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## SHREDDING PROHIBITORY LAWS

After convicting a large number of men under the old dry laws the supreme court of the United States declares that the Volstead act wiped out all conflicting laws and therefore the men convicted under other laws were in jail unlawfully and they will be turned loose. The dry laws have many ramifications and the more decisions handed down the less there is to enforce. The important thing that appeals to the people is the growing sentiment for home brew and the most daring mixtures are being concocted to test the will and the stomachs of the American public. While there may at some time be a return to a wet condition in the United States there is no reason to believe that saloons will ever have a place in the sun. The fact that professional prohibitionists are out for the dough, just as the professional agitator, is fast creating sentiment against enforcement of the dry laws, and the fact that the big fellows were able to lay away great amounts of liquor against a dry day has militated against the law throughout the land. Had the law confiscated all liquors, no matter whether it was a bottle in the pocket of a poor fellow or a great cellar full of declared liquors might have made some difference with the people. As it is the poor fellow is arrested for having just one pint in his hip pocket and the big fellow is allowed to grace the banquet board with as much as he pleases of the real "stuff."

## ENFORCE PEACE BETWEEN NATIONS

The only guarantee of peace is a league of nations of some kind that has enforceable provisions in its pact. When every nation is carrying an axe behind its back to carve the anatomy of the other, it is impossible to settle down to peace and security. Without some understanding with a group of nations each and every one of the big fellows will have to build and keep on building navies until our seas will be burdened with fighting craft and no one knows where he is to be attacked. We want to illustrate the initiative of Japan at Port Arthur, when, without warning, the navy of the Mikado opened fire and sunk the war vessels of Russia. With them it was getting in the first blow and make that blow a telling one. Suppose the navy of the Mikado came into New York harbor on an apparently friendly mission and then proceeded to destroy everything in sight and quietly slip away and report to the home government and have war declared, or that they would do some other overt act as reprehensible as that of the Port Arthur affair, how would such a country be punished, unless it was by the combined navies of the world closing her ports and subjecting her to the contempt of the world and holding her to her own shores. The hand of every nation must be against the country that does not observe the comity of nations and the rules of warfare, and to get this action every nation worth while must be brought into a league that can enforce its demands at all times.

## MUST REDUCE RAIL RATES

That it is up to the railroads to reduce freights within the next sixty days and that the railroads are in position to do so, is the opinion of a well known railroad manager. The railroads have been losing enormous tonnages of freight because of the high tariff that the railroads have placed upon all classes of shipments and to regain the business it will be necessary to return to pre-war rates. Just now the railroads are laying off thousands of men because of the loss of traffic and higher rates will only serve to further curb the shipper. If low rates obtained on all railroads they would not be able to handle the traffic, and no matter what the wage was the railroads would be able to get by. The railroads have made it almost impossible for the miner to make shipment to San Francisco or other smeltery points on ores. As an illustration. A month ago a miner of this county made shipment to San Francisco on a three ton lot of ore. He found himself taxed with approximately \$52 per ton for freight. Just think of it. If freights have been boosted to that height it would look to the ordinary observer that the railroads were trying to get out of business by making their rates prohibitive. If ore rates were as low as in pre-war days there would be large shipments from this county.

## COMMUNING WITH SPIRITS

A French astronomer has given over the study of heavenly bodies and has taken up the study of spiritual things, taking his cue from many other noted men, notably Sir Oliver Lodge, and has been trying to get in communication with the spirit of his dear departed dog. He has a good subject to work on, for if a spirit can come back and tell of what the spirit world contains, why cannot a canine spirit tell what the spirit world has to offer to the dogs that have made the supreme sacrifice. Flammarion and all the other fellows get rather misty in drifting away from the material and the farther the drift the more misty they become. While there are many unaccountable things happening in this old world of ours, they would be quite simple, we take it, if their occurrence was exposed. Man would like to believe that there is such a thing as spiritual inter-communication, but the fallacy of it has been exposed so often that it is hardly worth while for us to worry over the problem. But just why men of letters get lead away from the material things to the spiritual is what confounds us. It appears to be the same as the educators of the country getting struck on socialism and like subjects.

## GRABBING SCHOOL MONIES

One of the bad features of the distribution of the school moneys of the state is that a county that has practically no taxable property but has a big crop of children reaps the harvest of school money. Santa Cruz county that has less than one-half the taxable property of Mohave gets double the amount of school money that we do. The same is true of Apache, Yuma, Coconino, Graham, Navajo counties, these subdivisions of the state having less taxable wealth than Mohave have more than double the census children that are reported from this county and consequently get double the dough from the state. The last legislative enactment also makes this more burdensome than ever. There is a prorating

## Local Disarmament Advocated



of the school tax by the state of \$25 per school child and the counties that have low census population have to come through with large sums to keep up the schools of the largely populated districts. In this way this county is called upon not only to keep up its own schools, but also to provide the wherewithal for the large counties such as Maricopa.

Kind Lady—You should brace up, my poor man. Remember what you owe to society.

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The present rate is \$20 per ton on shipments of copper bullion, blister copper and lead bullion from Miami, Globe, Hayden, Clifton and Cananea, and it will be reduced to \$16.50 per ton. The rate applies to carload shipments with a minimum of 60,000 pounds to the carload. The shipments are to be handled via Southern Pacific to Galveston, thence by steamer to New York.

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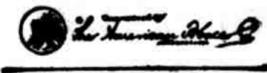
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