

ages and that it would be unfair for the women, who are comparatively non-consumers, to deprive the men of the privilege. The prohibitionists made political capital of this, claiming that it was an undemocratic distinction and an effort to withhold from the women full benefit of the suffrage only recently accorded them.

This situation was made especially interesting in view of the fact that of the three million voters in Sweden, there is a majority of women by approximately 160,000. However, the returns showed that only 57 per cent of the women voters voted dry. The result of the referendum means the retention for the present of the "Bratt system," by which all wines and liquors are dispensed under government control from dispensaries scattered over the country with regard to density of population. Light beers do not fall under this arrangement, but are sold generally in grocery stores, etc. There are thirty-four dispensaries in the city of Stockholm. Persons over twenty-five years of age, who wish to purchase wines or liquors, are issued "motboks" or ration books, for use at a particular dispensary, and are allowed to purchase wines without limit and from one-fourth liters of spirituous liquors per month, depending on the age of the person and whether he or she is married or single. There are approximately 1,000,000 holders of "motboks" and only 7 per cent that number are women.—Exchange.

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PRAISE INSULIN, DIABETES REMEDY

(From Chicago Tribune, Feb. 10.)

The discovery of Insulin, a pancreatic extract used in the therapy of diabetes, is one of the most remarkable advances made in the medical world, according to a statement made last night before the Institute of Medicine of Chicago at the City club by Dr. Russell Wilder of Rochester, Minn. The monthly meeting of the medical society was in honor of Dr. F. G. Banting and Prof. J. J. R. McLeod of the University of Toronto, who discovered and perfected Insulin.

The meeting was attended by Dr. William T. Belfield, Dr. Ernest Irons, Dr. Joseph Capps, Dr. George H. Weaver, Dr. R. T. Woodyatt, and many other prominent physicians and surgeons. Following a dinner at which Drs. Banting and McLeod were guests, a general discussion of diabetes and Insulin took place, during which the two Canadian physicians related the history and the effect of the extract.

"We have had remarkable success in the use of Insulin," said Dr. Banting, the young Canadian in whose mind the Insulin "germ" was born. "Our chief difficulty has been in administering proper doses. We have perfected the manufacture with the help of some United States chemists and doctors and all that stands in the way of the complete success of this cure for diabetes is to determine the proper dosage.

"I will tell you of one case that has been under our care. The patient was a 12 year old girl. Since coming to our hospital we have doubled her weight. She now does not need Insulin and her diet contains as high as 1,400 calories a day. She is now able to take violent exercise, her appetite is good and she is a healthy girl. She was almost ready to die when they brought her to us."

A detailed account of the two physicians' experience with diabetes and the claimed cure they have found was given, Dr. McLeod taking up the question from the physiological viewpoint and Dr. Banting relating the experiences had in treating humans for diabetes.

At the close of their addresses Dr. Woodyatt of Chicago opened the discussion. He related some experiences he had had with Insulin and pronounced it a successful medicine.

"The discovery of Insulin ranks with the discovery of the diphtheria anti-toxin and the perfection of salvarsan, which is used in the treatment of syphilis," said Dr. Wilder, who is connected with the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minn. "We owe much to these two men. The gratitude of the entire medical world should go out to them."

Some phases of the treatment of diabetes with Insulin remain undetermined it is said. In the working out of these Drs. Banting and McLeod are having the co-operation of many scientists in Canada and the United States. All questions concerning the remedy should be cleared up within a few months.

BRYAN, DEMOCRATIC GUIDE

William J. Bryan has journeyed to Washington from his Florida home to offer his views as to government and party principles. His observations, as usual, were simple and direct.

He called on Senator La Follette and set his approval on the bloc that the Wisconsin insurgent has formed or is trying to form. He advised Senator Norris that his plan for direct popular election of President was good, but that the vote should be by congressional districts instead of by states. He made typical remarks on prohibition and suggested other governments be asked

to help stop smuggling of liquor.

Mr. Bryan, as one who has long lived in Nebraska and once was the Populist nominee as well as the Democratic nominee for President, might have been expected to back the farm bloc. Mr. Bryan, who advocated popular election of United States senators back in the '80s, might have been expected to approve a proposal for more direct popular election of Presidents. Mr. Bryan, who was a sort of radical on many things in the heyday of his career, might have been expected to express some sympathy if not to give active aid to the more radical members of congress, even though the current radicalism goes rather beyond that associated with his name.

Some will say that it matters little what Mr. Bryan advocates, since he is a kind of political lame duck. But ever since 1896 Mr. Bryan has been something of a lame duck, and yet during much of that time he has exercised a pronounced and sometimes a dominating influence upon his party. As late as 1912 he hardly undertook to lecture a national convention and demand that it reform its ways, and at Baltimore it proceeded to nominate Woodrow Wilson largely because of Mr. Bryan's bitter end opposition to Champ Clark.

The convention of 1920 at San Francisco paid hardly any heed to Mr. Bryan. It was very tolerant to him. But it voted against him overwhelmingly on prohibition and it nominated Cox despite Bryan's impassioned denunciation of the Ohio Governor as a "wet." But this should not be taken as final evidence that Mr. Bryan is politically down and out; for the convention of 1904, which nominated Alton B. Parker, a "gold Democrat," treated Mr. Bryan's wishes just as the San Francisco convention treated them in 1920—yet four years later he was party leader and nominee again.

Mr. Bryan has got used to the role of lame duck. One might say he has learned rather well to walk on his good leg. Defeats have been his for so long that he does not mind them nearly as much as would another. And, lame as he is politically, he often has managed and still may manage to put up a formidable fight. Though his first nomination for the Presidency came twenty-six years ago, Mr. Bryan is still comparatively a young man. He is only 62. His long experience has made him, as even most of his enemies concede, a highly skilled political general—New York Sun.

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