

FIGHTING FIREWATER

It is something new for the Indian to fight the liquor traffic. Yet that is just what the Northwest Federation of Indian Tribes is doing. Heretofore it has been one sort of whiteman that has sold whiskey to the red-skin and another sort that has tried to keep him from it, with the aborigine a mere lay figure. But the federation, in session in Tacoma, has asked the Federal Government for an appropriation of \$125,000 for the express purpose of suppressing the sale of liquor to Indians.

Demon Rum has received some body blows recently, with Russia prohibiting the sale of vodka and France frowning upon absinthe and contemplating foregoing all liquors. In Alabama a law has gone into effect which forbids even an advertisement of whiskey.

But those who speak for the moderate use of alcoholic beverages, as well as the temperance forces, will wish the Northwestern tribesman well in their fight against firewater. Whiskey has been an unmitigated curse to the Indians. It has been the blackest mark against the paleface—a refinement of cruelty which put to shame the crudities of tomahawk and scalping knife.

All who have a spark of feeling for a dying race will applaud the spirit which prompted the federation's action, at the same time feeling a vicarious shame that we have so poorly fulfilled our duty to our ward that it was necessary.—Washington (D. C.) Times, February 25, 1915.

"CHOC" KELLEY LANDS COVETED APPOINTMENT

Washington, Feb. 23.—The appointment of Victor M. Kelley of Durant, Ok., as a football coach and athletic instructor at the Carlisle Indian School was announced today by Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs. The appointee, better known as "Choc" Kelley, from the fact that he is a Choctaw Indian, was formerly with the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, and holds a record for work as a quarterback there. He succeeds "Pop" Warner, well known in the sporting world as a football coach. Kelley was liberally indorsed from Oklahoma and Texas.

"Choc" Kelley's appointment as an athletic director at the Carlisle Indian School will doubtless be received with great pleasure by his numerous friends in Texas. Kelley was a gridiron star in this state for a number of years and was always considered one of the hardest, grittiest and cleverest of the quarterbacks who have ever played in Texas. "Choc" said that his greatest ambition had been realized when the A. & M. team, piloted by him, defeated the University of Texas in Hous-