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AN AUGUST SUNSET

The mountain path was steep, the sultry air bereft of breeze,
The clouds encompassing threw mantle on the trees;
But sudden brilliant sunset rent, like knife-thrust, overbold,
And glowing, turned the lowering hills to dazzling peaks of gold.

Oh, little counts the pathway dark my soul and I have trod,
When through the radiant rift we see the promised smile of God.
—Edith Howell Miller.

Fargo, N. D.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Comrades:—

How thankful we are that these hot summer days are victory days! The last victory, in addition to the overwhelming defeat of Mr. A. C. Townley, wet candidate for representative in Congress from the Third congressional district, and the defeat of Sunday motion pictures by more than 12,000 majority, is the failure of the referendum petitions for the repeal of the prohibition article of the state constitution. These petitions have been rejected by Secretary of State Byrne as being insufficient for several reasons. Newspapers report that the petitioners may take the matter into court. Even should this be done, we believe that the Supreme Court will decide that the law regulating referendum petitions must be obeyed.

When we consider that the once powerful and always persuasive Mr. Townley has spent most of the year in this work and that he has been heard in all parts of the state, as well as in the Third district, in speeches and debates, his defeat and the failure of the prohibition referendum he has been promoting are most significant. Wet propaganda has had its influence in North Dakota but, as Abraham Lincoln said, "You can't fool all the people all the time."

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has circulated more literature in the state this year than ever before; there has been more and better publicity work done in the press and our speakers have not only given public addresses but they have gone into the homes and talked with the people face to face and heart to heart. The people of North Dakota will decide for the right when they have the facts. It is the business of our organization to give them the facts. I earnestly urge that every union will plan for the coming year to continue and increase the work of distributing our literature and putting temperance facts in the local press. Every member should be a



MRS. MINNIE HANSON,
Hatton, President 15th District



MRS. S. O. NELSON,
Northwood, President 16th District

reader of The Union Signal. She will then be able to answer wet propaganda and give the truth to her neighbors and friends.

The petitions for the memorial to Congress for repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment must be filed about Aug. 6th, if it is to be on the ballot this fall. While this memorial changes nothing, yet, if passed, it would indicate that the people of North Dakota, after 40 years' trial of state prohibition, were not in favor of prohibition as a national policy. For the honor of our great state and its glorious prohibition history, this memorial, if it comes to a vote, should be overwhelmingly defeated. Watch the papers and if it is put on the ballot, begin work at once. Special plans for work against it will be sent to every local union.

In another column will be found the call for our state convention at Valley City, September 18-21. Valley City is famed for its hospitality and is centrally located on the Northern Pacific and Soo railroads, on splendid highways and is easily reached by train or automobile. It would rejoice all our hearts if every union in the state could be represented at this victory convention. You will want your president to be in the march of local presidents. Plan to raise money to pay her railroad fare. An ice cream social or food sale will do it.

Every district is expected to pay the railroad fare of the district president. Every director who reaches the standard of efficiency for directors (see page 6 of State Report) will have her railroad fare paid by the state W. C. T. U. Every woman who

has gained 20 new members will have her railroad fare paid to state convention under the provisions on page 5 of State Report.

Please study both of these provisions if they are not met in toto the fare cannot be paid.

I want to emphasize most strongly the necessity for, every union to help win the state goal which is, "A net gain in every union and a new union in every county." Have YOU done YOUR part? This is the only way we shall make our prohibition and moral victories permanent. New members and new unions mean more total abstainers, more intelligent advocates of prohibition, more literature distributed, more children taught, more essay work in schools, more centers of spiritual power and influence, more prayers reaching the Throne of Grace. Will you help?

Yours faithfully,
Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

HOOVER THE "ENFORCER"

Today we are placing our faith in Herbert Hoover but he can't work alone. You, yourself, are the big factor. How much are you doing to help in the enforcement? We must work to add the name of Herbert Hoover to the galaxy of great men who have had a part in making and maintaining our Constitution.

"James Madison was the Father of the Constitution and Abraham Lincoln was the Defender of the Constitution and Herbert Hoover will go down in history as the ENFORCER of the Constitution."—The Christian Statesman.

CALL FOR STATE CONVENTION

The forty-first annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of North Dakota is hereby officially called to meet at Valley City, N. D., September 18-21, 1930. We shall celebrate our victories and gain new strength and courage for the tasks ahead. The convention will open Thursday evening with a banquet and welcome addresses and the closing service will be Sunday evening. Our Valley City comrades will be delightful hostesses. Let us respond to their hospitality in large numbers.

The state executive committee will meet Thursday afternoon, Sept. 18, at 2:00 o'clock. The executive committee is composed of the trustees, the district presidents or their alternates, the general secretaries of the Young People's and Loyal Temperance Legion Branches, the editor of state paper, department directors, organizers, field workers, the historian and the musical director.

The membership of the state convention includes the executive committee, district corresponding secretaries and treasurers, chairmen of standing committees, presidents of local unions or their alternates, one delegate at large from each local union and one for every 30 paid members; one L. T. L. delegate for every \$500 L. T. L. dues paid into state treasury, said delegate to be an L. T. L. superintendent. The Y. P. B. is entitled to the same representation in the convention as the W. C. T. U. but the delegates must be young women.

THE STATE TREASURER'S BOOKS WILL CLOSE SEPTEMBER 4th.

Elizabeth Preston Anderson,
President
Barbara H. Wylie,
Corresponding Secretary.

NEVER FORGET

The liquor problem is a health problem.

Its economic effect is poverty. Its civic effect is lawlessness. Its effects upon character are cruelty, idleness, untruthfulness.

Its effect upon the family is disruption.

But all of these effects come from the fact that alcohol is a Habit-forming Poison.—Exchange.

Whoever goes straight on telling the truth, helps more by that than he could in any other way to build up the world into a beautiful and happy place.

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ESTATE NOTE

1930

For value received I hereby instruct the executor or administrator of my estate to pay to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of North Dakota, or order, the sum of within six months of the date of my death.

Signed

A STRONG ALLY

Among the forces for righteousness in the nation today, *Christian Herald* takes a leading part. With Stanley High and Daniel A. Poling on its editorial staff and Charles M. Sheldon and Honore Willsie Morrow regular contributors, a magazine of rare merit for the whole family is produced. Prohibition has always been in the forefront but *Christian Herald* has just challenged the wets anew and has even more aggressively entered the fight by devoting to this subject a whole page, edited by Stanley High, from now until the November election.

This program of prohibition education deserves our hearty support and we feel justified in stating here that, for the four months, (August 2-November 1) the *Christian Herald*, published at 419 Fourth Ave., New York City, N. Y., will be sent to any address for 45 cents; to two persons for 85 cents and to five persons for \$2.00. With this and *The Union Signal*, second to none of its kind in the nation or in the world, the prohibition worker will be fully equipped to meet every attack of the enemy. Subscribe for both today!—B. H. W.

SECOND DISTRICT CELEBRATES

Mrs. Guy F. Harris, the progressive president of Second district, writes of a picnic in the Park at Sheyenne, July 21st, to celebrate the birthday of Miss Anna A. Gordon. There was a large attendance—thirty-three from Carrington—and all unions represented but one. Mrs. Minnie E. Huyck read an interesting history of Second district up to 1919 and will complete her record later. A unique banner on which the veteran president, Mrs. M. A. Garry, had fastened badges and programs of various conventions, was displayed. Miss Gladys Huyck read a poem published in the county paper when a quart of liquor could be obtained for toothache and much trouble was caused by illegal shipments. The program was much enjoyed and these admirers of Miss Gordon made the woods ring with their campaign and pep songs. Games followed in which all took part. They had dinner together and stayed until after supper, arriving home tired but happy.

WILL ROGERS ON MORROW

To the New York Times Will Rogers wires:

"This sweeping victory of Dwight Morrow is going to give many a wet candidate false encouragement. He was running on something besides a platform. He could have run a Bolshevik and won. The only thing that will keep other states from following New Jersey's example will be there just ain't any more Morrows."

Jamestown union held a delightful meeting on the lawn of Mrs. E. S. Bordwell's summer home in the country, with members from Montpelier as guests. More than 50 were present, including the L. T. L. children who led in salute to the flag, gave readings and songs. Mrs. J. M. Holcomb gave a strong address to combat wet propaganda. The claims of *The Union Signal* were presented by the promoter and the devotions were unusually helpful. Special attention was shown the new members. A picnic lunch was served at the close.

JUDGED BY ITS FRUITS

By W. G. Calderwood

The Washington Post recently carried a cartoon representing the wet and dry issue as two parrots swearing at each other, and between them was the legend, "The Eternal Argument."

It does seem that way, but it isn't. That argument will be long and bitter, but it will finally end as the arguments about absolute monarchy, human slavery, imprisonment for debt, the right of parent to kill child and many other like arguments have ended. It will be settled in the interest of humanity and the progress of the race.

The wets need not fear if their cause protects and extends the life, liberty and happiness of the people. The dries may rest in calm confidence if the triumph of their hopes will minister to the welfare of little children and elevate the hopes and ameliorate the conditions under which men, women and children live.

Wendell Phillips, the great abolitionist orator and reformer, after a wild mob in his home city of Boston had threatened to tear him in pieces, was visited by a doubting friend who despaired of the cause of freedom because the people thirsted for the blood of freedom's defender in the city of Faneuil Hall, the city in which the first blood of the Revolution was spilled, the city close to the bridge where "the embattled farmers stood, and fired the shot heard 'round the world."

"If our cause is right," answered Mr. Phillips, "the feeble heart-beat of a little babe shall withstand the hostile cohorts of the whole world."

The Prohibition debate will go on. It will be hot and caustic. But it will end. The only concern of the right-minded person is that he shall be true to his best light and loyal to his highest aspirations.

It has been said that Lincoln, on one occasion when a good man extended consolation to him by assuring him that "God is on our side" answered with his characteristic incisiveness and penetration, "I am not greatly concerned whether or not God is on our side. My anxiety is that we shall be on God's side." As sure as there is a God in heaven or a heart in humanity prohibition will be settled solely on the basis of its contribution to human welfare.

If the drinking of liquor protects the birthright of babies—their right to be well born, well nurtured, well cultured and to be given the opportunity and environment for development in the best that there is in life; if it promotes the joys of motherhood and culture, development and safety of womanhood; if it makes men better men socially, mentally and morally—if the drinking doctor, engineer, teacher, preacher, editor, mechanic, banker, motorist, sailor, father, husband, neighbor, citizen are all made better and more worthy by drink, then as certain as the rising of the sun, as sure as the procession of the panoply of the skies prohibition, which an eminent citizen has called a "damnable affliction" shall not long endure to curse the earth.

If, on the other hand, alcoholic liquor traffic robs lipping lips of wholesome food, if it wizens the buoyant limbs of childhood and soddens the hearts of youth, if it brews the tears that scald the bloom from the cheek

TREASURER'S REPORT

June 20-July 20

Dues—

Bantry \$2.10, Lisbon 4.70, Rugby 1.40, Necia Buck Y. P. B. 5.00, Makoti Y. P. B. 3.00, Pickardville, Willards 2.00, Rainy Butte 4.20, Temvik 70c, Fargo 1.40, Jamestown 2.80, Parshall 1.40, Upham 1.40, Barton, Willard 1.00, Clyde (reorganized) 4.20, Wyndmere 2.10, Portal 2.10.

Budget—

Jamestown \$10.00, Necia Buck Union 10.00, Crosby comp. 3.90.

Miscellaneous—

Self Denial—Hunter \$2.50, Sheyenne 1.80, Jamestown 1.15, Forest River 50c, Niagara 1.00, Ellendale 1.00, Gilby and exc. 3.00.

Convention Fees — First District \$10.00, 15th Dist. 10.00, 17th Dist. 10.00.

Collection on field—Mrs. Necia E. Buck \$45.80, Mrs. LaMance, donation to State 10.00.

Dear Sisters of the White Ribbon—

Our summer vacations will soon be over and we will be happy to renew our interests in the activities of the Church.

There are many dues for the W. C. T. U. yet to be collected and we trust this matter can be attended to at once.

The State Books of the W. C. T. U. close Sept. 4th, just two weeks before our state convention at Valley City, Sept. 18th.

Please begin to send dues in now, so none will be left out because we delayed collecting them.

Surely anyone connected with our organization in any way can feel proud of it when we realize how much we accomplished by our efforts in the June election. There are many other such battles to fight—let us stand, work and pray together.

Lovingly,

Mrs. E. C. Watkins,

DO YOU KNOW—

That it takes two to make a bootlegger?

That the women are half of the electorate and the mothers of the other half?

That England's drink bill for three years would wipe out her war debt to America?

That the 17,000,000 autos in America cannot be driven by drunken drivers?

That the savings banks deposits have doubled since national prohibition became effective?

That in a recent encyclopedia is the word "Saloon," and after it the word "obsolete"?

That text books used in Chicago schools point out the evils of alcohol?

That nearly 5,000,000 homes were constructed in the United States in the last seven and a half years?

of wifehood, if it addles the brain, blurs the eyes and poisons the soul of manhood, if it pours gall and wormwood into a home and turns it into a hell, then the prohibition of that traffic in some form will girdle the globe, and be as fixed and established as the sun and as eternal as the heavens.

No, the argument will not be eternal. But the triumph of truth and right is.



MRS. WANNER RETURNS

While in attendance at the Thirteenth district convention, Mrs. Paul Hanson of Englevalle, the new district president, "snapped" Mrs. Wanner and Mrs. Bordwell, with the above result which we are glad to share with our readers.

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Wanner after her pilgrimage to France with the gold star mothers of North Dakota who sailed June 4th and returned July 5th. An organization was completed on shipboard of which Mrs. Wanner is president and Mrs. Karl Farup of Park River, secretary. Many other white ribbons were included in the group. Mrs. Wanner is now at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ray Sweetman, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y., and will visit other friends enroute before returning to Jamestown.

MRS. BUCK AT WORK

Continuing her work through the warm, summer days, Mrs. Necia E. Buck has been going on her victorious way. At Washburn, June 25th she organized a union with Mrs. H. C. Reeshagen, president and Mrs. O. J. Franze, secretary. While at work in the First district, she accompanied Mrs. Elias Porter of Calvin to a picnic in the country where about 1000 people were gathered from Hannah, Serles and Langdon, and where, at the conclusion of a contest game of baseball, she addressed the assembled crowd. She has organized at Clyde with Mrs. John Nelson president and Miss Anna Baker, secretary; has addressed groups at Sunday School and other picnics, has entered every open door and opened doors that were closed. At Bottineau she attended a rally by the Constitution Defenders and at Westhope organized with Mrs. Geo. Morrison, president, Mrs. S. J. Martin, secretary and Mrs. B. E. Henry, treasurer. She is working at present in Third district.

The state office at Fargo was favored with a call from Mrs. Lottie A. Woodford of Westfield, Wis., at the conclusion of her speaking tour in our summer schools. We also enjoyed a visit from one of our Willard members, Mrs. H. J. Coombs of Pickardville, N. D., and her little daughter Iva Marie.

Mrs. E. S. Bordwell, state L. T. L. secretary, is planning an L. T. L. rally at Grand Rapids, July 30, when delegates from Edgeley, Englevalle, Montpelier and Jamestown will assist in the program. A similar rally is being planned for legions in the Second district in the near future.

"Down with the bootlegger!
Up with the law!
We'll work for observance
Wherever we are."

MRS. BOOLE'S OPINION

Mrs. Ella A. Boole, President, National Woman's Christian Temperance Union says:

"Anti-prohibition organizations promised parades in all the large cities in opposition to prohibition April 19. Only one wet meeting was held, in Boston. Since that time 20,000 W. C. T. U. meetings have been held in patriotic support of the Constitution, law observance and law enforcement. Between now and November several thousand more such meetings will be held including 3,000 county and state W. C. T. U. conventions, attended by regularly elected delegates, not merely appointed social leaders."

"While leaders of the wet movement say they are interested only in repealing the 18th amendment; in all state politics supporters of the A. A. P. A. are intensely interested in repealing state prohibition; so that a combined movement all along the line, if successful, would remove all liquor restrictions from national and state statutes. In other words the total wet effort is toward the restoration of the liquor traffic in every square mile of American territory."

"Speakers for the Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform continue to speak of foreign countries where liquor is dispensed freely as "sober." Police statistics fail to support their claim. Paris arrests for drunkenness and London convictions for drunkenness are 250% greater in proportion to population than mere arrests for drunkenness in New York. Stockholm, suffering under a dispensary system, which will some day be supplanted by more effective anti-liquor laws, has ten times as many arrests for drunkenness in proportion to population as New York."

"Another fiction these speakers adhere to concerns the alcoholic patients at the Keeley Institute at Dwight, Illinois. Prior to prohibition there were nearly 200 Keeley and other institutes and "cures" for the liquor habit; today there are scarcely a dozen. The largest hospital for inebriates in the world, the Washington Home, closed its doors years ago for lack of patronage."

"College coaches say there is a marked decrease in student drinking. As far as I know the wet argument that 'college students drink' is supported only by student polls in nineteen colleges out of the more than 500 institutions of learning. Even if college students were drinking generally, what benefit would come from reopening the saloons that once surrounded the yards and camp of many colleges?"

"Wets take the nomination of Dwight Morrow as a signal for rejoicing. They push him forward as the next president. Actually he is running as a republican candidate for the Senate on a wet ticket from a wet state against a wet democrat. The election of either candidate leaves the wet ranks in the Senate just as they were.

"Dwight Morrow's nomination is no national wet victory. He is put forward by political high pressure sales-

men as a super-man who can take prohibition out of the constitution for New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island and other wet spots; and leave it in the constitution for the rest of the country. That may make a senator for New Jersey but it will never make a president."

"Really significant was the defeat of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment in the Davis-Pinchot victory in Pennsylvania. The A. A. P. A. had groomed their man Phillips for two years. His defeat and the nomination of two strong dry candidates for senator and governor was a bitter pill."

"Professional wet organizers picked the third district in North Dakota to send a trial balloon. An analysis of the situation appeared favorable to the defeat of Rep. Sinclair, a dry. Also the time appeared propitious to repeal of North Dakota's prohibition law by referendum. The wet organization spent time, money and great effort only to meet with smashing defeat. Sinclair was renominated with more votes than both his wet opponents combined. All other wet candidates for state offices and the legislature were defeated; and the state prohibition law remains."

"The argument that prohibition has inspired disrespect for law is put forward by many people who plan to smuggle goods into their own country; by persons who use all the influence they can to evade punishment for violating the traffic laws; and by those who promulgate the idea that it is patriotic to violate a law against the manufacture and sale of liquor."

MOVIES: CENSORED OR CENSURED?

It was about as vulgar a film as it could be and escape being arrested for indecency. And yet before it was shown on the screen, there appeared the familiar words, "Serial No. 5467, Passed by the State Censor Board."

Several scenes had been shown, and the picture was progressing toward the usual sex appeal, when a man rose from his seat and walked down the aisle and turned and faced the audience, and said: "I consider this picture an insult to every citizen of this town. It is advertised in our daily papers as a triumph of the motion-picture world, and parents are urged to bring their children to see it. I did not pay my hard-earned and clean made money to see this dirty show, and I am going out and ask for my money back, and I will not enter this show place again until either the kind of films is completely changed or until the present Board of Censors is removed by the Governor of this state and one appointed that will censure instead of censor pictures like this one."

And the man walked out.

And Roger Babson is authority for the statement that two-thirds of the crime and lawlessness of America can be traced to the motion pictures which the American Censor Boards smugly censor at so much per soul.

—Christian Herald.

Hold fast to the highest ideals that flash upon your vision in hours of exaltation.

ONE THING AT A TIME

Duties filled all my life;
Yonder and here and there
They waited, till I had no time to rest,
Scarce time for a hurried prayer,
And I was tired, so tired,
Fretted and ill at ease,
Longing for more of the graces of life,
And more of the things that please.

"Do one thing at a time, dear,"
Said a sweet old friend, one day;
"Don't think of the others but work
with cheer,
And sing; 'tis the better way.
Oh, yes, I've tried them both, dear;
Once I was hurried, too.
I was worn with a hundred little
things,
And grew fretted, just like you.

"I was tired and discontented,
Longing for leisure and peace,
And the time which seemed so far
away,
When some of my cares should
cease.
But I prayed for a quiet heart,
And did one task at a time;
And I sought for the brightness every
day,
And no borrowed trouble was
mine."

I pondered the kindly words,
And their wisdom I made my own,
And found in the midst of my many
cares

Such calm as I had not known;
And I grew young again,
And sang and laughed as of yore—
I had just as many duties to do,
But their power to vex me was o'er.

Now the sunshine brightens my rooms,
My days with blessings are rife,
The heart's-ease blossoms about my
door,

And the fret has gone out of my life,
So I bless the dear old friend
Who showed me the better part,
And I pass her message on to you—
Just pray for a quiet heart!

—The White Ribboner.

THE DETERMINING FACTOR IN POLITICS

"Nobody can measure the extent of the service which the women of His nation have given to the movement for sobriety, and now the beverage alcohol is an outlaw, the women of America will not give countenance to any effort to reclothe the outlaw with the robes of government sanction.

"If there were no other forces in favor of prohibition and its enforcement, the women of the United States would continue to give this program their unstinted support. The women of this country have always been the controlling factor in social reform movements. They have become the determining factor in politics.

"The social, moral and economic welfare of their families is their chief concern, and whenever the issue involved in election campaigns has to do with the moral fibre and the well-being of the children, there is no question as to the alignment of the women voters.

"No wise politician overlooks this fact, nor the further fact that American women are vastly more concerned with the next generation than with the next general election.

"The evidence on every hand is that national constitutional prohibition is increasing in popular favor, but it also is true that never before, in the past half century, was there such a determined, such an obstinate, such a well organized and heavily financed opposition to prohibition as at the present time."

—Dr. Ernest H. Cherrington.

Silence is the most smothering blanket that was ever yet woven or spun.

WHY EVERY "WET" SHOULD VOTE "DRY" IN NO. DAK.

1st. North Dakota must remain in harmony with the United States in order to be a real and not merely a nominal part of this great nation.

The United States is dry, made so by its Constitution. The Constitution is the Supreme law of the land and all Federal and State laws must be in harmony with it.

The United States is made up of this and other states. Unless this and the other states are in harmony with the Federal Constitution we will have a nation divided against itself. Lincoln was right when he said "a nation divided against itself cannot stand."

If North Dakota repeals its State prohibition law it will not make North Dakota lawfully wet. It will merely make it necessary for the Federal Government to step in and do the enforcement work. We will then be governed from Washington, D. C.

2nd. If and when we repeal our State prohibition laws we thereby surrender our right to local self government.

Our "dual system of government" is based upon the following division of power between the state and nation.

The Federal Government, through its Constitution, determines the basic principles. It undertakes to and does enforce obedience to the constitutional mandates on the part of the state of North Dakota and other states. It undertakes to and does enforce the laws regulating commerce between the several states and other laws which by the nature of things the states are unable to enforce for themselves. It leaves to the state of North Dakota and to all other states the greatest degree of self government possible. In the enforcement of the 18th amendment the United States undertakes to prevent and punish importation of liquors and the transfer of same across state lines and leaves the prevention and punishment of local violators of that 18th amendment to the states as far as possible.

If North Dakota repeals its laws, we deliberately decline to do our part and thereby deliberately surrender our right, given by Constitution, to local self government in that respect. This does not mean that the state will be "wet." The Federal Government must maintain its dignity and power. The provisions of the 18th amendment and the Volstead act based upon it must and shall be obeyed in every state. The Government must function. If not, it cannot endure. Therefore our local affairs will to that extent be in the hands of the Federal Government. We will have lost the local self government so dearly prized. We will still be a "dry" nation.

3rd. The safety of our nation requires North Dakota and other States to retain local self government.

The United States is the oldest Republic ever known. It is the best government ever known. It has been able to exist only because of the "dual system" of Federal and State Government, function in harmony, with each department faithfully performing its part and ever working together to keep and maintain "Liberty and Union, One and Inseparable, now and Forever."

The most radical "wet" ought,

therefore to vote to maintain North Dakota, our beloved state, in harmony with the United States and to retain our dearest State right, local self government.

If the "wet" wishes to protest against dry laws do not do it by destroying the whole fabric of government. First, secure the repeal of the 18th amendment and change the basic law. But while that basic law exists and is the law of the nation, no citizen, wet or dry, has any right to undertake to nullify it. All must support it as a patriotic duty. It is not a matter of "wet" or "dry." It is a matter of loyalty.

Many good and honest men and women are "wet" for reasons which to them are sufficient and yet have not reasoned this matter out to its final conclusion and to these we are appealing.

F. E. McCurdy.

Bismarck, N. D.

THE PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP

Deep and grave have been the misgivings among the good friends of many righteous causes concerning the leadership of President Hoover. Some eager crusaders have mistaken the silence of the White House for weakness. Rumors have been flown about and been capitalized by all types of interest to the effect that "the President is faltering," "he doesn't finish what he begins," "he won't stand by his friends," "he hates to fight." But now with Congress at least partially adjourned, it is possible to take inventory of the Hoover administration. In black and white the record is an extraordinary one. Without big sticks or ballyhoo the President has met his Congressional opponents, and on almost every issue put them to rout.

The tariff, not universally hailed as an unmixed blessing, was none the less a Hoover victory. The debenture clause, which he opposed and the Senate favored, was defeated. The Senate's effort to curb the President's right to lift and lower rates without benefit of Congress was likewise defeated.

There is prohibition progress to report, most of it accomplished despite Congressional and particularly Senatorial opposition. Senate obstructionists sought to clip the wings of the President's law-enforcement commission, but the wings were not clipped. The Senate sought to block the transfer of prohibition enforcement from the Treasury Department to the Department of Justice. The transfer was accomplished.

Finally, of major events, there is the London Naval Pact. Home-hungry Senators had their minds made up to postpone consideration of this subject until fall. The President thought differently. Discussion therefore was not delayed. Without benefit of the aggressive interest of Senator Borah, the President has none the less speeded consideration of the pact at the special session. By the time this page is read the pact probably will have been ratified, and another notable Hoover victory written into the records.

And an inventory of Mr. Hoover's record reveals much more than these recent accomplishments. There is the leadership that the President exerted, for example, at the time of the Wall Street crash last year. As the Democratic New York Times remarks:

"Mr. Hoover did all that any President could have done in such a crisis, and more than most Presidents would have known how even to attempt to do." He has made rapid headway with the clean-up of sorry conditions among the American Indians. He has sent a fact-finding commission to Haiti and prepared a plan that seems to bring contentment to that troubled island. He desired to have Charles Evans Hughes for Chief Justice, and for all the Senate's melodramatic oratory, his desire was accomplished.

This is the Hoover record. Such a record would be in the headlines if Mr. Hoover were more an artist of ballyhoo. But he is not. He works differently, and counts upon the hard good sense of the country to discover how constructively he has administered its affairs. We are not given to prophecy on this page. But it is our 1930 guess that by 1932 Mr. Hoover's persistent factual engineering will have achieved results unparalleled by the record of any recent national administration.

—Stanley High in Christian Herald.

OPINIONS WE CANNOT DOUBT

Thomas A. Edison—"I would rather see a child with a revolver than a cigaret."

Judge David Brewer, United States Supreme Court—"No victim of the cigaret can climb to the top of the ladder."

Judge Ben Lindsey—"The cigaret not only has a grip on the childhood, but it invites every demon of habit to come and add to the degradation."

William Muldoon, the famous athlete and trainer, in expressing his views on smoking, says—"I can find no words to fully express my feelings in regard to that most insidious curse upon humanity—the cigaret—I have always been opposed to it."

Dr. Herbert H. Tidswell, member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, writes—"The evidence contained in my histories, prove the high vitality of the children of non-smokers. The rate of mortality per 1000 children of non-smokers is 153; the rate for smokers rises to 227."

Herbert Hoover—"We in America are far behind what a national conscience should demand for the public protection of our children. There is no agency in the world that is so seriously affecting the health, efficiency, education, and character of boys and girls as the cigaret habit, yet very little attention is being paid to it. Nearly every delinquent boy is a cigaret smoker, which certainly has much to do with it. Cigarettes are a source of crime. To neglect crime at its source is a short sighted policy, unworthy of a nation of our intelligence."

Dr. Harvey Wiley—"I believe it would be a great blessing to humanity if, by legal enactment, the use of cigarettes or tobacco in any form, by minors could be averted. I believe that all educators, and especially school teachers and parents, should use every means in their power to prevent pupils in the public schools, and children in the home, from acquiring the cigaret habit."

Mrs. H. E. Mielke, president of the Fourth district, writes that their annual picnic is scheduled for July 30, at Rice Lake—too late to be reported this month.

There are many people, newspapers and organizations that continually criticize statesmen, officials and policies of our country, with never a good word of approval. "You can give any dog a bad name if you persist long enough." For that very reason it is difficult in fact almost impossible to get men of superior ability to accept a public office and be a target for the slander of opposing politicians under the so-called protection of "free speech." Just now our country needs a wave of hearty loyalty to the officials and forces that make for righteousness.

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