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PREDICTS ENGLAND WILL BE DRY IN TEN YEARS

Pussyfoot Johnson Returns from His Campaign Tour of the Old Country — Says That Industrial Leaders of the Old Country Favor Prohibition—Proud of His Glass Eye—Sees a Non-Alcoholic World Coming and is Satisfied.

(New York Herald)

William Eugene Johnson, which is the full name of the American prohibition crusader who says he never has been full returned yesterday by the American liner New York jubilant over his effort to help stretch the arid belt beyond the three mile limit to the bibulous British Isles. They called him Col. "Pussyfoot" aboard the ship, although he is not a Kentuckian, but a plain New Yorker by birth, being a native of Smithville Flats, up in Chenango county.

He was not even leaning over the rail at Quarantine when the reporters and photographers drew alongside in the Coast Guard cutter Calumet. He admitted later that he suspected the newspapermen might want to see him and they found him on the promenade deck waiting to "take them on."

Stirred by the spirit of prophecy, the only kind he had aboard, Mr. Johnson solemnly proclaimed in a voice on the outskirts of the half-circle of questioners that England would be "living under prohibition

within ten years," that the outlook for worldwide total abstinence was bright; that Estonia was following Finland in the glorious work and that he was not sorry he had lost his right eye in an effort to help bring about the non-alcoholic millennium.

"Dry" Tug of War Team Won

Mr. Johnson was as suave as a diplomat, but appeared just a bit timid at the first onslaught of the reporters. His artificial eye had an uncanny way of rolling, occasionally not in unison with the good and quite merry member on the other side of his rather large nose. He is proud of the eye as a fine piece of British artistry and as a memorial of an incident that caused all England to hail him as a real sport after the medical students had mistreated him while, as he put it laughingly, "having a lark" riding him on a rail.

It was apparent that the genial anti-saloonist is in sympathy with the overall movement, as he wore a black derby that had seen much better days and a suit of grayish tweed that is far from new. His bald area stretches from his forehead to the back of his neck through a fringe of gray hair, and he wears gold rimmed spectacles made for a man with two whole eyes.

After his first spurt of prophetic utterance he interrupted himself to remark, with a chuckle, that his tug-of-war team, made up of all-Americans and an all-dry outfit had, on Wednesday, on the promenade deck, readily beaten an all English team, full of moisture, mostly Scotch. Frank Austin Eymann, coach of the Pussyfoot team, said he feared that Manager Johnson was not strictly accurate in

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calling all his team dry, and he might be charged with propaganda. It was true that they had not taken anything to drink before the tussle, but some of them celebrated the victory in anti-millennium style.

Mr. Johnson's friends were elated over the way he handled the men in the cabin who heckled him whenever he attempted to talk or answer questions they put to him. A slightly muddled Scot who had a mug of the fiery brew of his native heather went to Mr. Johnson and offered him a drink, flourishing the mug before his face. He smiled and remarked in the subdued tone of his usual utterances that the lemon soda before him was all he required.

Mr. Johnson said later that he feared the demonstrative Scot may have had a couple of drinks aboard. Others with less liquor gave the crusader the laugh whenever he tried to tell them anything about his case against the drinkers. This all happened in the saloon on Sunday. Later a petition came up from the steerage signed by sixty passengers telling him to come down and make a speech and answer questions.

Mr. Johnson went below and was received enthusiastically by a large part of the 329 steerage passengers. He told them he was not permitted to say much in the saloon, whereupon a steerage prohibitionist shouted: "They're all drunk up there! We'll treat you right here." Mr. Johnson said he had a chance to explain his views, and that the steerage listened attentively and asked lots of questions which he answered not always to the entire satisfaction of his questioners.

Just before his departure from London Mr. Johnson said he had been entertained at luncheon by Lady Nancy Astor, M. P., with about a dozen others more or less known in social and political life in England. He describes her as an ardent advocate of prohibition although she does not want to bring it about all at once. Her advocacy of the bill for the purchase by the state of the liquor interests was a stepping stone to prohibition, and she was aware of it.

Just before he sailed a phonograph concern asked Mr. Johnson to speak a piece into one of the machines. He asked what theme he should talk about and the humorist of the outfit answered: "What I can see with my glass eye." Mr. Johnson said he made this the foundation of a talk of what he had in his mind's eye, the deliverance of the world through the abolition of strong drink.

One of the reasons the British Isles were going on the water wagon Mr. Johnson said, was because prohibition meant efficiency and captains of industry and big men of affairs with whom he had talked in England were for it because it meant a speeding up of industry. They said England could not compete with dry America. They were beginning to reform the "pubs" which was helping to bring about the greater reform of prohibition for which the Independent Labor Party was now campaigning.

Mr. Johnson said he had been "sand papered" a good deal before they put his eye out, and that he did not complain. After the medical students had failed to chase off his smile by rail-riding him accidentally wounding him in the eye, the people "seemed to fall all over themselves" to hear him. Mr. Johnson visited France and says he noted that there was a strong feeling there for prohibition, and that a "bloc" of sixty legislators was working for it.

The agitator was greeted at the pier by representatives of the Anti-Saloon League. He will speak here and later will go to his home town, Westerville, Ohio, where the whole population will turn out to receive him, having made the day of his arrival a festival occasion, with all business suspended and all schools closed.

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Commissioner Robertson had called for fifty volunteers, half men and half women. Twenty fat women and one fat man answered. The man fled when he found himself alone.

The women will don overalls tomorrow and take an hour's exercise in back yard gardens. Spading, hoeing and weed pulling are included in Dr. Robertson's course for them.

Twelve of the women are housewives, two are typists, one a stenographer, two clerks, one a mercantile buyer, one an office manager and one a nurse. They are to report to Dr. Robertson daily by telephone for advice on exercise and diet, and each Thursday the entire contingent will appear to be weighed.

WHEAT SHORTAGE IS WORLD WIDE

Washington, April 26—Alarming conditions indicating a world shortage in the wheat supply and productive of famine conditions unless a greater acreage in spring wheat is planted in the United States, are pictured in a statement issued today by the Department of Agriculture.

Summarized here are some of the conditions presented by the Department: There is a low production of winter wheat estimated at 483,617,000 as against 731,636,000 last year with probably further reductions because of winter killing. The Hessian fly infestation will be unusually severe over large areas and the grasshopper menace is serious in a large part of the great plains.

The carry over of 150,000,000 bushels from last year's crop is of low milling quality. Stocks on hand in the three principal spring wheat States are only half as large as last year.

The Farmers' Sun of Toronto says that potato prices have "advanced sensationally during the past week as a result of frosts which curtailed the crop of early potatoes in the southern States." It proceeds:

"The Toronto market is being supplied from such producing centres as Grey, Bruce, and Enderbury counties, but efforts of dealers to secure increased receipts have met with poor success. In many cases potatoes are being held until after seeding in order that sufficient seed might be available for their neighbors and others."

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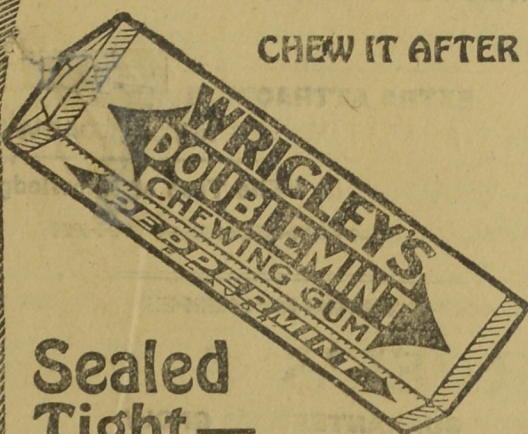


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