

THOU SHALT NOT COVET.

We are finding it very hard to obey the Tenth Commandment in view of outspoken speeches like the one below. On behalf of our Dominion, we covet public men of the type of Secretary Daniels, the head of the U.S. Navy. What an asset to a nation are men who, holding high official positions, yet speak out clearly on the great questions concerning national righteousness, men who speak with no uncertain sound, but clearly say to soldier, sailor, and civilian alike, "Be clean." Men who are not afraid to say, "America must cut out the cancer of immorality if she would live as a nation.

SECRETARY DANIELS DENOUNCES DOUBLE STANDARD OF MORALS.

Secretary Daniels, in an address in Chicago before the Clinical Congress of Surgeons of North America, on October 23, appealed to the medical profession to "end the false double standard that decreases military effectiveness."

"There is not an army in the field whose effectiveness is not reduced by reason of immoral disease," said Secretary Daniels. "The navy suffers likewise, and business halts because venereal diseases destroy the manhood of workmen and fighters. During the last statistical year men of the American navy lost 141,378 days' sickness from a small group of absolutely preventable diseases, or rather diseases contracted by sin.

"This means that every day throughout the year there were 456 men disabled by this disgraceful malady. Add to that number those required to care for the disabled, and we have enough men on the non-effective list each day to man a modern battleship. And this does not count those who, though diseased, were not disabled, or the evil of the loathing danger of contagion to the clean members of the crew.

"The remedy? There is but one—continence. It must be preached in the home, in the school, in the marts of trade, in the pulpit, and in military camps, and among shipmates afloat. The eradication of the evil effects must be thorough, but the teacher who will be heard and heeded when the teachings of all others will fall on deaf ears is the word of authority from the medical profession.

"Young men expect ministers of the Gospel to call them to clean living. The preacher seeks to save their souls, and too many youths hardly realise they have a soul. But they know they have bodies, and the doctor is the man to whom they trust the treatment of their bodies. When he preaches continence as the only rule of life to young men, and points out the dire penalty for lapses, his words have a weight no other admonition possesses.

"You, gentlemen of the medical profession, deal with life and death. You bring the bodies into the world, and you close the eyes of the dead. Yours is the ministering function, the intimate touch, and out of such relation you can enjoy an amazing power of suggestion.

CALLS ON DOCTORS TO HELP.

"It is this power that America calls upon you to use. Tell our youths the truth. It is a duty laid upon you, not by the moral law alone, but by the law of self-preservation that operates in nations as well as individuals. That duty is imperative upon you now as never before. If you perform it, and our young soldiers and sailors heed your wise counsel—and many of them will follow your teaching with lasting gratitude—you will contribute more to the winning of the war than manufacturers of shells.

"Continence is no longer a matter of morals only, though it must be enforced as the cardinal doctrine of morals. It has come to be seen as having its base in the great law of nature. New truths must take the place of ancient lies. We know now by the testimony of science that there is no foundation for a double standard for the sexes. To preach it is to preach immorality and a lowering of manhood. The lie that has lived so long must be driven out by the truth.

"Only God will ever know the toll in blood and tears that this lie has taken from the heart of the world—the price that the health of the race has been made to pay for its submission to a historic falsehood, young lives ruined, futures cheated of promise, children called upon to suffer for the sins of the fathers, innocent women robbed of the right to happy motherhood, and the virility of a nation sapped to its foundations.

"To-day, as never before, American manhood must be clean. We must

have fitness! America stands in need of every ounce of strength. We must cut out the cancer if we would live."—"Union Signal."

PROHIBITION BILL.**HON. W. H. HEARST INTRODUCES IT INTO ONTARIO'S PARLIAMENT.**

"The soil of France and Flanders is red to-day with the blood of Canada's best and bravest. The flower of our young manhood is marching out daily in thousands. How long can this fair young province stand the strain? Before our 500,000 men from Canada that we have promised have been secured at the present ratio of recruiting, Ontario will be depleted of the very pick and best of her citizenship, and it will take us generations to make good in man-power what this war is costing us. In the name of High Heaven, then, what is the duty of this House and this country? Surely it is to bend every energy, to use every effort, to enact every law that we may believe will bring to an end, and that as soon as possible, the terrible war tragedy now being enacted. Is this a time to talk of personal liberty, to think of our pleasures, our appetites, our enjoyments, when the civilisation of the world is hanging in the balance, and the very foundations of liberty are tottering and dependent upon the strength of Great Britain and her Allies in the field and on the high seas?

"In this day of national peril, in this day when the future of the British Empire, the freedom of the world, and the blessings of democratic government hang in the balance, if I should fail to listen to what I believe to be the call of duty, if I should neglect to take every action that in my judgment will help to conserve the financial strength and power and manhood of this province for the great struggle in which we are engaged, I would be a traitor to my country, a traitor to my own conscience, and unworthy of the brave sons of Canada that are fighting, bleeding, and dying for freedom and for us."