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THE 60th CONGRESS.

The 60th Congress of these United States is now in session. What will it do? What is it called upon to do? What it will do is problematical. What it is called to do is to relieve the existing stringency in money matters, to take from the backs of the industrial population the burden of that great death, excessive protection, to so revise our present tariff laws that each and every citizen of the country shall only be taxed in the degree that a tariff, whether high or low, will bear fairly equally upon the producer, the consumer and the man of affluence whose wealth has been acquired either by inheritance, or, by virtue of business perspicuity rendered possible of active force through the laxness of the laws governing our business system. These are all sound propositions. There is not a man of brain anywhere who will dispute them.

BUT, here comes in an illustration of that famous legend of the flaming sword, held aloft in mid air over a people dead to conscience, and dead to God. That warning was unheeded. Another. We have it in Holy Writ that on an occasion of jubilation in one of the ancient cities, during a banquet given by the rulers of a certain province, on the wall there was noted a hand which inscribed the words, "Mene, Mene, Tekel Upharsin." For the benefit of those who do not read the Bible, we will say that these words being interpreted into English are "Thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting." So will it be with the Republican majority in the Congress at this session, and at the next election, with the help of God, we hope to sweep the whole nest of them off the map as factors in our National government.

ENCOURAGING BLIND TIGERS.

Our attention has been called to a recent practice in Dispensary and Police circles of closing the doors of the Dispensary from a quarter to a half an hour before closing time because of the throng of patrons within the building at that time, (the time the doors were closed, and not the legal hour of closing.) This action is taken, we are given to understand because of the disorder which either prevails on Saturday evening, or which it is apprehended will occur. It strikes us that that is distinctly a violation of the Carey-Cochran law. There are numerous patrons of the dispensary law and the dispensary whose business detains them from the street fully a half an hour before the legal closing hour. These people, to our knowledge, are law-abiding, at least a majority of them. Why should they be deprived of either a stimulant which they consider necessary to their system, or a medicine for their families because of an unreasonable rule, which is warranted neither by law or which tends to the promotion of law and order? There is no excuse for it. The city can afford to swear in an adequate number of police officers to see that order is maintained on busy days both within and without the dispensary, and it is the duty of our police commission so to do. Individually, we don't care a snap, but we do believe in the laws being observed, and if this new rule is dictated by municipal authority, we want to know how any municipal rule can rise above a statute of the State Legislature.

This rule, to our mind is a left handed encouraging of bling tigerism, and as such should be abolished. It is a simple matter to place two extra policemen in the dispensary lobby when necessary to maintain order and incidentally to clear the lobby of those who have been served, thus clearing the place for the entrance of others. These policemen can be secured at slight cost which the increased profits will more than defray.

HARRY THAW'S SISTER WANTS A DIVORCE.

The above is the caption from a recent Associated Press Dispatch from London. As the caption shows, the woman in the case is a sister of Harry Thaw, and the presumed wife of the Earl of Yarmouth. Mrs. Yarmouth appears to think that the matter of marriage between herself and the Earl was only presumption, her ground of action against Mr. Yarmouth being a contention that there was no marriage.

This is a rich one. No Marriage when we are informed that the couple have been living together as man and wife for several years, and so far as we know have issue from the connection. If the claim of the Countess is not sustained in the English courts, she may repent in sack-cloth and ashes that she didn't come to South Carolina, and to the office of The People to have herself tied up to her titled supposed mate. We would have fixed them proper.

This is merely preliminary. There are no doubt worthy representatives of the ancient nobility of Europe, a union with whom, whether male or female, would raise the social standing of any person or family of this country, and such unions are to be commended, but this indiscriminate barter of person and property of our young women of wealth to dissolute scions of the effete nobility of the old country for the eclat of a name should be frowned upon by the heads of every self respecting American family. We have in mind numerous instances of unhappiness resulting from these international marriages, and we think it is about time for American parents to take stock. Is the game worth the candle? Will you continue to sacrifice the young lives and happiness of your daughters upon the altar of pride which represents a connection with a titled debauchee of Europe, or, will you allow them to form a healthful family connection with one of their own faith and order in this country? This is a simple question. As for our self, we have no hallucination. America for Americans is our motto, and the term includes wife, husband, home and a reasonable prospect of happiness.

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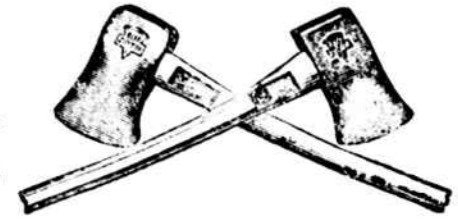
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