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WHISKY THEN AND NOW

Older inhabitants of the country are often cast into reveries when they realize the cost of a "drink" in the twentieth century. Many now living well remember when whisky sold at wholesale at 25 and 30 cents per gallon, and an ordinary "drink" could be produced for three cents. In the good old ante bellum days operators of fishing shores near Alexandria at this time of year were engaged in preparing for the spring "catch." Provisions were purchased, and a fishing shore minus whisky was regarded as Hamlet without Hamlet. This essential was therefore provided. The cost then varied from 25 to 30 cents per gallon.

Those who will have liquor at this time are paying at the rate of about one dollar per drink, and there is no guarantee that they receive pure whisky even at the price. A few days ago an item in an exchange showed that so-called whisky sold at one place at six dollars per half pint.

Long after the last cellar has gone dry and the last drop of whisky has been consumed there will remain a bottle of liquor that according to tradition is embedded in the cornerstone of the Universalist church at Montgomery, Ohio.

William Swain, 77, village historian and former schoolmaster at Montgomery is authority for the tradition that a quart of liquor is concealed within the cornerstone of the church, which was built in 1833. "In those days liquor was as respectable as water," says Swain. "Preachers drank it just as other folks did. It was customary to place liquor in a cornerstone for the same reason that folks drank each other's health in liquor."

Across the road from the church is a tavern that was a stopover for the farmers hauling their produce to the city. Whisky sold there for 3 cents a drink, Swain recalls.

THE VIRGINIA BUDGET

The budget law adopted by the Virginia Legislature at the 191 session has attracted wide national attention, and is generally recognized as being in advance of any legislation of its kind.

Seven states have adopted it, and other states are preparing to do so.

It is already amply justifying itself in its practical workings. The House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee are now holding joint hearings every day for the purpose of framing the appropriations bill. They are finding the budget of incalculable service. Not only is the intricate labor of compiling an appropriation bill vastly simplified, but the chances of mistakes, errors and omissions are greatly lessened.

The whole subject of finance and appropriation is presented to the assembly in an orderly, systematic and scientific fashion, considered by functions, by character and by objects of appropriation.

The Governor, who is charged with the preparation of the budget, and the gentlemen who assist him in its preparation, have done a notably fine piece of work, and the situation which arose in 1918, when the governor was obliged to call back the legislature to correct errors in the appropriations bill is not likely to be repeated.

THE MILLS OF THE GODS

The Dearborn, Mich., Independent recalls that the Crimean War in which Turkey was a bone of contention between England and France, prayed against Russia alone, resulted disastrously for the czar's kingdom. Then the Ottoman Empire, with its territorial integrity guaranteed by treaty, proceeded to levy immense taxes upon its subjects. Here is what happened to those unfortunates who failed to pay in cash:

"In the heat of summer men are tripped and tied to a tree smeared with honey or other sweet stuff,

and left to the tender mercies of the insect world. For winter extortion it is found convenient to bind people to stakes and leave them barefooted to be frostbitten. Instances are recorded of peasants buried up to their heads in earth and left to rot at leisure."

This regime of cruelty by the "unspeakable Turk" brought on revolutions and the intervention of Russia. By the treaty of Sar Stefan and the succeeding one of the European Congress the Oriental tyrant was severely shorn. The states of Serbia, Montenegro, Roumania, and Bulgaria were recognized.

In the recent Great War the decadent nation of the East, "The Sick Men," continued his cruelties. The Armenians were driven like dogs turned over to the savage Kurds tortured, and massacred in thousands. The women and girls were drafted for the harem, impressed into service as camp followers, and enslaved like oxen or other beasts. The Turk has ever been a fiendish menstrosity, but he may live to learn that men and nations alike are overcome by their sins. The swindling Ottoman power is a conspicuous example of vice consistent with punishment. When all the settlements of the Great War are made you'll scarcely be able to locate Turkey on the map.

THE TRUTH ABOUT SUGAR

The excuse for the advance in the price of sugar in the latter part of 1919 was that it was due to extraordinary scarcity. There is plenty of it now, apparently, but it is still selling at retail from 17 to 20 cents a pound. In a dispatch from Washington yesterday we are told that jobbers, wholesalers and retail dealers are dividing a profit of more than 100 per cent on sugar at 9 cents a pound and that "in December 8 1-4 cents per pound was the price at which American refiners sold sugar for export from the United States." These statements are gleaned from reports to the United States Department of Commerce.

If the Department of Commerce is right, millions of dollars of unjustified profits have been extracted from the breakfast tables of the country in the last two months.

through this sugar-bunco game. What article will be selected next as a means of exploiting and penalizing the household? The government's income tax is a bagatelle compared to the perpetual and increasing income tax which the profiteers levy every day upon the public. How long will the American people submit to it?—Baltimore Sun.

MONEY FOR REVOLUTION

It is amazing that one professing to be the responsible head of a foreign government should be permitted to travel the country and collect funds for the avowed purpose of creating revolt and bloodshed. If there ever was a time when every effort should be made to suppress revolution and revolution it is today. The Sin Feiners and their president are following out the spirit and methods of the Bolsheviki, no matter whether their claims are right or wrong. It is to be presumed that the majority of those who subscribe to the bonds of the so-called republic know that they are pouring money into the revolutionary mill from which will come crime and disorder and bloodshed.

Hence, it is amazing that the authorities of any city or the government would permit such collection especially when made by an alien.

How long would America stand for this sort of thing were the British to finance negro uprising, provided the colored people were, as they are not, incendiaries?—Baltimore American.

WINCHESTER GIVEN FLAG

Virginia City Presented Banner of Winchester, England. Winchester, Va., Jan. 31.—The original guildhall flag of the city of Winchester, Eng., recently sent to this city as a token of international courtesy, was formally presented Thursday night by Major-General Bebell, military attache of the British Embassy, Washington, and was received on behalf of the city of Winchester by Mayor Julian F. Ward. He in turn presented the flag to R. Gray Williams, president of the Chandler Motor Car Company, who will have the flag placed on exhibition permanently in the Hanley Library here. The guildhall flag was presented in

Winchester, England, on July 4, 1918, to Col. Carl Abrams, of Salem, Ore., representing the thousands of American soldiers who were present in Winchester, England, at the time, as an evidence of the friendship felt by the people of that city for the American troops, with the request that it be presented to Winchester, Va., the original namesake in America of the old English capital now so well known to 1,000,000 American doughboys. The flag was one of the most cherished possessions of the English city. It was for many years flown over the guildhall. The flag is about 10 by 5 feet, of solid red, and in the center is the coat of arms of Winchester, England.

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