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A FIGHT NOW FOR SECRECY IN MEDICINES

Outside Liquor, Drug and Chemical Concerns Combining to Defeat Patent Medicine Bill.

According to information secured from the State Board of Health, the so-called "patent medicine bill" will doubtless soon precipitate the hardest fight and encounter the strongest lobby this legislature has seen. While the first skirmish on the bill will not be until the joint committee meeting Tuesday afternoon, telegrams, letters and special delivery letters are already beginning to pour in upon the Governor and a number of the legislators, urging the defeat of this measure. From an examination of some of the letters and telegrams, it is evident that they are all issuing from the same sources. From certain other ear marks and known facts, it is indicated that these communications are inspired by liquor interests, and manufacturing and wholesale chemical and drug concerns outside the State. Still another interesting feature concerning the present lobby against this bill is that those urging its defeat are doing so without any evidence of definite plans.

Behind the provisions are very simple. They are, first, that all secret remedies other than patented formulas, proprietary medicines and physicians' prescriptions have the formula printed on the bottle and package; second, that the drug inspector, under the direction of the Board, supervise the operation of the bill and see that it is carried out in good faith and, third, that a graduated tax of medicines be imposed upon the manufacturers in order to defray the expenses of enforcing the law.

The Board further claims that although it has been making its position in this matter public for some time, no definite reasons have thus far been advanced by the secret remedy interests for this fight against the measure or for masking the composition of their preparations which are frequently sold by means of extravagant claims under high-sounding names and for exorbitant prices to a public which knows not what it is buying.

One noteworthy feature about

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the agitation this bill is exciting in secret remedy circles is the fact that some companies producing preparations that are not worthless or fraudulent concoctions are not only refusing to oppose the bill, but are even in favor of it and anxious to have the public know what they are buying when they purchase ready-made medicines.

SAY AMERICANS ARE HONEST.

If you wish to learn some illuminating sidelights on the people of the United States you ought to hunt out some friend who has carried on a business by mail. He will very probably tell you that the people in some sections are honest and better than those anywhere else. He will do this because his experience has taught him so.

A man who has large correspondence throughout the United States told us recently that he found the average customer in far off states to be a pretty fair trader, although at intervals some exception to the rule butted in to accuse him of trying to steal and another jumped out while stealing himself. Even with the man who stops in debt, he said he had enough faith to believe that he meant well. Hard luck, or pure carelessness, were two things which kept most of them from paying up and acting square.

The people in the United States, according to this man, are a pretty good type. He declares

through here and there a black sheep stays in the fold to darken the looks of the rest of the flock. If you keep your eyes open for the exception you will get along all right with those you never see, is his ultimatum.

In every town it is the same. There are some citizens here who are never known to pay up their bills and the merchants have to hang onto them like leeches in order to get a proportion of the claim settled. Every citizen here knows the truth of what we say. Just as this friend of ours says, people mean to pay but they put off doing so until they forget or are not able. Too many people wait until it is more convenient to pay and because that time never comes they are accused of being dishonest.

We wish all our citizens, especially our subscribers, would try to remember this. We will never think you are crooked because we know you better than that, but sometimes there may be others who do not know you and you will be misjudged. Go around to the merchants you owe and tell them you will pay them. They will give you all the time you need, and you'll feel a lot better after doing so.

We could tell lots of secrets, but why rattle the bones?

THE PRESIDENT ON BEHALF OF HUMANITY.

Seeking that there might be adopted a program which would guarantee a permanent peace among nations and justice throughout the world President Wilson Monday addressed the Senate upon the matter of having the government of the United States formulate such conditions for its entrance into a league of peace as it would frankly ask the people of this country to approve, declaring that as to this the present war in Europe must first be ended.

There has been no more important matter brought before the country by President Wilson than upon which he addressed the Senate Monday, his presentation of the subject being such as to make his utterances the ablest state paper of his administration. In it he well says that as for our participation in guarantees for future peace the terms mean everything, that the treaties and agreement which bring the war to an end must create a peace that will be worth guaranteeing and preserving, a peace that all mankind will approve, not a peace that will merely give the several interests of the nations

The President would have the people of the United States take part in this great enterprise, that a service may be rendered world humanity, and that service he sets out as being nothing less than "to add their authority and their power to the authority and force of other nations to guarantee peace and justice throughout the world" that while we will have no voice in determining what terms shall be made to end the war, yet we have a voice in determining whether those terms shall be made lasting or not by the guarantees of a universal covenant, that to keep the future safe from war the people of the new world must have a part in that covenant.

Declaring most truly that no mere balance of power as the result of the war will bring a just and secure peace, he set out that from both of the groups of beligerents had come statements that there was no purpose to crush their antagonists, holding that what had been done had brought us the nearer a definite discussion of peace which would end the present war, that as he saw matters it would be a peace without a victory, for victory would mean a peace forced upon the loser, such a peace one that would not endure, that no peace can or ought to last which does not recognize and accept the

principles that governments derive all their just powers from the consent of the governed, that people cannot be handed from sovereign to sovereign like pieces of property.

Freedom of the seas, with a direct outlet to them so far as practicable for every great power struggling toward a full development of their resources and their powers should be assured, he declared, holding that the freedom of the seas is the absolute essential for peace, equality and co operation, the freedom and the safety of the seas being interlocked, the moderation of armament to be also accomplished. And as he amplified his utterances he declared that the view he presented was to have the nations of the world adopt the principles of the Monroe doctrine.

President Wilson, as we read his utterances, has given voice to the hopes and aspirations of the American people, for the program presented by him is one for the betterment of humanity, the things that he would see go into effect, those which appeal to forward looking men and women where ever there is enlightenment and civilization. His utterances set the stage for a new epoch if they be but heeded, for they set before the nations a disposition of affairs which would bring a permanent peace for the world. The nations of Europe should give ear to the solemn truths which he has declared unto them.—News and

"WE WILL HOPE."

Philadelphia Record.

If it be true that 10,000 Mexican troops have arrived at Torreon to reinforce the troops already there and make a strenuous hunt for Villa, the fact is encouraging. But there have been so many feints of this sort by the defacto government that we cannot be very sure of the genuineness of this move. But we will hope. We have no disposition to keep the punitive expedition in Mexico if Carranza will do his duty.

Lemon Shaw, probably the oldest colored man in the State, died last Tuesday at Garner at the age of 108 years, four months and five days. He was born September 11th, 1809, and had spent his entire life in this county with the exception of a short period he spent in Dismal Swamp in the eastern part of the State, where he went during the war, and remained until its close.

Six years ago he was tried in the Superior court of Wake county for the murder of David Hall, colored, but was acquitted on account of his age, he then was 102 years old. The old darkey for the past twenty-five years had lived alone in a little hut on the plantation of J. D. Johnson, at Garner.

THE FARMVILLE MARKET WILL CLOSE JAN. 31

By an order of the Tobacco Board of Trade, the Farmville market will close on Wednesday January 31st, which is next week. If there be a tobacco grower in this section who has any now on hand, he is urged to get same ready and market it on or before that date.

Two Million Autos in 1917.

It is not far beyond the truth to say that the railroad as a passenger carrying vehicle is doomed, except for long distance travel. The increasing number of automobiles in some states show very clearly that almost anybody can get an automobile, and the increasing number of cars manufactured along with the decreasing price indicate that before long almost every American family will have its car.

In the past year over a million and a half passenger automobiles were sold. These cars averaged \$605 a piece while those sold in the year before averaged \$67 more a piece. This year will see more cars sold. The average price of cars at the end of 1917 there will probably be two million new car owners.

These facts are astounding. A new car to practically every fifty-five persons! If this is the expectation of this year, what must the future have in store?

THE EXTRA PINT.

An enterprising liquor dealer has been advertising lately to send a gallon and a pint for the price of a gallon. Many betook his liberality.

He was brought into Court, however, for violating the law allowing a man to get only a gallon a month, and arraigned for trial. His lawyer moved that the liquor in evidence be measured. It was, and, behold, there was only a gallon in the four-quart bottles and the pint, which had been thrown in at the same price.

The prosecution was just as sharp, however, and he is now facing a trial for "using the mails to defraud." We don't see how he will demonstrate his innocence so easily this time.

The King of Sweden says the position of his country grows more perilous and the Swiss Council has added to the armed guard of that country. It begins to look like everybody is preparing for a new outbreak of barbarity in the war.

THE DEATH OF ADMIRAL DEWEY.

Representative of the most audacious type of American fighters, the death of Admiral Dewey, who for years has been the chief advisor of the naval police of this country, is a distinct loss.

His life on shore has probably been worth more to his country than his exploits in the wars of his country but Americans remember him as the man who calmly steamed into Manila harbor, took a sporting chance, and blew up the Spanish ships. His remarkable exploit with the bumptious German admiral shows him in a light which Americans always will admire.

His funeral was a worthy tribute to his life, and the way distinguished officers of this government paid tribute to him was an attestation of his worth. He stands as the exemplification of the man who does things, and our nation, as well as its people, is a worshipper of that type of man, whether he be sea-fighter or civilian.

CAR SHORTAGE

The serious car shortage which exists can be minimized to a large extent during the fertilizer movement if receivers of this traffic will co-operate with the Norfolk Southern, which Company, having in mind the interest of its patrons, asks their cooperation as follows:

1—Begin moving your fertilizer early and order out in such quantities as will enable shippers to load cars to capacity.
2nd—Unload cars without delay upon arrival, regardless of free time allowed under demurrage tariffs, and promptly notify your nearest agent when cars will be released.

Compliance with this request means that the available cars will transport double the tonnage and, further, that the side track facilities of the Norfolk Southern will not be unnecessarily taxed. Then too, fertilizer movement will be more or less evenly distributed throughout the entire season, instead of being confined largely to period of from forty to sixty days, insuring not only better handling on the part of the Norfolk Southern but making it less expensive to the owner.

We will appreciate your routing shipments via Norfolk Southern and will exhaust every possible effort, not only towards supplying available cars but in handling the traffic with despatch and placing for delivery upon arrival at destination.

J. H. Young E. D. Kyle,
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To Our Friends

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