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If Mexico and Cuba undertake to settle their difference with their fleets it will probably be necessary to call on the Swiss navy to enforce the peace.

If the folk lore of Ukraine did not contain the story illustrating the wisdom of him who leaped from the frying pan into the fire, its rejection of Russia as a master in favor of Germany has given it a direct application that will insure its insertion there in the future.

Having failed to secure the official scalps of Daniels or Baker the magazine Indians are pursuing George Creel, director of public information, with tomahawks awhirl. Having thus been assured of a long official life, Mr. Creel can go about his duties with complete serenity.

After one has studied the authenticated records of the atrocities committed by the German soldiers and their reckless bombing of Red Cross hospitals and like unbelievable acts, he gains the distinct impressions that the kaiser has substituted "forward march" for the ancient ten commandments.

The current idea that the real reason why the Allies so hurriedly agreed upon General Foch as supreme commander was that they heard that Colonel Roosevelt was coming to France has no other basis than that everybody knows there would have been a supreme commander if the colonel had gone.

Devotees of the prize ring are in deep mourning over the fact that nobody will pay good money to come out and see them play at knocking the stuffing out of each other. The real explanation, of course, is that there is only one man in the world the American people would delight in seeing the stuffing extracted by blows.

According to a finding of the government commission of investigation the profits of the canners of the country increased from 9 per cent in 1916 to 32 per cent in 1917. Like the packers and the grain trust these canner boys don't believe in this idea that during the period of the war the slogan should be "business as usual."

It will be noted that none of the extremely angry and abusive gentlemen who wanted a fire put under the entire national administration because it had not met expectations and promises with reference to the production of airplanes were so incensed that they hired a factory of their own to turn out a sufficient supply.

The kaiser, having failed to scare anybody in Europe by his campaign of frightfulness, has now sent some of his submarines to the Atlantic coast in a forlorn hope of frightening the American people. What W. Hohenzollern doesn't know about the American people would fill a large number of ponderous volumes.

Case Against the Saloon

[From speech of Wm. J. Bryan at Rochester, N. Y., as president of National Dry Federation.]

No brewer or saloonkeeper ever wrote at the end of a letter of recommendation for a friend seeking employment—"and he drinks."

I challenge you to find a billboard between the Atlantic and the Pacific setting forth the merits of this city or that, that advertises the number of saloons in town. If the saloon is a blessing to a town, as some would have us think, why don't those billboards state the number of those blessings along with the number of manufacturing industries, business houses, schools, churches and libraries? If the saloon is the worthy institution the liquor interests say it is, every town ought to give a bounty for every new saloon opened, instead of making it pay an enormous tax for the privilege of doing business. Why discriminate against the saloon in that way?

The town licenses the saloon to make men drunk and then fines them because they get drunk. Why don't the town put the finished product outside the saloon and let him advertise the business that has produced him, instead of putting him away in a cell for a time and letting the saloon "refinish" him later? Did you ever stop to think that the saloon is the only business that does not advertise its finished product?

Do you think for an instant that the citizens of any community would permit the licensing of men to go around and spread disease germs among hogs? All we are trying to do is raise manhood to the hog level and not allow people to disease men in body, mind and soul. I can not frame an indictment half so savage as that to which the man behind the liquor business commits himself when he confesses that he has more interest in hogs than in man, made in the image of God.

The man who supports the saloon by his vote hasn't even the low, mean, contemptible excuse of the man who has put money into the liquor business.

The saloon is what it is. You can not clean it or purify it. You can only get rid of it by driving it out.

I regard the action of our congress in making the District dry, the greatest single thing that has been accomplished in our fight against the saloon. We have captured the Hill and planted our guns upon the political heights. We are now in a position where we can shoot in all directions and have a downhill shot.

Men graduate from the beer kindergarten into the whisky college. If it is wise to close the college, it is foolish to keep the kindergarten running. The beer trade and the whisky trade have stood so closely side by side, that it would be cruel to separate them. It would be better to let them die together and bury them both in the same grave.

The claim is made by some of the democratic leaders in Nebraska who are attempting to excuse the failure and refusal of the governor and the democratic state senate to consider ratification of the national prohibitory amendment in spite of the 29,000 majority for the amendment to the state constitution, that the majority of the people voted out the saloon and not liquor. Some little credence might be placed in the claim if they would name somebody who was known to be for prohibition at the state election who is now contending that the brewers should be free to sell wherever they can find a customer in the state.

Senator Lenroot traveled all the way from Washington to Nebraska the other week to inform a republican state loyalty conference that the reason why the democrats will not permit the republicans to have any part in managing the war is that the democrats want to have all the political prestige attached to the matter. It is too bad the senator didn't remain long enough to explain the reason why the republicans wanted to have a part in managing it, because somebody might just naturally think that it was because they wanted to make some republican capital out of participation therein.

IT MUST BE RATIFIED

Words by Mrs. William Jennings Bryan.
Tune—The King's Business.

The states are free to say
They will be dry for aye,
For congress passed an act
That makes our hopes a fact.
With power to right the wrong,
With voices clear and strong,
The Temperance forces sing this song.

Chorus.

This is the message that we bring,
Oh, make the very welkin ring:
It must be ratified,
It can be ratified,
It shall be ratified this year.

To save our boys from sin,
To give them strength to win
The battles o'er the sea,
Where many perils be;
To save the homes we love,
To guide our thoughts above,
The Temperance forces sing this song.

Chorus.

Then work from sea to sea
And make the country free;
Vote for the men who stand
For home and native land.
To every candidate
In every doubtful state
The Temperance forces sing this song.

Chorus.

O PSHAW, LESLIE SHAW

Leslie Shaw, seeking to get into public notice, appears in San Francisco and tells how he refused to meet William J. Bryan at Pasadena—by dodging him. That is characteristic of Leslie. All his life he has been dodging. And—beld warrior that he is—Leslie holds Bryan in contempt because, he says, Bryan is a pacifist. As it happens, few persons have heard of Shaw since our country entered the war. But the moment our country declared war on Germany, William Jennings Bryan put away his pacifism and was "all American," saying:

"I don't know how long the war will last, but I know that the quickest way out is straight through. Any division or discussion now would simply prolong the war, and make it more costly in lives and money."

For more than a year Bryan has been helping in war work, in Red Cross work, in work for Liberty Loans by speaking, urging his fellow countrymen to stand fast, to help, to contribute. What right has that Iowa ass to bray at Bryan?—San Francisco, Cal., Star.

When Germany reads over the treaties of the future years between the various countries of the globe she will feel more than ever like treating them like scraps of paper.

LOYALTY

This is no time to quibble or to fool;
To argue over who was wrong, who right
To measure fealty with a worn foot rule;
To ask: "Shall we keep still or shall we fight?"

The Clock of Fate has struck; the hour is here;
War is upon us now, not far away;
One question only rises, clarion clear:
"How may I serve my country, day by day?"

Not all of us may join the khakied throng
Of those who answer and go forth to stem
The tide of war. But we can all be strong
And steady in our loyalty to them!
Not with unfettered thought, or tongue let loose
In bitterness and hate—a childish game!—
But with a faith, untroubled by abuse,
That honors those who put the rest to shame!

There is no middle ground on which to stand:
We've done with useless pre-and-con debates;
The one-time friend, so welcome in this land,
Has turned upon us at our very gates.
There is no way, with honor, to stand back—
Real patriotism isn't cool—then hot;
You can not trim the flag to fit your lack;
You are American—or else you're not!

—Jack Appleton.