

lowed at the front. If by any chance one picks up a good story the censor cuts that out and burns it. A so-called "Eye Witness," being an army officer chosen by the government, goes with the troops and is supposed to furnish all the description any taste could desire. A week or two weeks after a battle is fought this person comes lumbering along with a thousands words of desiccated and juiceless comments, all showing the surpassing valor and wonderful success of the British soldiers and carefully omitting anything that would give a hint of what is actually going on.

A huge force is employed in opening, examining, editing and suppressing the nation's correspondence—at a time when army enlistments lag, the commanders plead for troops and everywhere are insufficient hands for useful and necessary work.

Every day the government from its posters screams, roars and bellows at the nation's young men, urging them to enlist. Every day the government's censor assures them, through their newspapers, that all is well and the Germans are licked.

Can you beat that?

Wise old government.

No, have an autocracy, if you will, or have a democracy. But don't try to have an autocratic democracy or a democratic autocracy. The thing can't be done.

#### —o—o— TRY TO CONNECT CASES WHERE ITALIANS GOT "STUNG"

One hundred Italians heeded a man who gathered them about him on W. Madison st., near Halsted and told them they could get \$2.50 a day by simply going to Stevens Point, Wis., and asking for work. Delighted with the information the Italians chipped in \$600 for their informant and went to Stevens Point. They believed the man's son would help them to the jobs when they got there.

There were no jobs, say some of the Italians who have gotten back to

Chicago. They told their tale to R. J. Knight, inspector of labor agencies. His deputy, Chas. Miller, went on the case.

Stoian Iichoff was arrested. In Desplains st. police court today he faced charges of running a labor agency without a license and with conducting a confidence game. The case was continued to Friday.

Information supplied The Day Book from Stevens Point says Jack Steely is being sought in vain by 100 irate Italians who were shipped there from Chicago after paying their own care and as much as \$15 each for jobs. The men are not working. Steely has disappeared. Knight's office believes there may be a connection in the cases.

#### —o—o— GEORGE HAS LOTS OF KIDS, BUT DERN LITTLE DOUGH

Edrina, Redgar, Juanita, Vashti, Valeria.

This is a story that deals with the Pullman Co., but your guess is wrong. Those names are not monikers of sleeping cars, but the christening cognomens of Geo. Taylor's children.

Taylor, colored Pullman porter, of 5236 Peoria, divulged the names with great pride in the court of domestic relations today, where he was brought to answer to the charge of contributing to the dependency of his children.

His tale was one of woe and of reproach for the lack of liberality on the part of the traveling public. George gets \$25 a month and tips. He runs on the Milwaukee road. The tips are not forthcoming in volume sufficient to feed his family, he says.

He explained he did the best he could for his children. He told how, when Vashti got ill, he wanted to send her south to "recroup." The case was continued till June 3.

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London.—Official inquiry into torpedoing of African liner Falaba March 28, with loss of 111 lives, including one American, opened.