

### BOOZE IN WAR

#### Saloon League Leader States Argument of Liquor Dealers

### WANTS TO BIG WASTE

Rev. Homer W. Topp, district superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, 1925 Exchange Building, today struck back arguments put forth by the liquor industry that it is for the good of the nation to keep "John Barleycorn in the saddle" during the war.

"The plea of the rum interests that the law do not adopt national prohibition is not a new plea. It is for the good of the nation," he said in big advertisements published in newspapers all over the country. The saloon dealers are the National Association of Distillers and Wholesale Liquor Dealers, with executive offices in Cincinnati, O.

The advertisements lead off with the question: "Do you think our Government should confiscate the property of its citizens without compensation?"

Here is Doctor Topp's reply to that: "It is the old, old compensation plea which the booze forces have harped on for years. In the first place the liquor business is not a vested right; it is a vested wrong. The statement of the liquor interests is misleading. We are not confiscating property and have no intention of confiscating property. For instance, the big brewery in Flint, Mich., has been transferred into a church; in this place where the beer was formerly brewed into poison for the masses, citizens are going to church and absorbing the highest ideals of life. A brewery building in Wheeling, W. Va., has been turned into a meat-packing establishment; a place where nourishing food, instead of poison, is being prepared for the consumers of that district. In Portland, Ore., one brewery has been turned into a nursery where more men are employed than were at the brewery and at better wages; another brewery in Portland has been made into a furniture manufacturing establishment.

"In Lynchburg, Va., twenty-one out of twenty-two places where booze was sold are being used for other kinds of business—business that is constructive and performing real service to humanity. One is being used as a grocery store, another as a restaurant, a third as a shoe shop, another as a flower shop, etc. No property has been confiscated in any case. Many more people are employed than under the brewery regime. It has been established that saloon keepers and bartenders can find employment outside the rum business. A man who can drive a brewery wagon can drive any other kind of wagon. More men lose their jobs through liquor than through prohibition.

"The only thing we are doing is closing a bad business. Alcohol is a poison and a menace to life, health, morals and public safety. This statement issued recently by the Health Board of New York is significant: 'Man is a brute with a highly developed brain power. Alcohol destroys the brain, leaving nothing but the brute.' I believe in national prohibition as a war measure, and Congress has the power to stop the sale of intoxicating liquor. We must be sober to win this war.

"We have no need for poison shops in this country, and science has decreed that the saloons are poison shops. Alcohol is as much a habit-forming drug as morphine and heroin. The Government has enacted a law restricting the sale of those drugs, and the Government should take the same attitude toward alcohol."

The second question asked in the liquor advertisement follows: "Do you know that the annual revenue to the Government by the liquor industry exceeds the total annual interest on the \$7,000,000,000 war loan?"

In reply to that, Doctor Topp said: "For every dollar in revenue that we receive from the liquor traffic we have to pay out many more to curb the evils of the traffic. It is not inconsistent to license a traffic which will make men say when they commit murder or other crimes, 'I was drunk and didn't know what I was doing?'"

Doctor Topp also took issue with this statement in the liquor advertisement: "There are now stored in Government bonded warehouses more than 211,000,000 gallons of whiskey and other spirits; prohibition would confiscate not only the millions lawfully invested in distillery property, but also millions of gallons stored in bonded warehouses."

"All right," said Doctor Topp, "if there is such an amount of liquor stored in bonded warehouses, let the Government use the alcohol for industrial purposes. We need a lot of alcohol right now for the manufacture of munitions and other necessities of war. But let us take steps to prevent this vast reservoir of poison from contaminating the man power of the nation.

### FOOD PRODUCERS TO BE UNITED BY GREEN CROSS

#### Movement Started by Woman Gains Approval as People Realize Value of Farming

### ORGANIZATION NEEDED

#### Leading Men in Agricultural Work Lend Support to Plan to Overcome Food Shortage

Join the Green Cross if you are raising crops on your garden or farm.

It is a new organization in process of formation which will unite the great army of food producers in one great body.

The Green Cross idea is a practical back to the farm movement. All who are raising crops are entitled to membership. It matters not whether your farm is fifty acres or in your back yard.

Practical men and women interested in food production believe that the proposed Green Cross will become as great in scope as the Red Cross. Something is needed, they contend, to arouse permanent interest in the raising of crops, and it is believed that a national organization, the seed of which will be planted in Philadelphia, will be the means of placing food production on its proper plane before the people.

Advocates of the plan believe that a movement of such scope will arouse the interest of owners of vast estates, who may be induced to loan their thousands of idle acres for food production.

It is pointed out today by numerous persons prominent in agricultural projects that the Green Cross, through uniting all food-producing organizations under one great head, would be the means of preventing duplication of effort in one direction, and also act as a clearing house for all other organizations.

A WOMAN'S IDEA  
The idea of the Green Cross was conceived by Miss Helga Barford, of Merion, who takes an active interest in things agricultural.

Among others who have endorsed the proposed organization and who will cooperate toward making the plan a success is J. Russell Smith, Professor of Industry and Director of Food Growers' Battalions for the University of Pennsylvania.

"The Green Cross is just the thing to keep the food producing idea before the country," he said. "Interest in agricultural work has been lagging for the last twenty years. There has been a general tendency to center most interest in the city to the detriment of the country. The people have at last realized the importance of producing crops, and the lesson learned through negligence of the past will not be speedily forgotten. I heartily endorse the plan for the Green Cross and will do all that I can to help the plan along."

Equal enthusiasm was expressed by James H. Dix, superintendent of the Philadelphia Vacant Lots Cultivation Association.

"The Green Cross will undoubtedly stimulate interest in the raising of crops and development of the land generally," he said; "and the wearing of the symbol would readily show the site of the great army of those practically interested in the development of the soil. The organization could also be of practical value by being a clearing house for such work and prevent duplication of effort in one direction, and will be very glad to assist in any way possible toward the success of the proposed organization."

#### Booze and Movies Under War's Ban

ST. PAUL, April 25.—Minnesota's public safety commission ordered all saloons, pool halls and motion-picture houses in certain sections of Minneapolis closed as its first war measure today.

### FIRE DESTROYS GRAIN ELEVATOR AT ERIE, PA.

#### Building Contained 200,000 Bushels of Wheat for Allies—Federal Investigation Begun

ERIE, Pa., April 25.—Despite the pressed belief on the part of officials of the Western Transportation Company that the fire, which last night destroyed elevator "A" with its contents of 200,000 bushels of wheat consigned to the Allies, started from an overheated pulley, a thorough investigation was begun today. Federal agents are inquiring into the facts. The loss is estimated at \$600,000.

It is the second disastrous fire loss sustained by the company, which is owned by the Great Lakes Transportation Company, elevators "B" and "C" having burned December 19, 1915, with a loss of \$800,000. The fire last night built further storage in two new million-dollar elevators because of destruction of two connecting conveyors.

#### Beaten for Alleged Insult to Flag

John Pargin, thirty-one years old, a native of Turkey, was severely beaten at Tenth and Callowhill streets at 1 o'clock this morning by a marine after he is alleged to have spoken in a disrespectful way of the American flag. Pargin went down in a heap and when picked up was sent to the Tenth and Buttonwood streets police station and locked up. He was later sent to the Central Station for a hearing before Magistrate Pennock. Magistrate Pennock took the view that the foreigner had received sufficient punishment and he discharged him with a warning to always respect the national emblem in the future.

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This is the picture loaned to the Philadelphia Public Ledger by Stanley V. Mastbaum and shown before the State Legislature in the Capitol at Harrisburg.