

Prohibition Bill is Introduced in Legislature All Bars to Close Down by Next September Russia Making Great Drive Against Huns

PROHIBITION WILL COME INTO FORCE IN ONTARIO IN SEPTEMBER WITHOUT REFERENDUM; VOTE TAKEN AFTER PRESENT STRUGGLE

Hon. W. J. Hanna Introduced Temperance Measure Into Ontario House Yesterday—Importation For Private Use Not Interfered With—License Board Reconstituted.

Toronto, March 23—Prohibition will be in force in Ontario before the end of the coming summer and remain in force until after the war. On September 15th, if not earlier, every hotel bar and liquor shop and club in the province will cease the sale of intoxicating liquor. The Ontario Government's temperance proposals were announced yesterday afternoon following consideration of the matter in caucus that delayed the opening of the House until 4 o'clock. The Provincial Secretary in introducing the "Ontario Temperance Act"—as the new legislation will be known—outlined in general way its most important provisions and explained the government's intention upon the bill. The bill attempts to make "a speech" containing himself with briefly reviewing the course of the government in respect to temperance matters since ten years ago, when Sir James Whitney introduced the first License Act amendments. The whole course of the administration had been to keep pace with public opinion and the legislation before the House was the Government's response to public opinion in Ontario that had shown itself in harmony with opinion throughout the Empire and the world. "It is perhaps in order for me to refer to some of the features of this bill," stated the Provincial Secretary.

PRINCIPAL FEATURES OF PROHIBITION ACT

Prohibition will go into effect in September 15—by direct legislation. All licenses, with a few exceptions, will be extended after May 1st until date fixed, upon payment of a nominal fee of \$5 or \$10. Referendum will be taken after the war and a considerable time after return of soldiers. The new Ontario Temperance Act follows Manitoba Act except for incorporation of improvements taken from Ontario License Act. Wholesale druggists will be licensed to sell in wholesale quantities for scientific and mechanical purposes, upon production of affidavit as to uses to which liquor will be devoted. Retail licenses will be issued permitting sale to individuals upon a doctor's prescription, and to a doctor not more than a pint at a time or a veterinary not more than two gallons at a time. Membership of three, and charged with administration of new laws. Bill will not interfere with importation of liquor for private use or keeping it in the home. Heavy fines ranging up to \$1,000 and sentences up to eight months are provided for infractions of the law.

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WORKMEN ARE POURING T. N. T. INTO SHELLS AS EASILY AS ONE POURS CHOCOLATE INTO A CUP. T. N. T. (TRINITROTOLUOL), OR TOLITE, AS THE FRENCH CALL IT, IS A THICK LIQUID AND BROWN IN COLOR. THE LIQUID IS SO THICK IT ALMOST HAS THE CONSISTENCY OF PASTE. THE GANG OF WORKMEN ARE STIRRING A SORT OF CAULDRON FULL OF THIS BROWN, HEAVY MASS. IT IS POURED FREELY INTO THE SHELLS, AS EASILY AS ONE POURS THICK CHOCOLATE INTO A CUP.

Carranza Troops Said to Have Joined Villa and All Northern Mexico Seething With Open Rebellion Against the Govt.

Washington, March 23—Confirmation of the report that the Carranza garrison of 2,000 under Luis Herrera at Chihuahua had revolted and joined Villa was still lacking to-day. War department, although a despatch to that effect was passed last night by the United States army censor at Columbus. The war department insisted that General Funston's message last night stated merely that "it is reported that a revolt had occurred and adding that there was no confirmation. WATCHING MEXICANS El Paso, Texas, March 23—Private avices reaching here to-day confirm reports that General Luis Herrera had joined the Villistas at Chihuahua and left little room for doubt that Mexican affairs had reached a point fraught with far-reaching and perhaps serious consequences to the United States. Not only was it accepted here as definite that Herrera had declared against both Carranza and the United States, but it was asserted with equal confidence that Torreón is also in the hands of the Villa forces and that all Northern Mexico is seething with open rebellion against the de facto government. So grave is the situation regarded here that the military authorities planned to-day drastic steps to relieve all Mexicans in El Paso of any arms they might have concealed in their homes and enforce what would be practically martial law in Little Chihuahua, the heart of El Paso's Mexican section. WAITING FOR THE STORM All night long El Paso waited for the warning whistles, which would tell that the expected outbreak had occurred. Three hundred soldiers with machine gun detachments waited under arms for any emergency and the police reserves, equipped with rifles, were also held ready. Again and again rumors ran through the town that shooting had been heard in Juarez, but each time they proved baseless. It is understood that government officials have sent to Washington a recommending, couched in the strongest terms, urging that steps be taken to disarm all Mexicans along the border, taking the right of forcible entry and search if necessary. Up to the present it is said, that the Washington authorities opposed such a step on the ground that it would be misinterpreted by Mexicans as discrimination against them and in violation of their rights. It is now in time has passed for any delicacy in handling the situation. It is pointed out that no American is permitted to enter Mexico armed, and that there has been a far greater laxity on this side of the border than was desirable. Lamancourt northwest of Verdun. Paris announces to-day that the German infantry attacks in this sector were not resumed during the night and that even the fire of the heavy artillery diminished in violence. The bombardment east of the Meuse was continued with undiminished intensity. The persistence with which the Germans are pounding the French positions near Vaux and Damloup, in this region indicates that they probably are preparing for new attempts to break through in the sector where their lines have been pushed nearest the heart of the stronghold. TWO NOW London, March 23—Advices received from Dover by the press association state that a second German sea-plane was brought down after the raid made by four German aeroplanes over the Kent coast last Sunday. It is said a British airman who was crossing the channel in a new aeroplane saw the raid in progress, and joining in the chase of the Germans succeeded in bringing down one of their machines.

SITUATION IS UNCHANGED Bombardment Heavy at Verdun—Another Sea-plane Reported Lost. By Special Wire to the Courier. Hamilton, Ont., March 23—Lieut. Col. A. H. Moore, prominent in the social, business and military life of Hamilton, died at his home here to-day after a long illness. He was born in Rathfriland, Wicklow, Ireland, in 1845, and came to Hamilton as a boy. He was former manager of the old Stinson Bank and later engaged in insurance and real estate business. He was a graduate of the Royal Military College, served with the 13th during the Fenian Raid and for a time was brigade major of the third division, No. 2 military district. In politics he was a Conservative and in religion a Catholic. His brother, Lieut.-Col. E. W. Moore, is serving overseas. Remember! Visit the Garden of Spring Fables and Garnitures, 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. daily, 4th floor, E. B. Crompton & Co., Ltd. Thomas Mott Osborne may return to Sing Sing, as wardeen within a few weeks, it is reported in Albany, N.Y. NEW SERIAL STORY Courier readers will be glad to notice that beginning with to-day's issue is a new serial story entitled "Elaine the Fair." This story will be found to be a most interesting and charming narrative and will doubtless be looked forward to by hundreds of readers. An instalment will appear daily.

RUSSIA COMMENCING GREAT DRIVE UNDER COMMAND OF GENERAL KUROPATKIN

Half a Million Men, Well Equipped, Start on Their Way to Smash Von Hindenburg—Berlin and Vienna Claim Drive Making No Headway.

New York, March 23—After lying low all winter, completing their preparations and leaving active warfare to a host of detached guerrilla bands in the rear of the Teutons, while maintaining unceasing activity with comparatively small bodies of troops and thereby gradually brooding a large number of new formations, who are now seasoned soldiers, the Russians have begun the game of war in earnest once more on the northern and northwestern sections of their European front. The Germans plan apparently developed itself and they seem committed to an attempt to drive a wedge across the Dvina north of Dvinsk. The Russians have assumed the initiative well to the south of Dvinsk, where they made a beginning at driving their wedge into the German lines. The movements indicated by to-day's bulletins are a direct drive westward. The extent of the battle front according to the bulletins of the past few days, indicates the employment of large forces. The suspension of these forces, which like their numbers, is kept secret, is a guarantee that the Russian movement now launched, means much more than might be suspected from the mild phrasing of the official bulletins, a great move on the Russian front has begun. Petograd, March 22 (despatch to The London Morning Post and The

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, IS FIRE-SWEPT; FIVE MILLIONS OF DAMAGE IS DONE

Series of Disastrous Fires Are Sweeping Through the South and Southwest United States—No Lives Lost in This Blaze, But Several Firemen Badly Burned. By Special Wire to the Courier. Augusta, Ga., March 23—One of a series of fires which have caused millions of dollars worth of damage in the past few days in the south and southwest, swept through ten business blocks of Augusta and twenty adjoining residence blocks last night and early to-day, and before being got under control to-day had caused much damage which was conservatively estimated at not less than \$5,000,000. No lives were reported lost in the Augusta fire, although there were scores of narrow escapes, and several firemen were severely burned. The flame-swept area covers something like one and a quarter square miles, and in it were the city's largest office and business buildings on the north side of Broad street; warehouses on historic "Cotton Row," containing thousands of bales of cotton, and some six hundred homes, many of them in the city's most exclusive residence section. Among other structures destroyed was St. Paul's Episcopal church, built 135 years ago. To-day local militia companies were on duty, having been called out early in the night. None of them, however, had reported a case of looting, and the police said there had been no disorder. Hotels and homes in the sections of the city not reached by the fire were thrown open to those whose residences were burned, and steps were being taken by local authorities to give relief to the 3,000 persons who had lost their homes. Warm weather saved them from suffering last night. Just as the fire was being got under control, another fire broke out in the southern section of the city, and burned several houses and a grocery store.

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