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PROHIBITION AND CRIME.

BY ASHLEY L. TOTTEN.

Prohibition in America is bringing about some very funny results.

Our reformers advanced as logical argument that the world, and most especially the United States, would be made far better by prohibition.

There would be no more crimes

There would be less divorces, and happier homes

There would be more Christians and more respect for the church.

There would be less poverty.

Let us see how well this has proved to be.

In all the leading cities of America, daring bandits, some of them mere youths, are daily holding up citizens, robbing them, and committing murder in order to get away.

Indiscriminate looting of government buildings, banks, the U. S. Mails, is taking place every where.

Policemen are being shot down like dogs on the very streets in the faithful performance of duty.

Whenever a bandit or a murderer is caught the excuse is, no work, no money.

One bandit a few weeks ago killed a man and wife he alleged to secure money with which to feed his starving children.

Women too, have assumed a bolder attitude.

We hear about suits for divorce and separation daily.

Women are doing the running around and the breaking up of homes.

Murder is committed by women as an alibi to get away from home to become

CHRISTIANSTED THEATRE

8.15. THIS EVENING 8.15

"EDDIE POLO"

IN

"King of The Circus"

Episode No. 10: "THE MYSTIC POWER"

Episode No. 11: "MAN AND BEAST"

Episode No. 12: "DEEP WATERS"

James Gray defrauds Eddie Polo of his possession of Gray's Circus and succeeds in destroying every evidence of Eddie's ownership, except a piece of canvas, bearing the imprint of the original deed which Mary, Eddie's sister, hides. Gray traps Eddie and threatens with a terrible death unless he delivers it.

ADMISSION

Reserved Seats.....30 and 25c.

General Entrance.....15c.

Children 15c. and 10c.

the wife or mistress of some other man.

It is the mother who walks off leaving her little children to suffer, an act not yet adopted by the beasts of the forest.

Women drink and get drunk everywhere just like men did in the past, and a good husband is no longer surprised to come home from work to find that his wife is out on a good time.

The law does not permit anyone to get drunk legally, so men and women are forced to go out in search of private liquor and get drunk anyway.

It is found to be quite true that the woman who usually drank a glass of beer or wine with her meals and was satisfied to stay at home, goes out for her hootch, and will positively drink where ever she gets it, if even off the hip of a generous friend.

Again we find some disappointment for our reformers, who are of the belief that prohibition would make better Christians and bring about more respect for the church.

Prohibition has done nothing more than set the brains of the nation thinking how to make the best kind of booze at home.

The average working man and woman is rapidly finding a new road to prosperity in the manufacture of hootch, and it is usually on Sunday that the stills are placed in operation.

The best kind of jazz music and dancing is taking place in nearly every home in Harlem beginning from early Satur-

day night into Sunday and all throughout the day.

Yet on the other hand, every possible effort is being made to round up all places where liquor is sold,

If half the energy used in making this country dry had been devoted toward the enforcement of a Federal Law to stop the burning of human flesh and the riddling of human bodies in quarters where prohibition was enforced many many years ago, America could better boast of her civilization.

Usually whenever a mob lynches the church comes in for a share in the job.

The burning of a colored man at Waco, Texas was made possible through a meeting previously held in a Baptist church.

The East St. Louis riots were started by semi-cannibals who had called their meeting in a church.

And the burning at the stake a few days ago at Kirwin, Texas took place between two churches.

If our reformers were looking as seriously toward the logical end of it, as they are toward the profits yielded by their party, they would be forced to admit that this national disgrace which throws a stain upon the flag wherever it waves, is carried on by people not influenced by liquor and certainly not influenced by the church.

It has been also said that the vitality of a nation is wasted by drinking beer.

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