

# Calvin Coolidge Says:

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Aug. 19.—Much attention very properly has been given to the damage from lack of rain. It is extremely serious in amount and human suffering. Every effort must be made for adequate relief.

Bad as this has been, it is non-recurring, beyond human control and involves no moral blame. Coolidge on drought.

While this calamity gets great attention, as it should, the report of a reliable authority that the yearly damage from crime is estimated at \$7,500,000,000 goes almost unnoticed. This amount is more than one half the entire agricultural production. It is an enormous tax on the resources of the people, being about 8 per cent of the national income, goes on constantly, ought to be largely preventable and represents a moral delinquency. Of this loss apparently little is chargeable to prohibition. Most of it represents violation of state laws.

This is one of the greatest challenges to good government. But fundamentally it is a question of good citizenship. The executive, national, state and municipal, the police and the courts can help. But the real remedy lies with the people. The laws will be enforced when the people clearly and emphatically indicate that they demand enforcement. But law is not enough. We need a change of heart.

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