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DRY NATIONAL CAMPAIGN.

Striking evidence of the growth of prohibition sentiment is found in the action of the house of representatives in passing, more than two to one, the senate bill making the District of Columbia a saloon-free city after November 1.

That congress should pass laws protecting dry states which desired to be safeguarded against the encroachments of the liquor traffic by means of interstate commerce was only an act of justice, the giving of the necessary aid of the federal government to the states for the purpose of making state laws effective.

This action on the District of Columbia is another matter. Here the question was whether or not congress should abolish the saloon in territory under its jurisdiction, and congress, acting without reference to the states or their laws, voted dry.

A good many witty things have been said of late about the practical workings of prohibition in the dry states, and many questions have been asked as to whether or not there was any real sentiment for liquor abolition. Particularly interesting has it been to hear the various and widely contradictory remarks about the sentiment towards national prohibition.

We have no doubt that there is an enormous amount of illicit selling in dry parts of the country. We don't question that there are many persons who want their own localities dry, but who would hesitate to endorse a movement looking to a dry nation. But the whole record of the present congress has been such that there is no avoiding the thought that there is pith and substance in the prohibition movement.

When congress voted to abolish the saloon in the District of Columbia it went on record as against the saloon everywhere, and must have given voice to a serious, determined sentiment which is gathering force in many parts of the country.

National prohibition may be far in the future. It may not come at all in the lifetime of present day men. It is possible that there may be a reaction against present tendencies. But meanwhile here is the palpable fact of a congress of the United States throwing all its weight against liquor. It is a fact to be reckoned with.

TO UNDERSTAND JAPAN.

We could not ask nor conceive a finer opportunity to come to a thorough understanding with Japan than is provided us by the disclosure of Germany's tentative war plan against us. For many years it has been apparent that a crisis must come in the affairs of these two nations which, because of racial temperamental, and psychological differences were drawing apart whereas they ought to be becoming more friendly, in their own interests and also in those of civilization.

It has been feared that this crisis would precipitate armed conflict. It so happens that the crisis makes for peace instead of war. If it is taken advantage of, candidly and thoroughly, by both American and Japanese leaders of opinion, the causes for irritation can be shown to be easily removed, they can be removed, and the two nations can launch out on a new era of firm friendship.

It is true that Americans and Japanese cannot fully understand each other, but there is no ground for a quarrel in the inability of the average American to analyze Oriental psychology. It is true that Japan misinterprets our Chinese policy, but that is only another way of saying that American diplomacy has a delicate task on its hands in convincing the Japanese statesmen of the unselfishness of our motives.

It is true, also, that some of our state legislation, enacted or proposed, is of a nature to wound the pride of the Japanese and has a powerful influence on the mob. This is simply a reminder that we have part way to go ourselves in meeting our

eastern neighbors amicably. No American state ought to have the power to jeopardize the friendly relations of the United States. None of these difficulties is insuperable. All ought to be swiftly overcome. And now is the time of all times to do it.

WHEN IS A MAN A MASON?

Find the answer in the Blue Lodge Classic, The Builders, by Bro. Joseph Newton:

"When he can look out over the rivers, the hills, and the far horizon with a sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet have faith, hope and courage... which is the root of every virtue. When he knows that down in his heart, every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolic, and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to forgive and to love his fellow-man. When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrow, yea, in their sins, knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds. When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them, and above all, to keep friends with himself. * * * When he can be happy and high-minded amid the meaner drudgeries of life. * * * When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response. * * * When he knows how to pray, when he loves, how to hope. * * * When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellowman, with his God; in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of a song. * * * glad to live, but not afraid to die. Such a man has found the ONLY REAL SECRET OF MASONRY, and THE ONE which it is trying to give all the world."

Sixty-one aliens were admitted to British nationality during the month of December, of whom three were Americans, two Austrians, three Dutch, two French, twenty-three Germans, one Hungarian, two Norwegians, three Roumanians, eighteen Russians and four of other nationalities. All the Austrians, Germans and the Hungarian were British-born widows.

The recent report of the Bank of Gresham shows resources amounting to nearly \$125,000, with deposits coming close to \$109,000. The report shows the progress in three years has been a gain of about \$66,000 in deposits. Safe, conservative banking methods have made this showing possible. That the bank is in good hands is not disputed.

According to some recent estimates, Great Britain will exhaust its coal supply in 720 years, but Germany has enough to last 1,800 years, which, of course, will be a distinct advantage if the Germans can make the war last that long.

We admit that the present state of our internal relations are intensely interesting, but we aren't sure that the adults are manifesting quite as much interest in them as the average child would in a cat and a new litter of kittens.

Congressman Jeanette Rankin says she has had three girl babies named after her already. Girl babies! Well, now, what other kind does she expect will get her name?

After the eight-hour law comes the seventh. Coming down to brass tacks, justice can never be done until we get as much wages as we want with about three minutes a day of work.

We think of old friends occasionally and now and then we wonder what has become of W. S. U'ren of single tax fame; but we disclaim any intention of starting anything.

The indignation against Senator Lane is not receiving so much attention as it did a short time ago, but it is apparently going right along, regardless of neglect.

"Patriotic week" is only an outward observance of what all loyal Americans feel. Others should be inspired by the sight of the flag which protects them.

The Booze Saving association is still doing its best—but the supply is dwindling and nobody really expects that any of it will be saved.

Whatever may be the condition of the way of the transgressor, the way of the bond issue for better roads is not very smooth.

The president knew which of the states to call on first. The western boys all know how to shoot.

Whatever the almanac may have to say about it, the real first day of spring has not arrived yet.

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Week-End in Bed.

A philosopher in London Opinion has some views on warm weather comfort and happiness that are not altogether new but are well worth considering even on this side the Atlantic. His view of happiness or rather comfort is to retire to rest on a Friday night and get up on Monday afternoon. He regards the idea as restful and economical, but finds that the household government prevents putting it in practice.

"Sloth," he says, "we are told in the copy books is vicious and a moralist has declared that what maintains one vice could bring up two children. I don't want to bring up two children," declares this lazy philosopher, "but it is pleasant to maintain one vice. Nearly all the worries of life arise from the imitative faculty. If duchesses suddenly developed a taste for breaking coal with a hammer the assistants in drape shops would immediately want to do the same—not because they enjoy breaking coals with a hammer but because it was 'the thing.'"

The third year of the war found the University of Vienna suffering about as severely from the effects of the struggle as any of the German colleges. Reports in the Vienna press announce that only 500 new students enrolled for the winter and that the number in attendance at the lectures had fallen from some 10,000 in time of peace to 4,000, half of whom were women. Among the women students are many who in peace times studied at the universities in Lemberg and Czernowitz.

CLEAR LAND WITH DU PONT Red Cross Explosives The upper view shows how groups of big stumps are blasted out clean at one time, with all dirt off the roots and stumps shattered into kindling wood. At the same time the subsoil is thoroughly broken up, creating a fine home for the new crop. Lower view shows a celery crop worth \$800 per acre ten months after stumps were blasted out. To learn how progressive farmers are using dynamite for removing stumps and boulders, planting and cultivating fruit trees, regenerating barren soil, ditching, draining, excavating, and road-making. Ask for Booklet

Growth of the Telephone.

The growth of the Bell system in toll wire mileage, in subscribers and in telephone connections is shown by President Theodore N. Vail's report for 1916 to have been larger than in any previous year.

The number of telephone stations on December 31 was 9,847,695,971, of which 577,380 were owned by the Bell companies, 118,591 were Bell connected stations.

The total mileage of wire for exchange and toll service was 19,850,315 miles, an increase of 1,344,770. Fifty-eight per cent of the wire mileage is underground, and 2,682,910 miles were toll wire. The number of daily telephone connections increased to an average of 29,420,000, or at the rate of 9,789,700,000 a year, which is approximately 100 calls for every man, woman and child in the United States.

The unprecedented business activity of the country threw a heavy burden of traffic on the Bell system, taxing its resources to the utmost and necessitating a rapid increase in facilities. As a result, over \$66,000,000 was added to plant, which was \$9,000,000 more than was estimated at the beginning of the year. Advance construction and surplus facilities saved the service from breakdown and estimates are made for \$90,000,000 to be used in plant extensions this year. This is the largest program ever attempted, but the funds have already been provided by the sale of bonds and the issue of stock.

The report represent the operations of the American Telephone & Telegraph company and associated companies, that is the Bell system as a whole, with inter-company duplications excluded. In round numbers the total operating revenues of the Bell system were \$264,600,000, an increase of \$30,151,000 or 12.9 per cent over the year before. Of these revenues depreciation and maintenance consumed \$84,556,000, an increase of \$8,797,000 or 11.6 per cent; traffic expenses consumed \$53,749,000, an increase of \$7,963,000 or 17.4 per cent; commercial expenses \$25,699,000, an increase of \$2,116,000 or 9 per cent; general and miscellaneous expenses \$11,902,000, an increase of \$853,000 or 7.7 per cent; taxes assignable to operations \$14,916,000, an increase of \$1,915,000 or 14.7 per cent.

The "total gross income," using the term officially provided by the Interstate Commerce Commission, was \$79,353,000, an increase of \$9,787,000 or 14.1 per cent over 1915. Out of this \$22,114,000 was paid for interest, rents, etc., leaving \$35,169,000 for dividends and over \$22,000,000 to be carried into surplus.

Standard time is a uniform system of time reckoning in the United States and Canada adopted in 1883 by the principal railways, and since then by the principal cities and towns of both countries. By this system the continent is divided into four sections, each extending over 15 degrees of longitude (making a difference of time of exactly one hour, the time prevailing in each being that of its central meridian.

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