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HARVARD AND PROHIBITION

THE Harvard vote on the prohibition last week, while but the first of a series of ballots to be taken among the more prominent universities of the country, seems to us to be fairly indicative of what may be expected in the results of the polls at these other institutions.

Certain factors creep in, of course, by reason of which there is likely to be some diversity of opinion. Locality will not be the least influential of these elements. The East is the wettest part of the country, except perhaps for the extreme West. And those Western States who boast prohibition as their fondled and now matured child of legislation can hardly be expected to foresake their off-spring in the hour of need. Then, too, the types of men and the nature of the lines along which they are trained to think, vary with the different colleges. But in all the various schools of Harvard University, from the legal mind of the lawyer to the scientific train of thought of the medical students, and among the Faculty as well, the results of the ballot were significantly similar. The only exception lay in the fact that the Graduate Schools voted in the majority against modification of the Volstead Act in its present form.

To our mind the most important phase of the vote was the overwhelming majority by which "more rigorous enforcement of the prohibition amendment and the Volstead act, to make prohibition an actuality" was upheld, the vote being 1488 to 940. It is true that of the 1488 in favor, 493, or about one third, also favored repeal or modification or both; leaving 995 in favor of enforcement without change in the statute as against 940 opposed. But the thing to note is that the majority upheld more rigorous enforcement for so long as the present law might remain part of the Constitution.

AS we have pointed out before, so long as a law exists, it is the duty of every citizen to respect it and abide by it. This thought seemed to be uppermost in the minds of most of the Harvard voters. In our opinion, the result would have been unfortunate indeed had they voted to the contrary. Sad will be the day of reckoning if the time should ever come when a majority of a nation's people decide to disrespect its laws and constitution. Sad not only for that nation's welfare but for the cause of democracy as well, for anarchy will be its supercessor. Democracy may not be the best form of government, but we have seen quite sufficient of Communism, Sovietism, Bolshevism, Tartarism, and other isn'ts which purport to be advance guards of the age of Socialism. For radicalism in any form we can advocate only extinction at the hands of those instruments of which it has availed itself most in the endeavor to reach its ends—the sword, the musket, or the guillotine. As for monarchism, we have witnessed the tyrannies of Henry VIII's, the "mailed fist" of Hohenzollerns, and the militance of Napoleons. For those nations which are qualified for it—those states whose peoples have attained a high enough degree of intellectual development—we think democracy, especially when in the form of a republic, is the logical type of government. And the success of any democracy hinges on the absolute respect of its laws by its people.

We are not taking any side on the question of light wines and beers. That can be decided at some future date. We do, however, emphasize the point that this question should not determine the success or failure of prohibition. Modification of a law because it does not work is a cheap way of admitting unwise legislation in the first place, and sets a bad precedent as well. We believe prohibition can be enforced in its present form. After this fact has been demonstrated, then is the proper time for modification, if that is desired. Unless the question of the sanity of light wines and beer can be clearly segregated from any doubt as to the ability of the Federal Government to enforce its statutes, this is the logical method of procedure.

COACH HAINES

THIS afternoon the student body will have an opportunity to see a man who has done as much as any one man in the advancement of rowing in this country. The acquisition of Coach Haines affords Technology the opportunity of identifying its crews with the best in the country. This afternoon he is going to speak before the student body. President Stratton has come out in full support of the sport. He too will speak at the meeting. Enough has been said—be there!

WINNING BOK PLAN

Full Text of Plan

(Continued from last issue)

At its birth the Covenant of the League bore, vaguely in Article X and more clearly in Article XVI, the impression of a general agreement to enforce and coerce. Both of those Articles suggest the action of a world state which never existed and does not now exist. How far the present League is actually removed from functioning as such a State is sufficiently exhibited in its dealings with Lithuania and Poland over Vilna and their common boundary, and with Greece and Italy over Corfu.

Experience in the last three years has demonstrated probably insuperable difficulties in the way of fulfilling in all parts of the world the large promise of Article X in respect to either its letter or its spirit. No one now expects the League Council to try to summon armies and fleets, since it utterly failed to obtain even an international police force for the Vilna district.

Each Assembly of the League has witnessed vigorous efforts to interpret and modify Article X. In the Fourth Assembly an attempt to adopt an interpretation of that Article in essential agreement with the Senatorial reservation on the same subject in 1920 was blocked only by a small group of weak States like Persia and Panama, which evidently attributed to Article X a protective power that it possesses only on paper.

Such States, in possible fear of unfriendly neighbors, must decide whether the preservation of a form of words in the Covenant is more vital to their peace and security, and to the peace and security of the world, than the presence of the United States at the council table of the family of nations.

As to Article XVI, the Council of the League created a Blockade Commission which worked for two years to determine how the "economic weapon" of the League could be efficiently used and uniformly applied. The Commission failed to discover any obligatory procedure that weaker Powers would dare to accept. It was finally agreed that each State must decide for itself whether a breach of the Covenant has been committed.

The Second Assembly adopted a radically amended form of Article XVI from which was removed all reference to the possibility of employing military force, and in which the abandonment of uniform obligation was directly provided for. The British Government has since proposed to weaken the form of requirement still further.

Articles XX and XVI, in their original forms, have therefore been practically condemned by the principal organs of the League and are today reduced to something like innocuous desuetude. The only kind of compulsion which nations can freely engage

GOOD DANCING IN NEW SHOW NOW AT WILBUR

"Up She Goes" at the Wilbur, is a sparkling musical comedy based on Frank Craven's "Too Many Cooks." A young couple, soaring in the inordinate ecstasies commonly induced in those contemplating wedlock, are estranged by the partisan meddling of dear friends, relatives, and so on, but are properly reunited before the third act finale.

Three quarters of the first act goes at a very snappy pace, with good music and exceptional dancing. Then, with the thickening plot and some mild sentimentality, there is a deceleration subsequently relieved at frequent intervals by songs, dances, and the jazzy persiflage of Frank Andrews and Ella Mayer.

"Skeets" Gallagher as Frank Andrews, the fiance's best friend and woman-wise bachelor, is a knockout. Marguerite Farrell as Ella Mayer, the fiancee's best friend and man-wise maiden, is not less pleasing as a comedienne and dancer, than as an eye-stunner. John Barker and Nancy Welford as the lovers rate a C plus.

The dancing, particularly by the above named to "Let's Kiss" and later by principals and ensemble to "Tyup" is extremely good.

J. C. B.

Play Directory

COLONIAL: "Sancho Panza." Otis Skinner.
COPLEY: "Getting Married." Drama of ideas by Bernard Shaw.
HOLLIS: "The 1st Year." Love tales—after the wedding.
PLYMOUTH: "Whispering Wires." Thriller.
ST. JAMES: "The Crooked Square." Boston Stock Co.
SELWYN: "Sweet Lavender." Pinero by London company.
SHUBERT: "Greenwich Village Follies." Boston debut tonight.
TREMONT: "Adrienne." Musical comedy.
WILBUR: "Up She Goes." Reviewed in this issue.

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to apply to each other in the name of Peace is that which arises from conference, from moral judgment, from full publicity, and from the power of public opinion.

The Leadership of the United States in the New World is Obviously Recognized by the League

Another significant development in the constitutional practice of the League is the unwillingness of the League Council to intervene in any American controversy, even though all States in the New World except three are members of the League.

This refusal became evident in the Panama-Costa Rica dispute in 1921 and in the quarrel between Chile, Peru, and Bolivia, a quarrel which impelled the last two States to absent themselves from the Third Assembly, where a Chilean was chosen to preside.

Obviously the League intends to recognize the leadership of the United States in the New World precisely as the United States claims it. This is nothing less than the observance of an unwritten law limiting the powers and duties of the League Council defined in Article XI of the Covenant, to questions that seem to threaten the peace of the Old World. When the United States is willing to bring the two halves of the world together for friendly consideration of common dangers, duties and needs, it will be possible to secure, if it is desired, closer cooperation between the League organizations and the Pan American Union, already a potential regional league.

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IN A RUT never runs the
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DANGER of slipping into the
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VOTE TEN CLUB—he keeps
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HIS NOSE to the grindstone—
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STUDIES OCCUPY all of his
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TIME and he gets good marks—
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WHERE DOES THAT GET HIM?—
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HE LEAVES TECH with lots of
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CREDITS AND FEW friends—
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HE IS IN A RUT—his vision
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IS LIMITED—in knowledge
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OF THOSE ABOUT HIM and the
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ACTIVITIES OF MEN he is
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IGNORANT—he is a bright boy but
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HE CAN'T put it across—
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ACTIVITIES give you a chance
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TO GET OUT of the rut—that is
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THEIR PURPOSE—you have brains
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OR YOU WOULDN'T be at Tech—
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IF YOU HAVE ambition as well
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YOU WILL JOIN AN ACTIVITY
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