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Can "Peoples"

Make Peace?

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In a "the people have so little direct voice."

This is an interesting complaint but if anyone has figured out a method by which the people can have a direct voice in the work of framing the peace treaties of Europe, we have never heard of it.

There are close to 140,000,000 people in the United States. They are unable to agree upon with considerable difference of opinion, and find it almost impossible to agree upon the simplest tenets of religion. How can the voice of Americans become "direct" in Paris?

The situation in many other countries is considerably worse. Let us take Russia, for example, where the people have practically no direct voice in their your government. Can anyone imagine a system that would make effective the voice of the Russian people in Paris?

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The suggestion that the delegates to the peace conference should be members of the legislative body elected by the people of a country does not meet the need. Obviously, there 'are many members of the American Congress with views on forcing questions that have never been approved by the people of the United States in any direct vote. There is certainly no reason to believe that the selection of a Member of Congress would give the United States a delegate more in line with the views of the people than the Secretary of State, appointed by the President.

It should not be overlooked, in this connection, that there are near concurred to particularly and the people are not accustomed to particularly and the people are not accustomed to particularly and the people are not accustomed to be continuing grave and important issues. Where there are not free elections, in the fullest there are not true elections and elected delegate could only represent the views of the majority of the voters.

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The figures indicate that the informers got
about three per cent of the total amount
collected by the Government. It seems that
the Government is much more liberal with
those who give it information in regard to
the importation of goods from foreign countries without payment of duties. If our information is correct, the tipster, in customs cases,
receives an amount equal to the duties which
the Government collects.

The Treasury Department reports that very
few informers collect fees for information
about income taxes more than once. Most of
them are fermer employes, who turn in exbosses, and the next most numerous class
of informers are persons who turn in memters of their own families because of jealousy,
hatred or spite.

George Sanders the movie villain, is a hig, strapping man back to Hollywood.

meed all of his physical provess when he gets back to Hollywood.

George is quoted as saying, in New York, that "Esatern girls are nonce courteous than Western girls" and that "you can notice the change when you get to Dallas, Texas. From there on to the East Coast... the girls don't rely entirely upon looks."

Mr. Sanders makes matters worse, so far as the Western girls are concerned, by saying that the Eastern girls have "an inner beauty which they allow to dimb through and make them even more heautiful." but that the "Western girl goes by her outward appearance only."

The statements attributed to the actor may have been developed in a press agent's mind and, after all, actors, like politicians, know the art of disavowing a quotation. Regardless of what Sanders, or anyhody else says, however, the strik of the matter is that no generalization fits the girls of any area. Every section has them, good-looking, had-looking, with and without "inner heauty" and you can find almost any type that you seek anywhere.

Puppy
Love
A fourteen-year-old in Maderia,
California, recently shot herself
to death because her parents had
forbidden her to see a "boy

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Naturally, the parents acted in what they conceived to be the interest of their daughter and, without knowing the facts of the case, it is difficult to condemn them.

Nevertheless, the "puppy love" of their daughter for her boy friend was a more serious affair than they thought. Maybe, the incident will serve as a warning to other parents reminding them that the attachments of young people are sometimes deeper than older persons suspect.

TALK IS CHEAP—THAT'S AN OLD ADAGS. Pechaps the reason why so much of government is cheap and tawdry is that too much talk punctuates it.

RECENTLY A U. S. SENATOR DECLARED THAT "the national conscience is asleep." Sounds like the real dope, doesn't it?

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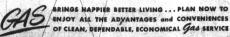
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(Continued from Page 1, Part 2) sounded. But the little fellow didn't make it one time—he was killed as a bomb burst near him."

Undoubtedly all the Labor Day acationists—especially those who Undeshtedly all the Laber Day vacationists—especially those who wen't un into the northern part of ideas of getting an early start home Modday afternoon to beat any traffic jams. The Wanderer was one of them. From Monday noon the work of the was carried along in a stream of homeward-bound traffic that was feeding into the Detroit area. The is happy to report that in 252 tight's a sea of the was carried to the Detroit area. The is happy to report that in 252 tight's area an accident.

The annual report of the super-intendent of schools to the Board of Education has been completed, and Board members are now studying the 145-page text, the Wanderer learns this week.

The residents and regulars at Green Lake attending a few that this summer, but they aren't the big ones like you hear about in stories. Imagine their surprise last stories. Imagine their surprise last stories. Beautiful and the stories of the sumplement of the stories of the sumplement of the Bureau, pulled a five-pound pike out of their picactorial pastures right before, their very eyes.