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Dear fellow countrymen and countrywomen, I greet you with the words: Praised be Jesus Christ!

The American nation, taking advantage of the world history, introduced in its own country a government based on democratic principles, the American society ridiculed the European despots, the emperors, czars, kings and dictators of the old Europe, met with an indulgent and sneering smile of the citizens of Uncle Sam. In the past two years, the young, strong, powerful rich and glorious America aged prematurely, bent down towards the ground, became downhearted, and grew gray and little lacks to make her wholly baldheaded. Whence such sudden and unexpected change? This is no riddle or secret, because on the magnificent throne of the free and democratic America despot, greater that any emperor, czar or dictator, sits without the least feeling of justice and mercy. For the past twelve years the citizens of the country on the shores of which stands the enormous and glorious statue if the goddess of Liberty, as a symbol of the spirit if the country, government and society, permitted to throw a veil over the eyes of this goddess and to bind her hands and feet. They allowed to place on the highest altar of that country a monument to the slavish god-Prohibition. They consented to charge the county flowing with honey and milk into one flowing with moonshine and other poisons; they agreed to have the country of Washington and Lincoln ruled by bands of gangsters, earning millions of dollars and financed by bootleggers, by those ravens feeding on the pockets of peaceful and confused citizens; by those leeches, poisoning the morals of society. Bootlegging is the illegal child of prohibition, which in turn is the greatest calamity that ever fell upon the shoulders of the American citizens. What should the citizens think of a country in which we are not safe neither they themselves, their wives, their children even among the four walls of their own home? What do they think about the government, which in the name of prohibition, the mother of all crimes and other numberless transgressions, murders the people on state roads and city streets, for suspecting them of carrying drinks? What do the citizens thinks about those thousands and thousands of speakeasies, who sell poisonous whiskey, and other innumerable mixtures to the drinking masses, among whom we find thousands of young people, and even boys and girls below twenty years of age? The government statistics show that before the enforcement of Prohibition, intoxication decreased, and with the enforcement is grows steadily. Before Prohibition intoxication was unknown among the young in the high schools, the self-respecting girls, and well-educated youth. Today the question of intoxication is the question of high schools. Drunkenness among the juveniles is on the daily program and reached such an extent that the youth from the best families, refrain from going to any party unless they bring with them and abundant supply of whiskey. How long yet will that great, free and glorious country remain in dry slavery? How long will it moan and bend under the dry pillory? It all depends upon the citizens. In today’s speech, I wish to present to my radio listeners the falsity and humbug of other blessed results of the “Noble Experiment.”

**The Mother of Crime**

Last Sunday I tried to prove with facts and statistics of the past eleven years that Prohibition brought with itself not the promised blessings but true unexpected curses.

12. The adherents of Prohibition promised lower federal, state and country taxes, which all ended on promises. The citizens are bending themselves under the weight of taxes, notwithstanding the steady decrease of personal income and stagnation of work. Let us look again into the book of governmental statistics. We read that in 1912 the maintenance of government amounted to two billion dollars yearly. The yearly income of the nation amounted to 33 billion dollars; therefore, the cost of maintaining government amounted to 6.1% of the nation’s income. In the year 1922, when war taxes were still being paid, the nations income amounted to 60 billion and hundred million dollars, which was doubled, and the cost of maintaining government was tripled for it amounted to $6,700,00,00 or 11.1% federal income. In 1929 the general income of the country amounted to $83,200,000,000, and the maintenance of government $10,800,000,000 12.7%. In 1931 the general income declined to $54,000,000,000 and the cost went up to $12,000,000 or 22.2% of the general income. The greater the expenses, the lighter are the taxes, and who pays them? The American citizen who must constantly and everywhere look at a blackboard on which appears the following sign. “Drinking forbidden, you must pay.” The New York State Tax Commission, on Jan. 19, 1932, confirmed that in 1913, the citizens paid the State treasury taxes amounting to $412,775,555 and in the past year $1,140,986,398.49. Who pays? The citizens of New York State. In Erie County, in the year 1920 the supervisors gave out $4,500,000, in 1925, $6,600,000, in 1928, $7,000,000, in 1929, $6,900,000, in 1030, $7,161,000, and in 1931, $8,6000,000, all this paid by the ever increasing taxes. To speak about city taxes is a waste of time. The inhabitants of individual cities experienced it palpably on their own pockets. O, yes, Prohibition was the cause of empting many citizens’ pockets through the extravagant increase of taxes. David Burnet, commissioner of Internal Revenue, admitted before the Senate industrial sub-committee, on Jan. 18, 1932, that legalizing of beer would greatly increase the government income and decrease taxes. Senator Bingham, a republican from Connecticut, read from a report of the Prohibition Bureau, that in 1930, in the United States, 22,000,000 barrels of beer were produced illegally, through which the government lost $132,000,000 in taxes. Our government seems to be saying to the citizens, “You have set your heart on dry America, therefore, sit still and pay for that privilege. Wednesday, March 30,1932, the House of Congress decreed new taxes, estimating the sum of $751,500,000 to balance somewhat the national budget. The fee on letters is three cents. Taxes were increased on incomes, property, gifts, importing gasoline, kerosene, coal, malt, spices, grapes, grease, cosmetics, furs, jewelry, matches, chewing gum, radios, phonographs, candy, ice cream, automobiles, yachts and motor-boats, theatre tickers, telephone messages, telegrams, deposit safes, etc. This is how prohibition helps to decrease taxes. Who knows if the air which we breath, will not be taxed next, and then certainly we all shall go from the dry worldliness to a dry eternity.

13. The bleeding of Prohibition, was supposed to be an increase of moral splendor of the United States, but in reality it is a degradation of the country, humiliation of the government and spurning of the freedom, fortune and morality of society.

14. The blessing of Prohibition intended to bring into life certain broad human principles for which all civilized nations strive. It brought into life and daily use, bands of robbers, bandits, outcasts of society, with bombs and machine guns who made themselves masters of the situation and rule today just as they wish. Prohibitions introduced into life a system of governmental spying, low and vile, not worthy and appealing to the heart and mind of the noble and peaceful American citizen. Prohibition brought about disregard towards other laws of the country, and violation of them by the most respectful citizens of our country. Prohibition exposed our country to derision and mockery by the whole world, who wonder that American civilization desired to stifle the law of nature, destroy God’s laws and in their place set one and the only fanatical and soviet law. “You are not permitted to drink.”

May I ask you, laborers, workers in the mines, mills, steel factories and other work-shops, what is meant by the above questions, because this law does not in the least refer to those who have money enough t9 buy good drinks, not excluding even the lawgivers. This does not concern those hundred per centers, who spend months in Canada, England, France, Germany and Italy. This law concerns only the masses it is needed for the multitude. Not very long ago the newspapers wrote about one miraculous result of Prohibition. The title of the article was “On the Waves of Alcohol.” At a distance of twelve miles from the shore, begins a free sphere, in which no coast guard can stop a ship, and make an inspection. When on October 12, the large, “Belgenland” sailed away for the first time on such an excursion, 1,700 American gentleman and ladies, who were desirous to spend a whole day under the protection of the happy Bachus, crammed the deck and the cabins of the ship. When the ship found itself beyond the zone guarded by the custom guards, the doors of the bar room in all the classes opened wide and alcohol flowed in wide streams. Extraordinary things were happening, long lines of people waiting their turn were formed, the mixers’ hands grew faint from fatigue, hundreds of the cases of wine, cognac, champagne, liquor, were heisted from under the deck to the bar room. The cash register in the evening showed a total income of $50,000. How the supervisory authorities shall adjust itself to the new anti-prohibition trick is unknown. At present it can do nothing.

The lawsuits prove that the raids upon ale house frequented by the working class are legal, their owners of these are fined and of ten their places are closed. This however, does not hold wherever the raids, upon clubs and places in which recreation and amusement is sought by the rich and wealthy are made. Not long ago, the prohibition agents invaded three night clubs of the “elite and cream of the society”. When it was discovered that those arrested were not the common people but representatives of the higher society, the cases were given up in the court after the federal attorney informed the prohibition officials. “It seems that the prohibition agents have no evidences of the selling of liquor, for the gentlemen and ladies cannot be legally prevented from drinking their own beverages. The agents should be more careful”. And so prohibition is a law only for the common man and laborer but not for the elite and wealthy.

Last year American tourists, and once again I am relying on statistics, left in nearby Canada - $238,758,000! For what? Could it possibly be for ice cream? Or maybe grape juice? I not only doubt it, I am completely convinced that it is not so! How many thousands from Buffalo go across the Peace Bridge every week and leave thousands of dollars across the border! Two years ago a certain Canadian shop keeper told: “The American prohibition has built our schools, improved our roads and made our country wealthy”. I thought to myself: “It built for us new prisons, raised taxes and it increased private and clandestine taverns and distilleries!”

Listen to the following litany: In Atlanta, Georgia, two students were sentenced for life imprisonment for killing two men just for the “thrill” of pleasure of doing it.

In New York, a twelve year old boy was arrested for strangling a seventy-six year old lady in order to obtain her three dollars. In New Jersey, a high school student poisoned his eighteen year old fiancée. In Texas, a seventeen year old boy had beaten to death two workmen just to see them die. In Arkansas, a fifteen year old youngster killed his father and burned his body in order to do away with all evidence of his crime. In Springfield, Ill. a nine year old boy shot his six year old companion. A nineteen year old high school student strangled a fifteen year old girl. A young man in Illinois to revenge himself upon his teachers put some dynamite into a stove in the classroom. Another Illinois young man of twenty two murdered his mother. In Michigan, a fifteen year old lad shot to death his teacher for reprimanding him. At the time the nineteen year old Edward Hickman of California murdered the innocent Marian Parker, nine juvenile murderers were awaiting trial at that time. In Mississippi a young farmer was shot by his companion in order to run an illegal distillery. In one month there were four similar cases. In Chicago, a son of a well known physician was sentenced for twenty years for five public robberies. Two bandits were arrested in Wyoming for attacking express trains. In Washington, a son of the elite shot the waiter of a night club because the latter refused to let his in, and ended by shooting himself. In East St. Louis, the police arrested three young men for selling stolen automobiles. The attorney general of Chicago stated that in the last four years the band of juvenile gangsters earned ore than six million dollars in its various robber-like interests. A young girl bandit of Kansas City admitted about the existence of a school where the youngsters were instructed how to ob and plunder. In Chicago, three boy bandits were arrested for robbing $2,800,000 from a bank in Lincoln Neb. In New York a twenty year old boy knocked his mother’s head with a lead pipe and then strangled her because the poor woman would not give him money of “good times”. It is hard to believe that such crimes are committed in the so called ‘murderless age of Prohibition.’ The picture is entirely different from the one that promised “to change prisons into factories and stock yards, that men will not drink and women and children will smile and laugh; hell will be for rent eternally.” And we are building larger prisons, men are poisoning themselves, women are despairing, children are kidnapped or become victims of the gangsters’ bullets, and so we have a foretaste of hell on earth. Please listen to the following. ‘Uncle Sam is the biggest bootlegger, spy and racketeer.” James A. Reed, the Missouri Senator from 1911-1929 writes: “In the northern part of New York State federal prohibition agents upon the instigation and direction of the judge and with the approval of the federal and state prohibition directors took part in the smuggling of alcoholic drinks. The agents took money from the federal funds and procured whiskey from Canada and brought it to Troy and Albany.” In New York a certain “bridge-whist club” where the best beer, whiskey and liquor could be obtained, was managed by prohibition agents with the permission of the federal judge. In Norfolk, Va. the prohibition agents furnished a barn and placing a negro and an ex-prisoner as bartenders, opened a first class “speak easy.’ The United States shipping board announced that on its ships, “one can buy not only good beer but all other kinds of drinks.” On the deck of one of these ships there were five bars. On the drinking list there were 9 kinds of champagne, 9 kinds of red and white Bordeaux wine, 9 kinds of Burgundy wine, 9 kinds of “Vermouth-port and sherry,” 27 kinds of whiskey and liquors, among which there was “Old American Rye Moonshine.” The federal government offered $20,000,000 to the wine growers of California, knowing that this money will be used for the production of wines and champagne.

One more result of enforcing prohibition was that from 1920 to 1929 the federal agents shot 1,365 people for the big crime of smuggling wine. The federal officials violate the Divine law “You shall not kill,” in order to maintain the inhuman, the unnatural, and the one sided and fanatic law “Do not drink”.

How long yet will the American people permit to be chastised with the dry whip? I do not know. How long will the American government bear the burden of prohibition? I do not know? How long will the criminal organization of bootleggers, gangsters, racketeers, kidnappers and brigands rule our lawmakers and officials? I do not know? However, I know only one thing namely: that all this depends on the votes of the citizens. Congressman L. C. Dyer, a republican from Missouri, said that on account of prohibition the federal government branded as criminals a million of citizens, and the state governments did the same thing to another million. The fulfillment of prohibition is the biggest “spy system in the world.” He also said that the people in a short time will not allow to be ruled by a group of fanatics.

Finland forbade the selling of alcoholic drinks in 1919, but after twelve years of trial and verification that 48.9% of persons convicted for crimes and offenses were acting while intoxicated or were habitual drinkers, and that bootlegging and smuggling procedures became common and the corruption was present among officials in the proportion of five to one, abolished prohibition. War prohibition in Russia was suppressed in 1925. Estonia and Latvia did the same in 1920. They enacted prohibition in Norway in 1916 and i8n 1927 it was overthrown. And in our country Feb. 23, 1928 the head of the nation wrote to certain senator: “Our country had undertaken a big and economic experiment, noble and for reaching in its aim.” A commission was appointed with an appropriation of $500,000 for investigation. The commission made a report that this praise worthy experiment reaches even too far, including prisons, reform schools and insane asylums, to schools where whiskey is sold to children, and to private homes where citizens drink poison. Before the enactment of prohibition the children were forbidden to enter saloons and today, prohibition has brought saloons to the children in which they live twenty-four hours daily. The people see all the beatitudes of the “noble experiment” and after twelve years of patience they begin to wake up from their slumber of indifference. The organization of lawyers in America conducted a referendum. Out of these 13,779 voted for the repeal of the 18th amendment and only 6,340 voted for prohibition. The American Federation of Labor openly demands the abolition of prohibition, stating that this will give occupation to 1,500,000 laborers. And Anti-prohibition Organization which includes 50,000 women from the different walks of life, demand the repeal of prohibition. In fourteen of the largest American Universities 80% of the students were against the 18th amendment. The Literary Digest had a so called “straw-vote” among its readers. The per cent of wets was increased five times. And yet our lawgivers are blind and deaf to all this. A few months ago a twelve year old boy was kidnapped from his home in Ohio for ransom. The police found him in a bootleggers “speak easy” which was full of whiskey. About a month ago the son of the noted American aviator was kidnapped. More that four thousand policemen, detectives and federal agents gave up all hopes, while the despairing parents are negotiating with bootleggers and outcasts of society for the return of the child. Concluding, I ask for how long will the free citizens of this country allow this dry law, the mother of crime, and offenses, to remain and rule? I know that it is time to cancel it out from our laws and that every good citizens may help by voting for suitable offices. Away then with the “noble experiment” which covered American society with leprosy.