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INCREASING LOVE OF WINE.

As bearing on the question whether mankind is progressing morally, or otherwise, the fact that drunkenness is increasing among the gentle sex is important. It is claimed that notwithstanding the efforts of temperance societies, the consumption of stimulants is increasing, and that among the women the growing appetite for alcoholic liquors is apparent.

The explanation offered for this fact is that as women are entering more freely upon the pursuits of men, their tastes and habits will become similar to those of men. As the life of woman becomes more temperate, more filled with care, the desire for stimulants will be natural to her, as it has been to so many of her brothers.

The reasoning is plausible. It is likely that one result of modern tendencies is to eliminate the moral dividing line between sexes. There is some danger that the cry: "Equal morality for both!" will become equivalent to "Equal immorality for both!"

It cannot be admitted that masculine pursuits, as far as they are honorable, necessarily force anyone to the use of stimulants. It has been proved that in all walks of life, the brain that works only by its natural power is clearer and stronger; the one that uses no intoxicants, other things being equal, is physically superior to the drunkard.

The total abstainer is able to endure climate and bodily exertions better than the one who is habitually or occasionally taking stimulants. In brain work, too, the total abstainer is superior. The fact noted in the history of Daniel, that the Hebrew youths who touched no wine, but lived on the diet prescribed by their law, in a short time became the peers both in beauty and intellect of all the others, has been found to be true in all ages.

A halt should be called, if possible, before it is too late. The race cannot afford to have the health of the offspring menaced by the unnatural habits of both parents. Nature always revenges herself for violation of natural laws.

It is curious to reflect that the more the needs of the world are studied, the more apparent it becomes that which is offered in the Gospel of Christ, commonly called "Mormonism," is just what is wanted to keep the human family from moral degeneration, and destruction. The Word of Wisdom is an instance. If this is true, it is also true that those who profess to be the followers of the Gospel must live conscientiously according to its rules and principles.

CONTRABAND OF WAR.

The interview by the United States Ambassador Choate with Lord Salisbury on account of the recent seizures by British vessels of American flour consigned to a neutral port, shows the friendly relations between the two countries interested. Our government has indeed exercised much patience in the matter, giving Great Britain all the time needed to clear the situation.

Great Britain, however, is taking desperate chances in this war, both in the matter of seizing provisions consigned to a neutral port and in the detention of the vessels of a friendly power on the high seas.

The question whether flour is contraband of war is now raised, however. Professor Woolsey in a letter to the New York Times demands attention to the fact that there is no list of contraband articles which any nation is bound to adopt, but by common agreement, contraband articles are such as have a hostile destination and bear directly on the carrying on of war.

Provisions, it is admitted, may occasionally be contraband, but neither the government of Great Britain, nor our own government can afford to declare flour bound to a neutral port contraband. Under that rule it would be a breach of neutrality to ship any kind of provisions to British ports.

Warfare in our days raises a number of questions which must be settled afterwards. So closely connected are the different parts of the world, that a disturbance in even a remote corner concerns all the powers. The need of a complete international code becomes more and more apparent. And that one will be collected as a result of the peace congress, is sure. With such a

code, right and wrong in international affairs will be more clearly defined, and the causes for conflict will be rendered fewer. Notwithstanding the present warlike aspect of the world, the cause of peace was never more promising than at this closing year of the nineteenth century.

NOT READY FOR ARBITRATION.

A Brussels dispatch says that leading members of the Universal League of Peace have convened a meeting for the purpose of appealing to the United States for mediation in the South African war. Among the promoters of this movement are Senator DeJarene, former Belgian minister of justice, and ex-Senator Lafontaine.

This effort for an early cessation of hostilities will find hearty response in this country, where the war is very generally regarded as one of the calamities of the century. Both in Congress and out of it, prominent men and women of all parties would gladly lend their influence to establish peace between the combatants.

But at the same time it is apparent that the matter in dispute between Great Britain and the Transvaal is outside of settlement by arbitration at present. The contest is to decide whether Dutch or English influence shall be paramount in the country settled by the Transvaal Boers. There can be no compromise on this point, nor is any of the parties as yet disposed to give in. The Boers have had nearly all the advantage, so far, and they are confident that the subjugation of the country will be a task far more expensive in lives and property than Great Britain anticipates.

The time must come, when one side or the other will see the utter hopelessness of a continuation of hostilities. In all human probability the Transvaal and the Orange Free State will ultimately be at the mercy of their gigantic antagonist. Then will be the time for friendly interference. As Europe a few years ago, saved Greece from annihilation by the Turkish empire, so the United States may probably, at the proper moment, interfere in a friendly manner, to save from extinction the two South African Republics.

THE YEAR OF JUBILEE.

The beginning-of-the-century discussion dies hard. For this reason the decree signed by Cardinal Mazzella, prefect of the congregation of studies, is of more than usual interest. The cardinal avoids all ambiguity and sets the disputed question at rest, as far as the Catholic world is concerned, thus correcting the erroneous interpretation previously given to a portion of the papal proclamation.

And since the present century will come to an end and a new one begin at midnight of December 31, of next year, it is most fitting that with some sacred and solemn ceremony thanks be given to God for the benefits received during the present era; and in the greater need of our times greater blessings be asked for a happy opening of the new century. With a view, therefore, of beseeching the assistance of God and his only begotten Son, our Savior, that the approaching year, 1900, may enjoy a favorable beginning, with peace and prosperity continued, and ending usher in what we may rightly hope will be a still more happy century; our holy father, Pope Leo XIII, graciously concedes that at midnight on December 31, both of the closing and of the coming year, the most blessed sacrament may be exposed for adoration in those churches and chapels in which it is rightfully kept, wherever the judges deem prudent; and the privilege is granted of reading or singing at the same hour, with the blessed sacrament exposed, one mass of the feast of the circumcision of our Lord and the octave of Christmas; and as a special favor, permission is granted to the faithful to receive Holy Communion either during the mass or after it; all necessary conditions to be observed.

This should settle the much discussed question. But apart from this subject, the idea of making the last year of the century a year of jubilee is a happy one. In the Mosaic dispensation every seventh year was a year of rest, and every fiftieth year, besides, a year of jubilee. During that year, those in bondage were entitled to liberty; property was to be returned to its original owners; land bought reverted back to the seller, and the affairs of the entire country were readjusted and brought as near as possible in accordance with the original settlement under divine guidance.

WALL STREET PANIC.

Three points stand out in the various views expressed as to the disturbance in Wall street. These are: The local money market and the degree to which the treasury can and ought to come to the relief of the market; the speculation in "industrial," with its effect on general business; the relation of the currency system to business. As to the treasury, Mr. Gage has done all that he can do or can be asked to do by offering to place in the banks the internal revenue receipts, amounting to a million a day, up to some thirty millions. This relief is available only against the effect of apprehension upon general business.

CLEVELAND LEADER.

International competition for loanable funds has forced interest rates up in New York and made banks careful about extending their favors to borrowers. Altogether, the situation is awkward, but it ought to be possible to prevent the troubles which assumed so sensational a form on Monday from becoming anything more than a stock exchange panic. As long as the general industries and business of the country are not involved, the nation can afford to watch the commotion in Wall street with more curiosity and disgust than fear or sympathy.

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The result was needed to call a peremptory halt upon reckless investments in purely speculative organizations here-for those who have money will be likely to invest only in industrial and other organizations which

the South is expensive at the outset, but if the experiment is successful the outlay will be a good investment.

Great Britain seems to be taking desperate changes in holding up German vessels. Even the Kaiser might have to yield to public sentiment if it is aroused in Germany against England.

In a few days more the British army in South Africa will number 200,000 men. The Boer forces aggregate between 50,000 and 60,000. Counting on the force of numbers alone, the result should not be difficult to figure up.

Gen. Joubert says that up to the present the Boers have not lost a single man by the lyddite shells fired by the British. No wonder the Boer heilographers laughed when the English inquired how they liked lyddite shells.

The recent earthquake in Russia proves to have been a most serious calamity, 800 dead bodies having been recovered already, with the probability that there are many more victims in the six destroyed villages.

One thing clearly evident in the proclamations and orders of Capt. Leary, U. S. military governor of the Ladrone Islands, is that he is determined to impress the islanders with the fact of American sovereignty over that part of the earth's surface.

It is given out that the czar of Russia will not interfere in the present war. That is probably true; for the czar has shown that he is a man of peace. But there is little difficulty in foreseeing circumstances whereby war may interfere with Russia.

The Mutual Life company has issued a very artistic calendar for 1900, having a fine picture for each month, richly colored and specially adapted to the West. The "News" acknowledges the receipt of a copy through the courtesy of the local agent, Ruion S. Wells, Esq. Thanks.

The efforts of the secretary of the National Live Stock association to secure special warnings for different points in the West of the approach of abnormally heavy storms and severe cold spells having been successful, a great many people other than stock men in this and surrounding States will be found who are benefited thereby.

Does it enter the craniums of the scare-mongers who are trying to frighten the public with smallpox exaggerations, that they are driving visitors and tourists away from this city? Scarlet fever is a worse scourge than smallpox, and though it prevails here as elsewhere, there is no great agitation about it. Epidemics are increased, not retarded by fright. Don't play on the fears of the public!

It is announced from London that England will not take Delagoa Bay as a war measure. That decision probably renders safer the position of Charles Ferdinand Louis Marie Victor Michael Raphael Gabriel Gonzague Xavier Francis d'Assisi Joseph Simon, King of Portugal, who, despite his names, is said to be a pleasant and handsome man, and is one of the youngest monarchs in Europe, being 26 years of age.

THE FENIAN GHOST.

St. Paul Pioneer Press. Of course, all the talk that comes over the wires, concerning a revival of Fenianism and the organization of Irishmen for the invasion of Canada, with a view of creating a diversion in favor of the Boers, is pure balderdash, having its origin in some overhyped Hibernal imagination. But were such a revival a reality, and were such an invasion attempted, it would meet even less support and sympathy in the United States than did the abortive attempt made some decades ago. The "wolves of Ireland" are now a memory merely. The legislation of the British Parliament regarding Ireland, in recent years, has been so just, liberal, even generous, that those who would stir the present generation of Irish, at home, to the old-time active animosity, would find little material to work on.

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There never has been such a wide distribution of money legitimately earned and paid out. The nation has never fared so well as it is faring now. The panic is a purely speculative panic caused by an excessive inflation of stocks which have been piled upon the market and bid up before the public had any idea of what they were.

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