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OUR SENIOR SENATOR'S SORRY CONDITION.

In a recent address to the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, Senator Cummins said that it was a sorry sight to see the vast majority of the democrats in congress bowing to the will of the President, driven by the goad of the master instead of being lead by the intelligence of a leader.

While Iowa is normally a republican state, it is not likely to re-elect its "sorry sight" Senator. The man who attributes the success of President Wilson's administration to the goad of a master instead of to intelligent leadership is himself a sad spectacle. He is out of line with the trend of the age in which he lives; he is making statements at variance with generally believed facts.

John De Mar, Congressman Connolly's campaign manager, has answered Senator Cummins' Chamber of Commerce speech, and has shown most convincingly that Senator Cummins has misrepresented the people of Iowa, by his carping criticisms of the President and by his attempts to obstruct and defeat the splendid reforms which have been accomplished by the Wilson administration.

The following paragraphs from Mr. De Mar's reply state generally recognized facts:

"We have witnessed in Woodrow Wilson's administration one after another of great achievements, any one of which would be enough to distinguish it. We have seen the tariff revised without serious disturbance to business, we have seen the currency reformed after generations of discussion of the need of it, and without financial panic; we have seen the burden of supporting the government shifted from poverty and put on wealth in the income tax; we have seen the Shipping Trust shorn of its special privilege and the treaty honor of the nation redeemed in canal tolls exemption repeal; we have seen in Mexico the great reward of watchful waiting, and we see in Europe the wonderful blessing to us in having a president of Woodrow Wilson's temperament; we have seen practically a new code of anti-trust laws written and the evil practices of great combinations of capital forever made impossible in future.

The Shame of Iowa. What part has Senator Cummins had in this legislation? He has had the part of a destructive critic, of an intolerant obstructionist. He has stood in the way of these greatest reforms of our times, resisting them with all his might and heaping abuse upon President Wilson. What single amendment has he proposed deemed worthy of adoption? There is none. It has been said his amendment to the trade commission bill was adopted, but this is not true. It was voted down. Iowa never presented a sorrier sight than in its humiliating confession that, so far as Senator Cummins is concerned, it has had no part in this great constructive work, but has occupied a position of hostility to it, and has badgered, baited and annoyed the author of these greatest reforms of our times."

TEN DRY STATES. (From the New York World.) Virginia's adoption of the state-wide prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicants brings the number of such Commonwealths up to ten. The others are Maine, Kansas, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee and West Virginia.

In Virginia, as elsewhere, the issue was decided by the vote of the country districts, but of the seventeen cities having a population of more than 5,000, only four, Alexandria, Norfolk, Danville and Richmond, voted in opposition to the amendment. Of the 91,000,000 of people in the continental United States at the late census, approximately 16,400,000 are now subject to State-wide prohibitory laws.

While sentiment hostile to the liquor traffic has been politically effective mainly in the South, it extends powerfully in many Northern States. At the South prohibition has religious and radical inspiration, and in some cases has been carried by the whites solely for the purpose of depriving negroes of strong drink. At the North it is urged now chiefly in resentment against the dominance and corruption of saloons in political management.

Probably there are more saloons in New York or Chicago than ever existed in half a dozen southern States. The influence that they have exerted in public affairs in all large northern cities has been and still is prodigious. If the movement should gain further headway in this section, it will be directed as sharply against the brewery-financed saloon in politics as against the beverages which it dispenses.

A revolution in naval construction was wrought when the Monitor, the cheese box on a raft as it was derisively called, defeated the Merrimac in Hampton Roads on March 9th, 1862. After that wooden war ships were obsolete. A few days ago U-9, a German submarine, sank three English war ships in the North Sea and escaped uninjured. Has this achievement wrought another revolution in the navies of the world?

While there are no stop-overs in the battle of the Aisne, neither is there much of any progress by any of the combatants. It is a prolonged endurance test. When the war commenced the allies contended that a little time was all that they needed, to enable them to drive the invaders out of France and Belgium. This great battle is certainly giving them plenty of time to get their armies to the front.

A French writer contends that "a triumph for France would mean a German republic, a republic in Bohemia, a republic in Austria, a republic in Hungary, and an end to European militarism." If the war produces such beneficial results it may be worth all that it costs.

"The Republican party is as Bourbon and reactionary now as it was two years ago and if anything it is worse."—Theodore Roosevelt.

A GREAT RIGHT; A GREAT WRONG.

(From the New York World.) It is an excellent thing to find bankers in all parts of the country explaining, excusing and defending their position. They never were under any such compulsion before.

At other times when for any reason there was financial stringency, it was the habit of the treasury to go to the relief of favored bankers and trust, altogether to their sense of justice and their generosity in dealing with the people. To get help from Washington was easy and delightful, because after it was given no questions were asked.

No one assumes that all bankers have been hoarding money, denying reasonable credit or charging extortionate rates of interest. In the days when there was the closest alliance between Wall street and Washington, all bankers did not engage in such practices. The difference between the old regime and the new is that now, when public resources are used to prevent or minimize the hoarding of money and credit, those who provide the assistance feel that they are under obligation to the people to insist that the service rendered shall not also be monopolized.

In accomplishing this purpose, Publicity has been called into action. For the first time since the estab-

lishment of the national banking system, its conductors have been held to strict account in a matter which is as legitimate a subject of official supervision as any other. The treasury does not release its millions to promote usury. It does not act for the enrichment of bankers. Its one motive is to assist in the restoration of normal conditions so far as finance, commerce and industry are concerned, and bankers who do not co-operate heartily to that end will be exposed and denounced.

The fact that bankers here and elsewhere are now manifesting a willingness and even an eagerness to do everything within their power to tide the country over the present crisis, shows that they are Secretary Adoo at last understand each other pretty well. They are face to face in the public eye. The finances of the republic are no longer to be administered in the interest of the few. The treasury is not to be used by the banks. The banks are to be used helpfully, honorably and perhaps in some cases self-sacrificingly by the treasury in the people's interest, which is a great right taking the place of a great wrong.

In this we may see the difference between true national finance, soon to be much more powerfully expressed in the new banking and currency system, and a perverted national finance mad with gambling one day and just as crazy the next with panic and usury.

N. MANCHESTER

Mrs. Evans was caring for Joe Hebble last week. We are glad to note that he is getting well rapidly.

Mr. E. Henaley went home from the hospital Wednesday and is able to ride about town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jud Lane and family autoed to Mascot City Thursday. Hubert Evans presided at the wheel. Miss Minnie Nieman is spending a few days in the country, a guest of Mrs. Beddow at Rock Prairie. Mrs. Sadie Bell, who has been a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hanna, returned to her home in Decatur last week.

Mrs. William Straub, who has been critically ill, is much improved at the present time.

Mr. Joe Nieman is able to get out and about the yard on crutches, and will soon be able to tend to his work.

Mrs. C. V. Burrington left Saturday forenoon for a visit with her brothers Harry and Charles Carol, at Strawberry Point.

Miss Agnes Gienapp was a Saturday caller at the Joe Nieman home.

Joe Davis returned home Sunday after a pleasant visit with his children at Strawberry Point. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Skinner left Saturday for their home in Clarion, Iowa, after a two week visit with relatives and friends in the old home town.

Mr. and Mrs. Warrnie White and Mrs. Jennie Burrington of Volga City autoed to Manchester Sunday afternoon, and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Burrington. They returned home the same evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Myer were callers at Joe Nieman's Saturday. Mrs. Yelden, a sister of Mr. Nieman's, is visiting at his home for a few days.

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