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inner mechanism will gradually go to pieces. If this social movement, which is not a victorious one in the entire world, is also successful in the United States, the resistance on the part of the Supreme Court could be broken by a change of the Constitution—a change for which the Fathers of the Constitution have already provided. But the road thereto is more difficult and unapproachable than the one provided by the Constitution of Weimar (German). However, it will not be difficult for a largely preponderant movement of the people to take that road. It seems to me a proof of the deep, statesmanlike, political wisdom of the Convention of Philadelphia that, while they laid the way open for a step of this kind, they made it hard to take, for thus they avoided delivering the Constitution of the United States to the ever-changing majorities of public opinion and of its representatives in Congress. . . . If the German people, in the difficult years to come, prove themselves capable of a similar capacity of adaptation and a similar tenacity in retaining their conditions of life, as shown by the American people in similarly difficult conditions, Germany can be saved from its present political, economic and social condition of danger.”

STANDARDS OF ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW

Indiana is credited with being the State having the lowest educational requirements for admission. Its Constitutional provision reads: “Every person of good moral character, being a voter, shall be entitled to practice law in all courts of justice.” Considerable controversy has now arisen among Indiana attorneys as to the necessity of changing the Constitutional provision, in view of the finding of a Jury that a person not fitted by training to practice law (Axton case) is not of good moral character. To an outsider it would appear that change by amendment is preferable to change by interpretation.

NEWS NOTES

A new rule promulgated in New Jersey prohibits the taking of more than four examinations by one person for admission to the Bar.

A bill recently introduced in Congress provides for the incorporation in the District of Columbia of the American Bar Association.

The regular July examinations for admission to the bar were held at Bismarck July 6th and 9th inclusive, a class of eighteen writing for admission.

Judge Alton B. Parker, long prominent at the New York Bar, former Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, democratic candidate for president in 1904, and president of the American Bar Association in 1906-1907, died in June, 1926.

The lawyers of Roumania recently struck for a period of two weeks to protest against a distasteful stamp act. The lawyers of St. Erment, France, at one time refused to appear in a certain court because they had