

UNCLE SAM'S NEW CHIEF PROHIBS AS SHY AS PROPHET

Parched Nation Is Promised by Haynes but He Refuses to Fix Any Date for Aridity.

By W. H. Atkins
Washington, Aug. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Roy A. Haynes, "dry" battler of Ohio, now prohibition chief of the United States, is a double-barreled optimist. But as a prophet he's as shy as a March hare. Just ask Haynes what he thinks about the future aridity of America, and he will tell of his hopes, his ambitions and his airtight plans for liquor control. But as for a flat prediction of when the United States will begin to reduce its present "wetness" and become actually dry, in fact as well as in theory, he settles back in complacent silence and merely smiles. To those who are yet to know the liquor law boss at close range it may be said that he wears an expansive and gracious smile that invites admiration because he wears it when it performs must smile, or fall in despair, in a task that means constant vicissitude. But behind this smile there may be much significance. Signs are possible because Haynes, just getting a toehold on his job, has begun to realize the immensity of the problems set before him for solution.

TASK IS BIG ONE

It is but fair to Haynes, his supporters agree, to concede that his job is one of the most difficult and perhaps one of the most thankless in the government service. In the present frame of mind of the public over prohibition, and sentiment constantly shifting over the different angles of the question, Haynes admits that he does not expect that all of his acts will escape censure even from the "drys." Haynes, in a good breeze, says he wants to be fair and square in liquor law enforcement. He does not want to grow frantic, succumbing to demands of dry advocates regardless of the terms of the law, nor does he want to be so lenient that the bars will be let down for law breaking. Haynes would like to see the United States so dry in the next year that it will be impossible for an American to get a drink of liquor of any kind or color, or degree of voltage. Of course, he modifies this by admitting that, as congress has specified, liquors have to be made available for medicinal purposes. As for the beverage liquors, however, it is his ambition to jam on the lid so tight that the country will be as dry as the well-known Sahara. He is confident to qualify his hopes, however, with the emphatic statement that they are not linked up with a prediction.

MAY TAKE CENTURY

"I cannot predict when the country will be dry," said Haynes. "That is scarcely possible now. We hope to do it in a few years, but it may take a century to improve enforcement and banish liquor for unlawful uses." Haynes does not wish to appear in the light of a prophet. He takes the view that one might as well predict when the world will come to an end. He expressed interest in the prediction of his predecessor, John F. Kramer, that possibly 100 years would pass before prohibition becomes an actual fact. He weighed that prediction thoughtfully, and would say nothing to upset it, realizing that Kramer had had considerable inside knowledge of conditions and must have based his well-considered statement upon something else than loose guessing.

Grocer Tries to Be Polite; Runs Flivver Into Best Customer

(By United News)
Hammond, Ind., Aug. 20.—N. Feinberg, grocer, having gone long on sugar, apud and other comestibles at the right time, found his cash balance would allow him to unbuckle to the extent of a new and shifty flivver. Driving it for the first time Thursday, he met Mrs. T. F. Edmondston, one of his best customers. Wishing to be polite, Feinberg tipped his hat courteously, trying to drive the car with one hand. The net result was that he guided the car over the curb and knocked his best cash customer into an alley far, far away. From her bed at a hospital Mrs. Edmondston gave out the information that she will do her future trading at a cash and carry. Feinberg is taking no more chances. The flivver is for sale.

Burbank Teaches Korean Plum How To Grow in America

Santa Rosa, Cal., Aug. 20.—(I. N. S.)—After working for six years, Luther Burbank has finally trained the climbing plum, a native of Southern Korea, so that it will grow in this climate with its fruit perfected and enlarged. The plum is now the size of a large gooseberry and has the richest of flavor. Twelve years ago, Burbank stated today, this climbing plum vine, which is not unlike a grapevine, was sent him, and after many experiments and six years of labor, he has it perfected so that it will grow here. He has already sent out a few specimens of this production, without letting it be known that he had wrought another wonder in selection and hybridization.

TOOK HIS BED TO GRAVE

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Aug. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Brown Hughtlett, Howell county's nearest settler, has been buried with a feather mattress in his rude home heaved coffin. He was garbed in his nightshirt as he entered the "long sleep." The oddities of his funeral were in compliance with his request.

STORM BRIEF; DAMAGE BIG



Above, residence of W. O. Cummings on the John Day highway; picture taken looking east along the highway. Rocks and mud filled the yard to a depth of two feet, almost high enough to get in through the windows. Only the quick work of the owner, digging trenches and building dikes of stone, prevented great damage to the house. Below, a washout on the highway west of Mount Vernon; temporary bridge shown in the lower right-hand corner.

Canyon City, Aug. 20.—A storm of short duration last Sunday afternoon did much damage for 30 miles along the John Day highway between Mt. Vernon and Dayville and in the country round about. Half stones 1 1/2 inches in diameter, stripped apples and foliage from the trees and damaged fruit left hanging, left sunflower stalks bare and ruined much corn. Within a short time the John Day river rose four feet and gulches and canyons for 30 miles were left choked with brush and rocks, while portions of the highway were washed out. The county court began immediate reconstruction work and by noon Monday the worst damage was repaired.

If Earth Hit Another Body? Serviss Analyzes Outcome

By Garrett P. Serviss
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"What would happen if, by some unforeseen obstacle, the orbital motion of the earth were retarded? Would the decrease of the earth's centrifugal force cause it to be drawn into the sun, or would the orbit be automatically adjusted so that equilibrium would be restored?" The writer of that may seem to some readers to be borrowing trouble about nothing, but in reality he has asked a very practical question. The kind of knowledge he seeks is of the same nature as that sought by the steamship passenger who insists on knowing what provision has been made for an encounter with icebergs.

MANY POTENTIAL OBSTACLES
The earth rushes eastward round the sun at a velocity of about 18 1/2 miles per second. But, while interstellar space, like the Atlantic ocean, offers plenty of open room for speeding suns and planets, yet it also contains many potential obstacles, such as great nebulae, both luminous and dark, some of which are billions of miles across, and wander-

ing comets, and shoals of meteors, and huge invisible bodies which are only known to exist by the effects that they produce upon visible stars that have fallen under the influence of their attraction; to say nothing of the millions of other suns which, like ours, are rushing in all directions, like ships at sea, each seeking its own port. Some of these, like the immense star Arcturus, which exceeds our sun thousands of times in magnitude, are moving with appalling speed, as if they were giant battleships ramming their way through the universe.

WOULD PLUNGE INTO SUN

If the obstacle acted as a continuous resistance to the earth's orbital motion, then the earth would gradually approach the sun on a spiral path, until, at last, it would plunge into the solar furnace. The same result would be produced, but much more slowly, if the resistance were encountered by the earth periodically at some point in its orbit. The orbit would then become a little smaller after each encounter, until, at last, it might become so small that it would pass within the body of the sun, which is 880,000 miles in diameter.

MIGHT MOVE AWAY

It would also be possible for some vast mass, like an extinguished sun, passing near the solar system to act upon the earth as to increase instead of decrease its orbital velocity, and in that case the earth would adjust itself to the new conditions by moving away from the sun, and traveling in a larger and more remote orbit, perhaps away out in the cold of distant space. If it were carried as far away as Jupiter is from the sun, the heat that it received would be only about one-twenty-fifth as much as it now gets. But the earth might be dragged off, like a kidnapped child, by huge celestial body, and then it would never see its family again. All the other planets would suffer similarly, the solar system would be broken up and scattered abroad, and the sun itself, owing to the tremendous tidal forces set in action by the near approach of the disturbing body, would probably be burst asunder, and the entire system reduced to the chaotic state of a whirling, spiral nebula.

PICTURE NOT FAUCIFUL

This is not purely a fanciful picture, for there are many reasons for believing that just such catastrophes have happened to other suns and solar systems, and have been visible to us in the form of new, temporary stars. But the universe is only the more interesting for these things. The joy of the greater is broken up, unmaking and remaking, and perhaps in a higher state of existence we shall take the same pleasure in these vast changes that we now find in watching the progression from seed to flower and from flower back to seed, while spring, summer and autumn flit over our gardens.

Cop 'Takes Good Pull' and Then Nabs Moonshiner

(By United News)
New York, Aug. 20.—A rubber hot water bag; capacity, two quarts; contents: hooch, has been added to the vast miscellany of "vehicles" utilized by New York bootleggers. William Henry admitted to the court here Thursday that he peddled a drink of liquor from the bottle, which he wore under his coat, by passing a rubber tube to Detective Hagar with instructions to "take a good pull." The detectives did as advised and arrested Henry as soon as he came to.

ORDER BEFORE YOU LEAP
Poplar Bluff, Mo., Aug. 20.—(I. N. S.) At a dangerous curve on a downgrade road near here is the "advertisement unique." Warning automobilists that unless they turn successfully they will plunge several hundred feet to a river below, a billboard bears the following caution, in huge red letters: "Danger! Coffins and caskets at Blank's."

HARDING CABINET FULLY ATHLETIC AS PREDECESSORS

Wave of Physical Culture Has Swept Over National Capital Since New Prexy Took Office.

By T. N. Sandifer
Washington, Aug. 20.—(I. N. S.)—President Harding's cabinet today is fully as athletic as any of its predecessors, to judge by the activities of its members during their off hours around Washington. As it said in the beginning, however, that these "off hours" are not numerous at present. Not only the cabinet but many members of congress have joined in the wave of physical culture which has swept over the capital since the president became so active on links and afield.

Peggy Has Left For Paris; \$1300 Monthly Is Too Small for U. S.

(By Universal Service)
Chicago, Aug. 20.—James Stanley Joyce was unconcerned today when told that his pretty wife, Peggy, had flown to Paris to escape the high cost of living. "And we don't have to have detectives trailing Peggy to where she goes," said Alfred S. Austrian, attorney for the millionaire lumberman. "Wherever she goes she makes enough fuss and blazes so wide a trail that one would be bored of following powers not to know where she was." He added that her going would not affect the divorce case that Joyce had filed against her. Dispatches said Peggy has eluded two sleuths and hopped on a boat for Paris. She is said to have told that she was tired of being watched and besides the \$1300 a month allowance was not enough to keep her in New York.

luchers," mostly because of lack of time, usually leads the "column," according to his associates. The rough party affected by the club has led to a number of complications. Recently, while the trio were resting in a basky section near Washington, they overheard the mother of several children, who had been picnicking nearby, warn her husband to "keep an eye on the children, because I think there are three horrid tramps over by the road." She was greatly surprised when she found who the "tramps" were. When President Harding "rolls" he nearly always has several of his late associates of the senate as partners; while other members of congress practice walking to "work" a high later, in view of the local car service, is at times about the best way to get there. "Uncle Joe" Cannon of Illinois and Representative Phil Campbell of Kansas head the congressional hiking delegation.

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Wide Propaganda Is Planned to Boost Smith-McNary Bill

Washington, Aug. 20.—Nationwide propaganda in behalf of the Smith-McNary bill providing a system of federal and state cooperation for the development and settlement of the agricultural resources of the nation will be carried on between now and the convening of the regular session of congress in December. E. F. Blaine of Seattle, chairman of the committee on legislation and education of the Western States Reclamation Association, is in Washington working out a plan to conduct senators and representatives on a tour to the principal government reclamation projects. Western and southwestern commercial bodies are cooperating in the general land office has submitted an argument to the house committee on irrigation in favor of the Smith-McNary bill. His statement shows that there is still a heavy demand for land, but that virtually all of the desirable public land which could be cultivated without irrigation has been entered. In a statement issued today Representative Addison Smith of Idaho, author of the bill, said that he is confident President Harding will recommend to congress in his next message the enactment of legislation for extending the activities of the federal reclamation service and appropriations to carry on the work. The pending bill carries an appropriation of \$250,000,000 to be expended during a period of six years for completion of existing government reclamation projects and development of others. It contains a preference clause in favor of men and women who served in the late war. WINS MONEY, TURNS BUMMAKER Marissa, Ill., Aug. 13.—(I. N. S.)—A new limousine stands in front of the residence of Edward Brown, miner. It is a portion of his newly acquired wealth. Brown was bequeathed \$50,000 by an uncle, Daniel Fraser, former vice president of a Washington bank. Brown, who made rags the remainder of his life, the fortune permitting him to fulfill a life-long desire.

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