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NEW YORK SECEDES ON LIQUOR.

Apparently the "wets" in New York have overreached themselves. Governor Smith now has before him a bill passed by the legislature which would repeal the state prohibition enforcement act. No wonder he is hesitating over whether to give it his approval or veto.

This measure would leave prohibition enforcement in the state of New York in the hands of 200 federal officers, a totally inadequate force. State, county and municipal co-operation in the drive on bootlegging would be entirely lacking. In effect the state would say to every violator of the federal prohibition laws that he may ply his business in safety, and with the implied acquiescence of the peace officers and courts of the state.

Viewed from a constitutional standpoint, there is an aspect of secession in a state thus ignoring the responsibility of enforcing the Constitution of the United States. No wonder President Harding is moved to write to a citizen of New York, "Repeal of state prohibition laws is likely to result in more or less conflict between state and federal authorities." Senator Sterling of South Dakota, who has had charge of much of the prohibition legislation in congress, declares that New York will not be permitted to nullify the national law. "Without regard to the cost, the law will be enforced," he declares. If the federal government can bottle up the situation, the purpose of the repealing act thus. will fail. Representative Graham of Illinois, candidate for the republican leadership in the next house, has issued a formal statement that the action of the New York legislature would do more "to bring into contempt the Constitution of the United States than in any other way they could have proceeded."

The proposal has its political complications also, for Governor Smith is much to the fore as a candidate for the democratic nomination for president. Devoted "wet" though he is, he hesitates to deal such a direct affront to large groups of "dry" democrats in the middlewest. The possibility looms of a bitter struggle over prohibition in the democratic national convention next year.

Prohibition has never checked the flowing bowl in New York. There is strong sentiment in that state against the Volstead act. Though conservative New York may hesitate to fly in the face of the United States constitution and may question whether the state legislature has gone about the problem in the proper manner, yet there is no doubt that Governor Smith will lose voting strength at home if he used his veto power. And if he signs such a bold measure, he stands to lose much national support in his ambition for the White House. Yes, some one appears to have over-reached himself.

HOT SPRINGS UP AND COMING.

Fire scorched and flood swept Hot Springs doing business at the old stand, ready to take on all comers. A cloudburst means something to a town that is set in a crack on the mountain side, as is Hot Springs, and when that is accompanied by a disastrous conflagration, the double dose of unrestrained elements gives the people something to think about. While the property loss will reach more than two millions of dollars, it is fortunate and almost beyond understanding that no lives were

Many tales are being recounted of the heroic adventures of the citizens, and of the quick-witted courage that prevented loss of life. Thrilling rescues were common, as the torrents poured down the main street of the town, along which all its life surges during the day. Men, women and children were caught in the angry waters that tore down the ravine, and dozens were dragged to safety by others who were on firm footing. A night of terror and darkness was succeeded by a day of anxious search, but only damage to property was discovered, and all is well or will be when the wreckage is cleared away.

Hot Springs is the typical American community in this regard. Just as Pueblo, Dayton, Omaha and other larger towns have sustained the shock of flood or tornado, so Hot Springs comes up smiling and cheerful, facing the future courageously, for its people have faith in themselves. They will restore Central avenue to its attractiveness, and visitors will look in vain for marks of the flood a few weeks hence. Our folks, whether in the Ozarks or elsewhere, have no use for ruins.

THE LAST LAUGH ON SUGAR.

The New York sugar speculators are all indignant. Here they had sugar prices up to \$10.05 a hundred pounds last month. The Cuban crop was being withheld from market and preparations, financial and otherwise, were made to shove the price to a record height. But something happened. The quotation for May 5, was \$9.50, and after wobbling up and down, it stands now around \$9.75.

That's what makes the dealers on the Coffee and Sugar exchange weep. Between the suits brought by the government and the boycott declared by the housewives, the outlook for higher prices is extremely doubtful. And so we read that protests are being made against what the speculators call "attacks on the sugar trade by the government." In the immortal words of the story teller, "The people don't say anything-they just laff."

If the sugar speculators find themselves now in the hole, it is the same hole that they dug for consumers. When any set of men start out by announcing that prices are to be raised week by week on nothing more than a discredited story of an impending shortage, they should be prosecuted. President Harding has taken the right stand in ordering judicial proceedings, and he has clinched the matter with his endorsement of the sugar boycott. It is the people that must be protected, not the profiteers. Their anguish now, and their appeals for mercy are in strange contrast with their joyful mood before they realized that they were in danger of being blocked.

The merry month of May, 1923, is hanging up some marks for future ages to shoot at.

The community chest is already to function, as soon as it is filled.

"It isn't raining rain, it's raining roses."

CHINA A JIG-SAW PUZZLE.

One of the outstanding features of the bandit episode in China is the impotence of the government at Pekin. No question has existed at any time of the willingness of the authorities, or what passes for authority at the capital, to accommodate the powers whose nationals had been subjected to such an outrage. Yet, when they have acceded to the demands of the outlaws, the shrewd leaders of the crew send back word that the promises from Pekin

must be supported by some responsible power. Just what is back of the movement is not entirely clear. A traveler of wide experience and qualified as an observer gave as his view that it might be merely a regiment of soldiers, seeking to obtain long delayed pay, or it might be a shrewd attempt completely to discredit the already enervated central government and hasten its downfall. He pointed out that between the eighteen provinvial governments and the central government at Pekin there is but slight connection. With Sun Yat Sen again in the field, actively operating against the Pekin forces, and Chang Tso-Lin, the Manchurian bandit, about to join with Sun, the fate of the Pekin group seems sealed. Wu Pei Fu, the "Christian" general, wrested Pekin from Chang's grip last summer, and unseated Sun at Canton, but the men who insisted on seizing power from Wu have been in-

capable of wielding authority. The tuchun system is too potent in China to be done away with by one or two demonstrations, such as that between Wu and Chang; for at best they are tuchuns, and thrive by the system. At present we have the strange spectacle of Dr. Sun, imbued with the spirit of western democracy and supported by most of the Chinese who have learned their democracy in American and other western universities, allying himself with Chang, who is rankly an autocrat, and not at all a loveable one at that. China is doing some wonderful things, but it will be a long time before a harmonious federal government functioning at Pekin, Canton, or any of the several capitals. Leaders are too strongly tinctured with the doctrine of state rights to submit even to a republic of their own making.

HEAD OF THE HOUSE OF GOULD.

A long, varied and interesting chapter of Amerian history will be conned as a result of the death of George Jay Gould, just reported from Mentone. France. It will start with the rise of his father, and will tell of financial operations during the Civil War, of stock jobbing, of the Credit Mobilier, and of devious and uncertain ways by which the elder Gould accumulated \$74,500,000 to be divided among is six children. Some account will be taken of the steady application to business of the elder of those children, who more than doubled the fortune, in spite of the extravagances and follies of his brothers and sisters, for which the common fund was required to pay some pretty sums. Finally, a review of the family relationships of the Goulds will afford comment on a phase of American social life that worthy of notice.

When Jay Gould died, he awarded his eldest son 5,000,000 extra as pay for his work in connection with his father's business. George Gould was easily the head of the family, and to him was entrusted the care of the miliions in which all shared alike. His stewardship finally was challenged, and about four years ago he was removed as trustee for the estate, on petition of his sister Anna, whose complicated marriage ventures with impecunious titled Frenchmen have provided much amusement and some amazement, and cost the Gould exchequer many millions. During the twenty-five years the fortune was under his management it increased until he accounted to the court for more than \$150,000,-000. His record in this regard is worthy of his father.

His marriage with Edith Kingdon was a romantic one, but brought to both great happiness, although the children did not always do the things their father thought better they should do. When Mrs. Gould died her husband remained a widower six months, and the second wife and her three children will share with the seven by the first wife in the

The "Gould" properties include railroads, telegraphs and mines. In pursuit of his handling of the family fortune, George Gould extended his enterprises in many directions, and, while he may have been overshadowed in some respects by builders like Harriman and Hill, he has been a factor in the great transportation industry and financial world all his life, and as such will leave a considerable gap.

Belgium's discovery that she doesn't owe the United States any money on account of war loans may encourage other European nations to make similar reseach. They may find out, however, that it takes two to make a bargain.

Petrified men 11 feet tall have been found in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, according to a San Francisco paper. Used to make 'em over at Fort

A Chicago police judge says "drunks" are fewer than ever, wherein he differs from one of his Omaha brothers, but it is not unusual for judges to disagree.

A policeman who recently issued some "don'ts" for pedestrians is now formulating one for himself. It will take the form of "don't talk."

Those who recollect conditions here in May, 1892, are not greatly cast down by the weather of the mo-

Those Chinese may make good bandits, but they re not very good at business.

Got your bet down on Sparkplug yet?

Homespun Verse By Robert Worthington Davie

THE RAIN.

Patter, patter on the sidewalk; patter, patter, on the Falling gently, falling softly o'er the verdant fields of

While the city dweller watches and becomes a gloomy And the farmer greets the moisture with a manifold

From his antiquated haven he looks out as from a Hears the drops in whispers falling, hears the rolling

Sees the lurid flashes lighting the transparent, threaded Of the harvest is he thinking and his heart is beating

Patter, patter on the haven, tender seemingly and Falling gently, falling softly o'er the verdant fields of

O, the rain, the soothing shower, drenching, nourish-

To the farmer is a dower and the greatest gift of God.

"From State and We Nominate----- Nation" For Nebraska's Hall of

Editorials from other newspapers.

A Poultry Empire.

From the Nebraska State Journal. Nebraska has nearly twice as much poultry on its farms as all of the New England states put together. Ne-England states put together. Nehas more poultry than Massachusetts, Maine, Con-Delaware, Vermont, New necticut. Delaware, Hampshire, New Mexico, Wyoming, Arizona, Rhode Island and Nevada combined. Nebraska's poultry population of nearly 12,000,000 fowls surpasses that of California. Its poultry population is greater than that of New York, Kentucky or Michigan. In 10 years Nebraska poultry has in-creased nearly one-third.

These facts are furnished by Prof.
F. E. Mussehl of the college of agri-culture of the University of Nebraska

through the Country Gentleman by Robert P. Crawford editor of the college publications. The college of agriculture is persistently working to improve the productivity of Nebraska hens and the profits of their owners. School of Music in Lincoln, of which, This is done by culling out the lazy hens and the profits of their owners. This is done by culling out the lazy layers by improving methods of feeding and breeding and breeding and by seeking out the best method of conserving and marketing the crop. The object of the college is to build up the average into the field of composition chieff in the field of composition chief in the field of composition chief in the field of composition chieff in the field of composition chief in the field of composition chief in the field of composition chieff in the field of composition chief in th marketing the crop. The object of the college is to build up the average farm flock of poultry rather than to develop exclusive poultry farms. Over develop exclusive poultry farms over the direction of Prof. She has just been chosen president of the Morning Musical Review of flocks under the direction of Prof.
Mussehl. The average production per hen has been about 72 eggs a year. The college has embarked on a definite plan to double this on the Nebraska farms. Twenty-five farmers in one county averaged 138 eggs orative art and has exhibited in Lincoln.

She has just been chosen president of the Morning Musical Review of Lincoln. Mrs. Alexander's work in the arts is, however, not confined to music. Of late years she has devoted much attention to painting and decorative art and has exhibited in Lincoln. finds that if all the farms in the state could be brought up to this standard it would mean a gross income from eggs of \$60,000,000 a year.

While the work is yet only in its infancy a demonstration has already the standard in the Fiesto exhibition at Santa Fe. In particular her batik designs, developed from Pueblo Indians and ancient cliff-dwelling decorative motifs, have attracted wide interest and favorable comment.

infancy a demonstration has already been made of the wonderful possibiliand a whole lot of stars in one corfattening of cattle because it has cheap feed, pure water, plenty of room and good climatic conditions. The factors that have made this region pre-eminent in stack. ties of poultry raising in this state. ner of it. Nebraska excels in the feeding and And th region pre-eminent in stock raising would be saved.
ought also to make it a leader in How different t poultry. The cost of shipping feed to the east is saved by keeping the feed here and shipping out the fin- war, and a French habit to sneer at the market of the part Americans because of their refusal to ished product from the very center of Americans because of their refusal to

Finishing a Great Refunding Job. Secretary Mellon is taking the con- did not stay in Germany and help the cluding steps in a great war-debt re- French to collect reparations from the funding operation. It relates clusively to the short-dated relates exclusively to the short-dated debt which amounted to above \$7,000,000.

of a treaty which was signed by the 600 on June 30, 1921, shortly after he had assumed control of the Treasury

French kings once quartered their

Some \$1.600,000,000 of this amount has since been paid off through the in the fact that He built America operations of the sinking fund and such a great distance from contamiready largely been converted into treasury notes of varying maturities. But of the \$4,000,000,000 of 4% From the New York Herald. ducy now tenders for cash subscription in wholesale prices. If house to it because I am suspicious of tion \$400,000,000, four-year notes of wives the country over buy less sugar motives.

JESSE MARTEL.

within this brief time of hardly two years was more than double the whole debt contracted by the governyears was more than double the world. America can be retary's job at the start was not only to do this but to do it without serious to do this but to do it without serious disturbance to the money market and to business. It can now be said that the job has been done and done so far without financial disturbance that the country and its markets have hardly known that anything of the sort has been going on.

The Forgetful French.

Edgar Howard in the Columbus Telegram.

French ship owners are saying nasty Paris words about the decision of the United States supreme court forbidding French merchants to do business with American bootleggers.

From the Minnesots Star.

It is a cause for felicitation when clergymen like Dr. Alva W. Taylor, of Indianapolis, social service secretary of the Church of the Disciples of Christ, voices such wholesome truths as he expressed before the Minneapolis Ministers' federation.

He boldly challenged the widely interest action that America has at of the United States supreme court forbidding French merchants to do business with American bootleggers. French newspapers and French statesmen are also covertly intimating legal and social equality. He quoted the decision of the court of appeals in Washington on the minimum wage law for women, which says that of the three fundamentals of legal functhat America didn't have a very large hand in winning the late world war. The French are forgetters. They are not talking now like they talked in the days when the kaiser's troofs were approaching Paris. Then they feared the hour of doom was near, and they saw but one savior. That one savior lived far away, but had promised to come to their relief.

A blind soldier of France was sitting by his cottage door in the outer Paris. From the distance came mighty shoutings. He begged his little son to tell him the cause of the shouting, but the boy did not know shouting, but the boy did not know the cause. The tumult increased. Strange music was in the air. The blind soldier bade his son run again to the street in effort to discover the meaning of the tumult. Breathless almost the boy returned and reported long lines of marching men, clad in uniform of a color he had not seen before. The blind father asked the boy to describe the color of the unisoldiers. The little boy said the soldiers were all wearing a uniform of some brown hue, and all of them seemed very large and tall soldiers. and their flag was a very strange one, with big red, white and blue stripes,

Daily Prayer

Believe in the Lord your God.—2 Chr. Sunday; there are so many Sunday excursions and counter-attractions."
But the principal reason is that the

Our Heavenly Father, a new day opens before us—grant that we may enter its portals with gratitude for every mercy of the past, and with a and wholesome ways of spending it melody of praise in our hearts. We outdoors. Sermons will have to be are deeply conscious of our sin, and made pretty interesting to beat that. are unworthy of Thy loving kindness. Yet the man who does not go to We realize our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thee for Thy presence with us during the coming day. For air which he needs quite as much as bid that we should shirk any duty, or murmur at any trial. Keep us sweet hopeful; make us kind in word

and thought; and save us from "the rashness of unguarded moments." We pray for those whom we love, and for all who do not love us. We pray for the stranger, the poor, the sick, the lonely, the sorrowing, and the wayward. Grant Thy presence to all who labor in Thy Name the world over, and send forth more workers into the vineyard. For our own home circle wayward or that larger circle we pray, and for that larger circle of the world. Bless little chil dren everywhere, and the helpless aged. Let wars cease upon the earth, and the Prince of Peace rule in all lands. Make us unselfish in our dealings with each one, and help us to serve Thee this day, that at its close we may go to our rest conscious of Thy presence and Thy approval: we ask in our Savior's Name. Amer

REV GEORGE W. MCDANIE.

"THE PEOPLE'S VOICE"

Repudiated Wilson Policies. Omaha.-To the Editor of The war.

talion of death," we would like to point out the desirability of our isolation policy, as compared with the ring-tailed, snorting Wilsonian policy of shooting democracy into Europe. According to Wilsonian editors and repudiated statesmen, our chief crime is by our "aloofness" we destroyed export trade of farm products. However, the export of farm products during our isolation, 1921 and 1922, exceeded by millions of tons the exports during the war, as well as for 1919 and 1920. The only reason we sell our production at home and abroad for less than cost is because the Warburg-Wilson federal reserve abroad for less than cost is because the Warburg-Wilson federal reserve system retired from circulation its credit and currency, causing the price slump and wreck in midst of plenty. Regardless of these facts, coupled with the fact that even the most blatant Wilsonian editor fails to point out one single act by the Wilson ad. out one single act by the Wilson ad-ministration as being teneficial to the though he was, yet did not believe in other dose of participation in world this country to assume the leader

Mas H BAlerande

Now it is a French virtue to belittle

regard French wines as necessary to

helpless German republic, according

God's goodness is always appearing

Democracy Not Yet.

culcated notion that America has at-

posure of these usually concealed facts by a man outside the ranks of labor—a minister—is of highest importance. The championship of these unpopular truths which lie at the basis of the labor movement by such

influential and able men as Dr. Tay-lor is ample justification for the Com-munity Industrial and World Peace conference, which is now bringing the representatives of the church and

labor together in the Twin Cities and

Why Men Shun Church.

A Philadelphia paster who asked 1043 men why men stay away from

preachers too dogmatic; I play golf

he needs the other. So why not di

ide the day and get some of each?

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From the Minnesota Star

Americans were cowards

Suspicious of the Black Shirts. Omaha.-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: At last facistism is among us, not with its imperial wizard, but the grand lictor. Now for information. Is this organization stitution of the United States, lightbeginning of supergovernment ligion.

this Americans had arrived and France had its fascisti, also Switzerland, and for the last few days we have learned works they do for to be seen of ment of its results. Fascitism, world they make bread their phylakteries, solve our domestic problems. American health and happiness. And they are covertly hinting that the eration. America has great issues to solve and it will solve them with Rabbi. Rabbi. of this nation. The welfare of America rests in the hands of 25,000,000 or more voters and not in the black. out the assistance of mysterious pomore voters and not in the black- strain at a gnat and swallow a shirted legion. I believe that Mayor Dahlman made a great mistake when he accepted the leadership of the facisti movement, for such movement is in conflict with our western ideals. It may succeed in South Carolina or Georgia, where peonage blooms like the rose, but in Nebraska let us be per cent. Victory notes included in the above total, maturing May 20 the market—the power of the purse, which is far superior to the facista next, \$830,000,000 are left to be taken Already public determination to removement. I am not condemning care of. For this purpose the secreduce sugar consumption has forced a such organization, but I am opposed

tion \$400,000,000, four-year notes of the same interest rate and reserves the right to issue as many more as necessary to meet offerings of the balance of the \$330,000,000 for payment in new notes.

It is the small end of a great undertaking which thus remains to be cleaned up, and Secretary Mellon's success with the operation is not to be doubted. The debt to be converted within this brief time of hardly two shortage could be written of by eight the same interest rate and reserves will each to the old levels.

Cuba's shortage, upon which the manipulators of the market based their hopes of raiding America's domaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: It is good to be an American when political parties and leaders propose to abolish war and promote world peace. War as now promote world peace. War as now tons a day, so that the entire Cuban both on physical and moral grounds.

The passion for peace is now rapidly practiced is almost unthinkable, both on physical and moral grounds. The passion for peace is now rapidly tons a day, so that the entire Cuban shortage could be written off by eight come the forefrent of the people's thought. The intelligent second if consumers cut down their pur-chases as much as possible. Stop using so much sugar and it will be to bring the profiteers to their for it now to reverse the "great re-fusal" of 1920. The solemn services with which the unknown soldier was

| buried reveals the popular hatred of At the opening of the Washington Omaha Bee: Being a supporter of the conference Secretary Hughes delivso-called "irreconcilables" or "bat- ered the following words most im talion of death." we would like to pressively: "Here in the United States

Alexander Hamilton, great American Once kept out of war until after election, the wisdom of the electorate keeps them out of office now. surely it would not abridge our sov-ereignty, but, on the contrary, would strengthen it at home and abroad.

Simple Fundamentals of Religion. Omaha.-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Bishop E. V. Shayler is ing the pathway for the majesty of of the opinion that too many preachthe law? For me any organization ers are effeminate in their manner, that pretends to defend the constitution of the United States and adopts substituting trivialities and superallen names is nothing manually the substituting trivialities and superallen names is nothing manually to the substituting trivialities and superallen names is nothing manually trivialities. alien names is nothing more than ficialities for genuine red-blooded re-

This recalls to us the indictment This recalls to us the indictment
The factisti movement in Europe which Jesus brought against the ministry of His day: Matthew 23:5-7: "But all their court, or League of Nations will not (i e., the hems of their garments on We which scripture texts were embroidmust get back to the Declaration of ered), and enlarge the borders of their Independence and our national con- garments, and love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in It's American heritage to the coming gen- the synagogues, and greetings in the marks.-Kansas City Star.

> 23-23: "Woe unto ve The curse of religion has always ture of man.

been the focussing of its attention upon external matters and the gradual leaving out of sight the few eternal love.

Every great prophet goes back to the simple fundamentals of faith and love.

REV. ALBERT KUHN. leaving out of sight the few eternal love.

Abe Martin



Some girls are certainly lucky!

HERE AND THERE. About 1,000 kinds of insects make

their home in oak trees. A girl usually attains her full weight at the age of 20. Japan's textile exports in 1921 were

valued at more than \$200,000,000. Water power of the United States is estimated at 30,000,000 horse power. Existence of petrol in the Lake Albert regions of Africa has been re-

Honolulu has one of the finest and nost efficient telephone systems in the world

Pressed straw bricks with light wooden frames are now being used

Must Bid Higher.

It begins to look as though Germany would have to raise its bid to get the Ruhr back. France may not know its real value as well as Germany does, but France is pretty sure it's worh more than 30,000 million marks.—Kansas City Star.

A Good Answer. A London Weekly replies to crit-ism of Britain's \$200,000,000 annual

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