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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,

Bethel, CONN.

Dear Miss Tarbell:--

I have been a reader of your Magazine Articles for many years . And your latest on " Is Prohibition forcing civil war ? " meets my hearty approval and prompts me to address you .

Further, you are a woman of National renown, whose words of wisdom carry weight, because your unbiased mind works for Principles instead of Profits .

I may have a little genius, a longer vision and a greater practical knowledge of this Temperance subject than the rank and file: still, I am an unknown citizen , living secluded as a "small-town" resident.

I am a Pharmaceutical Chemist and in operating Drug Stores I have owned, I have gained a valuable experience with the Alcohol Trade under license, local option and Prohibitory laws.

I love my fellow-man enough to wish and to work for his improvement- moral, mental and material- and feel that I ought to do my share so far as my finances will permit.

Ideas how-so-ever important, hidden under a bushel create no dividends . They need Publicity, and that costs money.

I am not going to ask for any personal favors: but as you seemed to be interested in this subject I thought that you might be able to interest some Magazine or News Paper Publisher to advocate a Temperance Law, which I will later explain.

Any Philanthropist will do so long as the Public look up to him with respect and confidence: but he must not be related to any form of Bigotry, Sectarian Intolerance or Invisible form of Government.

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I have devised a Temperance Law that gives every man his inherent rights and liberties but restrains him from abusing them.

A law that will please both extremes of Society and unite in peace and accord a PEOPLE now divided into two hostile factions , due to the iniquities that have developed under our Prohibitory Regime

I can not emphasize the merits of my law without seeming boastful, therefor I will simply say that I am a believer in PREVENTIVE THERAPY and I find that it works as good results in Sociology as in Pathology .

It is a waste of time, money and effort to think that we can cure the evils and ills of humanity, by treating effects.

We must discover and destroy their CAUSE.

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Intemperance is compounded out of many lesser things than Alcohol which unite in forming a minor and major CAUSE which ~~which~~ together form one all-inclusive CAUSE.

Mans natural love for Intoxicants is the minor incentive.

And in the last analysis we find that"mans inordinate love for MONEY is the root of all evil". His alcoholic evils.

The corrupting power of MONEY has defeated every so-called temperance law this Country has ever had and any one can see what(through the Bootlegger and Smuggler) it is doing to the present law.

My law makes ALCOHOL a non-profitable product. Its manufacture and sale form an isolated,unique institution installed within the States and yet removed from Political and Sectarian influence .

The business is made self- sustaining but no profit is allowed to accrue to individuals, to State or Federal Governments. All the Alcoholic products of a State are controlled by one ALCOHOLIC BUREAU and are sold to the citizens of the State only,but they are sold at absolute cost to the consumer .

We control all the Alcohol that can get into a State or get out of it and we control all its patrons.

We eliminate all illicit distillers and distributors of Alcohol from a whole State between sun-down and dawn without saying Begone, without firing a gun and without the cost of a dollar.

The Federal Government in revenue lost and money spent has cost the taxpayers one round BILLION dollars and killed 234 civilians and soldiers. And the Bootleggers have increased.

So you see I have a job that requires help, publicity organization.

I hope to hear from you if the subject appeals to you and if so to give you the details.

Very respectfully,

Frank Forbes Corliss.

P.S. - Bethel reminds me that
I am a Bay State Yankee.

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