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Today is an Ember Day.

Tomorrow is the Dead-Line for the Easter Duty.

Bryan and Booze.

I.

Bryan started off on the right track recently in his booze war, and then swung off on a tangent. He has studied the temperance movement in the Catholic Church and decided that the pledge goes to the root of the matter, because it represents the will of the individual.

II.

You can't legislate morality into a nation any more than you can into an individual. Legislation can and should place safeguards against temptation.

III.

Bryan's tangent is his speech in Indianapolis in which he declares that ~~an~~ anyone who steps beyond the three mile-limit to take a drink should not be allowed to step back into the country. That is fanaticism.

IV.

This country will never go dry until the lawmakers go dry. There must be an appeal to conscience and there must be a conscience to appeal to. It is a travesty of law for our highest rulers to trifle with the Constitution to make its provisions binding on all but themselves.

V.

Our country will have a booze problem until it goes to Catholic countries to learn the solution.

The Pledge.

"I promise, in memory of the Sacred Passion of Our Lord, to abstain from all intoxicating liquors."

Archbishop Hayes and Mr. Hearst.

William Randolph Hearst publishes a two-column editorial on a line from Archbishop Hayes's sermon at the consecration of Bishop Curley: "We had plenty of physical courage during the War, and see what it brought us: what we need is spiritual fortitude." Did you ever notice how the world listens whenever strait Catholic doctrine is spoken?