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The following short article is credited to Senator Bob Taylor, of Tennessee, and deserves more than a passing glance because of the wealth of suggestion given to parents: "I would rather fill my purse with money and keep its gates ajar to my happy girls while they linger under my roof than to clutch it with a miser's hand until the harp strings of youth are broken and its music forever fled. I would rather spend my last nickle for a striped marble to gladden the hearts of my bare-footed boys than to deny them the childish pleasures and leave them a bag of gold to quarrel over when I am gone. I abhor the pitiless hawk that circles in the air only to swoop down and strangle the song of a dove. I despise the soulless man whose greed for gold impels him to strangle the laughter and song of his own family."

## President Taft And The Treaties

President Taft is justifiably anxious that the arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France should be confirmed by the Senate as they have been drafted and signed. From the viewpoint of most liberal and advanced world-statesmanship the course that President Taft urges is one that would reflect the greatest credit on the country, and of itself, when consummated, would make his administration illustrious.

One can appreciate the contention for amendment of those treaties that is based on sectional considerations, but those considerations should give way to the larger and more absorbing project of world peace to be permanently established, which these treaties practically initiate. There shall be a moral philosophy of international intercourse as there is of individual intercourse, and the one ought to be as much subject to the restraint of law and reason as the other.

The step proposed by the execution of these treaties is but one in an evolution that has been steadily going on since the time when citizens of Grecian and Asiatic cities abandoned the practice of capturing the victims of sea disaster and holding them for ransoms. We have traveled a long way in the right direction since then, and we are traveling faster than ever and have but little further to go before the permanency of world peace is secured. It would be a manifestation of our National greatness of spirit and breadth of view if the Senate were to respond to the statesmanship of the President.—Telegram.

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William Rockefeller complains that "this everlasting agitation hurts business." Yes, William should bear in mind that his family is responsible for a good bit of the agitation—Telegram.

There seems to be a great interest in the retention of Maine Prohibition Law and not confined to the United States. An appeal signed by leading scholars and thinkers such as Dr. Gustava Von Bunge, of Basel University, Prof. Max Kassowetz of the University of Vienna, Sir Wilfred Lawson, Sir John Herbert Roberts, Sir Victor Horsely and others to the number of hundreds of like fame has been sent to Maine voters opening with "the Prohibition Law of Maine has been a contribution of the first value to the Worlds progress along social lines" and ending with "We the undersigned therefore urge the Maine people to stand by their law. We would express our earnest desire that at the moment when an advance along the whole line of social, scientific, educational and legislative temperance effort seems to be imminent, citizens of Maine should not be found retreating."

## SURPRISED THE HIGHLANDERS

And Then the Young Boers Surprised Their Own General.

Ignorance is not bliss on the battlefield. When the South African war began the Boers, brave fighters though they were, lost many an advantage through almost childish simplicity in the art of war. Mr. Howard C. Hillegas, in his "Boers in War," gives an incident of this trait.

While fighting at Magersfontein a number of youthful Boers, in this their first battle, allowed a hundred highlanders to approach to within a short distance of the trench wherein the Boers were concealed. They then sprang out, calling "Hands up!"

The highlanders, completely surprised, threw down their arms and advanced, holding their hands above their heads. One of the young Boers approached them, scratched his head in perplexity and said to his friends, "What shall we do with them?" After a consultation they allowed the highlanders to return to their column.

When the young Boers arrived at the Boer laager, laden with the captured rifles, their general asked them why they did not bring their prisoners. The youths looked at each other, and one of them sheepishly replied:

"We did not know that they were wanted."

It was not the lads, however, who always made the mistakes. One old Boer, on viewing for the first time a company of highlanders in the distance, refused to fire, insisting that it was a herd of ostriches, and he persuaded all the burghers in the trenches near him that they were ostriches, and nothing but ostriches.

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