

"Pussyfoot" Sees Doom Of Liquor In England

American Prohibition Agent Discusses the Progress of the Campaign and Explains the Recent Increase in the Briton's Drink Bill.

(By G. W. Harris.)

Recent news dispatches from London have appeared in various American newspapers to the effect that the consumption of intoxicating liquors in the United Kingdom in the year 1919, measured in terms of absolute alcohol, showed an increase of approximately 50 per cent. over 1918, but was still about 35 per cent less than in 1913. The expenditure on intoxicants, according to figures compiled by George B. Wilson, Howard medalist of the Royal Statistical Society and political and literary secretary of the United Kingdom Alliance, showed the large advance of 49 per cent. over 1918 and of no less than 129 per cent. over 1913. That is to say, for every 100 gallons of alcohol consumed as spirits, beer or wine in 1918 the nation consumed in 1919 160 gallons; and for every £100 spent on intoxicants in 1918 and in 1919 the nation spent in 1919 £222 and £146 respectively.

Some of the London correspondents have cited these figures as evidence of a setback for the cause of prohibition in Great Britain and as constituting a real discouragement to the "drys." But to William E. ("Pussyfoot") Johnson, who at the invitation of the United Kingdom Alliance and other prohibition organizations spent nearly eighteen months in the British Isles in furthering the "dry" campaign, and incidentally lost an eye in pushing organization work, they do not indicate anything of that sort. Mr. Johnson is confident that Britain is on the threshold of prohibition. To a reporter for the Evening Post, who met him in the Hotel McAlpin a day or two ago, he said:

"Mr. Wilson's figures for Great Britain's annual drink bill are trustworthy. He succeeded the late Dr. Dawson Burns in the compilation of these yearly statistical exhibits, and his work has been so thorough that his compilations are accepted by the liquor trade as well as government circles, and they are looked upon as semi-official."

"The explanation of these figures is easy. During the war the restrictions were very drastic. In 1915 England came very near prohibition as a war measure. She didn't quite do it. But drastic restrictions were imposed—restrictions on hours, on output, on alcohol in Liverpool in September, 1918, I was told that there was no beer to be had. To test the truth of this statement I went to eighteen or twenty public houses to see for myself. It was true. I did not find any beer. Some of them had whiskey, but no beer. Now, these restrictions practically amounted to prohibition. The result was that the drunkenness—that is, the arrests for drunkenness—decreased 80 per cent."

Increase in Liquor Consumption.

"In 1919 those restrictions were practically all removed gradually. Early in the year they began to be lifted and by the end of the year they were all gone. The result of this was, naturally, an enormous increase in the consumption of alcoholic liquors. Spirits, beer and wine also saw a great increase in drunkenness. The lesson is just the reverse of that drawn by the newspaper reports. A large group of labor union men has a committee actively working for State prohibition in time of war and did not among the labor people is somewhat mixed. Some favor prohibition. Some oppose it. Some are the nationalists of the liquor traffic, and of pretty much everything else. Every one of the big brewers who has halted local option in the United Kingdom, and the doom of the liquor trade is not far off."

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Wales and Ireland.

"Wales and Ireland are both calling for the same treatment as Scotland, that is, for local option. The probability is that if England gets local option, Wales and Ireland will also get it. It is possible that Wales and Ireland may get it before England does. The power of the big brewers who have halted local option here cannot halt it much longer."

"So, while in Great Britain there is as yet no machinery for voting on the question of prohibition (except in Scotland, where there is a local option election next fall), the prohibition movement is growing steadily and rapidly throughout the United Kingdom, and the doom of the liquor trade is not far off."

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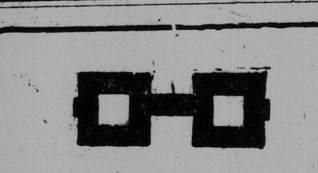
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THE NEW FIGHT FOR MARSHALL FIELD FORTUNE

Never Was Wealth So Tight-ly Tied Up—Settlement of Case Hangs on One Word.

(Toronto Mail and Empire)

Never did a man leave so great a fortune so tightly tied up as did the late Marshall Field. As a writer of that kind would say, his hand continues to rule his millions. He will have been several times attacked, but each time it has shown itself to be a lawyer-proof. He has been invested in the effort to have the will broken, and now a last effort has been made, under the chief direction of Elihu Root, America's greatest lawyer, to have his contents on a point of law. He takes the broader ground that such a will as that of Marshall Field is contrary to public policy; that it is a menace to government, and that if the principle embodied in the will were permitted to continue uncheck it might result in the wealth of the country passing into the hands of two or three men or even of one man. It is quite conceivable that when the Field fortune is eventually distributed it will amount to a billion dollars, and it is equally conceivable that it will fall into the hands of one person. It is against public policy that a man should have a billion dollars.

A Natural Son.

Marshall Field, who began as an errand boy, built up the largest retail business in the world and died fifteen years ago, left a fortune which was in excess of \$100,000,000. That he was able to do this partly by debauching civic politics in Chicago has been said, and is not exactly to the point. No reference to the matter appears in the will. When he died he had two grandsons. He left the whole of his fortune to Marshall Field, the Third and Henry Field. The estate was bequeathed to them in trust, and it was specified that as each reached the age of fifty the fortune should be divided, three-fifths of the whole going to Marshall and two-fifths going to Henry. It was provided that should either of the grandsons die without issue before coming to the age of fifty, his share should go to the survivor. Now Henry Field died some time ago, leaving a widow and a child, the son of Henry Field. The question is, should the son inherit a part of his father's estate, or all of it?

How About the Issue?

Is the son of Peggy Marsh and Henry Field, in being the word was used by Marshall Field, or did he mean "legal issue"? It has been held already that he meant "legal issue," but the question is raised once more. In England there have been many decisions to the effect that "issue" means only "legal issue." Another question is, should the widow of Henry Field be permitted to take the estate? The widow, the case is not Peggy Marsh, but Nancy Perkins, a daughter of one of the famous Chicago beauties of Virginia and now the wife of Arthur Ronald Field Tree. It is plain enough that a man cannot be considered his issue. Did Marshall Field intend to cut his grandson's wife out of any share of the estate? Those responsible for administering the estate take the ground that the son is his issue, and that only his own direct descendants should share in it. His female descendants are living at the time of his death had already been provided for handsomely, and the million-dollar interest appeared to be in his hands.

He Wants More.

The chief mover in the latest effort to get the estate distributed is Captain Marshall Field III, but all others interested are anxious that he should succeed. One may well marvel that this young man needs any more money than is already at his disposal. He now receives an annual income of \$400,000 from the trust fund, \$700,000 a year for his services as trustee for the estate, and a year ago received the sum of \$400,000, which he will probably share with him every five years until he comes into his full inheritance. Nineteen years from now he will also come into the accumulated income of the estate, which will amount to about \$60,000,000. At the age of forty his income will be not far short of a couple of million dollars a year. He has no large family that ever he heard of, and it would appear that his present income of about \$1,400,000 a year should be sufficient for the modest wants of a young man who has had experience of soldiering. But Captain Field, who presumes to know his own business best, is attacking the will in order to get control of about \$100,000,000 of the Marshall estate.

Might Be a Billion.

On the ground that the provisions of the will were harmful to public policy, it was argued that if Marshall Field should die at the age of forty-four, leaving a son, the fortune to go to that son in the event that he lived throughout the period provided in the will for the amount of the accumulated estate would be \$420,000,000. In some circumstances, might be a billion dollars. Old Marshall Field, according to the lawyer who is representing the trust, desired that his grandsons should have experience in the handling of large sums of money before they were put in possession of their entire fortune. Each five years they

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Merchants must continue to obey orders of board of commerce, Sir Robert Borden announced.

Changes in budget taxes were put through when the revenue bill received its third reading.

The minister of marine introduced supplementary estimates of \$1,500,000 for naval expenditure. Mr. Duff-Lenoire was the principal opponent. No vote was reached.

The Senate joined with the House of Commons in passing the British North America Act as amended to give extra territorial authority to Canada.

Senator Thompson recommended a week service with Masaden Islands.

A bill to amend the pensions act was given its third reading.

THREE LITTLE BLAZES

The fire department was called out for three small fires on Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday evening, about 7:30 o'clock, an alarm was rung in from box 136 for a slight fire on Hillyard's wharf.

The blaze was extinguished before any damage was done. About an hour later an alarm was rung in from box 19 for a fire in an unoccupied flat at the rear of St. David's street.

The fire originated in a cupboard and was quickly extinguished by the chemical. Yesterday afternoon box 8 was rung in for a fire in the rear of Day's fish store in North street.

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EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE OPENS TODAY

The New Brunswick Educational Institute will open its annual session Monday morning.

The sessions will continue Tuesday and Wednesday.

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