

Christianity Hit, Youth Drinking, Saddens Pitt

Gambling Cited as Evil Run Wild in England, as Salem Salvation Army Officer Prepares to Return After Summer Session Abroad

Ensign Allen Pitt, local Salvation Army official, who was chosen to represent the Northwest at the summer training school in London, England, vividly describes conditions in the following letter:

Have had a few more thrills since writing you last. London has been my residence for the past few days, which is a considerable change from Sunbury-on-Thames, 16 miles distant! As for sight-seeing, I have been exceeding the speed limit, trying to crowd a year of it into a few short days. The first group of our divided party set sail last Saturday, on the Aquitania, sailing under the Pope's flag, I am told, inasmuch as that ship is carrying cardinals to America where they will attend congress in Chicago. By way of digression, might say that the Church of England is about to permit the introduction of a new prayer book to be used by its constituents.

Attended St. Paul's yesterday, and in the course of rambling about that famous edifice bumped into a few Americans. It was good to know they belonged to Uncle Sam's domain. Also met a crowd of Yanks while looking over the inside of the Houses of Parliament, Saturday, and still many more attending a state service (king's birthday) in the famous Abbey Friday. I tell you it made a fellow feel good—so good that I thought the great congregation that day was singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" in closing, instead of "God Save the King." The tune was all right, if the words didn't agree.

Hyde Park yesterday afternoon and a large part of the evening made me think of the old "Tin Lizzy" purchased from the Valley Motor; after all the walking done in London, here's one who will agree to the canonization of Henry VIII.

Well, Hyde Park. If you've been over this way, it is not for me to attempt to describe that place of rest, and "unrest," as exemplified by the armies of "free speakers" which occupy, even monopolize, one large corner of it. One can hear discussions on almost every subject that's worth discussing, from religion down, although what I heard yesterday

might justify one in changing that around and saying "from religion up."

Certainly "religion"—that is our religion—does not come in for the "square deal" in Hyde Park for the most part, notwithstanding there are those there who uphold it side by side with those who seek to tear it down. But religion is not the only thing good that has to suffer the scorn and ridicule of the hateful of mankind; the government comes in for its share of the same, all but the king himself.

I heard preachers of the simple gospel told unkind things that Americans would refrain from for the most part; priests interrupted and asked hard questions, for all they were venerable, so called, and gray-headed; workers for the government called liars and what-not, when their statements didn't agree with the proletariat mind; and infidels of a dangerous type set forth their damning indictment (?) of the Christian religion in the presence of men, women and children—irrespective of age.

Horse racing being the king's sport in England, there were any number of seasoned "tipsters" occupying speakers' stands, from which they would lecture on their prowess with regard to "picking the winner," and then invite the crowd to "follow them to the gate" outside of which they would stand and sell their "cards" (containing the name or names of possible winners for the following week's races) at a shilling or two per card.

Gambling in connection with horse racing has reached the proportions of a national evil, if I may judge from public utterances heard in this respect. It is almost as bad as the drink curse. Perhaps some would consider the evil of gambling the worse of the two.

Either is bad enough and I am humbly thankful that our fair country is not given over to one or the other in the same way it seems England is.

As for the drink question, it must be stated that the English are frank and "open" about it, which none can criticize. Wife, mother, daughter (if she's old enough, I suppose) have the same privilege with regard to "taking a nip" as the man, and it would

be funny, as we say, if it were not so pathetic, at least to the average sedate American, to see old and young women alike standing up to the bar in any London "pub", while baby or little brother or sister often wait outside the door, and even they are sometimes waiting for a few dregs from the mother's glass.

Wonder if horse-race gambling is not the lesser of two evils on this side of the Atlantic? At any rate, what my eyes have witnessed about the pubs of this city, with its teeming millions, has caused me to thank God for our Eighteenth Amendment and those who support it, notwithstanding a certain famous New Yorker and others of his ilk in that respect. I have found this to be a most beautiful and restful country, as much as a brief stay like ours has permitted me to see of it. And it is only giving credit where that is due, to say that English men and women on the whole are a friendly and very courteous lot, especially to the stranger within their gates. The London "bobby" is fine in the matter of gentlemanly courtesy, if that explains what I'm driving at.

Am no world traveler and am not posing as such solely on the basis of this one favorable trip "abroad," but if there is a finer police force to be found anywhere, I'd like to go to that place and put much trouble as I have unwantedly put: the London policemen, as a test of their patience and common courtesy if for no other reason.

All hail the London "bobby"—whether always a scholar or not, he is certainly a real gentleman, to say the least.

Will be glad when I can sit down to my coffee and the Statesman again.

With best regards,
—ALLEN PITT,
Somerset Hostel, London, England, June 7, 1926.

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OREGON—Norma Shearer in "The Devil's Circus."

BLIGH—Five acts Hippodrome vaudeville and pictures.

Another Vote Asked—Another petition for another election on the dissolution of the Gervais union high school district is being considered according to reports. Returns from the last election showed that the measure was defeated 228 to 144. Since the vote was by districts and not by individuals, the result was a tie, three being for dissolution and three against.

Falls City—Streets will be graded and oiled.

REPUBLICANS FIRE FIRST SHOT IN ELECTION DRIVE

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higher standards of living than exists anywhere in the world. Turning to the farm question, with which the senate is wrestling, he said that compared to the European tillers of the soil, the American farmer lives in comfort. "He is a business man," he added, "and as in every other business, he has his good times and his bad times—good times under a protective tariff and bad times under the lack of it. The general tariff bill of 1922 included protective rates on all of the farm staples which had been subjected to ruinous competition of cheaply produced foreign staples. This was the first tariff which really extended a fair measure of protection to the produce of our farms.

A protective duty was placed upon the principal products the farmer has to sell, while no duty was levied on the articles mostly used by him. What was the result to the farmer? The purchasing power of the farmers dollar was increased from 69 in 1921 to 89 in 1926. Taking the year 1914 as the basis of 100. On the other hand, the index number of farm prices has increased from 116 to

147 a gain of 31 per cent while the index number of non-agricultural commodities which the farmer has to buy has decreased from 166 to 155. The prices of raw farm staple products have advanced markedly since 1921.

"This year our farmers seem assured of bumper crops at good prices. Would the farmer give up the protection he has received, especially in view of the fact that a republican congress is seeking to work out on a sound basis an extension of cooperative methods, and has already regulated grain exchanges, extended to the farmers \$500,000,000 in rural credits through the war finance corporation, authorized cooperative marketing without conflict with the over the packing industry; placed a farmer on the federal reserve board and increased the rate of interest on farm loan bonds so as to make them more easily marketable."

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