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THE HORRORS OF SOBRIETY.

"We have torn up the Magna Charta, ridiculed the Declaration of Independence, mutilated the Constitution of the United States, destroyed the reserved powers and sovereignty of the individual states and crushed out the spirit of freedom and joy of the most orderly collections of people in any system of government."

How have these horrors been committed? By the prohibition amendment and the Volstead act. And through these abominable crimes, our people have been turned en masse into "users of smuggled moonshine, bootleg, home-brewed, highly alcoholic, deleterious and dangerously spirituous liquors."

So the dreadful situation is set forth by William H. First of New York. Mr. First, perhaps it should be explained, is counsel for the New York State Brewers' Association, whose patriotic interest in morals and government is well known.

Most Americans may not have realized the full iniquity of prohibition until they read this arraignment. The average citizen, in his stolid way, has failed to see any mutilation of the Constitution and destruction of sovereignty in an amendment adopted by the states in strict accordance with the terms of the Constitution itself, and in an enforcement act passed by the federal legislature in compliance with constitutional procedure and upheld by the Supreme Court provided by the Constitution to prevent illegality, injustice and usurpation.

The same stolid citizen is likely to regard whatever debilitate demoralization exists today as due more to the natural encephalitis of a small minority of citizens than to the prohibitive legislation itself. On Mr. First's basis of reasoning it is laws against burglary, and not burglars themselves, that are responsible for house-breaking.

The brewers' representative, however, finds hope amid the gloom. "It looks," he says, "as though we were at the dawn of a new era, and that we will cross over into a practical, rational and sensible understanding and handling of the habits, the inclinations, the impulses, necessities and tastes of the people."

So we will, when once the nation gets the alcohol and other drugs out of its system.

GERMAN ADVICE FOR MR. HARDING.

The German-American Citizens League held a session in Chicago recently. Among its activities was a resolution urging President-elect Harding in the selection of his cabinet to "consider the number of Americans of German descent and their heroic services both before and during the war." There was a second resolution calling upon the coming administration to reject the Treaty of Versailles.

A committee of three was named to present these resolutions to Mr. Harding at Marion. They are George S. Meyer, editor of the American Citizen, of the Post, formerly of the Fatherland, whose anti-Americanism during the war was notorious; Dr. Ferdinand Volz, of Chicago, and Dr. Arthur Geoffrey Lang, secretary of the Protestant Friends of Irish Freedom of New York.

It is not at all surprising that the active pro-German interests in this country are anxious for representation in the next cabinet. Mr. Harding, however, may think twice before adopting the suggestion.

MISTAKEN INFLUENCE

A woman in Danville, Ill., has been on a hunger strike for over 40 days. Her object is to force her husband to give up his business as a dealer in second-hand goods and become an evangelist. This her husband refused to do, saying he will not pretend a religious conviction which he does not feel nor undertake a calling for which he has no desire.

It would be presuming to say to how great lengths one soul should go in attempting to sway the actions of another, especially when a religious controversy is involved, but certainly influence which is not based upon fairness and common sense is never justified. This woman's methods are both unfair and unwise. She is wasting vital energies which she might better apply to making the world brighter and happier.

A BANKRUPT NATION.

There is no one to be bankrupt. Baron Eichel, minister of finance, announces that the government does not want to go into bankruptcy. He a business firm, wiping the slate, saying what he has in sight and starting a new deal, he wants to pay all his obligations. As matters stand, she cannot even pay her current expenses. The government is as poor

as its people, and today they are not making a living.

It is impossible to raise money by the usual processes. The people cannot pay any more taxes. The currency is almost worthless. Industries are dead. Borrowing power is exhausted. There is little more than the material "plant" of the country, its land, and buildings, transportation lines, etc., most of them heavily mortgaged already.

The Allies, who realize that Austrian ruin will retard their own reconstruction, would like to advance two or three hundred million dollars in an effort to put the country on its feet. But the question is, where to get the money.

No matter where they get it, any European loan is likely to come out of the United States in one way or another. If the Allies make the loan directly, it means that they hold back just so far the payment of what they owe this country. They would like, naturally, to see the United States, publicly or privately, advance the money directly. That will hardly be done.

The problem, however, is one calling for real interest on the part of Americans. It may seem advisable, sooner or later, in this case and in various other cases, to lend Europe still more money, even though it looks like throwing good money after bad, as the only hope of relieving the sixteen billions already advanced.

No well informed man doubts what would happen if a disarmament conference of nations were once called. The nations would forthwith adopt a disarmament program. That is why the "armament trust" is putting forth such efforts, in a hundred different ways, to prevent the calling of such a conference.

A New York minister suggests the irreverent thought that while the Pilgrim Fathers endured a good deal, the Pilgrim Mothers endured still more, because, along with all their other troubles, they had to stand for the Pilgrim Fathers.

The French are talking of abolishing their kissing custom. They might as well, in the interests of conservatism if for no other reason. Why should men waste time on such other?

Anyway, you can't wash a woman's skin any more for being germ-carriers. As the Arkansas Gazette shrewdly remarks, "By germ that gets onto a skirt, the old hag got to be a pole-vaulter."

May Extend the Federal Road-Building Program

The next Congress will be urged, according to the program formulated by the American Road Builders' Association for its nation-wide Good Roads Congress and National Good Roads Show, to be held in Chicago, February 9 to 12, to extend for five years the Federal road-building program which, by law, terminates with the close of the government's present fiscal year. Congress will be urged to provide additional funds for expenditure under the terms of existing legislation, and the newly formed program of the Congressional leaders at the rate of at least \$100,000,000 for each of the five years beginning July 1, 1922. In the advocacy of this procedure the American Road Builders' Association will be in hearty accord with the attitude expressed by Secretary of Agriculture Meredith in his recent annual report.

The American Road Builders' Association, which includes in its membership the officials of the national government, and those of the states, counties, cities and townships in the United States and Canada, together with highway engineers and contractors and manufacturers of road-building machinery, real estate and highway transportation equipment, is also preparing to ask President Harding to recommend in his inaugural address and in his first message to Congress, a broad program of Federal aid in highway construction.

The enormous appropriations for highway work already made by states and municipalities, appropriations that total more than one billion dollars according to the most reliable reports covering bond issues and direct levies for road building and road maintenance, presage it is believed, an unprecedented volume of road-building for 1921. The sum of \$275,000,000 voted in bond issues or appropriated by eight states recently, added to bond issues passed by eight other states since 1919, makes \$343,500,000 already available for road

work in sixteen states. Funds still available through Federal aid are placed at \$20,000,000 by officials of the Bureau of Public Roads. In addition, funds obtained from direct levies and other sources of state revenue and county levies are estimated to amount to \$20,000,000. The Chicago meeting will bring together from all parts of the country the men who will supervise the expenditures of these vast appropriations for a thorough discussion of their problems and an accurate estimate as to the future.

The convention promises to be one of the greatest in point of attendance and in results ever held in the history of the good roads movement. The governors of the several states and territories of this country and Canada, as well as the mayors of two thousand American and Canadian cities have been asked to appoint official delegates to the meeting. In some instances, governors and mayors will head their delegations in person. Seven thousand road and street contractors and thousands of army, automotive and chemical engineers, agriculturalists, editors, bankers, motorists and large users of trucks, as well as officials of boards of trade, chambers of commerce and other organizations interested in road and street improvement, have been invited to attend.

Each session of the congress, as well as the show, will be held at the Chicago Coliseum and will be open to the general public. The program now being arranged, will cover every vital subject related to highways and their use. The prepared papers and discussions will deal with all points of view.

Everywhere honest road-builders are looking for unprecedented activity growing out of the delays that were due to the heavy cost and the scarcity of labor and materials during the war, is considered most promising, and optimism, as to the future of road building seems certain to prevail at the congress.

For a Disordered Stomach.

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