

WIDE WORLD EVENTS.

From the "World Wide"

A change in the Ontario license law introduced in the legislature by Mr. Hanna, adds Good Friday to the days on which liquor may not be sold in Ontario. One of the other important changes is that giving a magistrate power to put any person on the "Indian list" who sells liquor to or procures it for any person already on the list. The law requires a person found under the influence of liquor in a local option district to tell from whom he secured the liquor, under a penalty of \$50 fine for refusing. This provision is to be extended so as to embrace all places where no tavern or shop licenses are issued, and the person who is found under the influence of liquor in these places will be subject to the same penalties as if it were a local option district.

The consent of the Czar of Russia has been given to a bill extending the personal and property rights of married woman, and providing certain amendments to the relations between husband and wife. Under this unassuming garb a reform affecting the happiness of millions of Russian women have been effected. Hitherto a married woman, especially in the humbler walks of life, had been unable to hold property, to enter business, to seek employment, or to obtain a separate passport without the consent of her husband. There was no remedy against a reprobate husband except by divorce, which is costly and difficult to get, except for the wealthy or influential classes. Cruelty to the children, rudeness, violence, dishonesty, immorality, dangerous or loathsome illness will be sufficient cause for separation, and the husband in such cases will be compelled to provide alimony. The care of the children is to be awarded to the injured party.

King George and Queen Mary returned to England on April 24th from Paris, where they had been received with immense popular enthusiasm.

Reports have been received in Montreal from Rome that at the Papal Consistory to be held on May 25th to elect thirteen Cardinals, two Canadians will be among those honored—Archbishop Bruchesi, of Montreal and Archbishop Begin, of Quebec.

The King of Italy intends to nominate Mr. Marconi, the famous wireless telegraph inventor, a senator, he having reached the age of 40, which makes him eligible for the position.

According to the London Times Mr. Joseph Martin, M.P., who has been at variance with the official Liberal party in his constituency of East St. Pancras, has now been definitely repudiated, but "Fighting Joe" says he will fight again independently.

There has been murderous fighting in the northern Colorado coal fields during the past week, and the situation has become so grave that federal troops may be called out in addition to the State troops. Machine guns have been used both by the strikers and militia men, and nearly a hundred lives have been lost so far, many of the victims being women and children killed, when the militia men shot up the miners' residences. It is now eight months since the coal miners of the district have been arrayed against mine guards, strike breakers and the militia, and Colorado's incapacity to deal with the problem has become evident.

Stratford-on-Avon celebrated the 350th anniversary of the birth of Shakespeare on April 23rd, by the ringing of bells, the annual meeting of the Shakespeare Club, a floral procession and speeches by prominent persons.

The main estimates submitted in the Ontario Legislature call for an expenditure of over \$9,000,000, while expropriations this year will exceed \$27,000,000.

While on an excursion last week from the Beirut American College to the Sea of Galilee, now known as the Lake of Tiberias, several American teachers were attacked and robbed by brigands, one of the teachers being slightly wounded by a bullet. The matter has been referred by the American Consul at Beirut to the United States Embassy at Constantinople.

The report of the Royal Commission appointed by the Dominion Government last year to investigate certain charges made against the administration of Kingston Penitentiary and to make recommendations for the care of prisoners was made public on April 22nd by the Minister of Justice. In certain of its departments the conditions of the prison were found deplorable—"a twentieth century reproduction of the unceasing toil of the

galler slave," and "a crime against humanity." The report deals with the question of prison economy, and many recommendations are made towards securing more humane and Christian treatment of prisoners. Among some recommendations are closer supervision of all penitentiaries by a permanent commission, more extended powers for parole, segregation of prisoners into classes, and better provision for discipline and the mental and moral training of prisoners during incarceration. The charges of political partisanship in connection with the administration of the prison were not borne out by the evidence, nor were those that the deputy warden favored Roman Catholics as against Protestants.

Increase of salaries of judges will be moved by resolution in the Dominion House of Commons this week.

The Panama Canal Zone has been placed on a strictly war footing by Col. Goethals, the governor.

The Orangemen of Montreal have sent a protest to the Hon. Mr. Borden and the Postmaster-General for prohibiting the "Canadian Menace" being sent through the mail.

St. Petersburg is to cease drawing her water supply from the Neva, as a project has been accepted by the government that will permit of its being obtained from Lake Ladoga, 25 miles distant, and thence transported to St. Petersburg by means of pipes. The work entailed is enormous, and it will be at least ten years before it is completed, as a tunnel must also be made under the Neva. The estimated cost is 45,940,000 roubles, and there will be sufficient water to supply a population of 3,500,000 people.

Highway accidents have increased so rapidly in the United Kingdom since the very extended introduction of mechanically propelled vehicles that, in the twelve months ending December 31, 1913, the number of those killed on the highways in town and country reached the large total of 2,099, while 42,544 were injured, which was an average of nearly six killed, and of more than 122 cases of injury for each day of the year.

The Charles Dalton Company, black fox raisers in Prince Edward Island, are mourning the loss of twelve litters within a short time. As each litter averages four cubs, the loss is estimated at \$300,000. Notwithstanding its loss the company expect to pay fifteen per cent. dividend this year.

Workmen in about forty factories in St. Petersburg have struck work. The firms affected are the Baltic, the Siemens and Halske, the Nobel, the Vulcan, and the government cartridge case works. About 100,000 workmen are involved. An attempt to parade the streets to the singing of revolutionary songs was stopped by the police. A large number of arrests have been made.

The Royal Historical Society are organizing the celebration of the seven hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Magna Charta, which occurs on June 15 next year. Scholars from various countries have been invited to sit on the general committee, the chairmanship of which has been accepted by Lord Bryce. An executive committee will be appointed to take over the arrangements for the celebration.

Notwithstanding two decrees by the local Italian government in Tripoli ordering the Arabs to return and cultivate the gardens in the oasis about Tripoli, only a few have responded.

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