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"If There is not a Way, Cut a Way."

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TOO MUCH BAG.

BETWEEN President Harding on the affirmative, Senator Borah on the negative, and other senators and congressmen vacillating between and between, the country is becoming well fed up on the subject of active American participation in the league of nations or come other kind of a world court.

And perhaps it is just as well that the subject is being agitated on both sides of the fence, for we do not want to do any leaping without first looking to see where we will land.

To the average man on the side lines, though, it would seem that we have participated rather strenuously as it is—partly to our sorrow.

We commenced by lending the allies billions of dollars which have never been repaid, and much of which probably never will be repaid.

Next we entered actively into the war at a time when the allies were practically facing defeat—and we turned that defeat into victory.

Then we sold France many millions of dollars worth of war munitions and stores for a song, and we do not know whether that bill has been paid or not.

And last, at the urgent solicitation of the allies, we kept General Allen and his army in Germany until a short time ago. We were to have been reimbursed for the expense of keeping them there, but the allies have prevented such reimbursement and have only recently sanctioned payment.

Europe is sadly in need of some kind of a court capable of maintaining the peace and restoring the self respect of the world, but no such court will be of any avail until European governments, or at least some of them, forsake their present grasping and selfish attitudes and return to the paths of honor among nations and peoples.

If the time ever comes when these foreign governments regain their sanity it is possible that the American people will have no material objection to becoming an active participant in a world court.

But until we can see some evidence of sanity on the other side of the Atlantic we will do well to keep ourselves and our money at home.

We have held the bag long enough.

OUR TREND OF THOUGHT.

THE tomorrow of a nation may often be predicted by its trend of thought of today. Take our own country as an illustration.

We have sublime faith in the future of this country, because we are loyal—or at least most of us are. Therefore our country will be preserved and we will press forward to greater material accomplishments in the future. It is in our blood.

But morally it is a different story. Our thoughts are like water—constantly seeking a lower level.

A man works hard, uses his brain, is successful in business, and becomes the possessor of much wealth. Tired and worn, he seeks relaxation, and his mind turns to the young and the fresh. There is always a "chicken" to accept his presents and relieve him of a part of his cash.

It requires wealth to move in high society, but high society with its glitter is attractive to many women. If fashion dictates that she drink highballs and cocktails, and sport diamonds and pearls in profusion, and wear a shoestring for an evening gown, she bows to the ulti-

LATE Friday night, Governor Alfred E. Smith signed the Cuvillier bill repealing the Mullan-Gage prohibition act. With this simple stroke of his pen, Governor Smith has again shown his fearlessness and sincerity of purpose, standing for what he claims to believe to be right, regardless of the consequences of his future political advancement.

Governor Smith played true to those who made him governor. But in doing so has eliminated himself as a possible successful candidate for the presidency. The fine opportunity he had of becoming the President of the United States disappeared when his signature was affixed to that repealing bill. He made the choice with his eyes open, for he says: "I have no political future that I am willing to attain by the sacrifice of any principle or any conviction of what in my mind is for the welfare and the benefit of the state and nation."

There are forty-eight states in the United States. They are all as dry as the Sahara Desert, with the exception of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Maryland and possibly Pennsylvania; and we are not yet convinced that New York is wet, taking the state as a whole.

We have all respect for anyone who lives up to his convictions. Governor Smith has been consistently wet in every spot and place when he has had the opportunity to show his feelings since becoming the governor of New York State the second time. There can be no longer a doubt as to where he stands.

It was not alone the repeal of the Mullan-Gage bill that was at stake when the measure was up for the consideration of the governor. It would have been much better had the enforcement act never been enacted. There are many ways in which it seems to us better that the federal government should enforce the laws; but for the State of New York to refuse to uphold and enforce the laws of the United States, thus virtually seceding from the federal government, seems little less than a crime.

Governor Smith is a product of New York City. His environment has always been that of the metropolis, and in this matter he has not been able, it would seem, to look beyond the walls of that city for the sentiment of the people. The people down there are wet and always have been. He has always maintained that a referendum was the only truly democratic way to decide these questions where the interests of the entire population was effected. Had he put this issue up to a popular vote of the people, without party politics being allowed to interfere, the wets would have been snowed under so deep that they could never have dug themselves out.

Governor Smith can carry the State of New York as a candidate for Governor any old time he wants to, but he had better not attempt to run for President of the United States, since his action on the repeal bill last Friday. The people do not want and will not have a president who is not in sympathy with the federal laws, upholding the Constitution of the United States.

There is no sence or justice in attempts being made to load the disgrace of this bill on the shoulders of the Democratic party alone, as it would have been impossible to have passed it without Republican help. The Republican assembly was strong enough to kill every other Democrat measure that came before it for consideration, and they could have killed this one if they had so desired.

matum and sinks her womanhood in the mire of the social whirl. Her finer points are blunted, and those left to her are of minor value.

And the boys and girls, seeing the pace set by their parents, hit the high spots in an effort to keep up.

Of course, there are many good people who are doing their utmost to overcome these conditions, but they might as well attempt to stem the tides of the seas or divert the course of a tornado in its fury.

It is the penalty of the great wealth we are accumulating, a penalty that has an element of sweetness in its destructiveness.

Can you predict the tomorrow that faces this country?

FOREIGN BONDS

DO YOU own any foreign government or domestic bonds?

A great newspaper tells us that there is a "spirit of war in the air"—meaning Europe, of course.

When that war comes, if it does, it will be more substantial than a spirit, and it will have a tremendously depressing effect upon the value of foreign bonds.

If you own any such securities it would not be a bad idea to get rid of them the moment you can get

what you paid for them.

A few years ago—two or three or four—American amateur financiers with more money than judgment were buying up billions of German marks because they were down in price. Today they are practically waste paper, it requiring 300 marks to pay the postage on an ordinary letter from Germany to the United States. Very pretty souvenirs of a country that has been shorn of its glory, but rather expensive to the people who purchased them a few years ago and waited for them to "come back."

Don't let a like experience happen to you with your foreign bonds—if you have any. Only a very foolish man allows himself to be bitten twice by the same dog.

THE PROFITEERS AGAIN

THE department of justice is still going after corporations and individual contractors who robbed the government by the wholesale during the war.

Some of these "birds" operated on a shoestring and cleaned up millions—something no honest or fair minded man can do.

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the next one, and be among the first to go "over the top and into the jaws of hell," where the devil would be sure to get them.

Too many of these Benedict Arnolds are still at large and feasting on your money and ours.

Never brag. Boasting is lots more genteel.

Enjoying life to the full is commendable—provided you don't get full.

It takes a wise man to give a woman advice without receiving some in return.

When we find an insane person we put him in an asylum—if he isn't driving a car.

The fellow who feels like apologizing for his virtues hasn't any for which to apologize.

"One-half of the world ought to be doing what the other half is not," says an exchange—yourself excepted.

Over in China they have a government that functions occasionally—when there is no one around to object.

If you must be a pessimist put off being one until tomorrow. That will give you a long time for optimistic waiting.

"All things come to him who waits," they say. But if that be true they hustle right by a lot of us without stopping.

Some men pride themselves on their figures, but they are most valuable when they have a dollar mark in front of them.

By remembering that charity covers a multitude of sins, we can readily understand why some people are so overly generous.

You may be half as good as your wife tells other women you are, but don't be so foolish as to attempt to convince her that you are.

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