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### JOHN BARLEYCORN'S RACE

It took the United States 75 years to produce a solitary prohibition state, standing alone, and it took Maine 29 years or until 1880 to produce the second state. After nine years North Dakota came in. These three states were followed a year later by North Carolina and Mississippi which in turn was followed in 1909 by Tennessee, and West Virginia came in in 1912. Next came Virginia, Colorado, Oregon, Washington and Arizona, and during the present year Arkansas, Alabama, Idaho and Iowa have gone dry, making 18 states in all.

This should be a good starter but during the past year Russia has banished vodka, France has quit absinthe, Germany her beer, and England has quit her strong drink. War has banished strong drink in the old world and big business is doing it up in the new world. John Barleycorn's race is about run and the world is looking forward to its close.

### The Bureau Of Invention And Development

The Scientific American has so often felt itself called upon to criticize the policy of the present heady of the Navy that it affords us very real pleasure to endorse Mr. Daniel's plan for the creation of a Bureau of Invention and Development.

The scope and plan of this movement are laid down by the Secretary in his letter to Thomas A. Edison, asking him to join the new board, in which he says: "One of the imperative needs of the Navy, in my judgment, is machinery and facilities for utilizing the natural inventive genius of Americans to meet the new conditions of warfare as shown abroad, and it is my intention if a practical way can be worked out as I think it can be, to establish at the earliest moment a Department of Invention and Development, to which all ideas and suggestions, either from the service or from civilian inventors, can be referred for determination as to whether they contain practical suggestions for us to take up and perfect. We, of course, receive many suggestions, but our only way of handling them at present is to leave them to various bureaus already overcrowded with routine work, and it is not always possible to give the necessary attention to propositions that are not so definitely worked out as to make them immediately available for the service."

In announcing that he would accept the Secretary's innovation, Mr. Edison made a suggestion, the importance of which, in its bearing upon the proposed board of invention, can scarcely be

over-estimated. He suggested that in connection with the Secretary's Board there should be a department of experimentation, provided with the necessary buildings and plant and a corps of efficient men qualified to carry on experimental work under the direction of those who have made suggestions that have received the endorsement of the board.

Now, the idea of enlisting the inventive gifts of the whole nation in the service of the Navy by specific governmental invitation and encouragement is thoroughly sound in principle, and, if properly worked out, should prove to be thoroughly practical and a most useful aid to the development of naval material. In Germany the spirit of this movement, if not its definite official recognition, has long been at work, with results in scientific and mechanical efficiency which have astonished the world. Great Britain is lending ear to suggestions of the same character as uttered by H. G. Wells and by Prof. Ramsay.

Nobody understands better than Mr. Daniels and the technical experts of the Navy that the composition of the Board of Inventions and Developments is a matter calling for much thought and great discretion. That it should be highly expert goes without saying; for its voice should be so authoritative as to make its decision not only final, but convincing. The work of the board will not be less; it will be flooded with suggestions ranging all the way from the crudest and most impractical ideas to those of the highest practical utility; and the task of detecting and sifting out those suggestions which have more or less promise utility, and of determining from the inventions, as thus selected, which are of such importance as to call for immediate and very thorough test and development by the suggested department of experimentation, will be one calling for cool and unbiased judgment and a mind absolutely free from all prejudice against the inventor as such.—Scientific American.

There is nothing sentimental with the way Germany is dealing with her enemies. She has melted up the lion she and England erected on the battlefield of Waterloo and is throwing it at them.

### Industrial Club Work in Polk County

In Division 1 of the Poultry Contest, Industrial Club Work, which ended July 1st in this County, the first three places were won as follows: Hazel Bursell of the Mistletoe School, 1st place; Monroe Cooley of the Bethel School, 2nd place; Perry Smith of the Smithfield School, 3rd place.

These three people will be barred from entering the County Contest this fall in this Division but will be allowed to compete in the State Contest. They have completed the six months work and have made some most excellent reports.

In the Dairy Herd Record Work, Alfred Loy of the Buena Vista School won 1st place; Carl Dodson of the Elkins School, 2nd place and Mary Rand of the Ballston School and Frank

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