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Within the inner temple of my heart,
Where profane thought of distrust may not go,
A solitary altar stands apart,
Dim-lighted by a single candle's glow.
I worship at this shrine because I must,
I make to my own soul confession true,
I light the one white taper of my trust
And burn the incense of my love for you.
—Ruby Baughman in Sunset.

LAW AND ATLANTIC CITY.

The whole country has taken notice of the controversy that arose in New Jersey when Governor Fort demanded that the saloonkeepers of Atlantic City observe the law. The following is the New York World's comment upon the affair:

Atlantic City's moral and legal problems are similar to those of other popular resorts, as Coney Island, Saratoga and Long Branch. Are the same moral code and sumptuary legislation to be applied to a recreation and vacation place as to a home and business community? Are laws to be enforced only in the communities which desire enforcement and need them least?

Governor Fort was confronted with the refusal of the Atlantic City authorities to enforce the law. Three grand jurors were engaged every Sunday in violating the liquor law. Other grand jurors violated other laws. They naturally refused to indict themselves or their fellow-offenders. The mayor, the sheriff and the chief of police refused to act.

On Coney Island the law is violated but not defied. To the American view this is a great distinction. If the mayor and police commissioner of New York were openly to announce their refusal to enforce the laws against gambling and Sunday liquor selling on Coney Island the cases would be parallel. In New York the governor could remove them. He could appoint a new sheriff, direct the calling of a special grand jury and send an up-state judge to conduct court. In New Jersey the governor has not the power of removal, but Governor Fort's threat to call a special session of the legislature and send militia to enforce the law has made Atlantic City's officials back down.

There is more Sunday liquor selling, more gambling and more immorality in New York than in Atlantic City. Yet on the records of the criminal courts here appear just about as many convictions and imprisonments for such offenses as on the court records of Ocean County, New Jersey.

After all, is open defiance so much worse than hypocritical pretense of obedience?

KUROPATKIN.

Newspaper readers who followed the course of the Japanese war were not as a rule very favorably impressed with the military prowess of General Kuropatkin, says the Oregonian.

His name became, in truth, a sort of byword in this country, signifying a person who abounded greatly in promise and very little in performance. Every day he announced some new project for annihilating the Japanese armies, and every night he abandoned it. Later events have shown that this conception of General Kuropatkin was probably mistaken. The fact seems to have been that he was really saving the Russian forces from imminent destruction under terrible difficulties, and that his apparently boastful disposition was merely a necessary ruse of war. A bold front sometimes has to take the place of discipline and equipment. It was singularly unfortunate for General

kuropatkin that he should have been in command at the close of the war, for it seemed to cast upon him the responsibility for calamities which he had long foreseen and which he had warned the czar would surely follow unless Russia had kept faith with Japan by evacuating Manchuria and turning Port Arthur over to China as she was required to do by treaty.

General Kuropatkin has now written a book in which he reveals the secret history of the events leading up to the war with Japan. Of course it cannot be published in Russia, for it states many facts which are by no means creditable to the czar and his relations; but in some way which has not been revealed to the public, a copy of Kuropatkin's memoirs has come into the possession of George Kennan. Mr. Kennan has probably done more than any other American to acquaint the people of this country with the true current history of Russia. He has traveled widely in the empire, visited the prisons, the houses of the peasantry and the palaces of the nobles from St. Petersburg to the extremity of Siberia, and what he discovered, no matter how horrible it might be, he narrated in lively style. He is one of the few Americans who have mastered the Russian language, and is therefore competent to translate Kuropatkin's memoirs for publication.

The work is to appear in serial form in McClure's magazine, the first installment being in the September number. It is brief, but nevertheless it is long enough to prove that the war with Japan was brought on by systematic autocracy. The evacuation of Manchuria was persistently evaded. Port Arthur was not turned over to the Pekin government as had been agreed when it was wrested from Japan at the close of her war with China. Far from that, it was rapidly transformed into a fortified position of enormous strength, while opposite to it the commercial port of Dairen was built by the Russians with the evident intent of permanent occupation. All this naturally irritated Japan. But the immediate occasion for the outbreak of hostilities was the operations of one Bezobrazoff in Korea and on the Yalu river. This singular personage belongs in that class of obscure and insignificant individuals who, by gaining mysterious influence over sovereigns have changed the history of the world. In some way he interested the Czar Nicholas in his timber operations on the Yalu river and persuaded him to invest millions of money in the business. Other members of the royal family were drawn into the scheme until apparently almost every person near the czar had invested money under Bezobrazoff's influence. He must have been a man of extraordinary parts, expert in flattery and a master of the arts of servile persuasiveness. At any rate his command of the czar's money and confidence made him virtual ruler of the Russian dominion in eastern Asia. He was able to appoint and dismiss viceroys at will, obtained the dispatch of soldiers into Korea, contrary to treaty with Japan, and through his known intimacy with the czar, terrorized every official in the province. Some of them pretended to agree with Kuropatkin in his policy of honest dealing with Japan and frankness with the czar, but they deceived him and played into Bezobrazoff's hands. Kuropatkin's repeated warnings were disregarded. The Japanese were treated with contempt and the war which he had predicted finally broke out. The subsequent installments of the memoirs will show how it was conducted on the Russian side.

At the same time the American people are studying the problem of conserving the natural resources of the country it might be well to extend some energy trying to devise ways and means by which other property interests might be saved from destruction, says an exchange.

To let a forest be destroyed by fire is wasteful but not more so than to let those same forests burn after they have been sawed to lumber and built into houses. Men of science should be able to discover a practical fireproofing process or invent successful fire-extinguishing appliances within the means of ordinary property owners.

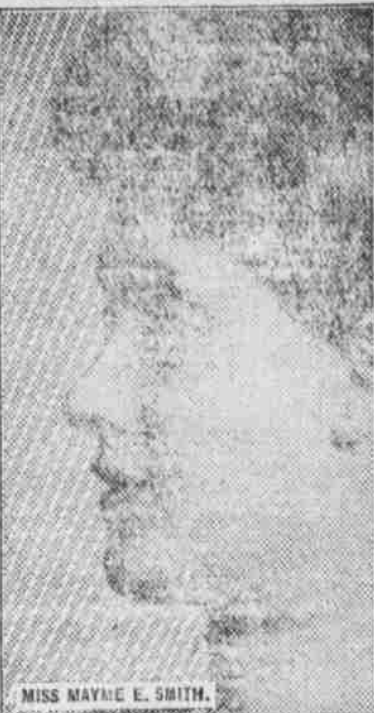
Morrow county is showing the right spirit towards the fair this year. The county court has appropriated \$250 to establish an exhibit and the county will be better represented than in the past. This is only right because it is Morrow county's fair as well as Umatilla's and the commissioners have always been eager in seeing that the neighboring county shared in the benefits.

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It is better for the town to lose some saloonmen and soaks if thereby the paths of the young are made safer. This would be true even if the reform meant the loss of some business for Coleridge wrote truthfully when he said:

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