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How long will the agnostic, closing his eyes to the plainest truths, cry, "Night, night," when the sun, in his meridian splendor, announces that noon is here?

A few days more—then, New Year's Day. A New Year's greeting to all who study these lessons with me.

Insofar as fortune can aid, I wish you every one the best of that which comes from sources beyond your control, but I wish you more—that you may secure for yourselves all that can be won by the conservation of all your strength of body, mind and soul and its utilization for purposes that are highest and best.

Service is the measure of greatness and it is the measure of happiness as well. May the New Year be rich in opportunities for service and may we all employ to the fullest each opportunity as it comes.

**UPSHAW POURS BROADSIDE INTO PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

A Washington dispatch, dated, Dec. 26 says: Declaring that this is no time for pussyfoot utterances, William D. Upshaw, Democratic representative to congress from Georgia, in a speech made in the House a few days ago, poured a broadside into cabinet members, governors and other high-up federal and state officials who, though ostensibly observing the prohibition law, were actually contributing to the continuance of the bootlegger and his nefarious business by their private booze drinking.

He called on the high officials of the federal and state governments to sacredly declare that they will not build up a bootlegger's barbarous business by drinking illicit liquors at the same time they are denying the privilege to the poor among the masses.

He called on the governors who were in Washington attending a conference with the president, and all members of the cabinet, led by the president and vice-president of the United States, to walk out in the open and take a new oath of allegiance to the constitution, adding that the plain people are justly skeptical of many of these high officials who urge prohibition and laugh at their high-sounding pronouncements because they doubt sincerity.

Mr. Upshaw asserted that if the governors really wished to get anywhere with law enforcement and reform, they ought to begin on themselves.

"The plain people," said he, "believe that many of these high officials believe in that autocracy which claims the privilege of buying and drinking illicit liquors themselves, while denying that privilege to others.

"Let the president and vice-president of the United States and all members of the cabinet walk out in the open and lift their hands before high heaven and take a new oath of allegiance to the constitution.

"Let them sacredly declare that, regardless of what their tastes and practices have been, they will never again build up a bootlegger's barba-

rous business by drinking any form or any amount of illicit liquor at any dinner, at any function or in any ballroom or any back alley.

"Let every member of congress and every United States senator follow suit. Let every states and federal judge and every prosecuting attorney stand up like patriotic men and declare they will never again personally trample the constitution they have sworn to obey and defend.

"Let the president issue a ringing Christmas proclamation, calling every official to total abstinence for their common good. No longer must these higher-ups say 'go' at the end

of an official lash—they must say 'come' in the glory and effectiveness of consistent leadership.

"Let these officials be followed by society leaders, who serve illicit cocktails to dinner guests, remembering that every such deed is more than 'slackers' in the presence of a common foe."

Mr. Upshaw said he had been authorized by Alvin Owsley, national commander of the American Legion, to say on the floor of congress and anywhere else that he would not touch a drop of intoxicating beverage in private or public while holding that office.



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