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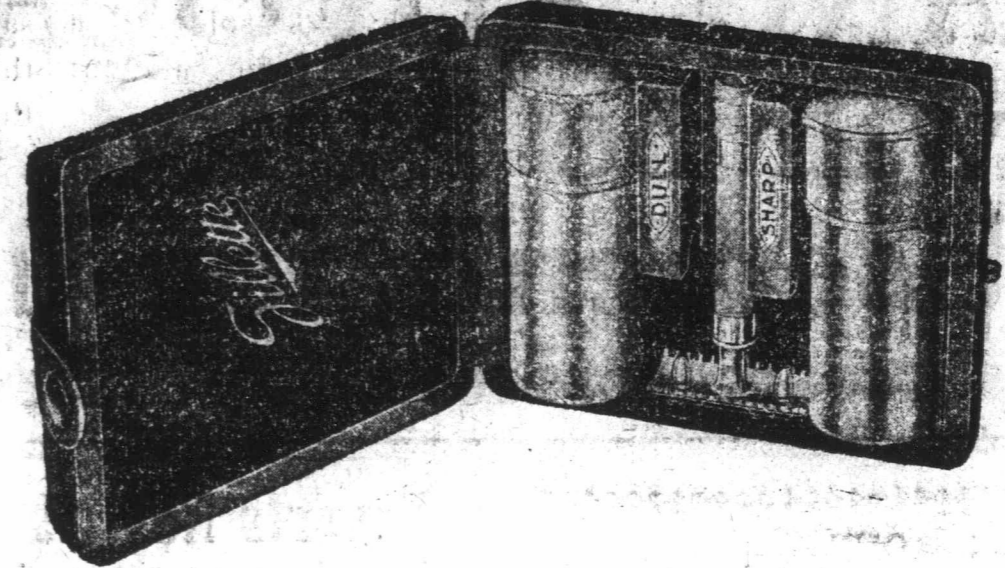
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J. G. STONE,
Chairman.

Catalina, Dec. 6, 1915.

Wants Prohibition From Our Sailor Boys

Objects to Stand Taken by Mr. Whitehouse.

(Editor 'Mail and Advocate.')
Dear Sir,—As a Temperance man I have been very interested about this word—Prohibition, and I am deeply concerned about it.

During the last 8 or 10 years of my life it never entered my mind that any straight-forward, level-headed, God-fearing man could stand up and induce the use of such filthy, wicked, devilish stuff as Alcohol.

The illiterate and unlearned we would excuse to a certain extent, but those who should be our leaders and who did not vote for Prohibition, I say shame on you. "For if the blind lead the blind, both will fall in the ditch."

We are placed here for one certain purpose and that is to live and serve God, and during this time we are living and learning. We learn so much from what we witness in our own neighborhood and so much from what we hear outside and so much from the public newspapers.

The thing that astonishes me most is a letter in the Trinity Enterprise, signed H. V. Whitehouse. Somebody has said he is a preacher of the Gospel of Christ, but he didn't sign his name so, or in any way show the public he was such.

Mr. Whitehouse appears to be posted a bit in Scripture, but he may be no better for all that, as many are well qualified in regards to these things to their own condemnation for "he that knoweth the way and doeth it not, shall be beaten with many stripes."

Mr. Whitehouse asks: "Does any sane man think that, say an Atheist, who votes for Prohibition, is a Christian?" For my part, I never met a man yet foolish enough for that, but in the adverse world think that, a man that wouldn't vote for Prohibition and taught men to do likewise, is worse than an Infidel in the sight of God.

I venture to say that nobody thinks a teetotaler is a saint for that reason, but if there is any saints on earth, you will find them amongst those who claim this whisky business to be one of the greatest curses of humanity.

The man who describes Alcohol to be the world's greatest evil is pretty near the mark, and if he is asked on what authority he says so, well, I would say on the authority of common sense, and any man who has travelled over much of this sin-stricken world surely knows this to be a fact.

One of our greatest educated men says: "It is neither good nor bad." I would like to know where he gets his authority for saying this? It is not according to honest Christian teaching. We are told that those who are not for us are against us, so we must be for or against in regards the right and wrong and we also learn that whatsoever is not of faith is sin. We must believe the saloon is bringing glory and honour to the cause of God, or else it is a curse to all that is good and Christlike.

Some people say that the grace of God is sufficient to keep men from drink. Put a saloon in every town and there will be drunkards there. Vote the saloon out and drunkenness will cease. I know the grace of God is all right to all who accept it, but if we start to preach temperance to people who intend to drink, there will

be thousands of souls lost and lives destroyed and homes wrecked and children neglected while we are preaching and we will be no better at the finish than at the start.

It is also said by our reverend friend that he didn't know before that we should interfere with out peoples' business. I have learned that we should look on the thing of others and not on things of our own. If our friends were walking over bad ice or if they were facing some great financial disaster, surely common sense would teach us to forewarn them, if so, why not in the great question confronting us. Oh God help us to believe it is our most important duty.

It has been said that some great learned man has proclaimed that the one who votes for prohibition was impardonable, and then people wonder why is such a war raging. Father, pity us. People with such responsibilities resting upon them, people that are placed here to educate the young, that should stand as a pattern for the illiterate and unlearned. Oh what a crime, please stop and think before you farther go. It appears to me as if these men never saw a person intoxicated, or else they haven't any conscience. Certainly any man with the Christian spirit would pity the drunkard and pray for God to remove the curse which has blighted so many dear lives, butchered and murdered many a dear mother and child, and brought poverty and misery to thousands.

As I was passing along the road I saw a drunken man, and trying to tell him of his mistakes and what he was doing, in return he uttered language that was something ridiculous. Journeying on I met another and tried in the same way to tell him of his folly. He in return gave me his "bunch of fives" in the breast. I did not hit him back, thank God, I knew myself better. In the face of these things, which are only small, must we stand up and say drinking is no harm.

O, to see these dear young men, which were made in the image and likeness of God, degraded lower than the brute beast; and the little children whom the Saviour took up in his arms and blessed, to be hungry, cold, filthy and ignorant on account of the stuff that people claim is neither good or bad.

Any man who didn't vote for Prohibition and said nothing about it, may be what we term to be a quiet man in this respect. But not to vote and contend that it was no difference and it was only a trifling affair and try to influence others to his way of thinking, that man cannot be justified until he repents. Such men as these ought not to be allowed to preach to a dying world, and should not be inviting sinners to the cross until they repent of the great evil and crime which they are guilty of themselves.

We learn by Holy Writ that a tree is known by its fruits. Do men gather grapes off thorns, or figs off thistles? Good trees bringeth forth good fruit and a corrupt tree evil fruit.

As far as I have light and understanding a good man cannot vote for whisky, rum or brandy.

ONE INTERESTED,
Nov. 30, 1915.

Room 10, Mess 13,
R. N. Sub Depot,
Sheerness,
Oct. 24, 1915.

Dear Mother.—Received your letter to-day, glad to hear from you again. I also received the birthday card the children sent me. I am in the best of health and spirits, hoping you are the same, that is pretty near all I have to tell you in regard to news. You said you cried when you heard that the "Old Violet" was home with a load of fish, well if I were in her I would make fine wages, but one cannot be everywhere. I just as soon be here to serve my King and country as in her only for you. I know you need my help.

You said, father was gone to St. John's. I wish I could reach my hand in through the Narrows and make him a present of a few pounds, how nice it would be. I expect he is home by now; I hope he secured enough for the winter and spring. There is not much chance of me getting home yet. I had a letter from Lewis Samson to-day, he gave me all particulars about the summer. When I read the letter it made me fill up for a little while, for it put old times so fresh before me, and Art, with a full load too, but never mind I will be a lucky fellow if I can pull through this fight. With love to all the family. From your loving son,
WILLIAM RODGERS.

Room 10, Mess 13,
R. N. Sub Depot,
Sheerness,
Oct. 18th, 1915.

Dear Mother and Father.—Just a few more words to let you know that I am well, hoping this will reach you the same. I wrote you last Sunday, in fact I write you whenever I can get the opportunity, but I do not get many letters from home, the last one I got was written on the 12th Sep., so you can see I do not get many from home as I send, but I ought to get more than I do.

You said you have written so many, they are like the German fleet, bottled up somewhere. I suppose I will get them when the war is over, when that will be I do not know and I don't think anybody knows. Some say it will be a two or three year war, but one thing we all know, it is not going to be over very soon without they give up like they commenced, in a hurry. Just the same, our men are doing good work now, they have them on the run, but Bulgaria is in against us and that is going to make a lot of difference. But do they think they are going to beat England?

We had a big air raid over London a few nights ago, 117 were killed and injured, including men women and children; it is the first raid they have made on London proper since the war began, but we must expect them to hit the North sometimes. They will soon have to give up that game now, for it will be soon too cold for them in the air. I hope they won't drop either one on Sheerness and blow up our old camp, but they keep clear of this pretty good, they have got some bad old tricks from it. I am longing to hear how everything is and what you are going to do for the winter. Good bye, love to all, for this time.

From your loving son,
WILLIAM RODGERS.

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