Memphis Tenn.
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Miss Ida M. Tarbell.
c/o Liberty Weekly Inc.
247 Park Ave.
New York N.Y.
Dear Miss Tarbell.

Have just read your Dr. Prohibition forcing Civil Nat.

The writer is a mason not just a member, but a real mason have all of south rights except the 33° and am a Shriner.

The amazing thing about the Prohibition law is it hooks both ways. The Federal Officers, at least a big number, make big money out of it, I know of one here in Memphis, have it from the President of the Bank, where one Government Prohibition Officer, was notified he would be let out, he came to the Bank drew up his account and put it in a safety deposit

vault, kept out six hundred and dispositid it in another Bank, in the vault he had over twenty five thousand dollars, this is a fact. Police, Justic Peace and other officers are strong for the Prohibition law as there is a good graft in it.

I do not use any Boot leg liquor have some light wine at home that is all we keep.

The Prohibition law will never be a success, I have intirced people thru the South and middle states in the north, the trade men think there should be some change in the law alowing lite wines and beer, it would be more successful than the Prohibition law, this law has caused more Crimes and failures many Companies have gone broke by the managers mixing with this bad booze.

I hope for a letter and different

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law similar to the Sweden law, or allow some wine and beer Government Controlled.

Yours truly

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