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## MALICIOUS PROPAGANDA ONLY TENDS TO DEFEAT PURPOSE

Still another statement im-  
 pugning the activities and re-  
 flecting upon the character of  
 a group of the best citizens of  
 Klamath county was made by  
 the evening newspaper here  
 yesterday. This is an addi-  
 tional item in the campaign of  
 abuse conducted by the editor  
 of that newspaper for the pur-  
 pose of bulldozing every per-  
 son in the community who does  
 not agree with him—a cam-  
 paign that tends to discredit  
 this community in the eyes of  
 the outside world, and to bring  
 about dissension and discord in  
 our midst, to the great detri-  
 ment to all of us who have our  
 homes and our means of liveli-  
 hood here.

The people of Merrill have a  
 right to express their opinions  
 on any public issue affecting  
 their interests. They are en-  
 titled to express freely their  
 views of public questions, in-  
 cluding the railroad matter,  
 now paramount in this com-  
 munity.

The editor of the evening  
 newspaper here makes himself  
 ridiculous when he tries to  
 deny the people of Merrill the  
 right of free speech in this  
 matter. The editor was a  
 prime mover in organizing the  
 carefully-planned mass meet-  
 ing held in Malin early in June  
 for the purpose of attacking  
 the Southern Pacific company  
 and supporting the rival plans  
 of the Oregon Trunk railroad.  
 One of his satellites was the  
 principal speaker at the little  
 after-meeting at Malin a few  
 nights ago. He has been a  
 leader, together with another,  
 from whom the Oregon Trunk  
 purchased property here, in  
 maliciously spreading propa-  
 ganda on the local railroad  
 issue.

The editor of the evening  
 paper perhaps did not know  
 until yesterday that the Ore-  
 gon Trunk officers and the  
 officers of the other northern  
 lines, have regarded him as  
 "the old man of the sea" upon  
 the back of Sinbad, the sailor.  
 It can be easily understood  
 how such high class railroad  
 executives view the campaign  
 of violence conducted by the  
 editor of the evening paper  
 here—ostensibly in their be-  
 half.

The News has treated both  
 railroads with absolute fair-  
 ness. The columns of the  
 News are always open to opin-  
 ions credited to their authorita-  
 tive sources, and couched in  
 decent language.

And, furthermore, The News  
 does not intend to stand idly  
 by and see those who do ex-  
 press their views in a fair and  
 respectable way, abused and  
 browbeaten. The Herald's  
 editor has viciously maligned  
 both the people of Merrill and  
 the Klamath lumbermen. And  
 slick attempts of the editor of  
 the Evening Herald now to es-  
 cape the penalty of his own  
 abuse, and to cloud the issue

by new slurs about corporate  
 influence will obviously fail.  
 It is a fortunate thing that  
 the people will not stand for  
 such unscrupulous tactics, and  
 the influence of the people in  
 favor of DECENCY and FAIR  
 PLAY is rapidly eliminating  
 the community's champion de-  
 famer as a factor here.

## CAN PROHIBITION BE ENFORCED IN AMERICA OR NOT?

The following is the last of a  
 series of three articles dealing  
 with the prohibition question,  
 contributed to The Klamath  
 News by C. C. Brower, a former  
 district attorney of Klamath  
 county. Mr. Brower is making  
 prohibition his life-time study.

(By C. C. BROWER, Former District Attorney)

In this same connection it is in-  
 teresting to notice the release from  
 jail of Pete McDonough; that arch  
 "Monarch of San Francisco tender-  
 loins"; that "controller of the poli-  
 ties of the under-world" and intima-  
 dator of politicians of the upper-  
 world of San Francisco; that defier  
 of the constitution and laws of his  
 government, as shown by the court  
 decisions; that ball bond broker for  
 others who perhaps were like defiers  
 of the same constitution and laws.

McDonough, convicted and sen-  
 tenced for 15 months in prison for  
 the sale of liquor. For nearly two  
 years with abundant money, he  
 fought for his defense with every  
 legal technicality through all the  
 courts up to the United States Su-  
 preme Court and through channels  
 of influence. But all decisions were  
 against him and the original judg-  
 ment upheld. He was kindly per-  
 mitted to choose the jail he might live  
 in, and was sent to that of Alameda  
 county.

Recently President Coolidge re-  
 fused McDonough's petition for par-  
 don, although it was recommended  
 by men in high official and political  
 standing; but was opposed by the  
 Anti-Saloon League, the W. C. T. U.,  
 the Church Federation, the Women's  
 Committee of Five Thousand, and  
 other organizations. The United  
 States Parole Board paroled him to  
 a "friend who will give him employ-  
 ment." Recently the Examiner com-  
 plained that it had been unable to  
 get details of recommendations on  
 which he was paroled and suggested  
 that perhaps history will finally tell  
 "Who got him out."

We are told that within ten min-  
 utes after the sheriff received the  
 official documents from Washington,  
 McDonough had left the jail; and  
 that as he walked from the jail door  
 he remarked: "Well, I'll get to see  
 the Diamond Jubilee." Yes, so he  
 can. And under the general invita-  
 tion for all "loyal citizens" to at-  
 tend the opening ball of the Jubilee,  
 no doubt he will attend and possibly  
 waltz, or jazz, with really estimable  
 ladies. Very likely the three con-  
 tributors to Dorothy's delinquency  
 may do the same. But not so with  
 Dorothy. She will not attend the  
 Diamond Jubilee. She has other  
 duties now. All this may be law,  
 or it may be politics, but is it good  
 government?

Reverting more directly to liquor  
 prohibition, it is noticeable how little  
 is now being said against prohibi-  
 tion excepting that "it can't be en-  
 forced."

United States Senator Bruce, one  
 of the ablest apostles of anti-prohibi-  
 tion, in his recent debate with Mr.  
 Wheeler, the legal adviser of the  
 Anti-Saloon League, taking the "No"  
 side of the question, "Is Prohibition  
 a Success," admits that the appetite  
 for liquor "works the moral ruin of  
 many human beings," but claims "it  
 is only a source of innocent sensual  
 pleasure to a vast majority of human  
 beings" who use it. He says, "No  
 one wishes the former saloon back."  
 He seems to lament, or rejoice, I  
 cannot tell which, that, "While the

## The Sea Hawk



government is closing the front door,  
 the Rum Demon, ubiquitous as ever,  
 is making his way to his old objec-  
 tive through the back door." He  
 laments that the appropriations of  
 congress for 1924 and 1925 total  
 about thirty million dollars for pro-  
 hibition enforcement. But he seems  
 to forget that he had just said there  
 has been built up "in United States  
 a vast bootlegging system, with  
 illicit agencies of production, \* \* \*  
 and with foreign sources of supply  
 besides, abundant enough to require  
 a capital which has been estimated  
 at as large a sum as one billion dol-  
 lars; the services of thousands of  
 employes on sea and land and a  
 great flotilla of 385 run-running  
 vessels of all sorts." And he omits  
 to mention that all this vast aggre-  
 gation is for the purpose of defying  
 the Government of the United  
 States; or that this billion dollars  
 capital of the conspirators is about  
 thirty-four times as much as the  
 government is spending to defend  
 itself. He seems to think this vast  
 bootlegging system cannot be brok-  
 en. But he overlooked the fact that  
 foreign governments do not gener-  
 ally approve of their own citizens  
 conspiring with others to violate  
 the laws of a friendly nation, and  
 that diplomacy is combining with  
 civil power, and already the conspir-  
 acy is not what it was. It may be  
 that the Rum Demon referred to by  
 Mr. Bruce may find at the back door  
 some obstacle that may dampen his  
 ardor and dry his wetness.

Judge Marcus Kavanaugh of the  
 Illinois Superior Court in an elabo-  
 rate article in a late number of the  
 San Francisco Examiner points out  
 that in 1924 there were 333 murder-  
 ers in New York, 32 in Berlin, 59  
 in Paris and 27 in London. He  
 points out that in seven years 1,909  
 murders were committed in Greater  
 New York and only 231 convictions,  
 or about 12 per cent convictions. He  
 claims that Chicago is worse than  
 New York, and says: "Since Jan-

uary 1, 1924, there have been 422  
 unsolved murders in the city of Chi-  
 cago, of which 241 were gang kill-  
 ings." He emphasizes the delay in  
 America in criminal trials as com-  
 pared with other countries and points  
 out that the time from the date of  
 commission of the crime to the final  
 disposition of the case in the courts  
 in Berlin in 1924 was five months;  
 while in America such time gener-  
 ally runs from 1 1/2 months to three  
 years.

Richard Washburn Child, in his  
 remarkable article in the Saturday  
 Evening Post, August 1, on "Our  
 Crime Tide," makes this emphatic  
 statement: "Murder goes on not be-  
 cause the law forbids it; it goes on  
 because our system—not the police  
 system, but the judicial and legal  
 system—holds out immunity to the  
 12,000 who in 1925 will probably  
 engage in homicidal performance in  
 the "United States."

Away back in 1908, Chief Justice  
 Taft, in an address before the Civic  
 Forum in New York made the state-  
 ment which is now so often quoted  
 of him: "The administration of

criminal law in this country is a dis-  
 grace to our civilization. The preva-  
 lence of crime and fraud, which is  
 greatly in excess of that in European  
 countries, is due largely to the fail-  
 ure of the law and its administra-  
 tion to bring criminals to justice."

Apply to our present times the  
 words of the poet Tennyson in  
 Locksley Hall:

"Is it well that while we range with  
 Science, glorying in the time,  
 City children soak and blacken soul  
 and sense in city slime?"

Again I quote—from Hon. James  
 M. Beck's address on The Spirit of  
 Lawlessness: "I have faith in the



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