

## What Is This "Blue Law Sunday" That Threatens?

In The Puritan Days It Finally Ran Itself In The Ground—Present Advocates Point To Sunday Toilers.

(Marion Storm in N. Y. Evening Post.) Somewhere down that unending road of the past where centuries are milestones, on the story part of the way, near 1680, the Puritan Sabbath is picking up its ears—now taking a hopeful step forward as the Lord Day's Alliance promises perfect peace and a quiet city, now withdrawn in consternation as the Knights of Columbus or the ball park proprietors quote, selectively, from the Blue Laws of Ye New Haven Colony—so spitefully written up by the Rev. Samuel A. Peters after he was chased out of it.

If prohibition, a movement of no family whatever, could succeed in coming to pass, both sides are sanguine that the

Puritan Sunday, with its ancestry, can come back and conquer. The queer thing is that almost every one would hugely enjoy an old-fashioned Sunday if it were ever possible to get one again; but few, righteous or ungodly, are likely to fancy a rigorous Puritan Sabbath. It is on this point that both the Lord's Day Alliance and its opponents grow very vague. Mr. Kennedy of the Knights of Columbus for example, wishes to keep Sunday happy. Dr. Bowditch says that his Alliance "put the sun in Sunday" at any rate, for the 100,000 letter carriers, who in 1912 won their day of rest, and for other all week laborers. The individualists cry that Sunday

should be every man's to use as he pleases. The Alliance points out that the individual's pleasure makes pleasure impossible for those who must provide it—that is, you may feel inclined toward a movie, and the movie operator must see that you get it, whether he feels inclined to work or not.

Which are "Good Books"?

Who, one wonders, will ever be able to set up the fences which separate the "right" Sunday from the "wrong" one in a land where neither individualists nor socialists can hope to reign in solitude? Kennedy approves of dancing, but only of innocent dancing. Dr. Bowditch recommends reading, but only of "good books." The Lord's Day Alliance wants only "necessary" traffic retained, and would even close drug stores on Sunday, since doctors have "necessary" drugs in their home equipment.

"Blue laws" is a nickname, it is true, but these statutes were realities in the early days of the New Haven colony and the colonies of Massachusetts and Plymouth. The "blue" came probably from the color of the paper in which Connecticut's written statutes were enveloped. At first they weren't written at all, and thence it came that their dreariest features were made worse, like superstitions, by being told about.

Neighbor would inform neighbor that some deed hitherto though harmless was against the colony's regulations, and so there was built up the mass of prohibitions which supplied the material for Peter's book and originated such mad laws as the one forbidding a woman to kiss her child on the Sabbath, those regulating the clothes to be worn on Sunday to the smallest detail, and this:

"No one shall run on the Sabbath day or walk in his garden or elsewhere except reverently and to meetings." It was from laws like these, which grew so numerous before they were reduced to legal writing that no one could remember them all, that "an antiquarian" in 1888 wrote in the preface to his book on the subject. "No man can peruse these laws without a chill in every vein, and being ready to disbelieve that so uncharitable a spirit could ever have existed and been exercised in America, in a country whose freedom was its boast."

The Lord's Day Alliance, however, would leave us "proper sunshine and joy." You would be permitted, after its programme had risen and wheeled the land, to have dinner, walk (not competitively), attend church, Sunday school, Bible class, prayer meeting and evening service, receive suitable guests, examine your conscience, and read befitting books. The zeal which the organization's members patently feel in this severe cause would be astounding were it not that one remembers many of its projects for pacifying the Sabbath are bourn up with the relief of thousands upon thousands of workers who now have no Sunday off at all.

He would go to the extent of making dinner so simple that mothers without maids could have a Sunday too. And caddies! He is convinced that with daylight saving and the eight hour day and movies in session day and night enough sport and amusement can be packed into six days to meet man's every need. An athlete himself, he exhort: "Shove your golf and tennis and travelling back into the week-end." There were, of course, those gasoline-less Sundays in war time, when the ancient peace descended upon the city and the parks were paradise. "They managed that," said Dr. Bowditch, triumphantly. "We are going to do much more."

"The reformers show absolutely no

## EX-SOLDIERS TO FIGHT BLUE LAWS

Regard Them as Menace Equal to Bolshevism and Unite the Two Drives.

N. Y. Times

More than 75,000 former service men, students in Knights of Columbus schools throughout the country, will protest against the proposed passage and enforcement of Sunday blue laws, according to an announcement yesterday at the Knights of Columbus national headquarters, 105 West 40th Street. The men already are fighting Bolshevism, and the statement yesterday had them uniting the anti-Red drive with the anti-blue drive.

"This is not and cannot be a religious issue," declared William J. McGinley, Supreme Secretary of the order, "although it is one of many undesirable things proposed in the name of religion. We find people of all denominations united in opposing this meddlesome and mischievous movement."

Opposition to the movement for a stricter Sunday observance, a plan fostered by the Lord's Day Alliance, also was expressed by County Judge Mitchell May in addressing the November Kings County Grand Jury, which completed its work at noon. The Judge declared his belief that "Bolshevism" and other radicalism would thrive in the discontent which a stricter Sabbath would stir up.

"Long since men recognized the advisability of keeping Church and State apart," he said, "and let us go slowly before enacting antiquated, discarded and unnecessary laws that may bring down upon our heads a feeling of discontent, dissatisfaction and unrest, and which may fan anew the flames of Bolshevism."

"Bolshevism is merely a method of expressing dissatisfaction with the existing order of things, and its supporters are people who have suffered or who feel they have suffered as a result of discrimination, oppression and injustice. 'The man who is happy and contented,' he continued, 'is in a receptive mood for religion. He is most likely to offer thanks in his own way for the great benefits he receives, he is most likely to make a good citizen, for he understands what his Government had done for him. Let us enact laws which command respect and let us conscientiously support those already enacted. We can do our bit by being in concert—the public and the official."

human contact," declares the opposition. "How can a newsworthy that never had a home stay home and read good books?" It is easy to make the question ridiculous, arguing either way. The Sabbath liberals fear that the Alliance will "slip over" legislation while we sleep. The Alliance declares a war as lively as may be required to save America from the Sabbathless Sunday. In 1892 Justice Brewer of the Supreme Court decided that the United States was a Christian nation, and the Alliance feels that therefore it has laws both blue and new on its side in forcing us to discipline as well as invite our souls.

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