neuralgic pain, encourages sleep and soothes restlessness, but it has been largely replaced by other drugs.

Mexican laborers of the southwest, the narcotics bureau has found, often plant the drug-producing hemp between rows of corn and harvest it for their own use or sale. In recent years the practice has spread eastward. Several years ago a large field was found under cultivation on Long Island.

(Tomorrow—State governments declare war.)

**CHASTISES GIRL FRIEND, YOUTH GIVEN WARNING**

Shook Up Complainant After She Broke Date, He Says.

A young man who admitted in municipal court yesterday that he had chastised his girl friend after she had slipped out of a date with him, faithfully promised Howard Bates, judge presiding, that he never would bother the girl again. Judgment with withheld.

The youth, Richard Hamaker, 83 Whittier place, was accused of waiting for the girl and when she came out of a movie theater, of shaking her roughly because she left him "in the lurch." Judge Bates counseled him that "it is best to take the hint when a girl doesn't want to go with you."

**MISSIONARIES TO BE INVITED HERE IN 1935**

Methodist Episcopal Convention May Come to City.

The National Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church will be invited to hold its 1935 convention here, the Indianapolis convention and publicity bureau announced today.

The bid will be placed before the convention now in session at Harrisburg, Pa., by Mrs. E. L. Hutchins, Indiana's conference president, and Mrs. E. W. Stockdale, Indianapolis.

HORIZONTAL	
15	Author of the "Story of an African Farm."
12	Eucharist vessel.
13	Cry of a dove.
16	Kettle.
17	To follow.
19	Transpose.
20	To be victorious.
21	Aqua.
22	Sack.
24	Bulk.
25	Otherwise.
27	Fetid.
29	To remain.
30	Goodby.
31	Negative word.
32	End of a dress coat.
33	Insane.
34	To move onward.
35	Maize.
36	Bumpkin.
38	Half an em.

Answer to Previous Puzzle	
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pleas for feminism as the English language.  
16 Swine.  
17 Orient.  
18 She wrote under a —.  
19 Small tumor.  
20 Soft mass.  
21 To lament.  
22 Toward sea.  
23 Morsel.  
24 Principal conduit.  
25 Flaccid.  
26 Card game.  
27 To spout forth.  
28 Tipster.  
29 Home of a beast.  
30 Apple.  
31 Petty demon.  
32 Go on (music).  
33 Habitual drunkard.  
34 Gothic.  
35 Heart of an apple.  
36 Pertaining to the moon.  
37 To simmer.  
38 English titles.  
39 Every.  
40 Leases.  
41 Drunken.  
42 Sanskrit dialect.  
43 Harmony.  
44 Constellation.  
45 Before Christ.  
46 Musical note.  
47 South —.  
48 Southeast.  
49 Corpse.  
50 Morindin dye.



## Indiana in Brief

By Times Special

ROCHESTER, Oct. 5.—Funeral services were held yesterday for Talbot, 60, proprietor of a hotel at Lake Manitou bearing his name. He died after an illness of eight months.

Mr. Talbot was one of the first men to see the summer resort possibilities of Lake Manitou. He first engaged in the hotel business at the lake thirty-four years ago. Before erecting his own hotel, he operated the Colonial hotel.

He was a member of the Moose lodge at Indianapolis and the Elks lodge at Peru.

### WANDERER'S TRAVEL AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE

Youngsters on Road Develop New Racket.

By United Press

CLEVELAND, Oct. 6.—It's pretty soft—having the federal government pay your railroad fare across country.

Hundreds of wandering boys and girls have discovered how to do it and are making the most of their travel opportunities, according to requests the Cuyahoga county relief administration intercity department gets from every state in the union.

The requests ask the CCRA to investigate and authorize the return of so-and-so from Podunk or wherever they may be stranded.

There's a catch to the plan, of course. All tickets are one-way passage for home. If the town a wanderer call home says he does not belong there, he gets no ticket.

**Oil Wells Completed**

Completion of three oil wells in Indiana during September is announced in the monthly report of J. P. Kerr, state gas supervisor. The wells are in Gibson, Knox and Pike counties.

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## UNDERWRITERS ORGANIZE FOR YEAR'S WORK

Committees Are Named by Howard E. Nyhart, President.

Standing committees for the Indianapolis Association of Life Underwriters have been appointed to serve for the coming year, it was announced today by president Howard E. Nyhart.

The roster of committee members is:

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## SPEEDY PLANES TIMED BY MECHANICAL EYE

Camera-Clock Device Is Used in Cleveland Races.

By United Press

CLEVELAND, Oct. 6.—Thousands of Clevelanders and others, who saw the national air races here recently, wondered how it is possible to time accurately planes speeding 250 to 300 miles an hour over a starting and finishing line.

A "mechanical eye," it was later explained, does the trick. The human eye is too slow. It works this way:

A motion picture camera, attached to a clocking device, is placed on the ground at the beginning and end of the course. The focus is set on the line and the camera started.

When the plane flashes into focus vision, the time is stamped on the film, along with the plane. The device was used first at the last Olympiad for human speed dashes.

**PROPOSES SCIENTIFIC TRAINING FOR POLICE**

Cleveland Chief Assigns Ten Rookies to Study Sciences.

By United Press

CLEVELAND, Oct. 6.—As an experiment in policing, Detective Inspector C. W. Cody is taking ten highly educated and naturally intelligent rookie policemen and training them scientifically in detective work.

Cody said he was using men familiar with chemistry, biology and other sciences valuable in crime detection, and placing them in the hands of his department experts for practical training.

He explained he wanted the squad

to be first to arrive at the scene of a crime—to look for weapons, bullets, hairs, buttons, etc.—anything which may be valuable. And everything is until it has been eliminated.

## DEMOCRATS ASSESS DEPARTMENT HEADS

3 1/2 to 4 Per Cent Levy to Swell Campaign Fund.

In an effort to build up a really substantial campaign fund, the Democratic state committee has levied a 3½ to 4 per cent assessment on the salaries of all state department heads.

This action, which means that each department head will pay from \$150 to \$200 into the "war chest," became known at the state house yesterday through the private, but none the less emphatic, "squawks" of the assessed.

The dozen men affected are wondering whether this special assessment will be credited against their regular monthly "contributions" to the administration's Two Per Cent Club, but nobody today knew for sure how this would work out.

Supreme court and appellate judges, while they are more highly paid than the department heads, are not affected by the assessment, since they have made, according to those in the know, earlier contributions ranging upward from \$1,500.

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