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Safe Trades

Robbery and murder are likely soon to be counted among the safest of professions if there is not a halt called to the practice of those pursuits in some more certain way than that which brought death to the man who attempted to acquire the funds of the Wilmette State Bank. That that affair turned out in the fortunate way that it did, rather than in the death of the bank cashier or policeman Hoth who secured the man, is merely due to a fortunate chance. When bullets fly as they flew that day in Wilmette it is only accident who is struck, the odds being equal in marksmanship.

Inadequate punishment of criminals who do fall into the hands of the authorities, the ease with which transgressors are able to elude their pursuers, the long process of our legal systems, the many chances for escaping the payment of the wages of sin, all these contribute to the attractiveness of the life of easy money and excitement and fill the newspapers with stories of crime and death.

While Business Stands Still

It seems to be entirely too much to expect the business of the ratification of the treaty and the disposition of the League of Nations to be conducted upon a basis of reasonableness and mutual confidence between the two branches of the federal government. It appears that the executive must needs treat the men of the congress as little children whose function it is to be seen and not heard, and that the members of the legislative branch should proceed to justify that course by behaving not unlike children, and very naughty ones at that.

The United States is the only country involved in the war that has had nothing to hide as to motive and previous agreements. We have avowed our purpose to be simply to help to secure a condition that does not hold the seeds of war and to develop a new democracy in the old world as well as in the new. Our part in the conference at Paris, insofar as our own affairs are concerned, is entirely in accord with the high principles that we put forth when we went into the fight.

Never has there been a time when frankness, coolness, and co-operation were more necessary than now. Business stands still and reconstruction is delayed while the two branches of the government indulge in a game of tug-o-war for the purpose of showing just how obstinate each can be when it tries. It is the public that pays for the delay that is entailed, that same public that has become the scapegoat in every difficult situation that has arisen.

The Fight Against Prohibition

The foundation of the American form of government is the principle that the majority should rule in any contested question. Hence it is the very root and core of our system of government that is being attacked with vigor and persistence by those who are seeking to find a way out of the enforcement of the prohibition amendment.

Few laws are made with the unanimity with which the prohibition

amendment became a law. It was carried with many votes to spare in both houses of Congress. The votes were cast by men who were elected by the whole people of the United States, including the soldier vote, for the election which determined the personnel of the Sixty-fifth congress was held before any American soldiers were transported abroad.

There is considerably more than half the territory of the United States which was "dry" territory before the application of the war-time prohibition measure, dry by the will of the majority of the people who live in it, either by local option in small units or by state law. Obviously the condition that has been introduced by the prohibition measure that became effective July first is in accordance with the will of the majority of the people of the nation.

The amendment has followed a normal course. It has come to success after a long and arduous period of work. It has resulted from a consistent program of public education. Its ratification by the several state legislatures was startling by the spontaneity with which the action was taken and the record time in which it was put through, as well as by reason of the overwhelming majority which accepted it. No law has ever been written into the basic code of the United States with a clearer indication of its being the will of the people who should be governed by it. The fight for prohibition has been a fair one. The fight against it has nothing to offer by way of recommendation, or even of excuse.

Reconstruction An Individual Affair

Six months ago when the idea of the war's end was new to the American people there was a general disposition to look beyond the days of the session of the peace conference to the time of reconstruction and re-adjustment that was to follow when the evils that had grown out of war conditions should be righted.

Today we are still looking far ahead to the period of re-adjustment and reconstruction, still enduring those same evils, unchanged except in such cases as they have been aggravated, still talking of the time when we shall arrive at a normal basis of life, even if a different normal from that upon which we were wont to live before the world went to pieces with the assassination of an archduke in whom very few people had the remotest interest.

Now it is beginning to dawn upon our consciousness that the changes that are to be wrought by the war are to be individual rather than national. We are beginning to see that reconstruction must begin in our own lives, that it is our own standards that must be revised to suit the condition, not the conditions changed to make the resumption of life upon the old standards possible.

A Desirable Change

The pourboire is going out of vogue in Paris where the waiters are demanding a certain share of the receipts in lieu of the uncertain income from the fees of patrons.

The tipping system is entirely contrary to the new system of democracy that has been developed by the war. It presupposes an acknowledged difference of social status between the patron and the one who serves. It requires a measure of servility in the employe that is beginning to rub against the grain since men of every walk of life have rubbed elbows and lived under the conditions of war that bring out the real person under the veneer of manners, or under the rough and uncouth exterior, as the case may be.

America has inherited the tipping system from the countries of Europe. America has developed it as it never would have developed across the sea, for it is only the American who takes the means of the too generous tips to impress his superior social status upon the general public, only in America that the giver of the larger fee receives that fulness of attention that the obsequious waiter returns.

Everything has been, or is in process of being, reorganized since the war. It is as good a time as any to do away with the tipping system, and to distribute the payment of the wage of those who serve over all who

are served, to put the employe upon the wage basis to the immense benefit of his self respect, and thus secure equality of service for all.

STARTING, LIGHTING, BATTERY FOR EVERY MODEL OF MOTOR CAR

The recent war with Germany brought into prominence many industries that heretofore, though of vast proportions, were more or less familiar only to those directly interested in them or their products. One of these industries was that of storage battery manufacture. Storage batteries were used by the United States army and navy in a vast number of important situations and many of the most telling instruments of modern warfare on both land and sea could not have been operated so dependably and efficient had not the storage battery been developed to its present high state of perfection.

Mr. Otto of the Evanston "Exide" Service station, in dilating upon the progress made in storage battery manufacture during the last quarter century, remarked "that the importance of the battery in warfare, large as it is, is small compared to its necessity to industrial life. As an instance of the detailed attention given to this product," said he, "The Electric Storage Battery company, the largest manufacturer of storage batteries in the world, is today making a starting and lighting battery that is designed and manufactured in enough varying models to perfectly suit the demands of every type of automobile. In other words, the engineers back of this battery have studied the automobile not as an abstract proposition but in the minutest detail and have evolved certain batteries to successfully meet the specific conditions of each automobile manufactured in this country today. Thirty years ago the manufacture of any really practical storage battery was scoffed at by electrical engineers. Less than a decade ago the application of self-starting and lighting to the automobile was nothing more than a dream of a few optimists. Taking those facts into consideration and then glancing at this chart here on my wall, which shows the lengthy list of battery types demanded by the automobile industry of today, we have pretty convincing evidence of the rapid strides made in storage battery practice."

OH! BOY," MUSICAL COMEDY, AT HOYBURN

"Upstairs and Down," with Olive Thomas appearing in the role of the "Baby Vamp," is billed for the Hoyburn theater, Evanston, for Friday of this week. There will also be a Burton Holmes Travelogue and a Christie Comedy. Saturday's attraction will be Vivian Martin in "Louisiana." There will be other features.

"Oh! Boy," Joseph Santley's wonderful musical comedy success, will be offered in film version at the Hoyburn theater on Monday and Tuesday of next week. The film has June Caprice and Creighton Hale in the stellar roles.

Stuart Holmes and Ellen Cassidy appear in "Choosing a Wife," on Wednesday, August 6. There will also be an episode of "The Carter Case," a serial.

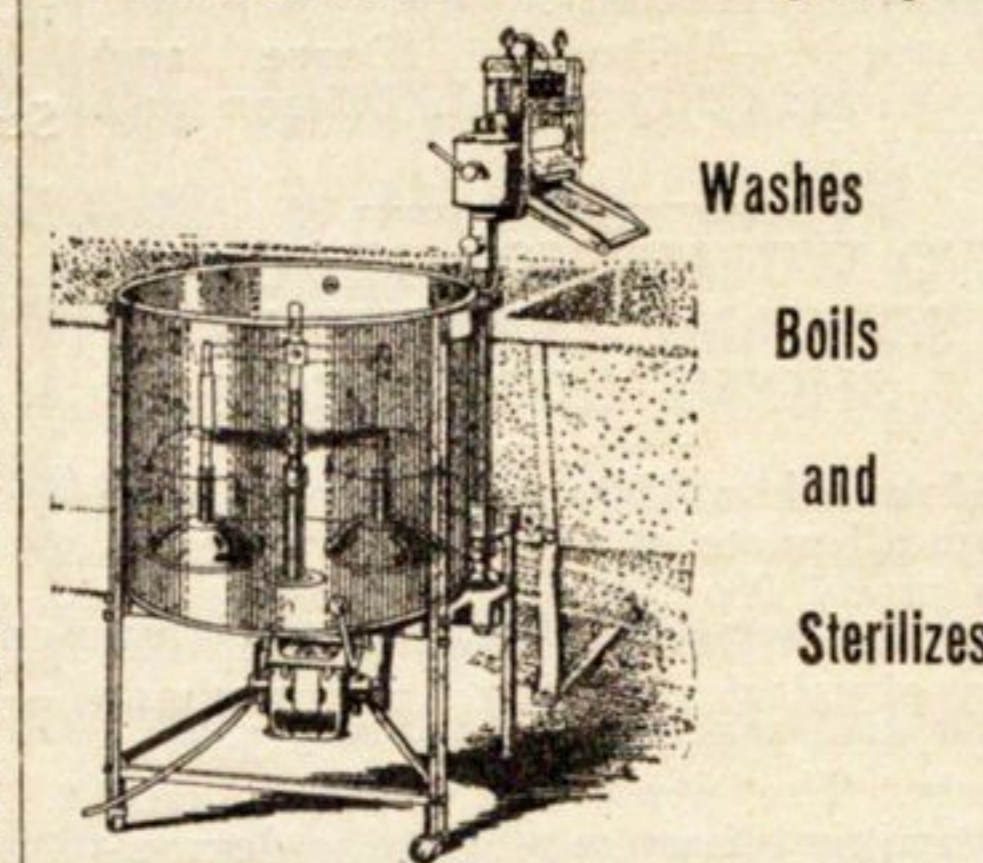
On Thursday and Friday, August 7 and 8, will be seen William A.

Brady's masterpiece, "Stolen Orders." Saturday's feature attraction is William S. Hart in his latest film, "Wagon Tracks." "The Woman Thou Gavest Me," film version of Hall Caine's famous novel of that title, will soon be shown at the Hoyburn.

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June Caprice and Creighton Hale in

"OH! BOY"

Wednesday August 6

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