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Ida M. Tarbell,
% Liberty.

My dear Madam:

I have read your article, prominently spread in the July 6th Issue of Liberty; and it is my privilege to comment on whatever article I may read; if I so desire to do it.

I will not write very much in reply, just enough to call to your mind a few fundamental facts, which you seem to have ignored. And, I believe that you will agree with me about them.

Alcoholic beverages have been given first class test by the people in our country for more than 100 years; and they have by a very large majority condenmed its uses. Back of it all is the fact that the use is very injurious to health, not only of the man or woman who drinks it; but it contaminates the offspring. In fact, the very laws of human nature plainly point out to us that when the beverage is used it interferes with healthy growth of the vital organs of the body. Such laws can never be repealed; they have always existed. The Volstead Act very nicely conforms to nature's laws; and it will never be repealed, so long as our country is self-governing; or entitled to continue a representative gov't.

Why center on this one thing? Didn't you know that practically all laws are being violated? Take the Decalogue,-the greatest laws of the world. They are being violated with impunity. Why? Because they interfere with personal liberty. Why not have the Ten Commandments repealed? Just as well talk about that as the laws against inebriation.

Why get so everlastlingly sewed up vs our Statutes that would build up our people. You regard personal libery as the safe-guard; and let the people who are romped upon go begging for a government that says: STOP YOUR DRINKING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAHES! What a pity you have written so badly. Do you drink? What the United States has said will go, regardless of what a few tyrants try to do to the contrary.

Yours respectfully,

June 30, 1929.

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