

**W C T U COLUMN**

Wu Ting Fang, who is characterized as the most popular Chinese diplomat ever sent to Washington, in an interview published in Harper's Monthly thus expresses the sympathy of his country with the cause of prohibition.

"China, waging war on opium, recognizes in this fact (America's prohibition reform.) a kindred active moral force . . . and shaking hands with her sister republic across the seas hopes that the latter will some day be as free from alcohol poisons as China hopes to be of opium. The facts and arguments adduced against strong drink . . . are set forth in such a clear convincing manner in a book written by a talented American woman that soon after reading it I became a teetotaler . . ."

Federal census reports recently published show that the number of criminals in the criminal institutions of the forty eight states per 100,000 population are as follows: In the prohibition states, 84; in the near prohibition states, 114; in the partially license states, 118; in the extreme license states, 130.

With regard to pauperism the reports that in the prohibition states the number of paupers per 100,000 population is 46; in near prohibition states, 54; in partially license states, 123; in extreme license states, 128.

"It took twenty years of popular pounding to get through Congress the constitutional amendment which makes senators elective by the people," the Beverly (Mass.) Times reminds us. "Behind it was at no time as alert or wide-spread a sentiment as the sentiment for prohibition which moreover, is organized and militant. It is a crusade rather than a mere belief. It has written itself into law in seventy one per cent of the area of the nation so that what remains to do to triumph is less than what has already been done." And the Brewers' Journal says that "Considering what has been accomplished by prohibitionists, almost anything seems possible, including a favorable vote in Congress for the ridiculous Hobson-Sheppard nation wide prohibition resolution".

That alcohol shortens life is abundantly proved by the record of life insurance companies. These tell us that a young man of sound health at the age of 20, who is a total abstainer, who remains a total abstainer, has a prospect of life of 45.6 years, and lives to the average age of 65.6 years. If he is a tippler, or moderate drinker, his prospect of life is 31.9 years and he lives to the average of 51.9 years instead of 65.6 years. He may never get drunk once, but the price he will pay for being a temperate or moderate drinker is to lose 13.75 years of his life.

**CURRENT COMMENT**

SAD, VERY SAD

Day in, day out he moans and sighs

And shakes his head in doubt; His sorrow he can not disguise. The country's down and out.

The workingman is on the bum; It sorely is a crime To make a fellow-being glum— They work him overtime.

And lo, the humble farmer gay; His lot is worse by far; It takes two loads of wheat to buy A 1915 car.

The railroads are in dire distress; Ah, brethren, it is tough! For in dejection they confess They haven't cars enough.

The bankers, too, are stricken sore; When harvest time begins With one accord they'll raise a road— And build more money bins.

Small wonder that this patriot Should be so heavy-souled; A pesky Democrat has got The job he used to hold. —W. Kee Maxwell in *Peoria Journal*.

What was probably the first suffragette plot in history is described by James Baikie in a communication to the National Geographic Society, at Washington, D. C., summarizing the more recent explorations and excavations in Egypt which have done much to reveal the history of an ancient world power.

"We have a very full record of the process against certain ladies of the harem of King Rameses III, of the twentieth dynasty, which exhibits the harem intrigue in all its familiar features," writes Mr. Baikie. "Officials of the harem are bribed, messages are sent out to officers of the troops from the secluded ladies, inviting the help of the army to overthrow the king and set up a pretender, and the resources of witchcraft are called in to insure the success of the scheme. In this case even the discovery of the plot did not put an end to the machinations of those concerned. The judges in the trial were tampered with, and the result was a highly discreditable exposure of the corruption of the Egyptian bench as well as that of the harem."

Hawaii's dedication of her site on July 7th, on the grounds of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition was the most attractive ceremony held thus far in connection with State and foreign sites. Hawaiian Ilima Leis beautiful Hawaiian girls, Hawaiian music and the characteristic program ending the "shower of Flowers" provided an afternoon amply repaying the great throng that was in attendance. Pineapple juice was sprinkled over the site by Mrs. Victor Houston wife of the Commander of the United States Cruiser, "St Louis" the Hawaiian flag was raised by

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