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WHERE CONGRESS SPENDS MONEY.

It does not seem that the direct expenditures arising from a war are dangerous for this country, as the extravagances which a war develops.

The increased revenues demanded for war purposes, the high taxes levied, all have increased business and commerce in the country until there has been a degree of prosperity unprecedented.

This prosperity encourages Congress to make greater appropriations, and money spent passes almost without notice.

But with immense revenues it is not a satisfactory condition that the revenues are inadequate to meet expenditures.

"The current impression," says the New York Times, commenting upon the extravagance of the Fifty-sixth Congress "is that the excess of expenditure is due to the military operations in the Philippines or to the lingering effect of the war with Spain. This is not at all the case. The cost of the army, as estimated by the war department at the beginning of the session, is only $115,000,000, and that of the navy $71,000,000, and the two together are responsible for only 25 per cent. of the total expenditure.

"The trouble is not in the cost of any one department, it is in the two-year spending in all directions. How reckless this is may be seen in the fact that in the last year of the Civil War, when the spirit of extravagance was more rife than ever before, the cost of the Government, exclusive of the army and navy, was less than 30 per cent. authorized by the present Congress. That is an increase out of all proportion to the growth of population or the increased needs of the Government."

REFORM THAT WORKS HARM.

Violence and arbitrariness in those seeking to work out reforms in society generally defeat the purposes of the reformers, by disgusting those who might join and assist in the reform movement.

The recent reform movement in Kansas by Carrie Nation, soon got beyond the bounds of reform, and became a most violent and indecent crusade.

Primarily, this reform, smashing the saloon outfits, which under the law had no right to exist, was a movement which could have led to good results, in the abolishment of the saloons, which had no legal status.

But Mrs. Nation over stepped the bounds, and by invading other States and posing before the public, the merit of her crusade was lost sight of in the improper and scandalous personal actions and behavior of the woman seeking the reform.

Mrs. Nation has further scandalized herself and destroyed all good that might come from her reform movement, by her move in starting a newspaper, and associating herself with a negro who was to publish it.

Her department in this newspaper venture, places her beyond all decent people, and makes any thing she may attempt of no value, but a disgrace to the womanhood which she ought to represent.

In the salutatory of the newspaper, the Smasher's Mail, Mrs. Nation says:

"I have no apologies to make in having Nick Chiles for the publisher of The Smasher's Mail. Our Savior ate with publicans and sinners to do them good. The servant is not above his Lord. This paper shall be as its name implies, The Smasher's Mail."

This is mere bravado, or it might be more charitable to call it insanity, and thus relieve the woman of some of the odium which cannot fail to attach itself to her.

In the Smasher's Mail the departments under which letters are published are: "Letters from Hell," "Letters from Honest People," "Appeals for help," "Some Poetry," "Notes and Comments," "Indorsements and Invitations," "Snap Shots" and "Answers to Correspondents."

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This [illegible] results.

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