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HAVE A LITTLE SENSE.

While we cannot believe that there are enough foolish people in Alaska who will vote Alaska back into the lawless condition it was in the days of '98, and at the same time vote their municipalities into poverty and their schools into inefficient conditions, we nevertheless cannot stop the work of warning the people what to expect if they allow the chimera of prohibition to influence enough votes to abolish licensed liquor houses. Yesterday's and today's papers certainly had enough evidence of the fact that prohibition does not prohibit, taking the case of Seattle.

There is so much whiskey in Seattle today that it is as cheap and as easy to get as it was when the saloons were all open—only the revenue from the sale of liquor is prohibited—the sale continues, and is in the hands of the lawless class. There is so much whiskey in Seattle that a rival bootlegging gang was able to steal it by the auto truck load, 200 cases at a time—it could never be stolen in such quantities while licensed conditions maintained there.

When any man or woman tells you that it is impossible to get liquor anywhere on earth where prohibition is "in force," they tell you something that your reason and experience tells you is not true. If they couldn't find it there they didn't seek it. Wherever there is a demand the supply will be present—it may be in hiding and of inferior order, but it will be where the demand is. Twelve men sell liquor in Fairbanks today. Under prohibition fifty or many times fifty men would be selling liquor in Fairbanks and all hell couldn't prevent it—they would, however, be contributing nothing to the upkeep of the city or its schools or fire department. They would be teaching the youth of our city just what Prohibition teaches the youth of every Prohibition camp; teaching them to be sneaks and that there is no crime in lawlessness unless you are found out. Whiskey could be shipped in here, and it would be shipped in and delivered at the front door of anti-prohibitionists and at the back door of the prohibitionist, but there would be no revenue from the sale thereof and only harm could come from Prohibition.

There will be more "prohibition" news from Seattle, as the days go by, for there is lawlessness everywhere where prohibition is working. As civilization exists today crime and disaster are the sought-after news stories, and the press correspondents run to them. Watch for the stories of whiskey crimes and the outrages in Seattle, and watch for the publication of the Seattle tax levy for the ensuing year and the evidences of financial decay in that town of "Fourflushville." Prohibition blights wherever it touches, in Seattle no less than anywhere, and you better consider before you ballot whether you wish to put the boots to Alaska and spread disaster and lawlessness over this territory.—Fairbanks News-Miner.

While he may have kept us out of war, his peace has cost us more lives than McKinley's triumphant war with Spain.

Viscount Bryce has struck a match that ought to light a new way for both England and Germany.

Falkenhahn seems determined to take "a fall out of" Roumania in order to avenge his own fall from high power.

Carranza proposes an intensive campaign against Villa, whom he hopes to catch. Watchful waiting is a poor remedy against war.

President Wilson is a man of nerve—or reckless unwisdom. He sent Secretary Daniels into Maine to make sixteen speeches, and Maine spoke like a scorned woman. Now he proposes to send Daniels into the central states.

Portland schools had a dishwashing contest and a boy won it. The invasion of the business world by women may plunge masculinity into the suds. The fact that a boy voluntarily washes dishes in a public contest is not a happy omen.

Literature of the French novel type, not long ago surreptitiously read when at all, now enjoys the widest vogue and is featured in the leading stories of the magazines. Matters which in real life are spoken of in whispers glare blatantly forth in type for all.

Announcement by the navy department that the four new dreadnoughts authorized in the naval preparedness bill will be named Colorado, Washington, Maryland and West Virginia, sends a tremendous rivalry among the states for these honors. These will be the largest and most powerful vessels afloat.

Harold F. McCormick, a Chicago millionaire, proposes a plan. It is unfortunate that he is a millionaire. It is a more or less pathetic fact that since Ford spoke some months ago the public doesn't hear well when a millionaire speaks. McCormick's project proposes that "selected neutral countries" shall ask the warring nations what they're fighting about. This is not going to improve the auditory connection between millionaires and us of the "mob."



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