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WOUNDED AND HONOURED ABROAD.

WOUNDED AND DISHONOURED AT HOME.

A short time ago a returned soldier, honoured for distinguished service abroad, was brought before the Dunedin Court for an offence committed when drunk. Because of his honourable record, the Magistrate asked the press to refrain from publishing his name. The same thing is happening in the Old Land, as the following extract will show:—

A CLEAN SWEEP.

Mr Justice Rowlatt, in the case of a wounded soldier charged with burglary at Derby (England) Assizes, the defence being that he was drunk, said:—

"We must look forward almost with terror to the time when hundreds of thousands of brave men would be returning from the front and would be exposed to the temptations to which the prisoner was exposed. It might be that a clean sweep would have to be made of the liquor trade if this country was not to be deluged with charges such as this. The law must make it clear that those who had served abroad must also serve at home with respect for the laws of society. If not, society must dissolve.—"Public Opinion."

RUM RATION.

Rev. James Black, of Edinburgh, who has served as chaplain for two Scottish battalions, writes: "What effect on conduct after the war will the rum ration have on the thousands of young lads, many of whom have never tasted intoxicating liquor before? I am certain that even momentarily it had a ruinous effect on the men when given in the usual doses before a big action. The vitality of a wounded man with little in him except rum is seriously lowered, and the effects of exposure are greatly increased. But afterwards—What about the new habit and the acquired liking?"

BRITISH LABOUR LEADERS AND PROHIBITION.

"It is a libel on the workers of England to suggest that prohibition would mean revolution."—Arthur Henderson, M.P.

"It is now a question of bread versus beer and spirits, and for the present strong drink must go."—Secretary Boilermakers', Steel and Iron Builders' Union.

"No respectable workman would object to prohibition."—President National Union of Bookbinders and Machine Builders.

"I would unhesitatingly say that the workers would plump for bread before beer. If that is not so, then God help the workers."—Secretary Trades and Labour Council.

"As a representative of a trade organisation comprising about 52,000 members (of which five-sixths are females), I have no hesitation in stating that if a ballot vote were taken of our members, there would be an overwhelming majority in favour of total prohibition. The great majority of the workmen are for prohibition."—Agent Western Miners' Federation.

"I resent the libel that is being levelled against the working classes. If a plebiscite were taken I would vote in favour of prohibition."—Tom Richardson, M.P.

"The obstacle of prohibition is not the working man. Have we not been called upon to make far greater sacrifices than this?"—Secretary Northumberland Miners' Union.

Fruits of the Saloon in Boston.—

Judge Murray, in a legislative hearing, stated that there were 1500 cases of delirium tremens in Boston last year; that 100,000 persons were arraigned for drunkenness, resulting in the loss of at least 300,000 days of labour; and that it cost the city and State 600,000 dollars to take care of the crime caused by drink in that city.

PRAYER.

Prayer is the mightiest force that men can wield;
A power to which Omnipotence doth yield;
A privilege unparalleled, a way
Whereby the Almighty Father can display
His interest in His children's need and care.

Jehovah's storehouse is unlocked by prayer,
And faith doth turn the key. O!
would that men
Made full proof of this wondrous means, for then
Would mightier blessings on the Church be showered,
Her witness owned, her ministers empowered,
And souls ingathered. Then the Gospel's sound
Would soon be heard to earth's remotest bound.

All things are possible if men but pray,
And if God did but limit to a day,
The time in which He'd note the upward glance,
Or fix the place, or name the circumstance
When, where or why petitions could be brought,
Methinks His Presence would by all be sought.
But since He heareth prayer at any time
For anything, in any place, or clime,
Men lightly value Heaven's choicest gift,
And all too seldom do their souls uplift
In earnest pleading at the Throne of Grace.
O, let us then more often seek His face,
With grateful hearts, remembering while there
To thank our Father that He heareth prayer.

—Author Unknown.

Miss Rankin, Uncle Sam's first Congress-woman, "The lady from Montana," as she is officially designated in the House (writes a correspondent in the "Dominion"), I heard referred to by an important Congressman as the leading authority in the House on mining laws and conditions, and she serves on several committees.