

Voices From the Enemy's Camp

THE WHOLESALERS' AND RETAILERS' REVIEW:

The liquor trade has to acknowledge the power of the Anti-Saloon League. It engages the brainiest preachers, brainiest lawyers and the brainiest politicians in the country. As a prohibition measure, it is doing more than all other temperance forces combined.

BEVERAGES:

The ramifications of the Anti-Saloon League are now general. Its missionaries are in every state and its work is thoroughly organized. Organization and system have made the Anti-Saloon League a success.

BONFORT'S WINE AND SPIRIT CIRCULAR:

The Anti-Saloon League is prohibition under another name, but the prohibition of the past was never directed as this movement is directed or financed as this movement is financed. We have a foe to reckon with now that is worthy of our steel, and if we are to be victorious in the battle surely coming, we must march to the front united, and must have but one flag and one battle cry.

BONFORT'S WINE AND SPIRIT CIRCULAR:

We have had many so-called temperance and prohibition waves in this country in the past, but never before such a well-organized movement as the one being directed by the Anti-Saloon League. It would be foolish not to credit the men who are directing this movement with great ability, directness of purpose and generalship.

WHOLESALE LIQUOR DEALERS' ASSOCIATION, Atlantic City, New Jersey:

The Anti-Saloon League is able to prepare its plans for months in advance. They know just what points they intend to attack for months before, and make quiet but effective preparations in preliminary work.

J. F. WALTERS, STATE CHAIRMAN OF LIQUOR INTERESTS OF TEXAS:

The Anti-Saloon League has been, and now is, the real potential organization which furthers prohibition in this country.

a round of drinks and handed it to his daughter who joyously ran off to get her new hat.

The father who refused his daughter fifty cents was dazed. He realized how he had treated his own daughter. The fifty cents he had refused her he gave to the saloonkeeper who gave it to his daughter to buy a new hat, so that it was himself who really bought the new hat for the saloonkeeper's daughter, which he denied his own. He remembered that while the saloonkeeper's daughter was dressed in the finest of clothes, his own daughter was dressed shabbily. He then resolved to let drink alone and boycott the saloon. He kept to his resolution.

Booze and the Titanic Wreck

There is a suspicion that liquor had considerable to do with the wreck of the Titanic steamship and the loss of fifteen hundred lives. Whenever a thing like that happens and the liquor interests are involved they exert their powerful influence to suppress the facts and keep them from coming to the public.

The New York American quotes some of the evidence of the wreck investigation as follows:

"It was the gayest night on the trip among the diners," says Thomas Whitley, assistant steward. "We had made great time, and the probability was the trip would be a record-breaker. Orders had been issued Sunday to make the dinner the finest ever served on a ship, regardless of expense, and the orders were carried out.

"Soon after the dinner was served the fun commenced. Wine was served at the Astor table, and the conversation was very animated. The captain talked and joked with Mr. Astor, and occasionally Mr. Ismay spoke. The one topic of the con-

versation was the new boat and the speed she was making."

They drank one toast, says Whitley, to "Mighty Titanic." Another toast was drunk to "Speed." The wine flowed.

"I know as a matter of cold fact," says Major Arthur Peuchen of Toronto, another eye-witness, "that on Sunday night until nearly 10:30 Ismay and Captain Smith with several other men were having a dinner party in one of the saloons."

Major Peuchen quotes Ismay as saying to Mrs. Ryerson of Philadelphia who spoke to him of the presence of icebergs and asked if the ship would not be slowed down:

"On the contrary, Mrs. Ryerson, we are going to go along faster than we have been going."

Sailors Add Their Testimony.

A telegraphic dispatch to the Chicago Record Herald under date of April 21 quotes a sailor as saying "The lookout was asleep and the crew intoxicated." The dispatch is as follows:

Telling the story of lax discipline on board the ill-fated liner, Titanic, Louis Klein, a sailor, who was rescued by the Carpathia, is held here until he can be taken to Washington to testify in the senate inquiry into the disaster. The man's story, which cross-examination by Hugo E. Vargo, the Austro-Hungarian vice-consul, failed to shake, is that the lookout in the crow's nest was asleep, when the ship struck, that the members of the crew, on and off watch, were intoxicated from drinking champagne which had been passed out to them by stewards who were serving it to a dinner party in the cabin, and that he, an ordinary seaman, was the only member of the crew on deck with presence of mind sufficient to sound the alarm bell.

Perhaps the real truth of the matter will never come to light, but it is not at all improbable that alcohol, the ravager of mankind and giant destroyer of ages, added another to his long list of triumphs in the Titanic disaster.