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Our Country

Tried as by furnace-fires, and yet
By God's grace only stronger made,
In future tasks before thee set
Thou shalt not lack the old-time aid.

The fathers sleep, but men remain
As wise, as true, and brave as they.
Why count the loss and not the gain?
The best is that we have today.

Yet if, on daily scandals fed,
We seem at times to doubt thy
worth,

We know thee, still, when all is said,
The best and dearest spot on earth.

Great without seeking to be great
By fraud or conquest, rich in gold,
But richer in the large estate
Of virtue which thy children hold.

With peace that comes of purity
And strength to simple justice due,
So runs our loyal dream of thee;
God of our fathers! make it true.

O Land of lands! to thee we give
Our prayers, our hopes, our service
free;

For thee thy sons shall nobly live,
And at thy need shall die for thee!
—John Greenleaf Whittier.

President's Letter

Dear Comrades:

The North Dakota legislature is the first in the United States to elect a woman as Speaker of the House. We are very happy that the woman so honored is Mrs. Minnie D. Craig of Esmond. Mrs. Craig is an experienced legislator, having been a member of the House for a number of terms. She is thoughtful, well poised and will fill the office with credit. Her vote has always been right on all temperance and moral questions. She is a member of the Esmond W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Craig has appointed a good temperance committee. The chairman is Rev. H. E. Strutz of Jamestown, a minister of the Evangelical church and a strong dry. The chairman of the Senate temperance committee is Senator C. J. Olson of Valley City, also a strong dry. The temperance committees are as follows: Senate—C. J. Olson, C. E. Erickson, John G. Plath, John Mikelthun, J. E. Eastgate, W. E. Mattheaei, W. S. Whitman, Wm. Kamrath, S. J. Atkins, Herman Thorson and Frank Regeth. House—H. E. Strutz, L. C. Odegard, Nichol McKellar, E. A. Hill, John A. Erickson, Milton R. Young, C. O. Arneson, Lewis Hagen, W. H. Bettenhausen, M. T. Lillehaugen, J. E. Stoa, Bjorn Fuglestad, Einar Muus, L. E. Correll and O. B. Larson.

Write the members of the temperance committees from your district and let them know you are depending on them to prevent any repeal bill from being favorably reported by their committee. No repeal bill has been introduced at this writing.

Watch the papers and when such bill is introduced, send immediately a protest against its passage to the members from your district, whether they are wet or dry. Members who are dry will be glad to know that their constituency are backing them and will use this fact in fighting the measure. Members who are wet need to be reminded that they were elected to protect our homes and our children. There are always some members not fully decided as to their line of action and these letters and protests help them to decide right.

Senate Bill No. 36, introduced by Senator Handley, ostensibly defines and places a tax on gambling machines for amusement, said tax to be paid into the school fund. It will really legalize the use of such gambling machines in pool halls, soft drink places, hotels and other places of business and will also legalize the use of these machines by carnivals of all kinds and will probably be used as a cover for big gambling and lotteries. It is a dangerous measure and should be defeated. Write at once the senators and representatives from your district, protesting against its passage.

PLEASE WRITE MEMBERS FROM YOUR DISTRICT, PROTESTING AGAINST PASSAGE OF BILLS (S. B. 108-109-110) INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MATTHAEI, REPEALING LAWS PROHIBITING SUNDAY MOVIES, DANCES, SPORTS AND WORK ON SUNDAY, AND ALSO REPEALING PENALTY FOR SABBATH BREAKING.

Willard Memorial Day, February 17

These red letter days are great opportunities to present our cause to the public, to educate public sentiment through public meetings. Let no one think the day of public meetings has gone by. They were never more needed than now and there seems to be an increasing interest in them. From letters received, I think January 16, the anniversary of National prohibition, was well observed throughout the state. Every union should plan a memorial meeting in honor of Frances Willard on February 17. There is a suggested program in the 1933 Topical Program and the Union Signal of January 21 gives the program and furnishes all the material to carry it out. This program, if well put on, will open the hearts and purses of the audience. The collection should be sent to our state treasurer. It will be credited on your budget and two dollars of the amount, provided the budget is paid in full, will be sent to the National Willard Memorial Fund.

Congress

The wets have not been able to carry out their promises of "Beer by Christmas" and at this writing, a repeal bill has not passed either house. The Collier Beer Bill passed the house. It originally called for 2.75% beer, but, under the brewers' dictation, the alcoholic content was raised to 3.2%. This bill, as it passed

the House, invites the open saloon. The House leadership would not permit a single vote to test sentiment against the saloon. Thus, for the second time, the wet House leader have repudiated their platform which declared they would "promote temperance and effectively prevent the return of the saloon." A provision of the bill, as it passed the House, make it effective in one month after it is signed by the President.

No state can set up legal machinery to handle beer in thirty days and in the meantime it could be freely sold anywhere, to any one, in many states. This would be true in North Dakota if our state prohibition enforcement laws are repealed. We are pleased to report that all members of the House Representatives Burtness, Hall and Sinclair, voted against this bill. At this writing, the bill is before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The wet leaders in the Senate seem to be having difficulty in formulating a resolution to repeal the 18th amendment. According to announcement, this was to be voted upon January 16, the thirteenth anniversary of National prohibition. According to press reports, an attempt to make the repeal resolution conform to the party platforms, was vigorously resisted by influential wet leaders. It seems evident from this that they really want the return of the open saloon and that they do not want dry states protected. This being the case, the platitudes in the party platforms were merely to hoodwink the dries. They evidently believe that a party platform is not to stand on but to get in on.

We are thankful for every hour's delay. The Christian people of the land are stirred as never before. Many state wide organizations in defense of prohibition are springing up. Our National President, Mrs. Boole, is anxious that a State Conference of Organizations Supporting the 18th Amendment shall be organized in every state. The National W. C. T. U. with 33 other national temperance organizations, is a member of the National Conference of Organizations Supporting the 18th Amendment and I hope such a state organization can be formed in North Dakota.

We have just begun to fight. Let us pray daily that God will bring to naught the councils of those who would bring back the curse of the legalized liquor traffic. God still rules and He still has power to "turn the way of the wicked upside down."

Yours faithfully, Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

P. S.—Since writing this letter the repeal bill; H. B. No. 76, has been introduced in the house by Representative Godwin. He also introduced H. B. No. 77 to provide for so-called beer parlors. It is important that you write members of the house from your district at once protesting against the passage of both these bills.

Send In Petitions, Letters and Telegrams!

There are quite a number of petitions coming to Senate and House members from churches and other organizations. I have been surprised to see members stop all work and listen to these with evident interest. The impression has been spread around that it would be all one sided this session; the dries are asleep or dead; repeal will go over with a bang. The big wet majority on repeal of State Constitutional prohibition is bothering the dry men and the wets are trying to make believe that such vote is binding to vote for repeal of enforcement laws. Members listen to petitions because that is an evidence that there are plenty of dries yet, awake and insistent for maintaining prohibition. I believe that the sending of petitions to all members of House and Senate, whether dry or wet, is the most important thing that can be done right now. In a few days have letters sent, and when the repeal bill is pending, send telegrams. A member of the House said to me today, "I WISH YOU WOULD HAVE THE PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE STATE SEND PETITIONS, LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS ENOUGH TO FLOOD THESE HOUSES AND MEMBERS." That is the best advice I know of just now. F. L. WATKINS.

Fourteen years Supt. N. D. Enforcement League.

"Alone we can do little. Separated, we are the units of weakness; but aggregated we become batteries of power. Agitate, educate, organize—these are the deathless watchwords of success. The fingers of the hand can do little alone, but correlated into a fist they become formidable. The plank borne here and there by the sport of the wave is an image of imbecility, but frame a thousand planks of heart of oak into a hull, put in your engine with its heart of fire, fit out your ship, and it shall cross at a right angle those same waves to the port it has purposed to attain. We want all those like-minded with us, who would put down the dramshop, exalt the home, redeem manhood, and uplift womanhood, to join hands with us for organized work according to a plan."—Frances E. Willard.

NORTHWOOD is always active. Recently they enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Eina Aaker, president of the Hatton W. C. T. U. who gave an address. Twenty-one Christmas baskets were given to the needy, with donations from others, and the annual supper served to inmates of the Old Folks Home and Hospital. Letters and petitions have been sent to state and national legislatures in the interests of prohibition.

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Mrs. Clark's Letter

Dear W. C. T. U. Friends:

Another year is before us and it should be a year of faithful work if we are to save our state and nation from legalized liquor. We are banded together by a tie of obligation in distributing the truth about prohibition through the circulation of The Union Signal. Our 1933 slogan—Let The Union Signal Answer Wet Propaganda With Dry Facts.

The group plan for promoting the circulation of The Union Signal, which leads up to the 60th anniversary of the W. C. T. U. will continue for the coming year. North Dakota's share of the 1000 net gain is 55. Our aim: "Advance—Not Retreat."

Method: Every president, officer and department head of each local W. C. T. U. a reader of The Union Signal. One member in six of every local union a reader of The Union Signal.

Let us make the Union Signal month of March outstanding in achievement. March offer No. 1. Eleven yearly subscriptions to The Union Signal for \$10.

No. 2. One thousand of the new beer leaflets will be given as a premium for five yearly subscriptions to The Union Signal.

We trust we may reap a harvest of subscriptions that our leaders may receive guidance and inspiration and that the work of the W. C. T. U. may flourish as never before, due to enlightenment gained through information. If we are to have a wet administration after March 4th we must work for dry education. Remember our motto—Advance—Not Retreat.

Sincerely yours for the Signal,

Mrs. George F. Clark,

Fargo, N. D.

Live a life; do not only get a living.
—Max Reich.

A Confidential Chat

Dear Comrades in a Common Cause:

Let us sit down together and talk things over. I hope you are not discouraged. We women are not supposed to know the meaning of that word. May the Lord open our eyes to realize that "They that be with us are more than they that be with them." In spite of the vote Nov. 8th, the mothers of North Dakota are not asking for repeal. We will fight the liquor traffic as long as we live, for the sake of our children and grandchildren.

Do you know that the wet woman's organization is at work in the state, trying to undermine the work of the years? Financed by the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment according to the report of a Lobby Investigation before the Sub-Committee of the Judiciary in The Woman Voter, May 1932, they ask no dues. Any one dissatisfied with prohibition, may sign and some folks will sign anything. Let us not be too much disturbed by this. You blessed women have stood loyally by all these years,—let this be only a challenge for us to work harder.

Because of financial conditions—not for lack of interest—we lost members last year. Our work now is to bring these back. Every loyal-hearted woman will see the need for joining hands and standing firm at this strategic time. There can be but one outcome for such a cause as ours—VICTORY. But the victory will be hastened or delayed by us.

"We're beaten back in many a fray, Yet newer strength we borrow; And where our vanguard rests to-day Our rear shall camp to-morrow."

To the bringing back of these former members, the whole year will be devoted; but do you realize we are now in the HOLD FAST part of our membership campaign and that the time limit is March 8th?

This means the collecting of dues from all who paid last year. Meanwhile if some have removed and some have died, during the year, dues will be collected only for those now resident. A certificate of honor will be awarded every local treasurer whose union becomes a Hold Fast union. Let us make haste. Take fresh hold of hope and courage and do our best for "the cause that needs assistance" RIGHT NOW!

A Tribute to Love

The winning of new members this year will have a beautiful significance. As an expression of appreciation for our national president, Mrs. Boole, who has served so heroically during these trying days, new members will be known as Ella A. Boole members and every woman winning one such member will receive an attractive button with the picture of our national president on a soft brown background. Each union is asked for only six new members this year as a net gain. For every member thus secured, the union will send to the state treasurer one penny. At the Milwaukee convention next summer, these love gifts will be deposited by state delegations in a Treasure Chest made for this special purpose, to be presented to Mrs. Boole.

In this wonderful three-fold plan devised by our national officers, WILL YOU HELP? Will you be a Bring-Backer, a Hold-Faster or a Go-Getter? You may be all three, if you will. But do let us each be one of the three.

"No matter what others are doing, my dear,
Or what they are leaving undone,
We are counting on you to keep right on the job,
Till the very last battle is won.
We are counting on you to be faithful,
We are counting on you to be true;

Yes, others may work or others may shirk.

But remember—WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU."

Hopefully yours,

Barbara H. Wylie,
Membership Director.

Time for Essays Extended

Dear Friends:

So many have written their essay work cannot be finished by Temperance Day, January 20th. My own work was started late and no doubt yours was too. Hereafter our aim will be to begin the work of this department as soon as school starts and to urge the schools to do the work before Christmas. If it is not done then there is little time afterwards, with examinations in upper grades and high school coming on. The ideal time to exhibit work and award prizes is on Temperance Day. Then the district and state judging will not be crowded into a few weeks.

I am extending the time until the middle of April for district prize winning essays to be sent to me. Where there is no district director of this department, prize essays from local unions may be sent direct to me also. Please do not fail to send them by the date mentioned.

Local and district directors of this work, please interview the county superintendents of schools nearest you, as some are new since I sent out my letter, and try to interest them in getting the essay contest work in to the schools of their counties. Local unions in college towns should put forth every effort to promote scientific temperance instruction among college students:

Miss Cora Frances Stoddard, our national director, urges us to study the Plan of Work for 1933. Every union will be asked to report on the questions given on the Plan of Work. If your district director has failed to furnish you a copy, let me know and I will send you one. I still have material on hand for essay work. Do not hesitate to send for more.

Yours for better S. T. I. work,

Mrs. J. S. Fattlar,

Fairdale, N. D.

A Medal Contest Message

Dear Medal Contest Workers:

The 1933 Plans and literature have been received and are being sent out to the unions. They will come unsealed, to save postage, so do not throw them away as worthless. I am sending these to local presidents, district presidents, and district medal contest directors listed in the directory. If any one should have this material and does not receive it, please write to me at once.

We have met many discouragements in the past year but, in spite of all, the faithful workers are standing firm and saying, "The line shall not break where I stand."

Let us then go forward using our new slogan, "Advance—Not Retreat" in the Medal Contest as well as in other departments, knowing that "Resting on His promise we have naught to fear, God is all sufficient for the coming year."

Yours for more contests,

Mrs. J. N. Wallestad,

Wheeler, N. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beasley, Fairdale, were very pleasantly surprised on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary a few days before Christmas, by a large company of friends and neighbors who came to help them celebrate. Congratulations and best wishes to our beloved recording secretary and her husband.

LET'S DO IT NOW—PAY OUR DUES.

Important Letter

Dear White Ribbon Sisters:

I fear the strain of the late campaign has put department work a little in the back ground. At the World's convention in Toronto, Mary Campbell, president of the Palestine W. C. T. U. said: "Do not be surprised if the Lord leads you in strange ways." We are being led in strange ways but "The Lord of Hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge." "Be strong! We are not here to play, to dream, to drift, We have hard work to do and loads to lift; Shun not the struggle, face it! 'Tis God's gift."

At the National convention in Seattle last summer, the work of the Narcotic Drugs department was added to the Medical Temperance department. While our state has not acted upon the adoption of this combination, it doubtless will, at the next executive meeting. The Topical Program calls for a Medical Temperance meeting the last week in February which is also Narcotic Education week. Three addresses are scheduled and may be combined or given separately. See suggestive program at the end of this letter. I will try to supply necessary help.

I do not know much about narcotic drugs but we must study together. My attention has recently been called to Marahuana or Indian Hemp, whose use dates back for centuries in Africa and Central Asia and is spreading to an alarming extent in this country. It is smoked in the form of cigarettes, commonly known as muggles. For the twelve months ending June 30, 1932, Marahuana cases were 60 per cent of the total narcotic arrests made by the Los Angeles Narcotic Squad. The cigaret is the medium to introduce the weed and it is appearing at dance halls in different sections of the country. In India from 17 per cent to 20 per cent of all male patients admitted to asylums, are said to have become insane through the use of this weed. Here we see its great danger.

As for alcoholism, total abstinence can only be a calamity to those who produce and sell the drink. Our National Director says: "Those who are to be saved from alcoholism are first of all the great masses of workers who, because of conditions of life and work, abandon themselves most readily to alcohol. The alcoholism of the people of the world, the rich and those who are called elegant, if such a term can be associated with so great a vice, is of only moderate interest."

Dear sisters, let us each do our bit to uproot these two great evils, narcotic drugs and alcoholic drink, knowing that God is with us and there can be no defeat. Please use the leaflets I will send to each union.

Yours for a good year's work in this important field,

Annie F. Catherwood.

Suggestive Program

Devotions—Prov. 2, 1-5; Eph. 6, 11-13. Prayer Theme—Wisdom, Understanding, Service.

Address: Physiological Effects of Alcohol.

Address: Patent Medicines Both Dangerous and Expensive.

Address: The Drug Peril.

An "Experience" meeting: Is your Medicine Chest a Recruiting Station for Alcohol and Drug Addiction? Poster Exhibit: Alcohol and Drugs.

Helpful leaflets may be obtained from Mrs. Catherwood or from the No. Dak. W. C. T. U. Headquarters, Fargo, N. D.

OUR QUOTA THIS YEAR—SIX NEW MEMBERS IN EACH UNION.

Treasurer's Report

Dues: Preston, \$7.70, Reeder, 5.60 do L. T. L. 1.60, Makoti, 11.20 (exch. 10c), Cando, 24.50, Bowman (new union) 8.40, Sheyenne, 7.00, Stady-Zahl, 7.70, Fairdale, 7.00, do L. T. L. 2.00, Fargo, 9.80, Prosper, 9.10, Epping, 1.40, Nekoma, 11.20, Bucyrus 4.90, Portland 7.00, Bottineau, 7.00, Carrington, 8.40, Park River, 9.10, Minot, 2.10, Devils Lake, 7.70, Lakota, 5.60, Grand Forks, 12.60.

Budget: Preston, 11.00, Cando, complete, 43.00, Sheyenne, complete, 11.00, Fargo, 15.00, Portland, 1.60, Park River, 15.00, Carrington, 15.00, Steele, 1.00, Minot, 1.00, Devils Lake, 14.00, Minnewaukan complete 10.00, Lakota 1.50, Fairdale 10.00, Grand Forks 20.00.

Legislative Work: Dickey, 5.00, Cooperstown complete 15.00, Mayville, 5.00, Steele, 3.00.

Miscellaneous: Fairdale, self denial, 2.00, White Ribbon subs., 75c.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters:—

We are glad some of the unions are getting along so well in carrying out the Campaign Plans, and are already "Hold Fast" unions. Others are working toward this and expect to have the dues of 1931-32 members paid in by March 8th.

There were many who could not pay their dues last year, and the "Bring-Back" committee will be interested in these.

The Campaign Plan for this year is a fine one. We are glad to see many of our women securing new members and expect to have at least 56 by June 1st, 1933.

"The Battle is the Lord's" but to "Advance" is ours.

Lovingly,

Mrs. E. C. Watkins.

Minnie Craig—First Woman House Speaker

The roster of North Dakota's ten leading women will have to be extended to include the name of Mrs. Minnie D. Craig of Esmond, Benson County, who in the recent organization of North Dakota's legislative assembly was named speaker of the house. Mrs. Craig is the first woman to hold such an office in North Dakota and is believed to be the only woman speaker in the nation.

Mrs. Craig has been prominent in the Non-Partisan League in the state and is regarded as a material factor in shaping its policies. She was Republican National Committeewoman for North Dakota from 1928-1932 and managed the campaign among the women in the state and national election of 1928.

Mrs. Craig enjoys the distinction of having served several terms in the North Dakota legislature. A close observer of all matters of importance in the house, Mrs. Craig frequently took part in the various debates. She has been chairman of the banking committee. In the House of Representatives she was one of its most conscientious workers, attending strictly to business, studying every bill carefully, looking up its history and anticipating its effect if passed. "Ask Mrs. Craig" was a most frequent prompting when a bill could not be located. She knew if it were tabled, in committee, or killed.

Mrs. Craig is of Eastern origin. Her early years were spent in a farm home near Phillips, Maine. She is a graduate of the State Normal School of Maine and has had experience as a public school teacher. Singing is another of Mrs. Craig's accomplishments. She studied for two years in the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston.

Mr. O. E. Craig, husband of Mrs. Craig, is a banker at Esmond, North

Dakota, where the family home is located. In her leisure from politics, Madame Speaker is a capable home-maker, an excellent cook, a fine needlewoman and a pleasing hostess. Mrs. Craig has always retained "woman's crowning glory"—her tresses—as she says, "It would be rather hard to face the House after their admiration of my unshorn locks."

As a speaker, Mrs. Craig is logical in thought and clear in enunciation. She endows her office with dignity and intelligence, ready wit and broad sympathies.

Mrs. Craig, at her own suggestion will be addressed as "Madame Speaker" by North Dakota House members, thus settling the rather puzzling question as to whether a woman should be addressed as Mr. Speaker according to custom, Mrs. Speaker or Madame Speaker. Thus North Dakota has established a precedent in regard to speakers of the house.—University News Letter.

'Billy' Sunday Scores Liquor

Speaking recently to a crowd of 6000 people in the Municipal Auditorium in Long Beach, Calif., Mr. Sunday said in part:

"The wets want to take the Constitution for a ride and put the Eighteenth Amendment on the spot. The overthrow of prohibition will mean the overthrow of civilization. I pray God no historian ever will record the downfall of America. If she does go down, my proudest boast will be, not that I was the last to desert her, but that I never deserted her!"

"Wet arguments are based on a desire of brewers to make a living—that's the pea under the shell. Prohibition, at its worst, is one thousand times better than the saloons."

"The merchant who walks up and votes against prohibition spits in his own face. There's more nourishment in one loaf of bread than in seventy-three gallons of the best beer ever brewed."

"We're better off with the bandits than we would be with the brewers."

"Saloons are the froth and the foam on rotten society. If saloons bring prosperity, why don't France and Belgium and the others pay us what they owe us?"

"The Eighteenth Amendment was passed to abolish the saloon. If it is repealed the saloon will come back as sure as God sits on His throne. Maybe they wouldn't call it a saloon; maybe they'd call it a liquor store or a 'booze parlor'—but it would stink just the same."

Night clubs, Billy Sunday asserted, "are first cousins to Hell." "It takes two to make a bootlegger," he added, "the dirty dog that sells it and the dirty dog that buys it. I wish to God every city in America had a Carrie Nation in it."

"You talk about the Government controlling whisky—aw, you're nutty. They say that the Canadian Government controls the saloons. They don't. The saloons control the Canadian Government."

"Prohibition is being strangled by rotten politicians," he declared. "Let's show these crooks and whisky politicians that we're not so weak, so powerless, so craven that we can't protect our flag from crooks and thugs! It is war to the knife and knife to the hilt. I thank God I am an American."

"That two and two make four is not more capable of demonstration than that in every age and country woman has been the stone around man's neck to sink him to the lowest depths or winged angel to help him to the purest heights that he has ever won."—Frances E. Willard.

All service ranks the same with God.—Robert Browning.

A Declaration and Call to Action

By the National Conference of Organizations Supporting the Eighteenth Amendment, Washington, D. C., December 15, 1932.

In this hour when the industrial systems of the world are strained to the breaking point, when the social order is being shaken to its foundations, when our country is at the height of the struggle to make effective its outlawry of the liquor traffic, the opponents of that policy emboldened by the tragic conditions surrounding all countries, are moving not only for the early repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment but even prior to action on repeal, for the restoration of the beer traffic despite the known evils always accompanying it.

In the name, and for sake, of the American people by whom the Eighteenth Amendment was made a part of the Constitution of the United States, we, the members of the National Conference of Organizations Supporting the Eighteenth Amendment, make this declaration:

We are for the maintenance of the Eighteenth Amendment.

We are unalterably opposed to all proposals for its repeal. We are likewise opposed to any proposal for modification or change which will give any legal standing, permission, aid, or comfort to the liquor traffic.

Against these we will battle without compromise or evasion.

We will fight to hold every state in line for the Eighteenth Amendment regardless of what may happen in any of the other states.

We offer the liquor traffic no olive branch. We hang out no white flag. In supreme confidence in the justice of our cause and in faith in the Higher Power which has never failed our country, we gird ourselves for the conflict.

We call the people to witness the sight of brewers and their agents sitting in conference with the House Committee on Ways and Means planning the re-establishment of their forbidden business, the only excuse for their presence being an expressed willingness to share their profits with the government, knowing that all such gains must be coined from the misery and degradation induced by the greed and appetite which inhere in the liquor traffic.

We point to the shameful haste with which the House of Representatives was rushed to a vote on a proposal to submit a repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment with less than an hour for discussion,—a haste not less censurable because a sufficient number of members, moved by a sense of obligation to the country, rallied to the defeat of the proposition.

We invite the attention of the people to the spectacle of the opponents of prohibition in this hour of crisis blocking consideration of measures of relief by demanding prior consideration of their proposals for the restoration of the liquor traffic. As in the past, this business is insensible to the woes of the people and willing to take every possible advantage.

We deny that the recent election was a mandate for repeal or modification of the Eighteenth Amendment. The major political parties refused their own delegates to their national conventions any opportunity to speak or vote in support of the maintenance and enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment. Their platform declarations gave the voters of the nation no opportunity for the expression of faith in the nation-wide prohibition policy enacted by the Eighteenth Amendment and supported by the laws for its enforcement.

No mandate can exist where no such choice is possible.

We warn political leaders that in committing the dominant parties to the liquor traffic they do not assure that traffic's restoration or perpetuation. They place the existence of the political organizations which they lead on an unsafe foundation. As in the past, so in the future, the American people will know how to call into existence such political organizations as will effectuate their will. The maintenance and enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment must not fail as a result of betrayal by the conventions of both dominant parties. Great constitutional struggles for vital principles of government have produced whatever new political alignments were necessary. They can do so again.

The battle is on. It cannot be won by leaders alone. Soldiers must be enlisted, equipped and strategically placed.

We urge the people, out to the remotest precincts, to enroll and organize the largest possible number of supporters of the Eighteenth Amendment. We also urge their cooperation and coordination by counties, districts and states and in the nation to the end that a united army for prohibition may successfully repulse the attack upon the Eighteenth Amendment.

To this high purpose we dedicate the organizations we represent and ourselves, believing that, with the help of Divine Providence, the cause of prohibition will withstand the attack made upon it and win that final support in the court of public opinion which will assure its permanency.

WILL ROGERS SAYS

See a lot of pictures of Mrs. Vincent Astor and society women of New York taking up nickels on the street to aid antiprohibition. Such antics as that is sure to win the small town and the farm women over. Yes sir, right over to the opposite side. I'll bet there is more fool things done for publicity sake that defeat their own purpose than ever aided it. There is but one reason that prohibition won't be repealed, and it's not numbers either. It's because the wrong people want it repealed.

THE BIGGEST FIRE IN THE UNITED STATES

More than one hundred billion cigarettes are consumed annually in the United States. It is, of course, impossible to estimate the waste of time, health, and efficiency due to that enormous cigarette consumption. We can measure it to some extent in individual cases as we note the languid listless boys and girls with cigarettes drooping from their lips; and we can imagine something of what the awful sum total influence of nicotine must be. No one fire or all the fires in one year in the United States can compare in destructiveness with that which goes lightly up from a hundred billion cigarettes.

MAKOTI—In celebration of the 13th anniversary of prohibition, Makoti presented an allegorical pageant "In the Garden of Heart's Content" directed by Mrs. Geo. H. Moyer, state secretary Young People's Branch.

HANNAH celebrated Prohibition's birthday in the Methodist church with a good attendance, in spite of the cold day. The church bell was rung, calling attention to temperance day. Essays are being written in the high school and posters made in the lower grades.

HOLD FAST CAMPAIGN CLOSES MARCH 8.

Shall The Church Join The Wet Parade?

The Rev. Henry L. Weiss, pastor of the First Methodist church, Fargo, N. D., speaking on this subject in celebration of the 13th anniversary of National Prohibition, said, in part: "Why has the church, our Methodist church and most of the other evangelical Protestant churches, been mixed up in this fight, anyway? Is it only a peculiar bias in our ecclesiastical minds? Is it only an unfair and unwarranted fanatical prejudice? That charge has been constantly leveled against the church; indeed our opponents have spread it like poison gas within our ranks to cripple our forces, and not without serious effect.

Perhaps the most conspicuous spokesman of national proportions against prohibition and for the restoration of the liquor traffic, Al Smith, emphatically told the wide world by radio broadcast, in a speech from New Jersey during the campaign, that national prohibition was the product solely of narrow minded prejudice of certain fanatics and bigots, among whom he specifically named the W. C. T. U., the Anti-Saloon League and the Methodist church. Now the dictionary plainly says that prejudice and bigotry are an attitude of the mind that causes a person to pass judgment without due examination, and blindly, stubbornly to hold a position without reasonable grounds. That is precisely NOT the case with the church's stand on this issue. It is out of prolonged, first-hand, painful observation and experience with the baneful nature and effects of alcohol as a beverage and the traffic as a system, that the church has come to its position. It is precisely because of what booze is and what it does to men and to society that the church has taken its unalterable stand against it.

"It is a noteworthy fact that no advocate for the restoration of liquor, no newspaper, however wet, no legislator, not even Senator Bingham, no public agitator against prohibition, not even Nicholas Murray Butler, nobody has had the audacity to stand up and tell the American people they ought to permit the return of booze because it is good for the man who drinks it, for his wife, his sons and daughters, and little children, for his home, his neighbors, his community." Dr. Weiss then proceeded to show the pronouncements of science on the basis of prolonged investigation. He quoted a great German scientist who said: "There is more food value in the pinch of flour you can hold on the tip of a knife than in a quart of beer." Eminent authorities at home and abroad were quoted in support of the claim that alcohol is a narcotic poison. "In our highly mechanized and motorized age," said Dr. Weiss, "with 25 million motor vehicles on our highways, with fifty, sixty or seventy-five horsepower motors under the toes of the drivers, it is perfectly plain that it is the first stage that is most dangerous; for the man who has taken only a glass or two of 3 or 4% beer thinks there is no reason why he should not drive his car; while the man who is visibly drunk doesn't want to drive." Science has demonstrated, in the case of the first man, that "his motor responses have diminished, his coordination of nerve centers interrupted, his reaction time reduced, making him a fruitful source of accidents and deaths in his automobile upon the public highway." The Ottawa Board of Public Safety shows figures to prove that in the past six years since Ontario revoked its prohibition law, accidents through drunken drivers have increased 1300 per cent. Dr. Weiss stated that science has

demonstrated that alcohol is a habit-forming drug and gave many proofs; and when science, reason, observation, and experience had piled their evidence mountain high—the church has taken its stand. The church has said "As God hates sin, so will I hate booze, and fight it with all my powers, till at length I shall have crushed it out of existence beneath the heel of a righteous, holy wrath." The workings of the organized liquor traffic were explained and Theodore Roosevelt quoted as saying: "The American people will have to defeat liquor or liquor will defeat the American people." The methods of the church and the Christian people to control the traffic were reviewed and all shown futile until National Prohibition became the law of the land and was shown to be the best method yet found. Many benefits resulting from prohibition were given. "We hear a great deal about a mandate from the people in this last election. What of the fact that four years ago there was a clean-cut choice on this issue—Hoover for prohibition and enforcement, Al Smith for repeal; and Smith was buried under a landslide, receiving fewer electoral votes than any democratic candidate since the Civil War? What wet advocated for a single minute that constituted a mandate from the people against efforts for repeal and for the permanence of prohibition? Why should any one accept the hue and cry of wet advocates that this election constitutes a mandate when everybody knows there was no choice at all in the issue? The depression caused multitudes to snatch in their desperation at any sort of a change as a drowning man grabs at a straw.

"But even if there had been a clean-cut issue and an overwhelming majority for the return of booze, since when has it become the duty of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the voice of the people on a good, moral matter, as the voice of God? 'We must obey the voice of God and not of man' was the brave stand of Peter against a whole, hostile world, and always that has been the stand of the church when she has been true for her best. Shall it be different now? Can there be any doubt as to the will of God in this matter? As surely as sobriety is better than drunkenness, so surely is God opposed to the liquor traffic and so, surely His church is also. This is no time for any concessions, for any compromises, for any silence that gives consent."

Recalling the story of John Paul Jones, when the enemy captain asked if he wished to surrender, and his reply—"Surrender, never! Tell him we have just begun to fight." Mr. Weiss continued, "That should be the attitude of the church in this moral warfare. Surrender, never,—we have just begun to fight and then to do just that, as we have not fought before, till victory is ours for the kingdom of our Christ." Mr. Weiss closed his splendid address with a touching appeal on behalf of the children.

Prohibition's 13th Birthday

Regarding this celebration, which came at a "lucky" opportune time for the friends of prohibition to proclaim its worth, Mrs. Boole says: "We recognize that the adoption of the 18th amendment was a great step in advance in liquor control. It made the liquor traffic an outlaw. Now the outlaw seeks to return. * * * It is well to keep in mind that those of us who have obeyed the law have contributed to its success; that the violators of law have contributed to a situation on which they base their demand for repeal."

Reports of local celebrations are slowly coming in.

SHELDON—Sunday evening, Jan. 15, a union meeting of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches was held under the auspices of the local W. C. T. U. with a fine attendance. Mrs. Wm. Cuthill read "A Bible Mosaic," and Lorraine Lensink, "Where There's Drink There's Danger." Mrs. Anderson spoke on the Legislative Situation. Mr. Basil Shipp, athletic director in the public schools discussed, "Is Beer a Panacea?" Rev. James Anderson's topic was "Advance—Not Retreat." Mrs. A. A. Burgess sang "It's in the Constitution and It's There to Stay." An offering was received for state and national work.

MINOT—In the fireplace room of the First Presbyterian church, with the local president, Mrs. C. F. Truax presiding, Minot union observed this important occasion. Mrs. Josephine E. Sizer, national W. C. T. U. organizer, who has been visiting her daughter in Minot, was the guest speaker. A reception and tea in her honor followed the program at which Mrs. Geo. Campbell and Mrs. Charles Truax poured. A piano solo by Miss Uarda Foster and vocal solo by Harriet Foss Peters were enjoyed.

LAKOTA—States Attorney O. M. Thorson was the principal speaker and discussed pending legislation. Readings and special music enlivened the program. A birthday cake with 13 candles centered the refreshment table. A silver offering was taken for legislative work.

FARGO SCANDINAVIAN—At the First Lutheran church, Fargo, January 16, this faithful union met to celebrate. Rev. Selmer A. Berge, pastor of the church, conducted devotions and gave a helpful talk on "Looking Ahead Through Faith in God." Mrs. E. A. Anderson gave two piano numbers and Mrs. Theodore Olson, readings, one with an accompaniment by Mrs. Nellie Hicks. Mrs. F. W. Johnson gave a vocal number with Miss Sylvia Plann as accompanist. The ladies of the church with Mrs. H. H. Berg as chairman, served at the close. Resolutions urging preservation of state and national prohibition laws were sent to members of Legislature and Congress.

CROSBY—A very interesting program was being prepared and each member was asked to bring a guest. Senator C. E. Erickson, husband of the local president, will represent our cause well in the North Dakota Senate.

STEELE—In the Methodist church on Sunday Evening, Jan. 15, the event was celebrated with a splendid address by the pastor, Rev. Herbert Brown and a helpful talk by Attorney Phelps on Legislation. Special music was furnished and petitions signed to legislators, asking them to use their vote and influence against the repeal of our state prohibition laws. A fine offering was taken for legislative work.

FARGO—In the First Baptist church an anniversary tea was held with Mmes. G. A. McGreggor, A. W. Carlson, Emma L. Scott and T. J. Pierce, hostesses. Opening the program, Rev. Daniel Heitmyer, pastor of the church, conducted devotions. Mrs. C. E. Webster spoke on Pending Legislation; Mrs. Wylie on "Thirteen years before Prohibition" and Mrs. J. H. Potter on "Thirteen years after Prohibition." Mr. Dan Davis and Miss Mona Davis, accompanied by Miss Muriel Empey, sang two numbers. Mrs. Guy F. Harris, local president, presided. Petitions against repeal of state prohibition laws were signed and sent to Bismarck.

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