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### Movie Censors

There is an attempt in Chicago to take the censorship of moving pictures out of the hands of the police department and place it with a commission. In the annual budget the second deputy chief of police and his official staff is not mentioned, so that it would be necessary to unload the censorship which has been a distinguishing feature of that department upon some other goat in the police department.

There is specific objection made to what is called "pink permits" under which some pictures were shown to adults only.

A constantly increasing number of persons are inclining to the opinion that less censorship and more common sense would improve the motion picture game. There is little demand in this community for pictures that need censoring. The manager can be relied upon to exercise due supervision simply as a matter of business. Pictures which criticize authority, are unpatriotic or un-American would drive away from the house a hundred times more patrons than they would attract. The manager knows that and on that account alone would do his own censoring. Pictures which are calculated to teach the young forbidden lessons have no vogue here.

### Growing In Fame

Northwestern University is getting more and more recognition in a large national way. It has just been announced that an appropriation has been made by the Interdepartmental Social Hygiene board of the United States for the purpose of assisting in the organization and operation of its department of social hygiene. On this board are W. G. McAadoo, Newton D. Baker, Josephus Daniels, and a formidable staff of government medical men of the army and navy.

It is noticed that the summer school of this institution has a fifty per cent larger registration than ever before, with a striking feature in that the number of men students largely exceeds the number of women enrolled. Many high schools in this and neighboring states are represented and there are more service men who left school to go to war than any other one class.

To accommodate those women who wish to hear the lectures but have not the time to prepare class work they have been permitted to enroll as "auditors," which is something new in the classes. It is noticeable that the favorite subjects are drama, contemporary history and sociology. The course is nine weeks and it will end August 23.

### The Forest Preserve

The north shore is using the neighboring forest preserve to the west for picnic purposes and finding much delight therein. Large stretches of woodland have been cleared and made comfortable for resorters and the removal of the saloons added much to the value of the property and made it a safe and delightful place for both children and their elders.

It is noted that some 2,000 acres of the preserve at Palos park are to be utilized for botanical gardens, giving Cook county the largest and best arboretum in the world. The loca-

tion is already a garden spot and it is intended to add to it landscape gardening on an extensive scale and greenhouses in which every known variety of plant may be grown and exhibited.

The educational value of such a place is great and among the members of the subcommittee recommending the location of this garden there is Professor C. B. Atwell of Northwestern University, the premier authority in this region upon things arboreal.

### Peace Problems

With the signing of the peace treaty comes the suggestion of so many problems yet to be met that it is somewhat difficult to determine just where we stand. That the treaty is hard on Germany is a matter of course, but it seems to be the general opinion abroad that the terms are just and liberal and what Germany has to pay is but reasonable compensation. There is some difference of opinion as to when the peace becomes effective. President Wilson's signature is to be accepted abroad for the United States even though the senate has not confirmed the treaty. There are ratifications to come from other sources as well, and it is contended by some that until they are all in there can be no peace officially. One writer maintains that no one can know whether the armistice has expired until the peace pact has been ratified. Certain points in the treaty are based upon definite time limits and the time in certain of them will expire before the treaty is ratified.

But all these things may be left with the doctors to settle. Colonel House is on the job even if the president has left for home, and the secretary of state will represent what Colonel House does not want to. In this country, we are now more concerned with internal disorders than the affairs of other countries. No sooner is one strike settled than another is begun, and Chicago seems destined to be a storm center.

### Loans To Soldiers

Canada sets this country a good example in the loans it is making through the Soldier Settlement board, the Edmonton office reporting that its advances during the month of May totaled over one million dollars. Over half of that amount was for the purchase of land and the rest for chattels, as they call all sorts of material to enable the new farmer to cultivate the land the government furnished him the money to buy. In addition, they made a large number of loans on the security of homesteads and grants already held.

This plan is not only doing much to solve the employment of service men but is, at the same time, doing a very important work in the development of new country. There are vast stretches of fertile land in the great Canadian northwest that need only to be cultivated to produce bountiful crops and add greatly to the wealth and resources of the country.

### Counting The Cost

It is interesting to learn from a report of Secretary Baker that the war department spent nearly fifteen billion dollars between April, 1917, and June 1, 1919, and that with the exception of less than two billion spent abroad upon the American Expeditionary forces, the rest of the money was expended right here at home, for material and supplies for these forces. There is some interest manifested in the question, "Who got it?"

### VICTORY SERVICE TO BEGIN CAMP MEETING

The sixtieth annual Methodist camp meeting at Deplaines will begin July 9 with a victory service. Judge John R. Newcomer will make the opening address on, "A New Definition of Democracy." Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus will preach on July 13 in the afternoon and Dr. J. M. V. Muel, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Oak Park, will preach at night.

A complete program of the activities to take place at the camp meeting will be distributed at all the Methodist churches in Chicago and in the suburbs. During the entire week there will be opportunities to

hear the best speakers and there will also be Sunday school and Epworth league institutes.

### Visits in Wilmette

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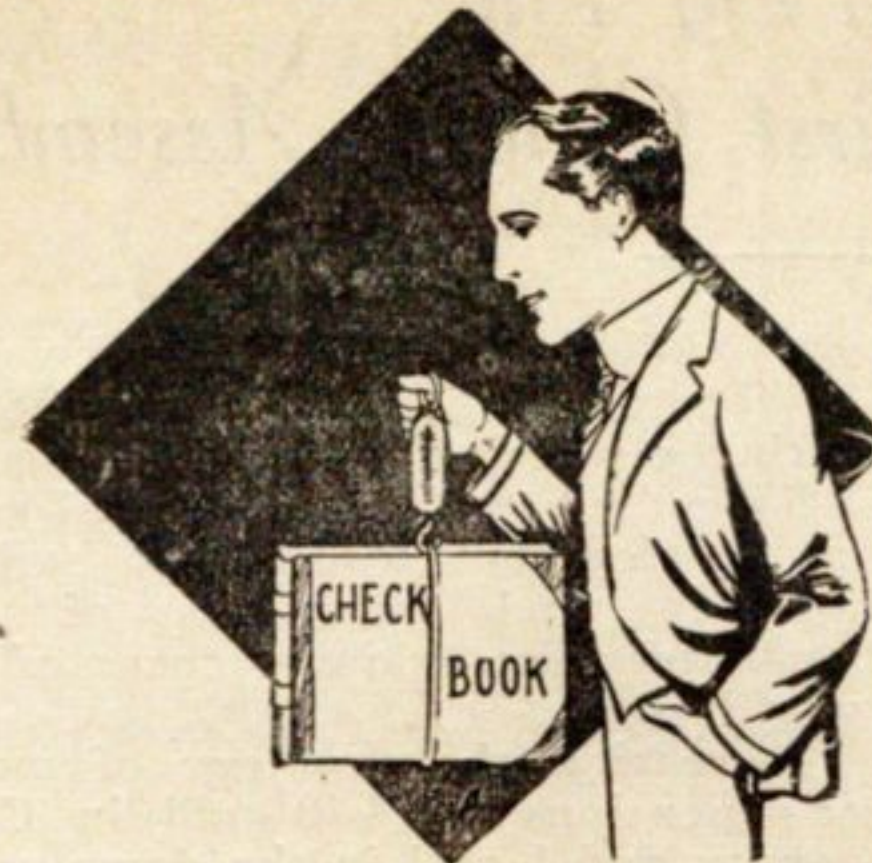
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