

real of the 18th Amendment was a revolt against compulsion." The statement was made recently by a religious leader. Compulsion means compelled. The gentleman is wrong there. Of our own free will the 18th Amendment came into being. Here are a few facts.

President Hoover rolled up the largest majority up to that time. The issue, prohibition. 35 states were dry by state prohibition laws. $\frac{3}{4}$ of the population and $\frac{2}{3}$ of the area of the country was dry, of its own volition. The final vote of the Senate of the United States on the measure stood 65 to 20 against. The lower house stood 262 to 128 against. The aggregate vote in the Senates of the United States was 1309 to 246; in the lower houses 5660 to 1265. Of the 35 dry states the vote in counties was 2412 to 665. 46 states ratified the Amendment almost overnight. Compulsion seems like a misfit in a record like that.

Result. In Massachusetts, for example, "Records for 40 years show the population of Houses of Correction and jails averaged 25,000. Under the 18th Amendment 4,500, and a 86.5 per cent drop in liquor consumption. State prison population for the same period averaged 6,800. Under prohibition 2,200." (Judge Joseph F. Zottoli, Boston).

And repeal was a revolt? Who then revolted? And why? The A.A.P.A. Eight months before the Amendment became effective, the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment was organized by 250 millionaires and multi-millionaires. Object?

- "(1) To prevent the country from becoming bone dry before July 1; and
- (2) To make the 18th Amendment forever inactive."

It cost the A.A.P.A. \$4,120,000. Aim? Money.

"If we should have back the right to manufacture beer---the income would be \$1,320,000,000." (Capt. W. H. Stayton).

"A tax on beer would save one of my corporations \$10,000,000 a year." (Irene du Pont in Congress).

Another - "The laboring man would willingly pay a small tax on beer."

The real aim, to shift heavy corporation taxes to other shoulders.

Method. "I should like to call on every free thinking American to break this law. Break it whenever he can. Drink what you please, when you please. Urge others to drink. Don't betray the bootlegger who brings liquor to you. In every way possible flaunt your defiance of the law--Ignore it, Abrogate it, WIPE IT OUT. While it stands, let it be disobeyed." (Mr. Carey Ford in Vanity Fair).

Mrs. Charles S. Sabin, as President of the Women's Auxiliary of the A.A.P.A. enlisted a host of women of wealth to abolish hypocrisy (?) and save the youth from the horrors of prohibition. The Brewery News got off on another foot the morning after the election of 1932 to say, "Not one-tenth of one per cent of the youths of America know the taste of real beer. We must educate them." These women could well have said, "We have our bootleggers, we finance gangsters and racketeers of the underworld. We serve liquors before our children and servants. We hold the law in contempt by our talk and conduct."

Courtenay R. Cooper wrote, "The bootlegger was sometimes welcomed on a plane that almost equalled social equality. A new thing is vicious crime, yet it had its beginnings, years ago, when the first citizen, as a forerunner of many of us, opened his door to the bootlegger."

This is how the camel got his head under the tent. Not the law, but the lawless buyer brought contempt (revolt) for the law. - When for the gratification of their appetite or the promotion of their interests, lawyers, bankers, great merchants and manufacturers and social workers, both men and women, disobey and scoff at this law or any other law they are aiding the cause of anarchy and promoting mob violence, robbery and homicide; they are sowing dragons' teeth and they need not be surprised when they find that no judicial or police authority can save our country or humanity from reaping the harvest. (A resolution unanimously adopted by the judicial section (composed of judges only) of the American Bar Association during our dry period.)

Results? With Uncle Sam among the distillers, 400,000 saloons licensed by the government, beer in our army camps and the administration refusing to interfere, the same spirit in the same Mrs. Sabin, now Mrs. Dwight Davis, who recently boldly urged beer in the Red Cross camps to be given away (Christian Science Monitor)--a move which died aborning, fortunately,--all show how little of the camel is now outside the tent.

Are we still to "be like sheep led to the slaughter"?

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