

SOFT WORD IS REAL WEAPON

Congress Is Told How Smart It Is, Then Requested to Back M. E. Church Drive.

(By H. E. Reynolds.)
International News Service Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON.—It is easier to catch flies with molasses than with vinegar.

So goes the old proverb—and the wisdom therein contained apparently has been realized by at least one of the big national organizations which is hard at it in an effort to get the legislative program through Congress this winter.

This is the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which has just come out with a list of things it wants Congress to do, sandwiched in between appeals for the suppression of "salacious literature" and the "dirty stage."

Before setting down its legislative program, however, the church board indulges in this introduction:

"Congress is here with many new faces and with some old ones missing."

"Representatives and Senators, on the whole, are the most shrewdest men in the world. They are represented as do-nothings, when, in a matter of fact, most of them are not."

"They are too frequently represented as unenlightened and uneducated, but most of them have a wide range of information and strong common sense."

"They are made to appear as hypocrites and revolutionists, but the majority of them are sincere Christians, loyal to their duties, devoted to their children."

"No representative body in the world surpasses the American Congress in intelligence or character."

The church board said that the enactment into law of the reforms it suggested would be a "benefit to the country and honor to Congress itself."

The program included:

1. The establishment of a separate bureau for prohibition enforcement.

"At the present time," it was stated, "an amendment prepared by Freds. Dickert, research secretary, prohibition enforcement, is headed by a man who is generally understood to have been in the past financially interested in whiskey distilling. Even if otherwise he comprehends within himself all of the virtues, the graces and the abilities, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon should be relieved of this responsibility."

2. Heavier penalties for violations of the Volstead Act.

3. Ratification of the anti-smuggling treaty with Great Britain.

4. Abolition of child labor by a Constitutional amendment.

5. Passage of the Temperance bill "to give the states in the abolition of intemperance and the rehabilitation of our public lands."

6. Congressional disapproval of allowing men in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps "to compete as common prize-fighters with professional prize-fighters who are not in the service."

7. Enactment of a law establishing uniform marriage and divorce laws throughout the United States.

8. Barring of gambling devices from interstate commerce.

9. Deportation of aliens who violate the Volstead Act.

10. Further and more drastic immigration restrictions.

11. "More conscience" in recommendations for appointments in the prohibition service.

12. Extension of the work of the Public Health Service "so as to insure the eventual disappearance of tuberculosis, venereal disease, malaria, hook-worm and similar scourges."

"Last but not the least," the "Welcome to Congress" said in conclusion, "that vast majority of legislative and executive officers of the Government who conform in their personal habits to the provisions of the prohibition law should apply serious pressure of opinion to the few whose light minds and moral irresponsibility tend to bring discredit upon the cause they are supposed to represent."

And so there is a little vinegar mixed in with the molasses after all.

ADVANCEMENT

IN YEAR SEEN

Science Views 1924 as to One of Great Strides in World's History.

(By David M. Church.)
(L.N.S. Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON.—The year 1924 may be the most important year in the history of science.

Scientific leaders declare that laboratories the world over are humming with activity, and 1924 may see many of nature's hidden secrets revealed.

"It is possible that the world is on the verge of far-reaching scientific discoveries," declared Dr. William Bruce, director of the Royal Institute laboratories.

"It is of course impossible to say what the nature of these discoveries may be. Research work is being pursued in laboratories all over the country, and the scientific mind hesitates to proclaim a discovery until there is absolute certainty."

There are the words of the atomists who will be unveiled. Then, reflectively, we think of a lot of other things, exactly what it is and the full nature of the powers. There is an immense field for investigation here, and each step in the exploration is not only a triumph for science, but, for us here, will ensure a forward step in the happiness of humanity.

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JAP ATHLETES PLAN INVASION OF U. S. SOON

TOKYO, (U.S.A.)—American sport followers will have an opportunity to enjoy two sports of interest from Japan this year. The Meiji University baseball team, champions in this country the year before, and Takachi Hara, one of Japan's most promising tennis stars, will both be seen in American cities. It is tentative plans are carried out.

Meiji University has long desired to send its team to the United States, as the reception given the Meiji team three years ago at the American tour was considered an unusually enthusiastic one. The team will take seven men, including one director from the faculty. It will leave for the United States shortly after the March examinations and will have games in Honolulu en route. The team will remain in the United States seventy days and is hoping to get thirty games with various universities and colleges throughout the country.

Hara, tennis star, is now a student at Keio University, but he will give up his work there and will enter Harvard, where he hopes to go in for journalism work. During the three years that he remains he hopes to improve his game sufficiently to get into the Davis Cup competition.

RARE OLD BOOKS BRING BIG PRICES

MOUNTAINVIEW, W. V. (U.S.A.)—A genuine period book from the Gilded Age, printed in 1890, the first book printed from movable type, is offered with honor among the more than 1,000 books comprising the library of E. L. Huling, recently sold here for more than \$115,000.

The library also contained, it is claimed, a copy of the Gutenberg Bible, printed in 1455, with a plain cover and iron clasps. It sold for \$185, while the last issue of the Gutenberg Bible brought \$125, "Voltaire" by Captain Cook, printed in London in 1775, sold for \$20, the first issue of the initial edition of Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Mosses from an Old Manse" sold for \$10, and the fourth issue of "The