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MR. BRYAN IN JACKSONVILLE, [Jacksonville, Fla., Times-Union.]

Jacksonville must get rid of the liquor traffic as an economic, a moral and a patriotic measure, William Jennings Bryan told a vast audience of citizens which filled the Duval theater to overflow yesterday afternoon.

The Commoner put over point by point his well-chosen arguments against further toleration of the liquor business at a time when the nation is straining every energy toward winning the greatest of wars. He was loudly applauded at times and received a tremendous ovation at the end which lasted for several minutes.

Mr. Bryan was surrounded on the stage by members of the Business Men's prohibition League, under the auspices of which he spoke. Out in front, up in the balcony and far away in the dark recesses of the gallery, as well as four and five deep along the rear of the aisles and on the sides there sat and stood an audience including both soldiers and civilians from all walks of life.

The speaker traced from its inception the fight for prohibition in this country, calling attention to arguments advanced early in the battle by the liquor men against adoption of its principles, the passage of national laws to protect states seeking to enforce prohibition statutes of their own and the recent action of congress in passing the prohibition amendment.

He pointed out the economic necessity for preserving the young men of the nation from its insidious grip, showing the reduction of efficiency of those who become even moderate drinkers. He told of mine workers responding to the call of the President for the production of more coal by asking that he declare a restricted zone about the mines to prevent the drinking men from securing liquor.

As a moral proposition, he pictured the position each qualified voter of the city will be in shortly, when he is given the opportunity to cast his ballot either for or against the continuation of the liquor traffic. These men, he said would have the opportunity of either disclaiming the responsibility of the lives of young men damaged by liquor or the taking on of the grave responsibilities of being a partner in crime with the liquor man who sold drink to the husband, who becoming crazed, mistreated his young wife, the father whose brutality to his children was caused by the fiery influences of alcohol on his mentality or the soldier weakened in efficiency to help win the greatest war known to mankind.

Speaking of the prohibition movement as a patriotic measure, he emphasized the point that Jacksonville has been warned that she must choose between soldiers and whiskey. He appealed to the men and women of the city to take a stand against the traffic so that the city and citizens may do their part toward contributing a vast lot in winning the war.

FIFTY-FIFTY

A man went to Louisiana on a visit to a certain colonel there. It was bedtime when he arrived at the house, and as it happened that there were no mosquito-curtains to his bed, he suffered all night long. When the following morning the negro servant came into the room with water and towels, the unhappy victim asked why there were no mosquito-curtains in the room.

"Doesn't the colonel have any in his rooms?" he finally inquired.

"No, suh," replied the negro.

"Well, how on earth can he stand it?" said the visitor.

"Well, suh," came the reply, "I reckon it's jes' dis way. In de fo'

part ob de night de colonel's mos' gen'ly so 'toxicated dat he don' pay no 'tention to de skeeters; an' in de las' part ob de night de skeeters is gen'ly so 'toxicated dat dey don' pay no 'tention to de colonel.'—Philadelphia Press.

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