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PROHIBITION IN THE U. S.

"Moonshine," is the comment of ex-president William H. Taft upon the assertion that the "dry" amendment is not ben constitutionally adopted the United States, as well as the intention that the amendment is void inconsistent with the fundamental compact as to personal liberty or utmost power of the States.

Mr. Taft was opposed to adoption of amendment because he doubted whether prohibition would "work" in the communities wherein local opinion did not sympathize with the purpose of the law, and because he vest the national government with the needed police power and patronage would so disturb the proper constitutional balance between the Federal and State governments as to imperil the stability of the Union.

Now that it has been adopted by action of Congress and the approval of the required number of State Legislatures, Mr. Taft declares that it is the duty of every good citizen to urge and vote for all reasonable and practical legislative measures by Congress adapted to secure the enforcement of this amendment. "This is a democratic government," says Mr. Taft, and the voice of the people expressed through the machinery provided by the constitution for its expression and by constitutional majorities is supreme. Every loyal citizen must obey. It is this principle which the Bolsheviks are fighting.

General Grant said the way to obtain the repeal of a bad law was to enforce it to the limit. The New York Herald suggests that Mr. Taft possibly has this in mind when advising loyal support to all measures intended to make the amendment effective and in urging that those who dislike the amendment unite with the prohibitionists in a bona fide effort to enforce it. Above all, he would keep the question out of politics. If the controversy is to thrust itself into every discussion of great national measures in which it has no relevancy popular elections will mean but little.

It is an able and clear-headed contribution that Mr. Taft makes to the current discussion. Prohibition has come, says the Herald, and through the proper legal channels, and it must be given a fair trial.

HUN PEACE STRATEGY.

A warning that Germany will try to escape the payment of her just war debts was sounded recently by Dr. Richard Morse Hodge of Columbia University in an address delivered at the Hotel Piyaza, New York. He said in part:

"German peace strategy is concerned primarily with escape from the war debts of her conquerors, and as such is focused in devious ways upon President Wilson, uttering him as the champion of idealism. Germany is after foreign trade also, for which she has prepared as carefully as she did for war. For both of these ends Germany strives to sow dissension among her enemies. More than that, German agents are active in fomenting Bolshevism to precipitate here and elsewhere in some degree the chaos achieved in Russia. We are on our guard against Bolshevism, and our growing interest in world affairs is gaining for us the knowledge essential to identify slanders against our Allies."

Dr. Hodge also warned of the continued danger of German propaganda embroiling America in a difficulty with Great Britain, and paid high tribute to England for the aid she has given to America. In this connection he said: "German propaganda in the United States has always been emphatically anti-British. For many years every advantage has been taken of the sport of American politicians of 'twisting the lion's tail' for the sake of German and Irish votes. But we do not intend to be trained by Huns into unmannerliness toward Great Britain or any other country. England has mothered us with the protecting arms of her fleet, and several times saved us

from a national disaster. Hereafter we shall no more forget than has England, that 91 per cent. of our population in 1790 was British and that our language, literature, law, institutions and action patterns are thoroughly English."

Montreal Gazette: The Times, London, reports that the holder of a wine and spirit license at Windes has been fined £300 for selling whiskey above the maximum price. The information is of a particular nature to dwellers in this part of the world, where the consumer is only considered in so far as he is a subject to be deprived of the opportunity to indulge in spirituous beverages. Over there the state regards him as an individual to be protected in his drinking as other recognized habits.

The Sydney, N. S., branch of the Great War Veterans' Association, at a recent meeting, passed resolutions demanding the instant dismissal of all officers employed in Military District No. 6 who have not been overseas, and the deportation from the country of all enemy aliens.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Those British "hush" ships were what lulled the German fleet to sleep.

A reform is frequently something that godly persons wish on other persons they do not like.

"God gave us the bee," says Charles Foss, the California bee man. Sure, Charles, and it is up to us whether the bee gives us honey or stings us.

Any number of people are feverish to know. Would you call the Kaiser's sub-officers his "aides" or "accomplices"?

"Even a thin veil," says one who prates of what to wear, "adds an attractive touch to the countenance." Ah, yes, and oftentimes a thicker one helps a girl's looks.

Of course he has led a hard life, but the kind of man who began being a tightwad about twenty years ago can now afford \$17 shoes for his darling daughter.

Every once in a while we run across a headline in some paper to the effect that "Hindenburg sees danger." How times change! A year ago Hindenburg could see nothing but victory.

The considerate London Graphic is running a story on "How to Put On Kilts." Now if someone will only write an answer to the question, "What do they wear under em?" the mystery of kilts will be solved.

If Hell were abolished, that would mean less pain in the hereafter—but just think of the vast amount of pleasure that would be taken away from certain prophets on earth.

CONSIDERING POLISH PROBLEM

Paris, Feb. 9—(A. P.)—The Polish commission after a week's study of the complete problem it has undertaken to solve, left Paris last night for Warsaw. It is learned, in addition to ascertaining the economic needs of Poland and Czechoslovakia the commission will give close attention to the military situation on the border between Poland and Germany, lending assistance as may be needed by the former to resist the Germans.

FOUR CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH

Sudbury, Ont., Feb. 9—Four children of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Legault, a French Canadian family, were burned to death in their beds early Friday morning, when the family home was destroyed. Eight others escaped.

SHIPPING LOSSES.

Athens, Feb. 9—The maritime losses of Greece during the war aggregated 200,000,000 the Greek Foreign Ministry announces.

Did Not Leave Will
Chatham World: The late Judge Wilkinson, whose estate, chiefly personal, is believed to have amounted to more than \$100,000, left no will. One son, two daughters and the government collector of taxes on the property of deceased persons, will get the estate.



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R.B. SMITH, M.P.P., HAD GARAGE AND CARS BURNED

Explosion of Gasoline Started the Blaze—Charles Knorr Severely Burned—Loss About \$5,000.

Mr. R. B. Smith, M. P. P. of Oromocto lost his garage and its contents including two cars by fire Saturday night. Fortunately the garage was situated some one hundred feet from Mr. Smith's residence and the night was calm. These facts combined to prevent the flames from spreading. Mr. Smith estimates his loss at \$5,000 with insurance to a small amount on the cars.

One of the cars was a McLaughlin-Buick and the other a Cadillac.

The fire was caused by an explosion of gasoline. Mr. Charles Knorr brother-in-law of Mr. Smith was drawing gasoline from a tank. The lighted lantern which he had carried into the garage was placed on the floor some feet away and at a distance which he considered sufficient to prevent fire. It is supposed that the gasoline splattered on the lantern-globe and became ignited. Immediately afterward the interior of the garage was in flames. Mr. Knorr attempted to shut off the flow of gasoline and in so doing was burned about the face and one hand.

Dr. C. P. Holden was summoned to attend him. The burns are painful but not serious.

SPARTACAN DISORDERS

Zurich, Feb. 10—Grave Spartacan disorders broke out in Berlin on Saturday evening, according to advices received here. Soldiers and sailors, commanded by former chief of police Eich Horn are reported to have occupied Alexander Platz and government troops opened fire upon them, eight persons being killed and forty wounded. It is stated. German censorship is withholding details of the trouble.

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GRIEVANCES OF LABOR MEN DISCUSSED

London, Feb. 9—Representatives of many London manufacturers met in conference today delegates representing over twenty trades unions in an effort to define the obstacles to more cordial relations. After a lengthy discussion in which Baron Balfour of Bureleigh and W. A. Appleton, secretary of the General Federation of Trades Unions, were chief speakers, joint committees were elected with a view of arriving at an agreement on a programme.

Large meetings of workers were held today in most of the big towns in the country, and there were discussions of labor grievances, especially the question of working hours. At a mass meeting of locomotive engineers held in London, president Cocks of the Engineers Union, attacked the government, accusing of issuing "distorted statements" and "gross fabrications for the purpose of concealing from the public the true state of affairs." He also declared that a week ago a new understanding has been reached between the government and the railway interests, by which government control of railways should continue for two years after peace is signed. He said that, therefore, nationalization would be long delayed.

NEWMARKET

Newmarket, Feb. 4—The roads are in excellent condition and those who are in the pulp-wood business are busily engaged hauling it to Long's Creek siding.

Miss Ida McDermott has taken charge of the school at Indian village. William Kennedy and son are busily engaged lumbering.

Foley Brothers have gone to McAdam to spend the winter.

Mr. Leo, Gorman of Cork Station passed through here recently.

Miss Margaret Hurley of Hanwell who has been visiting her sister Mrs. James McDade has returned home.

Mr. Dennis Murphy has returned home after spending a few days at Vanceboro, Maine.

Mr. R. B. White of St. John is in the city today.
Capt. F. A. Smith of St. John is at Queen Hotel today.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

Persons owing taxes will please take notice that the tax collector will be in the city on Thursday, February 20th, in order to qualify them to vote at the March 10th, 1919.
G. R. PERKINS,
City Treasurer.

A MOST FASCINATING STORY

Is one found in "Arabian Nights" entitled "Aladdin's Lamp." But no more "local" interest has centred round this story than has been shown in stories we have told in reference to

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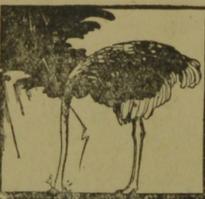
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PUBLIC NOTICE.

The undersigned is prepared to receive applications on behalf of the City of Fredericton, New Brunswick, for the position of City Engineer. Applicants must have a thorough knowledge of Municipal Engineering in all its branches, including the building of permanent streets. Applicants will supply full particulars of their capacity, giving references and salary expected.

This 7th day of February, A. D. 1919.
G. R. Perkins,
City Clerk.