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## PRESIDENT AT Y. M. C. A. CEREMONY ON THE COAST

The cornerstone for the great Y. M. C. A. building now being erected in San Francisco will be laid today by President Taft, the old plant on the corner of Mason and Ellis having been completely destroyed by the fire, necessitating the erection of an entire new building.

With great faith in the future of the city, the business men secured an excellent site on the corner of Leavenworth and Golden Gate avenue, where an enormous structure, with two basements below, and nine stories above the street level, is being erected. When complete, the building will have cost well on toward three-quarters of a million dollars, and will be one of the finest Y. M. C. A. buildings in the country. One whole wing of the building will be entirely devoted to boys' work, showing the emphasis that is now being placed on this department.

President Taft is a great enthusiast along Y. M. C. A. lines, and has laid a number of cornerstones for Association buildings, both in America and abroad. The following extract is typical of his addresses on such occasions:

"No problem in our whole social life is more difficult than that presented to one who wishes to give money to aid his fellow-man without doing him more injury than good. The instances of ill-advised generosity are as many, almost, as the instances of ill-advised investments. And when we find an institution which has worked out the problem of materially aiding our fellow-men in the struggles of life without injuring their self-respect and without discouraging their self-support toward better things, we have something that we should certainly prize.

"A great Christian Association club, established in an adequate building, will keep men from drinking, gambling and other forms of vice, by offering them an opportunity to spend their unoccupied hours in a home atmosphere, surrounded by the best influences.

"The Young Men's Christian Association has come to be recognized as a powerful and necessary factor, both



PRESIDENT TAFT, THE FRIEND OF Y. M. C. A. WORKERS.

in business and in governmental matters."

The Association was asked to take charge of the clubhouses built for the men on the Panama Canal. The reason for turning these over to the Association is stated by President Taft as follows:

"When you want a capital operation performed you go to a good surgeon; when you want a lawsuit carried on as it ought to be carried on you go to a good lawyer; and when you want a means of keeping a population occupied during their leisure hours with rational amusement of a high moral and religious tone you go to those gentlemen who have had experience in carrying on such a work and such an institution. It cannot be learned over night. It is just as illogical to say that you can learn it over night as it is to say you can learn self-government over night. You cannot do it. Therefore, what we did was to apply to the Young Men's Christian Association."

## FLEET EQUAL TO MILLION MEN

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United States say that is wrong, and deplore the fact that we should have navies at all. They say this is a religious age, an age of the gospel of peace. But we have battleships, we have torpedo boats and submarines; we are paying a lot of attention to gunnery. That we have a navy is a fact. There must be some reason for its existence. Why is it? We have a condition in society which is ex-

remely unstable. Suppose a war should break out, what then? We all know that anybody who goes into a war wants to whip and not get whipped. But it is the doubt which alarms. It is this ghastly fear of what may happen if we should get licked. Any one of us can imagine what would happen.

### Maybe No War.

"We are not going to have any war—maybe. Human nature is about what it was in the past, and we have a navy and will probably keep it. Armies have existed for the protection of whatever a government wants it for. These armies have existed for many years and I have never heard their usefulness called into question. It seems to have been generally admitted we have needed a navy. The use of steam has brought countries closer together, and armed people go from one to another quickly. Another reason is because the engineering arts have made navies more powerful than ever and has not made armies more so. The musket is not so different from what it used to be, but the great naval guns are more powerful and better. Savages once used clubs and civilized nations the musket. Now savages use rifles as good as those used by any nations.

### We Are Catching Up.

"Some countries are trying to get the best navy with the apparent idea of licking somebody. It is recognized that there are yet countries with territory nations may want in which to place their surplus of population and they must have physical force. Therefore a navy is needed. The greatest force for striking is a navy. A 12-inch projectile goes twelve miles. A bullet fired from a rifle goes a thousand yards. The energy of two 12-inch guns is equal to 100,000 soldiers.

"If our navy stays as it is, other navies will go ahead of it. We have got out of the rut of copying what other nations have. Our country has had the courage and enterprise to say this is the thing to do. We have started to build better and bigger ships than anybody else. The English are today ahead of us in turbines, possibly, but we are catching up. Other countries may be ahead of us in torpedo boats, but we are coming up."

### MAY A WOMAN OWN A SALOON?

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have any interest in the liquor business. One of the Commissioners raised the point that if she had an interest in the saloon, she might want to go on the premises, and being the owner, could set at naught the law which forbids a woman to go upon saloon premises.

Mr. Watson expressed some doubts as to the constitutionality of this law. At the same time, on behalf of his client, he said they were willing to do whatever seemed best to the Board and had no desire to ask the Board to do anything that might be construed as being an opening wedge in the liquor law.

The matter was finally taken under advisement, to be discussed when the Board went into executive session.

Charles Lambert, proprietor of the Orpheum saloon, asked permission to reduce the size of his place by moving a partition some five feet. It was granted.

There will be another meeting of the Board this afternoon, at which several important matters will come up for action. Among them is the matter of the open violation of the law a week ago last Sunday. It is possible that other saloonkeepers may find themselves in trouble by the time the meeting of the Board is adjourned, for Inspector Pennell has been hard at work trying to secure additional evidence and has obtained it, he claims.

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