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## News—Censored and Otherwise

It is "authoritatively announced" at Washington, that the conference for limitation of armament will be held behind closed doors, but that each day, an "accurate and complete account of the proceedings" will be given out.

This means that the American people are to be handed, thru the American press, such facts as some conference committee of censors thinks is good for them. This will not do.

Either there is a free American press capable of passing upon legitimate news of concern to the entire public, or the American press is one that will lie down and permit its readers to be drugged by whatever medicine a foreign or domestic censorship may hand out.

When The Star publishes the conference censors' hand-out it will see that its readers clearly understand that this matter is formulated in secret and does not necessarily tell all that occurred behind the closed doors of the conference. In addition, The Star will resort to every legitimate means of newspaperdom for procuring all the news of that conference without regard of what that conference thinks the public should have or should not have in the way of such news.

World diplomats have done too much questionable work "under the hat." The Star proposes to do its little mightiest to lift the hat and let the folks who pay for armaments and conferences see what is going on.

There is no wartime or other legislation to prohibit our telling the public the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, and it's about time that the American public had all the truth, in the raw, about diplomatic dickering.

### Where Courts Overreach

"It is time enough for the righteous purpose of civil government for its officers to interfere when principles break into overt acts against peace and good order."—Thomas Jefferson.

The above is to refresh the memory of the nine gentlemen who pass final judgment on the liberties of our people.

The United States supreme court is soon to hear an appeal in the case of the New York Call vs. Burleson.

This case involves one issue only, the right of a government official to censor the press.

The case does not turn on the question of loyalty or disloyalty during the war. It does not have anything to do with the soundness of socialism as a political remedy.

It has to do with the right of people to think and to discuss freely public questions. It has to do with the right of the courts, in effect, to make new laws—laws creating "constructive crimes" and providing penalties for the holding of political beliefs.

Let no one be misled because this particular appeal is brought by a socialist newspaper. It is not socialism that is on trial. It is free speech and a free press.

Today the ruling of the court may be against the New York Call. Tomorrow it will be against a New York Herald, a Chicago Tribune, an Emporia Kansas Gazette, a Marion Star or a Seattle Star. The end would be the same—the establishment of political censorship.

It is amazing the extent to which the courts have already gone. In the recently decided case in the District of Columbia court of appeals, Justice Charles E. Babb actually cites as a reason for refusing a daily newspaper the use of the mails the fact that in certain past issues of the newspaper there were editorial expressions disapproving of the course followed by the United States and Great Britain in their dealings with Russia.

Are the courts or the postmaster general to forbid such criticism in the columns of a supposedly free press? And are they to suspend one paper and permit another to circulate which does the same thing? For the Call was not the only critic of the government in the matter of Russia.

And this criticism was post-war criticism. It was printed after the signing of the armistice. If the merits of the editorial policy were on trial there should have been an opportunity given to inform Justice Robb and his associates that the British had already officially admitted the validity of the criticism and had completely reversed themselves by actually giving official recognition to the present Russian government.

But the editorial policy was not on trial. At least it should not have been. That is the whole point—the whole viciousness of this decision. Here is a court forgetting to confine itself to its legal domain and going forth as a judicial censor saying it was right and legal to attempt the suppression of a newspaper because, forsooth, the paper had voiced editorial opinion contrary to the political opinions held by the judges.

Many are invited to weddings because their presents are needed.

The best way to keep a husband is guessing.

Don't speak twice before you think.

Arbuckle would probably like to do a fade-out.

Older must be hard to sell.

One way to draw a crowd is put a mirror in a show window.

A failure is often a man who had no show. So is a success.

### Your Own Street

You can probably walk the entire length of your street and not find a divorce going forward, a smoldering love triangle, or any of the sensational stuff that amazes foreign readers of our newspapers. Those things are common in our reading, but they are not common in our living. Often a big "case" has to do duty in newspapers all over the country.

There is nothing sensational in occasional spats between husband and wife, or a spanking for a child, or a quarterly payment of income tax, or in dusting off the new automobile—but that is the stuff of which daily life is made.

We take the lurid newspaper stories as a matter of course; how little they really impress us is shown by our startled interest in a book like "Main Street," which comes more or less close to showing us off as we are.—Collier's Weekly.

### Little Known Mother Earth

Mother Earth is a dancer, performing 14 different movements as she whirls onward thru space, says Camille Flammarion, French astronomer.

Mother Earth has a good skin, or crust, and will support human life for another billion years, says Lord Raleigh, at a convention of British scientists.

An Italian professor says he soon will have a screen that will free us from gravity and enable us to leave the earth and fly off into space, among the stars.

Why speculate about Mars, when we are just beginning to learn about the mysterious earth, mother of us all, who brings our bodies out of her soil and claims us when life has run its course?

Our idea of fun is a barber shaving himself and arguing that he doesn't want a shampoo.

Some live to a ripe old age; others talk back to their wives.

## YOUR HOME TOWN

BY DR. WILLIAM E. BARTON

IT IS good for one to travel, and to learn what people do in other places and how they do it. But it is not well to be ignorant of one's own town.

Most of us know very little about the important features of the cities where we live.

An English literary man who has recently returned to his own country from a visit to the United States, where it is to be feared he did not enjoy himself greatly, writes in one of the current magazines: "Only foreigners and provincials know anything of the treasures of art and architecture that any city possesses. Have you ever seen a Florentine in the Uffizi? Or a New Yorker in the Metropolitan Museum? This may be too extreme a question, but I am certain that no one ever saw a Parisian in Sainte Chapelle, and it was not till they heard, the other day, that it was about to fall down, that any Londoners ever entered Westminster Abbey. If, however, you wish when in Paris to be sure of hearing your own language, no matter from what country you come, you may confidently seek the Louvre."

How often would you visit Westminster Abbey if it were in your own town? Probably only when you had out-of-town visitors who wanted to see it. Quite possibly you would not visit it even then, but would say: "You run in and take a look at the Abbey. The guide-book will tell you

where to find the things you want to see. I'll run over to the office and look over the mail, and meet you somewhere for lunch."

Have you ever climbed Bunker Hill monument?

Not if you live in Boston!

Some years ago a Boston editor, a wise and good man, visited Plymouth for the first time. He was so impressed with the dignity and significance of the national monument to the forefathers that he proposed a replica of it be erected in Boston for the benefit of the many scores of thousands of people there resident who could never see it at Plymouth! They would be more likely to make the trip from Yakima or Duluth.

Think not that Boston has any monopoly of this characteristic. New York is the most provincial city on this continent, as London is the most provincial city on the globe. But proud as New York is of New York, it is a protective pride against the rest of the world rather than an intelligent pride in the things that New York deserves to be proud of.

No one in Chicago ever visits the stockyards except with friends from out of town; but not even with those friends does he visit the university, or the art institute.

Not very far from where you live is something notable.

Do you know it? Are you proud of it as the really notable feature of your town? Every man owes it to his own town to know the best that is true of it, and to be proud of it.

How much do you know about your town?

It is not too late to learn.

## Poems for your Scrapbook

A SONNET  
To Franklin Crawford  
BY LEO H. LASSEN

Altho, as yet, I have not seen your face,  
Now even heard your voice, I surely know  
That music goes wherever you may go  
In lovely rhythm with your fairy grace.  
I do not know if you are dark or fair,  
But still your loveliness I realize,  
For I have seen you in your mother's eyes—  
And like a star your soul is mirrored there.

There is no joy so real and so complete  
As mother's secret pride—her Paradise.  
She told me of your silver-slippered feet,  
And with her words you danced within her eyes;  
And when she smiled as someone spoke your name,  
Like moonbeams on a summer lawn you came.

# Subjects Star Readers Are Pondering Over

## Is Elevated Line Not Safe?

Editor The Star:  
The mummy railway, I understand, has issued instructions to its employees not to drive cars at more than half speed over the new "elevated" railway from 1st south and Washington to Riverside. So now the Alki creep and crawl to and from the city.

If the trestle will not stand a street car traveling at a normal rate is it, then, strong enough to stand a car on it at all?

If it has deteriorated in the last three years until it is unsafe for a car to travel in excess of half speed is it not reasonable to assume that

three years hence there will be a sudden crash and our "elevated" will be lying beside our West Seattle ferry in the scrap heap (with a full crew to watch it).

It used to take me 30 minutes to go to town by way of 1st Ave. on the surface, now we creep over our "elevated" at half speed and make it in 40 minutes, thereby receiving much more opportunity to sleep.

If it is dangerous let us relegate our "elevated" to the unemployment association's wood yard and take to the surface once again.  
—R. E. M.,  
1212 4th Ave.

## A Letter From Avridge Mann

Editor The Star:  
Dear Sir: Last week you wrote some stuff that treated movie actors rough, and said it hurt the silver sheet when they were drunk or indiscreet, and so you panned them hard and well, for raising such a lot of whatever you called it.

They keep their standards high, because they're in the public eye, and so publicity contrives to keep us posted on their lives, and thus when they go on a lark, they cannot keep it in the dark.

Perhaps it isn't wrong to claim that we should partly share the

blame, because as yet they haven't seen that what we want upon the screen is different to a large degree, from what we want in their lives to be.

For while, as yet, we want to see suggestive dancing, revelry, divorces, scandal, bedroom scenes, and mushy stuff upon the screens, we cannot kick if this survives, and puts its stamp upon their lives.

Of course, some will say, "but then our pay will be reduced." Quite true, for a short time it would be, but after all are provided with jobs then the menace of the unemployed would be removed and their wages would be whatever the ones working would demand.

We, the producers, have to feed the non-producers anyway. Well, then let them do some of our work. Hoping you see the logic of my plan, I am yours for all labor.  
BOOMER.

## A Solution for Job Problem

Editor The Star:  
As I see so much discussion in the various papers and hear so much verbally about the unemployment problem I am moved to present my solution of this perplexing problem.

For fear some one will think I am a "foreign agitator," permit me to say I am an American born of several generations of Americans.

Now to solve the problem. If there are 6,000,000 unemployed in the United States, why not just shorten the hours of employment for those already working? For instance, take two hours per day from those working eight hours. For every trio thus

affected, one unemployed will be given a job. In this way the 6,000,000 unemployed would be provided with work.

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## He Replies to Avridge Mann

Editor The Star:  
I will be brief, and hope that I won't cause much grief. My message is to Avridge Mann. I'd like to put him on the pan about the word Apocalypse accent on "pok," and rhymes with tips. I'll wager anything you say that Webster tells the proper way to pronounce words from a to z, from phycho's down to a and the. If you don't own the book yourself, you'll find it on the library shelf. You can't expect, you silly sap, for gold to drop into your lap or be carried in by fairy hands, without your moving feet or hands.

Now, knowledge is not passed on free, for all you get you pay a fee of good hard studying and work, and that's a fact you can not shirk! Instead of wasting time and breath in questioning your friends to death just pick up Webster's dictionary and see how wise you'll learn to be. Start working and quit wasting time, delve deep in books of prose and rhyme.

For knowledge comes to him who seeks, and "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves."  
So that's the moral of my song. Respectfully,  
DON'T TAKE ME WRONG.

## A Word in "Fatty's" Favor

Editor The Star:  
I just cannot keep from expressing myself on the Arbuckle case. It seems to me the least said about such a disgraceful affair the better. It is frankly admitted that such things have been going on down there for years and the public would like to know why some steps were not taken long ago to stop it before there was a tragic end and one man made the "goat." I understand by some articles such as telegrams to the district attorney, etc., that the public insists that Justice be done and these same articles claim that justice means that Arbuckle be convicted. From my observations I have one person to whom I blame Roscoe Arbuckle entirely.

There may be evidence that shows that he deliberately murdered this girl, perhaps for revenge of some sort—if not, and they are basing it on the fact that she died under the

circumstances we are led to believe by the newspapers, it looks to me like a case of too much high life. Also some one is trying to get some of Arbuckle's money.

In the first place the woman who is the complaining witness admits she had 10 glasses of whisky and becoming overheated dancing, she donned a pair of men's pajamas and continued to dance. Would the evidence of such a person in such a condition be accepted on any other great murder case? Also, could a woman in that condition know what she actually look place or any of the rest of that drunken crowd? And another question—when women go to a man's apartment on such a party as that was, what kind of treatment should they expect? I dare say that Arbuckle did not do much different than most any other man would have done.

I am a woman and have always upheld my sex under most any consideration, but when any woman will

## Try This on Your Wise Friend

A farmer and his wife have 10 children born at two-year intervals. The eldest is three times as old as the third. How old is the youngest?  
Answer to Saturday's: Bill had 48 and Tom, 36.

## Be Suspicious of Tender Gums

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go to a man's room and, half-clad, dance and cavort. I don't think any of us human beings would expect a man to stand back and say, "I must respect her because she is a woman."

As for Arbuckle himself, we see articles trying to belittle him because of his life in other days, and I think it is to his credit to get to be a millionaire, especially when he won it honestly and on his personality, too. He has made a good many people forget their troubles in a hearty laugh. As far as wild parties are concerned, there is always a gang ready to help spend a fellow's money if he is a good spender, and they are always the first to holler when the tide turns. I am not intending to uphold such loose actions in him any more than anyone else, but claim that the authorities should have at least tried to stop them long ago.

I also notice a long article about Arbuckle's stepmother telling of his neglect of her and his family since he acquired his wealth. It seems to me

I can read between the lines and see that there must be a reason. It sounds as if the child were made the laughing stock, humiliated often by his family, cared little for and now the man cares nothing in turn for them. If that were not the case he surely would respond. These usually is a reason for such things. They, no doubt, are still grudging him the fact that he rose from nothing to fame while they are still plugging along in the same old rut.

I have tried to express myself on a delicate subject and in conclusion will say, "Yes, I, too, hope justice will be done and not injustice to a rich man because he is famous, any more than to a poor man because he is poor."

I hope it is sifted down, and want him punished if he is guilty and not just to make a name for a district attorney nor to take advantage of a man because there is a chance to get some money from him.

Yours for fair play, M. E. W.

## Woman Argues Against Prohibition

Editor The Star:  
The ladies in San Francisco say that whereas "Virginia Rappe paid the supreme penalty for foolishness, those who contributed to her foolishness must also pay the penalty." They have undertaken a large and there are hundreds of cases which are taken off under the very noses of our customs officers—their backs are turned.

The money being paid prohibition enforcement officers might better have been used in enlarging our university, which is turning away hundreds of students this year for want

him in good humor, and for newspaper reporters to make a noise over for the benefit of the public, but in the "Arbuckle home great quantities of liquors are stored—wine, whisky, champagne and gin," and in every boat landing on our shores there are hundreds of cases which are taken off under the very noses of our customs officers—their backs are turned.

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of room. Education is what we want that there must be a reason. It—education is what we need with wine and beer on the sidewalk.  
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