

## CURRENT TOPICS IN AMERICA.

## THE BLESSINGS OF PROHIBITION.

The 5000 inhabitants of the town of Glouster in the State of Ohio are experiencing in no very agreeable way the blessings of prohibition. Like a whole number of Western States, Ohio has also passed a Local Option Law by virtue of which the majority of voters in any one district can decide whether the sale of alcoholic liquors in the district be permitted or forbidden. The Local Option Law does not externally exhibit the same hardships as the State Prohibition Law, but in principle it has the same effect, and under the one as under the other the water-drinkers display the same fanaticism.

In Glouster the Law is having a "boomerang" effect. Before it came into force, the town obtained from the public-house licences the greater part of its income for the expenses of administration. With the closing of the public-houses, the income from the licenses of course ceased, without any other correspondingly large source of income being revealed. From lack of funds the town council was obliged to close the municipal electric-light-works and the water-works. Since there are no gas-works, the townsmen have to fall back on oil-lamps. Even then the chain of disagreeables had not come to an end, for upon the closing of the water-works followed the announcement of the Fire Insurance companies that they would at once suspend all policies unless means were promptly taken to protect buildings from fire. The town fathers, however, can find no way out of the *impasse*, for the municipal money-bag is empty. In order to increase the irony of the situation, the local druggists are doing a roaring trade. In all "dry" districts drug-stores spring up like mushrooms out of the ground; they are, of course, nothing but secret drinking shops. Thirty druggists whose stock in trade consisted of nothing but a few bottles of patent medicines and full casks of beer and whisky, have already been suspended by the local authorities. The situation in Glouster is typical, not only as regards the fanaticism and want of common sense of the water-maniacs, but also as regards their hypocrisy. In Clinton county, in the State of Indiana, the "dry" law has also just been introduced, and the temperance party, in their enthusiasm over the victory they had won determined to hold a great feast; but to their consternation they discovered that all the public-houses, owing to the action of the Temperance men, had been shut some days before. One can only ask in astonishment how it is that these Temperance-maniacs, in spite of the astounding experiences people have had with them, are still taken seriously.

## BURIAL AT SEA AND THE QUESTION OF DAMAGES.

Of far reaching importance is a decision which has been given by one of the New York District Courts in the matter of an action for damages against the North German Lloyd. This decision defines in detail the legal relations between the shipping companies and their passengers in the matter of burying corpses at sea. The complainant was Dr. Chalmers Prentice who sued the German Line for 250,000 dollars, because the body of his wife who had died on board the S.S. "Königin Luise," was buried at sea. As the indictment showed, the lady, who with her daughter embarked on April 18th, 1907, at Naples as a first class cabin passenger, died on April 27th. Miss Prentice, according to the indictment, had agreed with the captain that the body should be embalmed and conveyed to New York for burial, the sum of 2,000 dollars being agreed upon as the company's charge. In spite of this agreement and regardless of all the daughter's protests, the captain had the body buried at sea, some 1,200 miles from New York. The complainant alleged that through this arbitrary action of the captain he was robbed of the possibility of ever regaining possession of the body of his wife, and according to suitable and reverent interment. By the burial of his wife on the high seas the complainant was so affected mentally and physically, that he would never again be in a position to carry on his profession; for that reason inflated damages were asked for. However, Judge Martin of the Federal District Court declined to try the case and rejected the claim at once on the ground that no legal ground for action existed. He granted the complainant's attorneys time to submit further indictments.

## NEW YORK BRIDGES.

The world famed New York suspension bridges which stretch across the East river are no longer sufficient to cope with the traffic; on account of the vast increase in New York traffic a new suspension bridge is to be built over the wide Hudson river, which divides New York from the state of New Jersey. The cost of the bridge is to be 30 million dollars. In the matter of length, as well as in cost of construction it will put all existing suspension bridges in the shade. At the same time the limit of possibilities in the matter of suspension-bridge building is likely to be reached in this instance.

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"	"	20th "America."
"	"	27th "Cleveland."
"	April 4th	"President Grant."
"	"	8th "Kaiserin Auguste Victoria."
"	"	11th "Pennsylvania."
"	"	15th "Deutschland."
"	"	18th "President Lincoln."
Boston	March 13th	"Bethania."
"	"	31st "Artemisia."
Baltimore	March 13th	"Bethania."
"	"	31st "Artemisia."
Philadelphia	March 10th	"Bierawa."
"	"	23rd "Albano."
New Orleans	March 15th	"Badenia."
Canada	March 18th	"Prinz Oskar."
West Indies	March 15th	"Odenwald."
"	"	22nd "Mecklenburg."
"	"	22nd "Caledonia."
"	April 1st	"Patagonia."
Mexico	March 13th	"Fürst Bismarck."
"	"	18th "Dania."
"	"	28th "Allemania."
East Asia	March 15th	"Suevia."
"	"	18th "Senegambia."
"	"	30th "Silvia."
"	April 6th	"Sithonia."
Vladivostok	March 3th	"Strathord."
"	April 5th	"Harlech."
Arabian and Persian service	March 27th	"Lydia."

## A NEW STEEL CITY.

A new steel city, similar to the city of Gary in Indiana, is shortly to arise on the banks of the St. Louis river three miles from Lake Superior. The town will arise round the new factories commenced by the U.S. Steel Corporation. The sum of 14,500,000 dollars will be expended on the erection of furnaces and of dwellings for the corporation's employes. Just like Gary, which under the auspices of the Steel Company sprang from the earth in a single night, the new steel city will be fitted with all modern municipal institutions.

## A NEW ANTITOXIN.

Dr. Timothy Leary, pathologist at the Tuft Medical School in Boston, has announced that he has succeeded in finding an antitoxin for inflammation of lungs, blood-poisoning, and typhus. The new serum was evolved on the basis of the researches of Sir A. E. Wright, of London, and has already been tried successfully in hundreds of cases. Dr. Leary prices his serum at the disposal of doctors.

## AFTER-EFFECTS OF THE OCTOBER PANIC.

A report issued by the Trades Department reflects the after-effects of the economic panic of March 1907 in inland trade. The depression in the building trade continued for the greater part of the past year, the extension of railways was limited to 3,200 miles, less, that is, than in any year since 1897. The lessened traffic returns of the railways reflect in the clearest way the set-back in industrial activity. The forwarding of cattle, corn, and cotton remained more normal, partly in consequence of considerably increased export demand. Timber ladings from the harbours on the great lakes fell off 32%, the despatch of inland iron-ore by water from the harbours of Lake Michigan and Lake Superior fell off 40%, the export of slaughter-house products from Chicago also diminished, and the amount of coal and coke carried over the most important Eastern coal-railways showed a considerable falling off last year in comparison with former years.

## AN AMERICAN NAVY LEAGUE.

The retired Rear Admiral T. Evans, who commanded the Atlantic battle-ship fleet on its voyage from New York to San Francisco, has taken in hand the formation of an American Navy League on the pattern of the German one. The league is to lend the Federal navy so powerful a civil support, that Congress will have to yield to every demand for the navy. In a public lecture in Chicago Admiral Evans, in referring to the necessity of the existence of such a League, said: "Germany has a navy league with 1,000,000 members who give steadfast support to the German naval administration. The league is strong enough to compass all its claims. England has a similar league, and that is one of the reasons why both countries possess such powerful fleets. We need a navy league for the United States."

## CHURCH SERVICES: DRESDEN.

ALL SAINTS' (ENGLISH) CHURCH, Wiener Strasse.

Friday, March 12th. 10.15 a. m. Holy Communion. 11.0 a. m. Matins and Litany.  
 Sunday, March 14th. 3rd Sunday in Lent. 8.0 a. m. and 12.0 p. m. (Choral) Holy Communion. 11.0 a. m. Matins and Sermon. 6.0 p. m. Evensong and Sermon.  
 Tuesday, March 16th. 10.0 a. m. Matins.  
 Wednesday, March 17th. 8.15 a. m. Holy Communion. 11.0 a. m. Matins, Litany and Address.  
 Thursday, March 18th. 8.0 a. m. Holy Communion.  
 Friday, March 19th. 10.15 a. m. Holy Communion. 11.0 a. m. Matins and Litany.  
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 Tuesday, March 16th. Service 4.0 p. m.  
 Thursday, March 18th. Service 4.0 p. m.  
 Friday, March 19th. Litany in Rectory. Address on the work in Lidia by Fraulein Dröse 3.0 p. m.  
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## WEATHER FORECAST FOR TODAY

of the Royal Saxon Meteorological Institute.

Easterly wind, overcast, dry, colder.