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Should Court Public Confidence.

The other day the peace conference undertook to rebuke the newspapers. It issued an official note saying: "The press has published certain information on the peace negotiations, especially the financial negotiations, which does not agree with the facts, but is entirely erroneous."

The note was acknowledged by the Paris Temps with this pointed remark: "The above contradiction constitutes the sole official information supplied to the French press with regard to the important deliberations of the heads of the allied governments."

It was a dignified and deserved rebuke for the peace conference. Unquestionably the press, and particularly the French press, has gone too far at times in the publication of unauthorized and unverified reports regarding the proceedings of the conference.

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It is really the people at home, not those representatives at Paris, that are responsible for this settlement. Yet from the first there has been a plague of censorship at Paris and that plague has grown with the progress of the treaty.

American newspapers, with few exceptions, have patiently endured this situation, making excuses for the peace conference rather than criticizing it. But the time for silent submission is past.

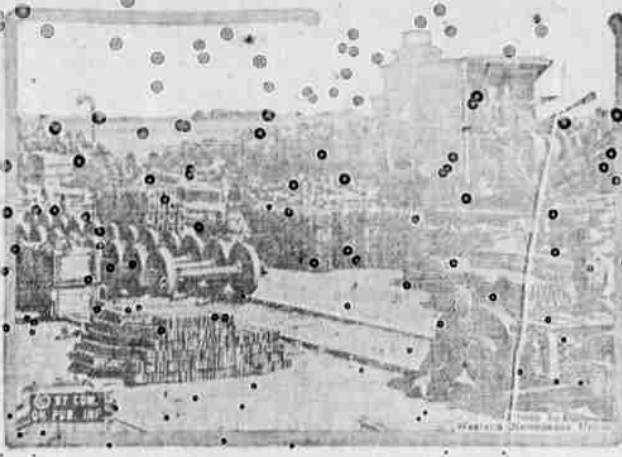
The American press and public are getting weary and suspicious of "secret diplomacy." The American people want more news from Paris.

Getting Ready for Drouth Season.

There has been a good deal of jangling about "soda water bars" as a substitute for saloon bars when prohibition becomes effective nationally. It is no longer a joke, by any means.

New York City seems to be leading the country in this matter. A "club of soda bars" has been organized by a group of well-known business men and some of them are already in operation.

IN AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION CAMP



An interesting photograph of the car and construction department in an American construction camp in France, showing a scene that will be familiar when the reconstruction work is started.

With strong drink still on sale all around, the experimenters say, what profits there will be in them when the saloons are closed!

Not the least interesting thing about such temperance emporiums is the appearance of numberless jocular and reminiscent terms for innocuous drinks. The familiar "ice cream parlor" terminology is outdone.

Incidentally, there has appeared an appropriate ornament for the new type of bar room. It appears in what one of the big hotels calls its "bone dry room," and is nothing more nor less than a fountain in the middle of the room containing a fine, big fern—the "prohibition plant," which thrives on water.

Here, then, are the latest tips on saloon styles. They may be improved on by local talent. There's money in them.

Shirking His Share of the Blame.

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If Germany had emerged victorious from the war, who would have had the credit? Russia? England? The military party? Whose "victorious armies" were those? Whose "glorious navy?"

Apt Description.

Jimmy's father is a tailor, so he has his own ideas about outline and design. A man came along the other day when Jimmy was out on the front porch and inquired where a certain man lived.

A classified ad will bring results.

GOING OVER THE TOP

Portland Soldier Relates Experiences in the War.

What it means to go over the top is well illustrated in the experience of Private Charles C. Larkin of Portland. His was a record of action from the time of his departure, September 9, 1918, until the 20th hour struck.

The sensation of the soldier who goes over the top is something that most of them do not attempt to describe—they can't. Private Larkin agrees with just that statement.

It was on the evening of November 8th that Private Larkin was picked up several hours after the infantry detachments had marched across the fields. It was in base hospital No. 24, at Langres, France, that he regained consciousness and made the start on the road to recovery.

Just arrived—shipment of Bosen magnets. Special Ford magnets—Hamilton Garage, corner Fir and Jefferson. 3-5-1f

"THE WORLD DO MOVE"

A recently patented eye shade is supported from the nose like eyeglasses and is reinforced by a malleable metal band that permits it to be fitted to heads of all shapes.

Engineers in Sweden are experimenting with perforating the webs of street car rails to increase their resiliency and increase their life when laid on rigid foundations.

The doors of a new street car designed with the safety of passengers in view cannot be opened while the car is in motion and the car cannot be started while the doors are open.

Water valves 12 feet in diameter and so constructed that they will close automatically in event of a break in the pipe have been built for a hydroelectric plant in Utah.

Best davits for seagoing vessels that an Alabama man has invented resemble long cranes that lower boats into the sea at a safe distance from a vessel of from one fathom to the opposite side.

IS YOUR HAIR FALLING OUT?

Hair is a scientific preparation which will positively stop falling hair, and will within three weeks start new hair, fine and downy at first, but really new hair, growing all over the scalp.

Observer advertising will bring results.

AROUND THE WORLD

Alaska reports platinum finds.

Canada is cutting down consumption of bacon.

British Honduras has a branch of the bank of Canada.

American fire losses total more than \$300,000,000 a year.

United States congressmen send out seven tons of mail daily.

Russian duma recently found one of its members to be a burglar.

Maine last year raised in two counties \$30,000,000 worth of potatoes.

FROM NEAR AND FAR

A new automobile spring lubricator resembles a hatchet, grease being contained in the handle and passing through the blade as it is inserted between the leaves of a spring.

To lessen the humming of telephone wires when fastened to buildings a system invented in Europe encloses them in cement cylinders that are softer on the inside than the outside.

To facilitate rapid writing there has been invented a metal device to be clamped to the little finger and with a shell on which to rest the next finger and slide over a surface written upon.

The inventor there has been invented a device which is mounted on a wire frame which can be folded and carried in a trunk, being extended and hung on a nail when a hotel room is reached.

After experimenting for several years, Swedish railroad officials have decided that post powder is an efficient and practical fuel for locomotives with a value about two-thirds that of coal.

Because locusts are rich in nitrogen and phosphoric acid, the government of Uruguay has appointed a commission to ascertain if the insects cannot be utilized in fertilizer, soap and fly-traps.

To enable a rifleman to see where his bullets go an Ohio inventor has designed a target which, when hit, extinguishes lights in front of it and shows a light from the back through the bullet hole.

Rubber tree tapping by a series of small borers set in a circle, the invention of an English expert in the Belgian Congo, has proven a more productive method than the customary vertical incision system.

Ladies—Bring your old hats to the Pink Shop to be made over. At Foley Bldg. Mrs. H. Metcalf. 3-23-1f

NOW IS THE TIME to think about your car. The Standard Auto Repair shop, corner Adams and Fir, is doing very satisfactory work. ED CYR, Prop. 2-1-1m

Advertisement for N.W. West & Co. featuring Men's Shoe Sale and Sale of Silks. Includes prices like \$3.00 pair and \$1.29 yard.

Advertisement for SHOES For The Business Man. Features an illustration of a shoe and prices from \$3.50 to \$9.00.

Advertisement for KODAK ONE-DAY SERVICE DEVELOPING PRINTING ENLARGING. Lists prices for various services.

Advertisement for 580 Acres For \$7500.00. Describes land features and location.

Advertisement for SECURITY LAND AND SAVINGS COMPANY. Located in La Grande, Oregon.

Advertisement for Blue Stem Sea Foam (HIGH PATENT) (STRAIGHT GRADE). Includes WHEAT GERMS, GRAHAM AND WHOLE WHEAT FLOUR.

Advertisement for LILLY'S SEEDS. Best for the West. Established 1885. Includes an illustration of a seed packet.

Advertisement for LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK. A Landmark In Union County. Capital and Surplus \$ 240,000.00. Deposits 1,321,000.00.

Advertisement for 11 CENTS out of every dollar collected to pay our TAXES. Home Independent Telephone Co.