

PROHIBITION FIGHT THE WORLD OVER

The Editor's Views and Other News on This Great Movement

LIQUOR DESTRUCTION

At White Plains, N. Y., recently, two thousand dollars worth of alcoholic beverages was destroyed by the authorities. The bottles were broken and the liquors were allowed to run down the gutters. In Hammond, Indiana, recently four thousand dollars worth of the stuff was destroyed in the same manner. The city had gone dry and the liquors were seized and destroyed by order of the court.

In the Province of Quebec, the alcoholic beverages that come into the possession of government officials are not destroyed. They are publicly sold to the highest bidder. In this respect the Province of Quebec takes a lower stand than almost any other government on the continent. Alcoholic beverages are regarded by the general public as a nuisance. They are looked upon as things which must be tolerated because of the frailty of man. Men are licensed to sell alcoholic beverages and the government maintains the retail business because men can be more or less supervised and be stopped from drinking when they have had enough.

When goods are sold at public auction they are frequently sold cheap and the government in putting up for public sale confiscated liquors is in many cases, flooding the local market with cheap whiskies.

The laws might well be reformed in this particular. It would be a great step in advance did the government of Quebec destroy all seized liquors instead of entering into the auctioneer business as it does at present for the purpose of making a little money by the debauching of its citizens.

Temperance Notes and Comments

The saloons are a curse to the country. The saloons must go.

The Anglican Synod of Canada has passed a resolution in favor of local option.

Light is breaking in dark places, and where the light comes the saloon goes.

The British Admiralty is thinking of increasing the money allowance of the men by one penny a day in lieu of spirit rations.

New Brunswick is being agitated by the temperance reformers. Many names are being attached to the temperance petitions.

Many personal liberty men want the right to become paralyzed. Personal liberty men might be renamed temporary paralitics.

Last month a great temperance parade was held in Chicago. Twelve thousand people formed in line and marched behind the temperance banners.

Liquor drummers tell us that all the citizens of P. E. I. carry a flask with them wherever they go. The people of the Island smile when they hear such remarks made.

It is now possible to fine wholesale liquor men for shipping liquor into Scott Act counties. Some of the St. John, N. B. dealers have been already fined.

The markets in temperance counties are being flooded with so called Local Option drinks. The men who have been selling some of this kind of stuff have been fined in Ontario, as the local Option beverage, on examination, proved to be full of alcohol.

Temperance Wave in Ohio

Ohio is going after the saloons with a vengeance. Already sixteen counties have held elections under the Rose local option, and every one has gone "dry," driving several hundred saloons out of business. It is predicted now that when the elections are over nine-tenths of the counties in Ohio will be so. It is planned to have elections in

the majority of the counties before the Presidential election, others waiting till afterward for fear of the effect the voting may have on the regular election.

On Saturday and Monday four elections were held, the following large counties going "dry" by good margins: Meigs, Morrow, Warren and Marion. To-day twelve counties voted with the following majorities for the "drys": Hanover, 894; Hocking, 700; Guernsey, 1,000; Gallia, 1,600; Lawrence, 1,500; Athens, 1,600; Jackson, 1,800; Pike, 900; Noble, 1,450; Scioto, 400; Vinton, 800; and Adams, 400.

Portsmouth, a city of 15,000, went "dry" by 400, while Gallipolis, where a fight was very bitter, gave the "drys" a majority.

Marion, a city of 12,000, always a wide-open town drove the saloons out by a majority of over 600 votes.

Republicans see in this sweeping victory of the anti-saloon forces the re-election of Gov. Harris by a big majority. Judge Harmon, the Democratic candidate, has the backing of the so-called liberal element.—New York Times.

CRISP POINTERS

On the Progress of the Prohibition Movement in the Neighboring Republic.

[American Associated Prohibition Press]. "However, Bryan and Taft are not the first. We recall that a certain priest and Levite much earlier held the view that the plight of the unfortunate and suffering was 'not an issue this year.'—The People.

The Review of Reviews for September gives its readers a detailed and graphic glimpse of the National Prohibition party campaign as seen by President Samuel Dickie of Albion, Michigan.

"Does prohibition pay?"—A story of forty years battle against the liquor traffic in Iowa by Trumbull White in Appleton's Magazine for September, deserves for an audience every Prohibition thinker and patriotic citizen in America who is interested in the great cause against the saloon. The article is remarkably fair, in most details.

Among the leading articles on the Prohibition question in current publications during the past few weeks may be mentioned "Woman's Part in the Prohibition Movement" in the September Delineator; "Liquor's Fight against Prohibition" in the August Broadway Magazine; and a bright and friendly sketch of Mr. Chafin on the "Who's who" page of the Saturday Evening Post, August 22nd.

Mr. Chafin, Prohibition candidate for President, declares that Washington is one of the wickedest cities in the world. The first thing he will do after his inauguration will be to "clean up" the old town. When he accomplishes this it will be time for the next presidential election, and he will ask for another term in which to "clean up" the rest of house cleaning. Danville, Ill., Democrat, Sept. 2, 1908.

"The world today" in its issue for September, paying conspicuous tribute to the Prohibition party campaign, in its editorial columns says: "Measured by every standard of pluck, persistence and patient fidelity to their conviction, the men and women of the Prohibition party deserve both respect and admiration. There is no other example in national politics of a minority party surviving forty years of apparent defeat and having, as it has this year, better political health than in any previous year."

A concerted attack upon Speaker Joseph G. Cannon of the National House of Representatives has just been launched by the Methodist Church. Eighteen of the bishops have united in an appeal for the defeat of Mr. Cannon at the coming election. The Northwestern Christian Advocate will be the chief organ of this campaign. In a reply to the first broadside of this attack, Speaker Cannon at Danville, Sept. 10th,

used up a number of his choicest adjectives, and among other things said: "These bishops go off half-cocked. Their talk on my attitude toward the rum question and about my czar-like power is nonsense. It is like their talk about Smoot."

A federal judge has just handed down a decision that South Carolina cannot retain her dispensary liquor law. He says that the constitution of the United States does not contemplate a state going into business! There is nothing in the constitution about the matter at all, but the judge says it means that anyway, and the people of a state can't do what they want to do—just because one man says they cannot. If there is anything the trusts don't want, all they have to do is to have their judges declare it unconstitutional. This is a great republic when one man can set aside a law demanded and passed by the majority of the people. Oklahoma will now have to go out of the liquor business and allow the bootleggers to run the traffic without any legal control; as they do in Kansas. Great is the federal judge; insignificant are the people. And this is a republic!—The Appeal.

Sharp Things Ment Kindly

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The presiding genius of the bar is a "fine fellow"—till your money's gone.

This talk of personal liberty. What personal liberty has the bung hole devotee?

When men get down to a real sane view of life, the saloon will have to go with other evils.

If the people in a town don't want any saloons, they don't have to have them. They have the ballot. Let them use it.

When will men get sense and abolish the foolish treating habit, which pauperizes them and enriches the vampires behind the saloon bars.

We prefer the man who openly takes his glass to the so called "Nippers" A man who will sneak his liquor will generally sneak other things.

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A Monster Cocktail

For four hours one morning recently a gang of prisoners from the county jail, under Deputy Sheriff William J. Doyle, were engaged in carrying out the order of County Judge Platt, which called for the destruction of the 4,200 bottles of beer, seventy-five "teapots" of whisky, and the cases of gin cocktails, champagne, and other liquors seized recently at the Westchester County Fair grounds, says the New York Times.

The consignment was the property of George Fisher, a Yonkers saloon keeper, who ran a "whisper" pavilion at the fair grounds. He did not lay claim to it, the Sheriff says, for the good reason that his appearance at White Plains would have meant his indictment.

The liquors were carried out by the case, uncorked and poured into the gutter, and later the bottles and teapots were taken to the public refuse grounds and smashed; as the order called for "complete destruction."

A big crowd was on hand to witness the execution of the court order, and as the beer flowed foaming down Grand Street many amusing comments were made. The fumes of the liquor were so strong that they could be smelled for

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blocks and windows near by had to be closed.

When five cases of champagne were brought out and smashed several of the politicians in the crowd were overcome with grief.

This was the first seizure under the new act passed by the last Legislature, and many temperance workers were on hand to see the law put in operation. What was painful to other spectators was joy to them.

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