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EM-TEES

The Unwritten Law

Hewitt—When I was in Kentucky I was arrested for violation of the liquor law.

Jewitt—How was that?  
Hewitt—I declined to take a drink.

Unspelled.

The lady who likes children was pushing over Helen, aged three. "How old are you, darling?" she asked.

"I isn't old," said Helen, "I'm nearly new."

Why Follow Tenyson?

The nervous reciter had broken down in "The Charge of the Light Brigade."

"Never mind, Mr. Smith," said his kindly hostess. "Just tell us the story in your own words."

An Up-to-Date Bird.

"Dolly, want a cracker?" "I suppose that's all I can expect with the present high cost of living."

Economical.

Mrs. Benham—I didn't see you pay the minister anything when we were married.

Benham—No, I told him to "reverse charges."

Awful Thought.

It is terrible to think that, in Greenland, the end of a perfect day is a six-months' night.

Severe Treatment.

Howell—Why did Rowell allow himself to die of starvation?  
Powell—He said that he wouldn't humor his stomach any longer, as it was getting to be a regular grafter.

Fair Exchange.

"I think, Henry," said Mrs. Barton, "I'll ask those new people next door to take dinner with us tonight."

"What for?" asked her husband. "Well, their butcher left their meat here by mistake, and I think it seems only fair."

DON'T SCOLD, MOTHER! THE CROSS CHILD IS BILIOUS, FEVERISH

Look at Tongue! If Coated, Clean Little Stomach, Liver, Bowels.

Don't scold your fretful, peevish child. See if tongue is coated, this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with sour waste.

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomach-ache, indigestion, diarrhoea, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul waste, the sour bile and fermenting food passes out of the bowels and you have a well and playful child again. Children love this harmless "fruit laxative" and mothers can rest easy knowing it, because it never fails to make their little "insides" clean and sweet.

Keep it handy, Mother! A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Remember there are counterfeits sold here, so always look and see that yours is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." Hand back with contempt any other fig syrup.

BRYAN GOING TOO FAR

WILLIAM J. BRYAN, with his idealistic peace-at-any-price palaver, is going too far. He advises the nation to calmly turn first one cheek and then the other to be slapped, trusting to belief in the Lord for preservation. He says that when challenged to war the country should say:

No, we have the welfare of 190,000,000 people to guard; priceless ideals to conserve, and we will not wallow with you in a mire of blood to conform to a false standard.

Mr. Bryan in a recent statement appeals to the American people to let the president and congress know that the people at home protest against entering this war on either side; "with its fearful expenditure of blood and treasure; that they are not willing to send American soldiers across the Atlantic to march under the banner of European monarchs or die on European soil in settlement of European quarrels."

Sickly sentimentalism is running away with Mr. Bryan's common sense. Personally he is a good fighter and quite a robust individual when it comes to a scrap of any kind or in protecting his or the people's rights. He has given many demonstrations of courage. But he is acting under false premises in this instance.

Americans do not favor participation in the European war, under European monarchs, in settlement of European quarrels. If war comes, it will be to uphold American rights, trampled upon by Germany, and not as an ally of the entente allies to aid their quarrel. The dispute with Germany has no connection with the allies' dispute with Germany.

Mr. Bryan is wrong when he would have the nation adopt a peace-at-any-price doctrine—for peace is not worth while if purchased at too great a sacrifice—and American citizenship is not worth while if not worth fighting for.

America has nothing in common with the lust of European monarchs for aggression and power at the expense of humanity. When these monarchs, in pursuance of this lust, attempt to deprive Americans of their own rights, it is not the part of a self-respecting nation to meekly submit to the aggression, which would only be the forerunner of future tyranny.

No one has tried harder or more sincerely to keep the nation out of war than the president. No one hopes more fervently that Germany will not declare war by further overt acts than he. But if war comes, it is the patriotic duty of every one to support the president, Mr. Bryan along with the rest.

Feudalism rules Europe. Barbarism is still rampant. The golden rule remains only a beautiful theory. Brute force controls the world and the mailed fist is still the mightiest. Out of Armagedden may come Utopia with its internationalism—when Mr. Bryan's theories may be practical—but we are living in the age of nationalism with all the penalties and handicaps it imposes—including the right of self-protection.

THE CIGARETTE BILL

REPRESENTATIVE SWEENEY of Josephine county, who, from the number and character of the bills he has introduced in the legislature, seems ambitious to regulate the universe, has amongst his other measures a bill making it a crime to smoke cigarettes.

This measure is an infringement of the constitutional rights of the individual and wherever tried has proved impossible of enforcement. Sale of cigarettes to minors is already forbidden, and this is as far as either practical or desirable. Cigarette smoking cannot possibly injure anyone but the individual, and is not in any sense a public nuisance—unless we class both cigar and pipe smokers as miscreants.

In Washington such a law was in existence for four years, during which the actual consumption of cigarettes increased 300 per cent. The bill was finally repealed because it was found impossible to enforce it. The only result was that the local dealers lost their commissions and the money went out of the state for their purchases.

If we bar the cigarette, the next step will be to bar tobacco. If we deprive people of indulgence in the small vices we drive them to indulging in the bigger ones. Human nature will stand just so much repression, and then comes the reaction which sweeps away barriers and goes the other extreme. Cromwell and the Puritans only prepared the way for the orgy of sin under the restorative as the pendulum swung the other way.

By the law of nature, moderation is virtue, excess is crime. The only harm in the use of cigarettes is when they are used immoderately—and the individual must regulate that himself. The person who finds smoking an injury must cut it out—but that is no reason for depriving his fellow man of a harmless consolation.

POWER TO SEIZE MUNITION PLANTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—When the naval bill was again up in the house today with a view to passage before adjournment tonight, Chairman Pendergast of the house committee announced an amendment had been perfected to empower the president, in emergency, to commandeer private shipyards, plants engaged in munitions manufacture for ships and other defense purposes.

All amendments to authorize the seizure of \$1,000,000,000 a year went five-year bonds to enable the president to get quick delivery of ships, war materiel and for purchase of ability and industry, together with land, factories and manufacturing, was introduced by Chairman Pendergast.

basic patents necessary for manufacture and development of aircraft was proposed in another amendment.

NEW JERSEY PREPARES TO DEFEND COAST

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 6.—The state senate today passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the equipment and pay of the national guard and naval reserve and for protecting public buildings in New Jersey.

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