

### A SAFE AND SANE VIEW OF PROHIBITION

Which it Will be Worth While for Every Thinking Man to Ponder Over.

### EVEN THE FADDISTS IF THEY ARE WISE

May Very Profitably Take into Consideration Much That the Article Contains.

(From the Argonaut, San Francisco.)

In the ordering of human society, first consideration, as all will agree, must be for the needs and propensities of the normal man. In every community there is a percentage of adolescence, infirmity and childhood are properly subject to a guardianship not essential to the welfare and not consistent with the rights of normal men and women. It follows that in establishing general rules—in other words, making laws—for the regulation of society there needs be special provision for those members of the community in any manner disqualified for life under its working conditions. Disqualification is a broad term; it includes many degrees of incapacity, among them insufficient powers of self-restraint. But nobody, we think, will contend that in the making of laws the paramount consideration should be for the incapables of the body social. Nobody mindful of its bearings and implications will contend for a principle in legislation that would subordinate and restrict the privileges of the normal and the efficient to limitations proper and necessary in relation to the abnormal and inefficient. Yet the rule of prohibition as it has now been imposed upon the basic law of the United States is in direct and absolute disregard of this fundamental principle.

The logic of prohibition is basically sound in that it imposes upon the efficient and self-reliant rates applicable in equity and common-sense only to the weaklings of society. Prohibition denies to A that which he may use legitimately because B may make it a subject of abuse. This A is penalized in respect of the deficiencies of B. Establish the rule that one may not enjoy the basic principle of abuse, and the result would be universal demoralization. There are those who drive motor-cars recklessly, pecking their own lives and those of others. Under the logic of prohibition nobody should be allowed to drive a motor-car. Incidental to navigation of the seas ships are lost and men, women, and children are drowned to the loss and distress of society. Under the logic of prohibition navigation of the seas should be prohibited. There is no activity, no development in the field of industry, which has not its victims. Under the false logic of prohibition industry should cease. Thus regarded as a principle, prohibition under close analysis runs quickly into absurdity.

The cornerstone of our system is the principle of individual liberty. It was worked out by a moral people through generations of unrelenting struggle and submission to an old-world mastery. It was in a sense the discovery of our forefathers and it was by them declared and fixed in the basic principle guaranteeing to all the "inalienable rights" of liberty and the pursuit of happiness. For a century and a half it has stood as the basic principle of American life. It has been the stimulant of incomparable achievements in material and moral development. It is our pride and our boast. It is a magnet which has drawn to us the youth, the energy, the hope of other lands. What becomes of this principle—a principle which has led vastly to the enlightenment and progress of mankind—and which remains the hope of the world—under a rule which denies the use of which the vast majority may use without harm and even helpfully? What becomes of liberty and the rights of property which have been produced legitimately and may be used discreetly is subject to seizure and destruction by agents of government? What becomes of the principle of individual liberty when a citizen may not press a bunch of grapes or squeeze the juice from an apple—except for "scientific" and "God save us, sacramental" purposes—without bringing down upon himself penalties comparable with those due to theft or arson?

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### FIFTY ARMED MEN HOLD UP TRAIN NEAR LIMERICK

Dublin, April 2.—Fifty armed men today held up a train at Killoon, near Limerick, and escaped with 3,000 pounds sterling. The money was to have been used to pay off workmen.

### DISORDERS CEASE IN RUHR DISTRICT

General Strike Called off Yesterday and Work Will be Resumed Today.

Düsseldorf, April 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Control by the workmen ceased theoretically at noon today throughout the Ruhr district, under the peace terms ratified last night at Essen. Today being Good Friday, religious ceremonies were strictly observed. The turning over of their duties to the police in the various cities is expected to be a gradual process. The general strike was called off this morning, and resumption of work will take place tomorrow. Street cars, however, were operating in most places today. The workmen's leaders are satisfied that there will be no great difficulty in executing the terms of agreement, virtually all arms in Düsseldorf being already deposited in the barracks and other buildings. Some of the Red Guards are marching in a happy frame of mind, to their quarters to get orders for their service pay. This money will be taken from a joint fund contributed by the workmen, the local authorities and the Government. The Central Committee apparently believes the reports which have been current that Reichswehr troops are advancing into the districts, as it announced workmen are ready to damage the mines. Krupp and other plants as they have threatened to do. The Moderates are confident that the belief that the stories are based on order counsel will prevail, expressing some error brought about by misunderstanding, which the alarmists are construing as an invasion.

### STRIKE ON NORFOLK AND WESTERN R. R.

Union Officials Predict a Complete Tie-up of the System Within Few Days.

Columbus, Ohio, April 2.—Almost three thousand workmen, employed by the Norfolk and Western Railway at the local terminal and at Portsmouth, struck today in sympathy with the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, whose members went out on March 22. Union officials predict a complete tie-up of the system within a few days. Passenger trains still were running, but transportation was badly crippled. The employees who went out include car mechanics, boiler-makers, machinists, blacksmiths, sheet metal workers, coach cleaners, hostlers and laborers. It was said approximately 200 clerks already were out. Company officials stated that the company was accepting no cars for collection which is said to mean that the freight business is practically tied up.

### ODD FELLOWS IN BIG GATHERING

Miriam Lodge, St. Stephen, Receives Special Visit from Grand Master.

Special to The Standard.—Peter McEwan, of Moncton, Grand Master of the Oddfellows, paid an official visit to Miriam Lodge Thursday evening. About two hundred and fifty members of the Fraternity attended and an initiatory degree was conferred on eleven new candidates. During intermission the members partook of a sumptuous dinner served by the Ladies of the Methodist Vestry. A castan, all members of Miriam Lodge. This lodge is in a very flourishing condition, with about four hundred members and owning a substantial brick block on King Street. The visit of the Grand Master was greatly enjoyed by the members.

### SIR ROBERT BORDEN AT ASHVILLE, N. C.

Ashville N. C., April 2.—Sir Robert Borden Premier of Canada, and Mrs. Borden, arrived here today for a month's rest. Sir Robert recently returned from London where he accompanied Admiral Jellicoe on a trip for his health and said he felt better than in many months.

### JAPANESE TROOPS TO REMAIN IN SIBERIA

Honolulu, April 2.—Premier Hara, of Japan, has officially announced that Japanese forces in Siberia will not be withdrawn "until the situation clears," according to a Tokyo cable today to a Japanese newspaper here.

### ONTARIO LABOR PARTY PASSES RESOLUTIONS

Of Sympathy With Winnipeg Labor Men at Present in Jail, Guilty of Seditious Conspiracy.

### RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT CONVENTION

When Delegates Heard Speakers Who Denounced the Methods Employed at Trial of Strike Leaders.

London, Ont., April 2.—Without a dissenting vote, and with considerable enthusiasm, the delegates assembled at the Masonic Temple here today for the annual convention of the Ontario Independent Labor party passed a resolution of sympathy with the Winnipeg labor men who are at present in jail with the incidents arising out of the Winnipeg strike of last year. Resolved, That this convention of the Independent labor party, in hearing G. Cascadan address us on the Winnipeg strike, go on record expressing sympathy with the convicted men in their fight for liberty and, in view of the appeal about to be made, urge the Minister of Justice to release these men on bail in the meantime without restricting their personal liberty, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Justice at Ottawa, and to the Defence Committee at Winnipeg. Hear Orators. Prior to the adoption of the resolution Gordon Cascadan was given some time to make a statement concerning the trial to the convention. He stated that during the last few years a spy system had been inaugurated in Ontario. "Inaccurate reports have been made and innocent remarks have been construed into seditious utterances," Mr. Cascadan said. "Detective agencies have been organized to send innocent men to prison. If there are any spies present here they can come forward and get a copy of this address in which they will find the truth of the situation."

### ESSEN QUIET AFTER DISORDERS

Populace Enjoyed Holiday by Promenading on the Boulevards.

Essen, April 2.—By the A. P.—The city was quite free from disorder today. The populace enjoyed the holiday by promenading on the boulevards and in the parks. The riotous crowd that followed the lead of the Montreal Trades Union might have been taken on a general strike. W. A. Hoop, one of the speakers, declared that labor would be sold in the next provincial election and would make a determined effort to elect eight out of ten of the members to the legislature as a means to secure the release of the convicted men. Resolutions condemning the attitude of the government toward the trial of the seven accused of seditious conspiracy and pledging support to any legitimate effort to secure the release of those convicted were passed unanimously.

### WARFARE STARTS AMONG LIBERALS

Coastwise Ship Owners and Longshoremen Confer With Labor Dept. But Could Not Agree.

Washington, April 2.—A conference of coastwise ship owners and longshoremen, which convened at the Department of Labor today in an attempt to settle the strike at Atlantic and Gulf ports, failed to reach an agreement. Assistant Secretary Post, of the Labor Department, said there was no hope of bringing the two sides together, and he could see no other conclusion than to declare the conference dissolved. Mr. Post said the employees were unwilling to concede their demand for an immediate increase in wages and employers refused to grant the increase at present because they are already losing money and cannot add to their deficiencies.

### ST. CROIX RIVER AT FRESHET PITCH

Special to The Standard.—As has been the custom here for some years, Good Friday has been observed by a total suspension of business in the stores and offices, though a few of the factories with rush orders on hand have been open. The St. Croix river is at freshet height, but no damage has resulted and none is contemplated, for like everything else on the border, the river conducts itself decently and in order. One boom of logs broke away during Wednesday night, and boats had been a comparatively business for a few hours picking up the logs that came below Ferry Point bridge. The logs belong to the St. Croix Paper Co. Ex-Mayor Wm. A. Dismore is office seriously ill at Chipman Memorial Hospital where he underwent an operation for hernia. Mr. Dismore had been in impaired health for some years and does not recover as rapidly as his many friends desire.

### ARMISTICE PROPOSAL REJECTED BY POLAND

Washington, April 2.—Rejection of the Bolshevik proposal for an armistice is considered by Polish officials to be indicating that the Polish general staff is confident of its ability to withstand the Russian attacks.

### GERMANS WILL DESPATCH TROOPS TO RUHR REGION

Berlin, April 2.—(By The A. P.)—The German government announced in a communication to the press, that it has resolved to despatch troops to the Ruhr region as soon as the Entente consents to such a move. The decision was reached after a three hours' cabinet meeting today. The statement declared that this action was inevitable in view of the unchecked lawlessness in the region about Essen, Dortmund, Dusseldorf and Mellein, which it is asserted has now assumed such proportions that the local authorities and the labor leaders admit that they no longer are able to protect the civilian population.

### POLICY OF RESISTANCE PREACHED BY STRIKERS

At Same Time Organizers of Copenhagen Strike Emphasize Importance of Orderly Conduct.

Copenhagen, April 2.—The organizers of the strike are preaching a strong policy of resistance. Nevertheless they are emphasizing upon their followers the importance of an orderly conduct of the strike. Last night the streets and public places of Copenhagen were filled with workers who were not unprovokedly attacking the Danish and Swedish cheerers. The Trade Unions stood for law and order.

### WOODSTOCK HAS ANOTHER FIRE LOSS

Special to The Standard.—Woodstock, N. B., April 2.—The new lathe mill erected by Whelan & McLeod about six months ago at the foot of the street, was completely destroyed by fire at 6:30 this morning, resulting in a heavy loss to these young men. To supply their large order, the mill was being run by night crew who had been at work. The crew had just left, and before the other crew arrived it is thought that the fire was promptly extinguished. There was no insurance. About \$1,500 worth of new machinery had lately been installed. The fire department was promptly notified, but only the laths and lumber could be saved. The proprietors will probably rebuild, as they have a large amount of logs yet to be sawed. The mill employed 40 hands.

### DISASTROUS FIRE AT MONTREAL

Heavy Property Loss and Many Narrow Escapes from Death When Corner Block Burns.

Montreal, April 2.—The worst conflagration which has occurred in Westmont since the burning of the Arena, took place early this morning when a three story brick building situated at the corner of St. Catharines and Gladstone Streets, occupied on the ground floor by Ryan's Dry Cleaning Works, and the other two floors being used as apartments by Mrs. A. Shaw and H. Hayter, was totally destroyed. The loss to the building and contents is estimated to be between \$75,000 and \$100,000. One old lady, who lived on the third floor, was taken to safety with the greatest difficulty by sub-chief Hort and fireman Burrows. She was holding a large hand bag in her arms while frantically calling for help from the third story windows. Ladders were immediately put up, and despite the heat of the flames which at that time were blighting the doors and window sills of the building opposite, the sub-chief and fireman were managed to reach her. Finally it was necessary to force her to descend and to the ground below. On reaching the ground it was feared that the handbag contained a large number of Victory Bonds, diamonds and valuable papers. One of the firemen ran up, and after many difficulties, managed to get the hand bag and bring it to safety. Mrs. A. Shaw, who lives on the second floor of the building, was asleep when the fire broke out. She was forced to jump from a second story window and in doing so injured her leg. A number of people were forced to the street in their night attire. They were looked after by neighbors.

### O. B. U. ACTIVITY AMONG LUMBER JACKS IN ONT.

Culminated in a Big Mass Meeting at Pembroke Thursday Addressed by Organizer.

### CAPITALISTIC CLASS MUST BE DOWNED

Was Keynote of Speech Delivered to the 500 Lumbermen, Twenty-Five of Whom "Signed up."

Pembroke, Ont., April 2.—Activities of the One Big Union among the lumber-jacks in this district this winter culminated in a mass meeting last evening when Joe Knight, an organizer and Calgary Socialist, in addressing 500 woodsmen, outlined O. B. U. principles and stated the Capitalistic class must go. After the address 25 men joined up. Mr. Knight admitted that the Calgary convention had sent messages of greeting to the Soviets of Russia and the Spartacists of Germany and could do so again. Captain J. A. P. Haydon, editor of Canadian Labor Press of Ottawa, spoke for half an hour denouncing the Trade Unions as against the One Big Union. He was given a very favorable reception and stated that the O. B. U. and the I. W. O. were one. He declared that during the war it had been proven by the United States Justice Department that the I. W. O. received funds from Bolshevik Russia and from German agents. The Trade Unions stood for law and order.

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### VISCOUNT FRENCH MAY BECOME GOV. GEN'L OF CANADA

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