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Miss Ida M. Tarbell.
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My dear Miss Tarbell,--

Your very interesting article on the Prohibition question in Liberty read with much interest. Thanks for your frank expression. It is quite refreshing to know that there are people who are bringing this subject forcibly to the attention of the American people.

Herewith enclosed a theory for the common sense solution of this problem. Would be pleased to have an expression from you as to its logic and possibillities. Thanking you for this favor, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

Dr. Edward H Bywater.

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Hearst Temperance Contest.

TEMPERANCE, versus, Crime, Alcoholism and Prohibition.

Man made laws must square with the laws of God and the laws of Nature to endure. The Eighteenth Amendment does neither. There are no p prohibitive laws on what we should drink in the Word of God. There are such upon what we should eat. Therefore the Eighteenth Amendment does not square with the laws of God or of Nature.

Wine has been the drink of God's people down from the time of Noah. The first miracle of the Christ was the turning of water into wine. Paul, the greatest preacher the world has ever known, advised Timothy, his understudy, to drink less water and take a little wine for his health's sake. Therefore the teachings of the Bible do not square with total abstinence, much less with prohibition, but do deal with temperance in all things.

How can this muddle we are in be solved? How can we stop the use of bootleg liquor bu our boys and girls and women? thru the breaking of the foulest curse in the form of Constitutional Law ever placed upon the Statute Books of our Nation? How can we save the Naion from complete collapse if this condition is to continue? What is the solution?

Here is a solution, we believe will solve the problem, which squares with Natural law, common sense and the teachings of Chriat.

Give the people good wine, manufactured by the Government or under strict Government supervision. Distribute same thru Government depots in not less than gallon lots and at cost of manufacture and handling under a plan similar to the Swedish plan of distribution. This alone will cut out at least 95% of the bootleggers, of the entire country. Then pass an enforcement act to the Eighteenth Amendment, giving bootleggers, both buyer and seller, for each is equally guilty of breaking the law, prison sentences of 25 years at hard labor, with no pardon possible under any circumstances whatsoever and permanent disfranchisement at the end of the term of service. Find all aliens every dollar they possess, give them a pass port to the country from which they came with a "no return ever" on the reverse side thereof. Then use the millions we are wasting in a make-believe enforcement campaign to-day to teach the people what to eat instead of what to drink, and you will have solved the Temperance question for all time to come. In other words it will solve itself.

Every poison has its antidote, and the human system demands that antidote. If you eat salt fish for breakfast the system demends quantities of water during the day. If you take a slow poison into the system, in time it demands an antidote for that poison. Man, to day, eats many things which are not foods, but quite the opposite. Nature naturally demands an antidote. Alcohol is the natural antidote for many poisons or toxines within the body. Else why the relief for many ills obtained by patent medicines which do not carry a single remedy amenable to the condition found in the system for which it is taken, yet the patient is relieved. It is from the antidotal effect of the alcohol upon the toxine within the body. The cure was simply the antidoting of the poison by the alcohol contained in the patent medicine.

Consequently when we have solved the food problem and taken from man's diet the things which are not foods and which demend alcohol for an antidote to their toxines, we have removed the cause for the craving of alcohol by the system and have thereby solved the problem.

Remove the cause for alcoholism and alcoholism will die. Temperance as taught in the Word of God does not mean total abstinence any more in what we drink than it does in what we eat. Therefore square the laws of man with those of the Creator and you will have solved the problem for all time.

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