

PROHIBITIONISTS MAKE BIG GAINS IN ILLINOIS

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Liquor Interests Saved Themselves From Complete Defeat by Winning in Larger Cities--Result in Colorado

Chicago, April 8.—The great liquor contest in Illinois has resulted in a drawn battle with the saloons winning decisively in most of the larger cities, but losing in scores of smaller ones, 1,014 saloons being voted out of existence. The returns as collected by townships are even more impressive from the prohibition viewpoint, 828 townships, or more than three-fourths of the total number being closed to the saloon. Only by winning the larger cities did the liquor interests save themselves from a complete rout.

While the "grog shop" was not an economic asset in city government, the prohibitionists had a decided advantage, where financial questions entered largely they lost. Although they did not chase "the demon rum" from the state they profited from the results. Returns from the 1200 townships of the state are incomplete and it is not possible to state with exactness how many saloons will close their doors thirty days hence as a result of yesterday's balloting. The figures available place that number at over 1,000, being for the most part in towns which had from five to twenty-five saloons each.

ABANDONED SHIP IN MID-ATLANTIC

Crew of Norwegian Steamer Helios Picked up by a Liner

Plymouth, April 8.—The steamer *Maestri*, which is due here from New York today, reports by wireless telegraph the rescue on April 5, in mid-Atlantic of the crew of the Norwegian tank steamer *Helios* from Philadelphia, March 25, for Blaine. No details of the occurrence are given except that the *Helios* has been abandoned in lat. 44 W., long. 39.

Philadelphia, April 8.—The Norwegian steamer *Helios*, which was abandoned at sea, April 5, and crewed by 25 men, was rescued by the steamer *Maestri*, cleared from this port for Blaine, March 23. She carried a crew of 25 men.

DUELS TO BE FOUGHT FOR ENTERTAINMENT

One Rather Novel Feature of the Olympic Games

London, April 7.—Walter Winans is arranging a novel show for the Olympic Games next July. He has obtained the cooperation of the best shots among the Pistol Club to give exhibitions of their prowess as duellists, using wax bullets.

"These public duels will be fought exactly as if they were private affairs of honor, only the bullets will explode as soon as they touch the object. They will be seconds, the pairs will take their stand back to back, and on the word given will wheel round and fire. There will be just enough risk to make those duels exciting. Although they will not be really dangerous, a little too heavy charge might cause a bullet to penetrate the flesh slightly."

"No doubt most of the duellists will protect their persons. I do not think I shall wear any protection. I do not want to make too large a target."

"If I am successful in fixing up these duels I shall shoot in behalf of the United States myself."

WORK SUSPENDED AT PORT MORIEN MINES

Glace Bay, April 8.—Operations at the site of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company's coal areas near Port Morien, have practically suspended for a short time. For the past six months a party of over forty were employed in boring a new slope and drilling at the site and excellent progress was made. A sufficient quantity of coal of excellent quality was mined to run the engines and drills and was got out with very little difficulty. The work is under the supervision of D. H. McDougall, Chief Engineer for the Steel Company and Mr. A. P. Scott, chemist.

The greater number of the men completed their work there about three weeks ago, and are at work for the Steel Company here. There are a small number of men engaged at the Morien areas at present. It is expected that operations will resume on a much larger scale than heretofore shortly.

The coal taken from the areas there has been analyzed by an expert and found to be an excellent steam coal, and this has been proved by many residents near Morien who have used the coal.

CHINESE MERCHANTS BOYCOTTING JAPAN

Hong Kong, April 8.—The Chinese Merchants guild has decided to notify their agents at Japanese ports not to place any more orders for Japanese goods and to ship goods already ordered in vessels other than Japanese. Dealers in Chinese goods are joining in the boycott against the Japanese which arose as a result of the Tatsu Maru incident.

Mrs. D. J. Purdy who has been very ill is reported today to be in a very critical condition.

WHEAT OUTLOOK IN WESTERN CANADA

Indications Point to Increase in Area in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Toronto, April 7.—The Globe prints a special despatch from its Winnipeg correspondent to the effect that reports from various points in the three western provinces tell a story of great activity in the preparations for seeding. The disappointments of last season have apparently inspired the farmers to make stronger efforts, and there is a general determination to break all records. The chief obstacle will be the weather, and with respect to that phase of the situation the counteracting force is a large supply of hope. The most careful devotion to scientific principles and details will avail little if the atmospheric conditions are unfavorable. The western farmer, however, possesses so far as possible, on the assumption that the weather will be respectable. All he asks for is a fair chance, and he will do the rest.

The chief interest in the question of crops is directed towards the production of wheat, because that cereal is the export commodity. The aggregate yield of wheat in Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan, in 1907, according to the latest government returns, was 73,066,636 bushels, as compared with 101,000,000 bushels in 1906. Practically all of last year's crop has been marketed, the amount now held by farmers exclusive of grain for seed, being estimated at less than 5,000,000 bushels. At this time last year nearly 15,000,000 bushels remained in farmers' hands.

The area sown to wheat last year in the three provinces was 3,901,002 acres, and this may be considered as very large, in view of the conditions which surrounded seeding operations.

With favorable seeding conditions this year the wheat area in Manitoba should at least be equal to that of 1907, when it was about 3,900,000 acres. Last year it was 2,789,533.

Large increases may be expected, of course, in both of the newer provinces. The area sown to wheat in Saskatchewan last year was 2,047,724 acres, and the weather interfered with seeding operations there to an even greater extent than in Manitoba. With the vast amount of ploughing which took place last fall, the territory under crop this year should be much greater than in 1907. Good weather is essential, and if the farmers are favored this spring they should be able to sow nearly 2,500,000 acres.

Alberta had 101,443 acres under spring wheat and 92,882 under fall wheat last season, a total of 194,325. Figures of the winter wheat area are now at hand, but reports indicate that the total will be much larger than it was in 1907. It may run as high as 125,000 acres.

The spring wheat area largely depends as in the other two provinces on the weather. It is not going too far to suppose that under ordinary circumstances there will be 200,000 acres under spring wheat.

These increases serve to show what may be expected if normal conditions obtain during the seeding season. The total area for wheat in the three provinces may run as high as 5,825,000 acres.

OIL WELL WILL PAY PASTOR'S SALARY

Congregation Found Gusher on Church Property and Were Too Busy to Attend Service

Butte, Mont., April 7.—No services could be held in the reformed church at Petosville, the "Cabbage Patch" oil district in this country yesterday because of the congestion having gone into oil prospecting, struck a gusher Saturday night on the church lot, fifty feet from the building. The flow came in so strong that a large force had to be kept at work to curb the oil.

The lucky erection which is in debt for its property and owes its pastor back salary. The well, it is believed, will pay off all debts and provide a neat sum besides for future expenses.

U. S. CRUISERS ON GREAT LAKES.

Ottawa, April 8.—(Special)—Correspondence of a member of parliament shows that in February last Lord Elgin cabled the Canadian government in regard to United States cruisers passing through the Canadian canals as follows: "The whole question of armed vessels on the Great Lakes has been referred by His Majesty's government to the imperial defence committee and His Majesty's government will further consult your government."

In each case vessels passing through the canals had no armament and it was provided that their use be confined to training purposes.

NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, April 8.—The stock market opened firm. Stocks sold higher than last night in the opening transactions but the demand was light. Gains were uniform within the limits of a small fraction. Erie was a prominent exception with a decline of 1/2.

THE WEATHER

Rome, April 8.—Miss Annette Loh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loh of New York, was married in this city today to Signor Arturo Luzzetta, a member of the Italian parliament.

HON. HERBERT H. ASQUITH, NOW PRIME MINISTER OF BRITAIN

He Was Appointed By King Edward at Biarritz, This Morning

(See also page 2.) London, April 8.—The vacancy in the office of Prime Minister of Great Britain caused by the resignation last Sunday of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman on account of ill-health, was filled this morning at Biarritz, France, during the audience there between King Edward and Herbert H. Asquith, who had been summoned from London. Mr. Asquith first tendered to His Majesty his resignation as Chancellor of the Exchequer and immediately thereafter kissed the hand of the King on his appointment to the post of Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury.

GREAT BRITAIN WILL STAND NO NONSENCE

Unless the Reforms are Inaugurated in Macedonia, Britain will not Allow Turkey to Increase Customs

London, April 8.—A parliamentary paper, just issued, giving the latest correspondence between Russia and Great Britain on the matter of Macedonian reforms, is welcomed by the London newspapers as containing at least a prospect of arriving at a satisfactory compromise. Russia accepts the proposals of Sir Edward Grey, the secretary for foreign affairs, as "a basis for discussion" and presents her counter proposals. To these Sir Edward Grey has replied in a friendly spirit, making fresh suggestions in detail. He points out that the port he failed to carry out its solemn undertaking to make up the deficit in the Macedonian budget and announces that unless the undertaking is carried out Great Britain will withdraw her consent to the three per cent. increase in Turkish customs.

DROPS 100 FEET TO DEATH FROM BRIDGE

Scaffold Rope on Queensboro Structure Slips, Hurling a Workman Into Space

New York, April 8.—Christopher Anderson, employed on the steel approach of the Queensboro Bridge, in Long Island City, plunged headlong a hundred feet to the ground and was dead when his companions reached him. John Sudley, who was working with him, saved himself by leaping and grasping a rope.

The two men had worked on a swinging scaffold, riveting two steel parts together. They had just sent home a rivet and each man had turned toward his end of the scaffold when his hitch holding up Anderson's end gave way and the rope slipped from the hook, and that end of the scaffold plunged downward so suddenly that Anderson was pitched head forward into clear space.

Sudley, having turned toward his end of the scaffold and feeling the platform give, made a spring for the rope; caught it with one hand and clasp it with the other, twisted the hanging end about his legs.

The crash of Anderson's body attracted the attention of a number of workmen and they rushed to him, but he was dead, his skull having been fractured. It took several minutes to rescue Sudley as a rope had to be lowered to him from a stationary platform twenty feet above his head.

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KINGS COUNTY COURT

Hampton, N. B., April 8.—(Special)—The trial of the action for debt of the Sussex Mercantile Company, Ltd., vs. Berube, was continued in the county court this morning for an hour and a half with Manning W. Doherty, manager of the plaintiff company on the stand, who recognized the freight slips of the I. C. R. agent at Sussex for the shipment of a thrasher to the defendant, and gave particulars of the methods of manufacture for securing interchangeable portions of the machine and inspection of parts. At half past eleven the court adjourned for an hour to permit Mr. Jonah to obtain from Sussex necessary papers and witnesses.

The Hiraswa mission band of Centerville church held a successful Japanese tea in the Sunday school room yesterday afternoon. The ladies in charge were Mrs. McAlpine, fancy table; Miss Austin and Miss Murray, candy table; Mrs. Crockett, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. McCasner, Mrs. Dinmore, Miss Baisley, Miss L. McLaughlin, Miss M. McLaughlin, Mrs. Galkin, Miss J. E. Hennigar and Miss Williams, tea tables.

PREMIER HAZEN MAKES AN INTERESTING FIND

Robinson Government Pledged Further Guarantee of \$30,000 to N.B. Cold Storage Co.

This Would Make Total Public Grants to the Company of \$138,000 on a Plant Which Cost Only \$160,000

Fredericton, N. B., April 8.—(Special)—In 1901 an act passed the legislature authorizing the lieutenant governor, on behalf of the province, to guarantee the bonds of the New Brunswick Cold Storage Company, Limited, for \$60,000 on the company erecting a building and plant in St. John for the purpose of storing and preserving produce.

The work was undertaken by a company in which Sir Frederick Borden is said to be interested, of which his son-in-law was the promoter, and in which George McAvity of St. John, was said to be actively connected. The company erected a cold storage warehouse in the city of St. John, at a cost which was claimed to be \$160,000. It was erected on Dominion government land which was leased at a practically nominal rental.

In addition to the province guaranteeing bonds to the extent of \$60,000 the company was to receive 30 per cent. on the cost, or \$48,000 from the Dominion government.

It now transpires that the company was not satisfied and in January last the Robinson government passed an order in council pledging themselves to have legislation passed at the next session to guarantee the company's bonds to an extent of \$30,000 more. If this order in council is binding the cold storage company will have received \$138,000 from the public treasury and if the cost of the warehouse is the amount stated by them the company will be called upon to pay only \$22,000 themselves.

One feature of the transaction is that while the order in council was passed in January last, not one word of the Robinson government having pledged themselves to increase the province's obligations to the company was ever given out to the public.

CONDITION OF WINTER WHEAT

Interesting Statistics Are Gathered by U. S. Agricultural Department

Washington, April 8.—The department of agriculture today announced from the report of correspondents and agents of the bureau of statistics crop reporting board that the average condition of winter wheat on April 1st was 91.3 per cent. against 89.9 per cent. on April 1st, 1907; 89.1 on April 1st, 1906; 91.6 on April 1st, 1905 and 85.2 the ten year average. The average condition of rye on April 1, was 83.1, against 92, on April 1, 1907 and a ten year average of 89.6.

NINETEEN CARS WERE WRECKED

And \$100,000 Damage Done by Wreck on the Grand Trunk Last Night

Montreal, April 8.—(Special)—There was a bad wreck last night on the Grand Trunk near St. Pierre, Que., caused, it is thought, by spreading rails. Nineteen cars of export freight for Portland were wrecked and the damage is placed at \$100,000.

THE MCKEE DIVORCE CASE

Paris, April 8.—The hearing of the McKee divorce case, was continued in this city today. Maitre Bardeux on behalf of Mrs. Hart McKee the complainant, conducted the pleading in rebuttal. The Italian nobleman, with whom, it is alleged, Mrs. McKee had improper relations at a chateau at Varennes, was identified as the Marquis Guglielmi. M. Bardeux denied Mr. McKee's allegation, and offered to produce testimony from physicians to disprove the charges. He declared that the real object of the defense was not to furnish information to the French court, but to besmirch Mrs. McKee's reputation in America, and secure the publication there of certain letters written to her husband.

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TWO BROTHERS DIE TOGETHER

They Lost Their Lives Early This Morning in a Tenement House Fire at Passiac, N. J.

Passaic, N. J., April 8.—Two brothers lost their lives early today in a tenement house fire which destroyed the building and seriously injured eight families. The tenement house stood near the Erie railroad tracks and the fire was discovered by the engineer of a passing train who sounded the alarm with the locomotive whistle. When the firemen dashed to the house they stumbled over the bodies of the two brothers. It was William Campbell, who had been suffocated. A little further down the hall they found the body of Alexander Campbell, who had been burned to death. The firemen raised ladders to the front and rear windows, and with great difficulty succeeded in rescuing all the other inmates of the house.

MANY POLICE COURT CASES

There was a Long Session of the Police Court Today

A large number of curious spectators gathered at the police court this morning when several interesting and important cases were dealt with.

The Parker theft case, in which William J. Parker is accused of stealing \$10 from his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mildred Parker and which has been dragging along for some three weeks, was again taken up and after three witnesses had been called by J. King Kelley, Mr. Parker's counsel, the defendant was committed for trial and admitted to bail in \$400 and two sureties of \$200 each.

Edmund S. Ritchie, appeared for the prosecution. The case against James Ward and Thomas Cain, charged with stealing rum from a C. P. R. car at the Long wharf, and who were arrested by C. P. R. Detective Edgewood, was also taken up, both defendants pleading not guilty.

The case against Ward was first heard, and R. Ernest Taylor, C. P. R. checker, and Daniel O'Neil, a freight handler for the C. P. Railway, were placed on the stand.

O'Neil's evidence showed that Ward had come into the car, opened the door, opened a case of rum and removed some of the bottles, placing one in his pocket and another among some cases of goods in the car. This was early Monday morning. Both O'Neil and Cain had seen Ward with the goods, but neither tried to prevent him.

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Ward will be sentenced later and the case against Cain will be resumed at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon.

Edmund S. Ritchie appears for Ward, Dr. A. W. MacRae, K. C., for Cain, and F. R. Taylor for the C. P. R.

Robert Moore, aged eighteen, who was reported for trespassing at the Union depot, produced a hackman's license, but this, on examination, was found to have been transferred from another coaching of the police and his honor said he doubted if the defendant, being under age and not a taxpayer, had any right to it. The matter will be dealt with later.

James Fitzgerald, charged with assaulting and beating his mother, Mrs. Catherine Fitzgerald, was remanded, as was George Williams, colored, arrested on a charge of assaulting Stanley Jones.

Minnie Leonard and Wilbur Graves were fined \$8 or two months each for drunkenness.

William Gillespie was taxed \$8 or 20 days for a similar offence.

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Motorman Recovers Damages From New York City Railway Company

New York, April 8.—The first judgment under the labor law passed by the legislature in May, 1906, making railway companies responsible for injuries received by an employee through the negligence of another employee, has been awarded in the supreme court, John Toner, getting a verdict of \$20,000 for the loss of his left leg in July, 1906. Toner was a motorman employed by the New York City Railway Company. The motorman of the car behind started his car, crashing into Toner's car and crushing the plaintiff's leg so that it had to be amputated.

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Bishop Richardson Will Take it to England

As the Gift of the Diocese of Fredericton to the Pan-Anglican Thankoffering--What St. John Churches Report to Date

As the result of the indefatigable effort of His Lordship Bishop Richardson, he will be able to take with him to the Pan-Anglican Conference in London, a contribution from his diocese to the thankoffering amounting in the vicinity of \$10,000.

His Lordship has labored unceasingly in this behalf, and his people have responded nobly. The announcement of the amount was made during the meeting of the diocesan synod committees, this morning. This city, as indicated by the following amounts, is making a fine contribution.

Amounts by churches received to date St. John's (stone).....\$1,300 St. Paul's (valley).....1,100 Trinity.....1,000 St. Jude's.....250

As stated the contributions from the churches mentioned, are not completed. Then of course there are the other Anglican churches in the city to be heard from.

The committee for the encouragement of theological study met this morning with Ven. Archdeacon Newham presiding.

The committees in session this afternoon are the executive and standing committees.

Bishop Richardson, accompanied by Mrs. Richardson, will sail from this port on April 25th, on the C. P. R. liner, *Lake Champlain*, to attend the Pan-Anglican Conference in London.

Among others going from this city and province are Ven. Archdeacon Newham, Ven. Archdeacon Raymond and Mrs. Raymond, Miss Ethel Jarvis, and Miss Nora Brock, of Rothesay. They will be absent about two months, and expect to return to Quebec in time for the ten-tenenary celebration there.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

House Damaged by Fire ---Death of Old I. C. R. Employee

Fredericton, N. B., April 8.—(Special) George Logan, an employee of the I. C. R. roundhouse at Gibson, died last night after a lingering illness from heart trouble. He was at one time employed as a fireman on the New Brunswick Railway, and later worked for the Canadian Pacific. He was about fifty five years of age and is survived by a widow and one son, Charles Logan.

The residence of Miss Alice Clark, Westmorland street, was considerably damaged by fire this morning. The flames originated in the attic and made great headway before the firemen were called to the scene. Fortunately there was little wind at the time and the firemen were able to save the house, although not until the upper part had been badly damaged. The loss will be about \$900, and is fully covered by insurance.

The trial of James Nicholson of Campbellton, charged with robbing his step-father, was this morning postponed by Judge Wilson on application of Solicitor General McLeod until April 21st, owing to the absence of material witnesses.

Major Bridges, of the Royal Regiment, has been notified of his promotion to the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

John Kilburn, who has been in Quebec superintending his lumbering operations, returned home yesterday. He reports four and one half feet of snow in the woods of the Upper St. John and regards the prospects excellent for stream driving.

A train from Woodstock on the Gibson branch was delayed at Millville last night by an accident that derailed two cars. Fortunately nobody was injured. The passengers spent the night at Millville and did not reach here until six o'clock this morning.

William Poor has been appointed caretaker of Oranecto Bridge.

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