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"SOMETHING ROTTEN IN DENMARK"

The complexion of the dispensary investigation in South Carolina grows blacker and blacker every day. The report yesterday in The Columbia State of the testimony of Mr. Manheim, the dispenser of the Marion dispensary, seemed to indicate further that there was "something rotten in Denmark."

Some Frenchman has said "never write a letter," and it is supposed that many a statesman has wished that he had followed that maxim, but it seems that the dispensary managers of South Carolina might add to that "destroy all letters received."

It seems that the breaking of this last rule on the part of the "dispenser" of Marion county, in the great State of the palmettos, has caused him all the trouble which he is now undergoing.

For the North Carolina citizen to fully understand the question of right and wrong involved, it must be remembered that the dispensaries of South Carolina are supposed to purchase all their supplies from a central depot, located at Columbia, and for this depot the supplies are purchased by a State committee (the members of which are said to have gotten rich in a very few years), and no other orders by county dispensers are to be made.

With this statement of the condition upon which the South Carolina dispensary is supposed to be run, the following, received by the Marion county "dispenser," which is one among many, will suffice to show what straits the poor manager has gotten into:

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 28, 1905. Mr. M. Manheim, Dispenser, Marion, S. C.

Dear Sir: We are in receipt of your esteemed favor of the 26th inst., and are very glad indeed to note that you have placed an order with the State dispensary for 15 cases "Old Joe." We certainly appreciate your courtesy, and you have made no mistake by putting this brand in stock. It is handled successfully by nearly every dispensary in South Carolina, and the demand is something enormous, making it almost impossible for us to keep a supply of boxes on hand, thus we will be glad to have you ship us as many as possible.

In accordance with your request are expressing to-day a few pints and half pints, so that you can see what the goods are. Are also including advertising sign. Our impression is that it retails for 25c per half pint at dispensaries. With kindest regards, and again expressing our gratitude for your courtesy, we are, yours very truly,

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This was just one among many letters found in the dispensary from different manufacturers of whiskey, which would implicate the local manager. He testified as to receiving umbrellas, gold fountain pens, nice packed gallons and other packages at Christmas times in consideration of "courtesies shown."

There was much evidence to show the methods the drummers and salesmen for liquor dispensaries of South Carolina. But the following letter, showing that a member of the State board of dispensaries was also implicated in trying to dodge the law will be enough to show how much like a "fish that stinks in the moonlight" the system of the South Carolina dispensary is.

"The State board passed a resolution prohibiting all dealers from buying these boxes, and there was no choice left us in the matter."

"A member of the State board has indicated to this State in seeking to prevent dispensers from shipping these boxes to an outside party in Atlanta, and seeking to prevent us from buying the boxes from this outside party."

"In future, you will, therefore, please ship your boxes and packages to N. Y. Jones, Atlanta, Ga., sending us bill and bill of lading, and we guarantee that you get your job promptly."

"In making shipments, it is best to gross the freight, and mark on bill of lading 'empty boxes returned to original shipper,' so as to take lowest freight rate."

"Assuming you that we are only too glad to help out the situation in this manner, we are yours truly,

BLUMENTHAL & BICKART.

"IS IT A JOKE?"

Such is the head under which The Baltimore Sun treats the question of reports and investigation tending thereto concerning the matter of prevention—after there is nothing to prevent—it seems to figure conspicuously. The comment of The Sun follows:

"It has been suggested that Secretary of Agriculture Wilson lacks that sense of humor which occasionally saves a statesman from getting into embarrassing situations. Thus it has become necessary, in the Secretary's opinion, to institute an inquiry into the Bureau of Plant Industry of the Agricultural Department. The purpose of the inquiry is to ascertain whether any employee of that bureau is interested in any outside business or speculation or has anything to do with any person or concern that has business with the department. There was some scandal in connection with another bureau of the department, and Secretary Wilson is determined, by the adoption of preventive measures, to shut off further scandals. It appears, however, that the investigator designated by Mr. Wilson in the case of the Bureau of Plant Industry is the head of that bureau. Of this gentleman the Washington correspondent of The Philadelphia Public Ledger says: 'He is interested in one of the largest flower farms in the United States, situated a few miles out of Washington. A number of persons connected with the Agricultural Department spend a great deal of time on the farm.' The charge is made that they spend their time on the farm by order of the head of the Bureau of Plant Industry. If this be true the inquiry instituted by Secretary Wilson will scarcely prove valuable. On the contrary, it is likely to be one of the best jokes of the investigation season, for what could be more amusing than to order a bureau chief to investigate himself and show up his own shortcomings?"

There is every indication that Japan has stirred up a spirit of something closely akin to revolt. The little yellow fellows seem to feel cut to the quick by the action of the plenipotentiary who granted much and who took so little.

The New York Evening Mail, thus delivers itself on the subject:

"That revolt has broken out throughout Japan owing to dissatisfaction over the peace terms, or at any rate, that the situation is so threatening that the Mikado's government is seriously alarmed is a growing opinion among those who know how fully the Japanese people expected to be indemnified for the enormous expenses of the war."

"It is reported from Tien-Tsin, and it believed in London, that the discontent has manifested itself especially in Tokio, and that the Mikado immediately ordered all cable communication to be stopped except for official messages. Some reports have it that all cables except the official Formosa one have actually been cut."

"This report is borne out by the fact that since Friday night only two messages are known to have come from the Flowery Kingdom. One of these (and even the receipt of that is largely guesswork) is said to have come to Baron Komura at Portsmouth."

"The other is the formal reply of the Mikado to President Roosevelt's message of congratulation transmitted to the Emperor through Baron Komura."

It was a matter of common comment years ago that the institutions for the confinement of imbeciles and the insane were in the hands of men who were not far removed from brutes. There have been all sorts of tales told concerning such, and investigation has generally proven the facts. It seems more than strange that men in charge of the insane could be moved to aught else than pity. The call has come close to home this time. North Carolina has had to make an investigation, and when the lights were turned on there was found some human rubbish.

In how far the men employed at the State Hospital are directly to blame will have to be fixed by the courts. The coroner's jury has taken the step that must lead on to the arraignment of all parties who are implicated and concerned. We

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Now I want to say that the month I spent at the Keeley Institute was one of the most pleasant of my entire life. I followed the advice of the physicians and obeyed the rules of the Institute to the very letter, and, after I had been taking the treatment about ten days I commenced to improve, and fattened about a pound per day. Now my health is better than it has been for ten years and I have eaten more and digested it more thoroughly than ever before in my life. I sleep well, and the world seems brighter; my business improved wonderfully and best of all my wife says I am the best man on earth, and she the happiest of women. To say the least I would not have missed the treatment for ten times the cost to me. I have not taken a drop of intoxicants since I left the Institute, and have not the slightest desire to do so.

GEORGE E. PASSMORE, Keysville, Va., Oct. 6, 1904.

If you have friends who might be benefited please send their names to the Keeley Institute, Greensboro, N. C.

do not undertake to place the blame. It seems that there is a great burden of blame to be borne by some one. When that shall have been established the punishment ought to fit the crime. As a crime inhumanity, such as has been disclosed, should be dealt with severely.

EDITORIAL JOTTINGS.

Scandals grow in the Agricultural Department with the luxuriance of Kansas corn.—Pittsburg Gazette.

The terms of peace appear to be highly satisfactory to all the nations of the earth, with the exception of Japan and Russia.—Kansas City Star.

An injunction is regarded by the Beef Trust as only an incident of the business, which apparently is no great inconvenience.—Memphis News Scimitar.

That light fitting around in the executive office annex to the White House is merely Cortelyou trying on a few more Cabinet positions.—Kansas City World.

Castro should go slow. Where would the sympathies of the world be if by harsh and despotic measures he should wipe the United States out of existence?—Chicago News.

Perhaps if the Peace Commissioners were to hold a session in the Plunger at the bottom of Oyster Bay they could come to terms.—New York Evening Sun.

Richard Croker's daughter has married an Italian nobleman. What a help that would have been for the dago vote in the old Tammany days!—Houston Chronicle.

Indian Territory Republicans have started a Presidential boom for Senator Warner, of Missouri. For political purposes Indian Territory is as far away as Manila.—Washington Post.

Bishop Potter favors short sermons and probably most ministers would agree with him if it weren't so much harder to write a short sermon than it is to write a long one.—Boston Globe.

The release of Russia's interned ships, will give to it the nucleus of a navy. That, however, is all that Russia needs in time of peace and it is more than it ought to have in time of war.—Milwaukee News.

The Equitable management has cut off the pensions for widows of its former officers, and the policyholders can live in hope that eventually the pensions paid to living officers may be at least reduced.—Butte Inter Mountain.

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