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Two tiny grains of sand lay side by side
 One day upon the strand, as murmuring tide bore in upon its crest from other lands
 An incense from the west and distant stands
 One grain, long silent and, it seemed, content
 'Roused by the subtlety of an alien scent,
 Began complaining of his narrow sphere,
 Denouncing nature's plan which placed him here.
 Then spake the other atom by his side:
 "Oh, list ye not to every whispering tide,
 For it shall soon return from whence it came."
 And tell to distant atoms tales the same;
 They'll quaff the incense strange from our fair shore,
 And they in turn shall rest content no more;
 Alas! the shifting tides no tryst shall keep,
 Except the one they make with briny deep.
 A niche is given each—yeans not in vain:
 You cannot be a beach—you're but a grain!
 One tiny grain among ten million more,
 But with a place distinct upon this shore."
 Thus aspiration, strangled, slowly died,
 Those grains of sand still lie there side by side;
 Had one but heeded urgent call to go,
 It might have been a mountain long ago!
 —By Grace E. Hall, in the Oregonian.

the president made after demobilization is complete will permit dealers to lawfully dispose of the stocks they have on hand.

In the eastern states the advent of prohibition is hailed with criticism by many. But the people there have had no experience with a dry regime so speak ignorantly. They do not know of the blessings that follow the passing of the saloon. They do not realize how much more money there will be for legitimate needs when the toll extracted by John Barleycorn is removed. After a few months they will see bills more promptly paid and men going home to their families instead of into saloons to spend their wages. They will see many fine things they don't dream of now.

We hear much talk of the drug addicts and how prohibition will increase the drug trade. That is nonsense. Oregon and Washington have been dry for some time and there has been no increase in the number of drug addicts. There is a vast increase in the number of healthy looking faces and in the number of fat pocketbooks but not in drug fiends. What has been true here will doubtless be true in other places. The drug habit as an attending evil of prohibition is known about only in wet territory. It is causing no worry in any dry state.

The liquor business has been abolished because it was found to be a curse upon humanity and people grew tired of it. The dry law is now a part of the federal constitution and it can be repealed only by the adoption of a new amendment.

THE NATION IS DRY

THE nation is dry. Through operation of the so-called war time prohibition law a ban is placed on the sale of liquor until after the demobilization of the army. This demobilization will require several months, perhaps the full six months intervening between now and the first of January when permanent prohibition goes into effect.

The war time law is subject to change at any time by congress. President Wilson requested congress to change the law in so far as it applies to light wines and beer. The lawmakers however declined to take this step and it may be assumed that they will stand by that attitude until the finish. If so nothing but an order from

AMBASSADOR WHITLOCK

APPOINTMENT as Ambassador to Italy opens to Brand Whitlock opportunity for a second adventure in diplomacy.

When Mr. Whitlock went to Belgium as Minister, in December, 1913, he looked forward to duties easy and honorable; to a position of excellent dignity and of not a little elegance in leisure. He indulged hopes of alternating with faithful performance in office a diligent application to the pursuit of letters. It might very well happen that at Brussels both the time and the inspiration would fall to him to add most agreeably to his record as a novelist of America.

How events interfered storm-



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ily with the proposals of our author-diplomat is recorded in the history of the times beginning with August, 1914. Under the stress of those events Mr. Whitlock proved himself most emphatically the right man in the right place. A crisis which expanded in terror by the hour did not startle him out of a corresponding growth in poise and resourcefulness. He made as American Minister under unparalleled circumstance a record which forms no small feature of the story of America in the world war.

Mr. Whitlock wrote no novel in Belgium. He did better. His story of the German invasion is not only a model of literary form; it is a work which, we cannot doubt, will stand permanently among the really big books of the period and the affairs with which it is concerned. Perhaps in Italy our writing envoy will find his chance to produce chapters of less vital import on more agreeable topics. At any rate he will carry with him to his new post a public confidence well founded in past performances under severe tests.—New York World.

DOES PORTLAND FAVOR A FAIR DEAL?

THE Pendleton Commercial Club may well accept the suggestion of Mr. Corey and get busy backing up those who are trying to secure justice for the interior in connection with long and short haul legislation.

The idea that a coast terminal city should enjoy a lower transcontinental rate than does an inland point for a shorter haul is intolerable in this day and age. Our interests in this matter are identical with those of Spokane and other inland points.

Portland is now demanding that the northwest rate on wheat to tidewater be based on natural conditions. It is a just fight and those waging the same have the support of Eastern Oregon people. However, the principle that natural conditions should govern rate making applies to transcontinental traffic just as much as it does to the northwest situation.

Portland cannot truthfully argue for the principle in one suit and against the principle when its own selfish interests are affected by proposed legislation in congress.

The East Oregonian would

like to hear from Portland commercial organizations and from the Portland press some expressions of support for the cause of justice in connection with transcontinental freight rates.

Having grown used to prohibition in its various forms this county may sit back and smile with sophistication at the howls and shrieks from the newly stricken who believe they are going to perish but wont.

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