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Lining Up for Prohibition

On adjoining pages of the Greensboro News, last Sunday, appeared two rather copious comments upon prohibition. One was Tom Bost's "sermon," and the other was the weekly syndicated piece by H. L. Mencken. Both of these gentlemen spoke well of prohibition, but for different reasons.

To Mr. Bost it is a "great national opinion about sobriety," the triumph of which is balked by the unwillingness to shell out of "a stingy old man" (i. e., Uncle Sam). In Mr. Mencken's view its merit lies in the fact that it has stimulated the spirit of freedom throughout the land. "Having reached the nadir of complaisance and lethargy when the Volstead act went upon the books," he says, "the American people are now on the upward grade again, and show some signs of returning eventually to the level of their fathers. That idiotic respect for mere law which was at the bottom of their growing enslavement has been destroying prohibition. They have become suspicious of law, as Thomas Jefferson was and as every free people ought to be. They no longer jump at the crack of the legislative whip. Prohibition has taught every American, by direct personal experience, that invading the natural rights of the free citizen is an evil thing. I therefore permit myself to believe that it has done a great deal of good, unwittingly but none the less certainly."

The sober element, whose doctrine is set forth by Mr. Bost, will stand fast for prohibition. Now that Mr. Mencken has withdrawn his opposition, all the scoundrels should fall in line for it. The numerous bootlegging fraternity, of course, regards it as the most beneficent legislation in the history of the race. So it looks as if everybody ought to be pleased except the man who wishes that the United States Treasury were getting some of the swag.

None Other Such Is in Sight

It appears that the suggestion that both McAdoo and Al Smith withdraw as candidates for the Democratic nomination, for the sake of "harmony," always comes from a McAdoo adherent. Many of the McAdoo men would sacrifice their party's opportunity to the satisfaction of defeating Smith. The New York governor has grown steadily in the country's esteem until he is looked upon, by most unprejudiced observers, as the only Democrat who has any chance of winning the presidency. It has been amply demonstrated that a colorless, respectable candidate, who has nothing to offer but high-sounding platitudes about assailing the "citadel of privilege," and so on, cannot stir the imagination of the voters. The Republicans, with a big normal majority, banking on the widespread allegiance to the status quo, may do well to nominate a cautious and stodgy man. That is their game. But the Democrats, if they are to break the firm hold of their adversaries, must put forward a champion who is highly charged, in Kipling's phrase, with hot sand and ginger. Somebody, that

Random Shots

By Halifax Jones

In the latest issue of his *Monthly Ed Howe* tells of having seen, on the street in Miami, a newspaper vendor who looked like a prosperous business man, who "might have passed for a banker or manufacturer, any one of the numerous visitors for which Miami is distinguished." Some people put great store by the shape of the head and the outlines of the face, as indications of intellect and character, but I don't believe there is much to it. One of the most impressive domes I ever saw—it was the equal of Daniel Webster's—was carried around in New York by a man who was a hopeless lackwit. I used to see on the elevated train, once or twice every week, a gray-haired man around sixty whose face was lined as if by thought on great problems. He was always neatly dressed in black, with a watch chain running across his waistcoat. He seemed to me, in appearance, the ideal of a great banker, or perhaps an advocate. "I'll bet he's a celebrated man, somebody whose name I see in the papers every week," I used to say to myself as we travelled downtown together. One day I went into the office of an insurance company and found that this man was the porter; and found furthermore, upon conversing with him, that his intelligence was far below the average. On the other hand, I have seen men with little better than simian faces who were marvels of ability. In short, my experience gives me a low opinion of the judgments of phrenologists and other persons who affect to see meanings in heads and faces.

I have read scores of columns about the New York-to-Paris flight of Lindbergh. Now, nearly a week after the event—after kings and presidents and prime ministers and the world's greatest editors have paid their tributes—I find it impossible to say anything that has not been better said already. What a completely satisfying marvel this was! The sudden entrance of this youth upon the scene, after other airmen had been in the papers for weeks; the promptness of his departure; his choice to make the flight alone; his unerring dash from land to land; his good looks, and his simple and modest manners—all these combined to give the deed the very rarest flavor of drama and romance.

It was so absolutely flawless that I believe even the I-crave-to-be-different lads will find it difficult to use it as a text for any of their cute little dissenting cracks.

If the *New York Times* is to be believed, Lindbergh achieved something that was almost as marvelous as crossing the ocean in an airplane. The *Times* had the headline: "Lindbergh Thrills Coolidge."

The flight was the greatest story since the Armistice, and my observation is that the newspapers did well by it. The reporters realized that the plain fact was sufficiently thrilling, and they did not spoil the tale by attempts at what is called "fine writing." My admiration was stirred by many of the passages in the editorial comments. There was the phrase in

A Kick Is Advised

Commenting upon the Anti-Saloon League's instructions to President Coolidge and Secretary Mellon, as to methods of carrying out the prohibition law, the *New York Times* says: "No self-respecting officials can put up longer with this fantastic domination. Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Mellon have stood a good deal too much from these meddling monomaniacs. The time has come to stop kowtowing to them. What they need is an impressive, hearty, and far-propelling kick."

is, whose personality and record are capable of arousing real fervor. Al Smith is such a man, and none other such is in sight.

the Greensboro News: "That moment you shared with Lindbergh—everybody shared with Lindbergh—the indefinable exaltation that is born of a great moment." The *Raleigh Times* of last Monday presented a vivid appreciation of the wonder of Lindbergh's sense of direction: "He had no acquaintance with landmarks. He flew for a large part of the time by night, without pause or lessening of the mental strain. How was he to know Ireland? How could he recognize France? Yet he flew, without loss of time, like a train on schedule. From New York to the Bay of Fundy—through the fog—across Nova Scotia—over St. Mary's Bay to Newfoundland. Like a bullet to the bull's eye he hits Cape Race—and off for Ireland! A jump over the Irish sea to a point near Land's End in England. With the same directness, he sights Cherbourg. Up the Seine—and Paris. Less than a day and a half on the way! . . . There are ten thousand people—ten times ten thousand—as brave and as daring as Lindbergh. The difference is that while they stop and dream, Lindbergh is up and away. Few, if any, can fly as Lindbergh flies. But we may be certain that, sink or swim, fly or fall, he will cause many to "hop off" who otherwise would have remained immutably earth-bound." From the *News and Observer*: "Lindbergh is a pathfinder, a pioneer; and as thousands, easily and comfortably, in air Pullmans, take the voyage without thought of danger, the name of Lindbergh will be among the immortals." From the *Asheville Citizen*: "His long flights across the country as an air-mail pilot, in storm-swept areas, in the silence of the night, taught this young pioneer to depend upon himself, and he made the race strictly upon his own nerve and courage—and won. . . . The admiration of the world is his, and something more; for who can contemplate such an achievement and not feel the heart leap up at this fresh and glowing proof that there has been planted in man something that lifts him to the stars and establishes his kinship with the divine!"

Mrs. Meyer's Father Dies

Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Meyer left hurriedly for Augusta, Georgia, Tuesday, upon receipt of a message bringing the news of the death of Mrs. Meyer's father, George Wright. Dr. Abernethy took them in his car.

Conformation Rite Administered

At an impressive service in the Episcopal church Wednesday evening, Bishop Penick administered the rite of confirmation to 17 candidates. They were: Barbara Henderson, Martha Royster, Elsie Lawrence, Howard Manning, Donald Foerster, John Mengel, Jr., Arthur Mengel, Coit Coker, Billy Woollen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Janda, H. G. Baity, Thomas S. Howard, Haskell W. Fox, Miss Miriam Ashmore, Miss Ruth Ashmore, and Walter Kelley.

Playmakers Suffer a Loss

The Carolina Playmakers are to lose their capable business manager, P. L. Elmore. He is going to New York next year to study play production under Dudley Diggs and also to take, in Columbia University, a course leading to the master's degree. In the summer of 1928 Mr. and Mrs. Elmore will be in Germany where he will work under Max Rhinehart.

To Decorate Veterans' Graves

In accordance with its annual custom, Chapel Hill Post No. 6 of the American Legion will decorate the graves of veterans of the World War next Sunday afternoon. Members of the Legion will gather at the Episcopal Church in Chapel Hill at 2 P. M. They will try to be at the following graveyards at approximately the time indicated. Damascus and Bethel, 2:45; Sparrow's and New Hope, 3:15 Mt. Moriah and Orange Church, 4:00; McFarland's, 4:30; Chapel Hill, 5:00.

Children Gave a Good Show

The children of the Chapel Hill school won the plaudits of a large throng with their circus Saturday night. The show opened with a street parade, with a band, floats, and marchers in fantastic garb. In the operetta, "Fairyland," in the school auditorium, the children, costumed as flowers, bees, and birds, made a beautiful sight. The hall was crowded to the doors.

Wilson Visited Ambassadors

While he was abroad T. J. Wilson, Jr., registrar of the University, visited the American ambassadors in London and Paris and discussed with them the forthcoming tour of the University Glee Club. They gave him many helpful suggestions. Mr. Wilson made a fast trip home, crossing the ocean in 5 1-2 days on the Leviathan. He had a fine vacation and got back to Chapel Hill in the best of health.

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This Sale being held under the provisions of a Mortgage Deed as above recited will be reported to the Clerk of the Superior Court of Orange County and will remain open for 10 days for increase bids.

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