

FEAR IS A DISASTE SAVOUR BUSINESS

Root of Most of Evil in Connection With the Liquor Traffic.

A number of citizens spoken to by The World yesterday in regard to the advisability of legislation against the treating system showed a strong unanimity of feeling against the system as a nuisance and as the root of most of the evil in connection with the liquor business. As to just what measures would be effective in this connection they were not prepared to say, excepting that in the abolition of the bar the end would be accomplished with no uncertainty.

F. B. Polson was among those spoken to. He said: "I would support any reasonable legislation to prevent treating in the purchase or sale of liquor. As to whether such legislation would be practicable, in view of the difficulty to enforce it, I am not prepared to say, but in my opinion it would be a very large extent with the need of such legislation as was proposed by the Liquor Act just voted upon. As to the abolition of the bar entirely, I am not prepared to say that it would, or would not be a good thing. There is a lot to be said on both sides. What every one is opposed to is a poorly conducted bar, there is some argument to be offered in justification of the existence

of the properly conducted one. For instance, to deprive our leading hotels of their wine department would mean that strangers from abroad could not get the accommodation that they were accustomed to, and would leave the impression that the people of Ontario were living under laws unduly strict for the person who appreciates an occasional glass of ale or wine.

J. Herbert Mason said: "I am very much opposed to the treating system. I have failed to find a man yet who does not regard it as a nuisance. If such a ridiculous custom could be abolished it would be a great relief. It would be a splendid thing if common sense could only prevail in the matter of treating and a custom adopted whereby a man would not feel mean by declining to accept offers of hospitality. The treating system does seem to rest upon a mistaken idea of a social obligation."

M. C. Ellis of P. W. Ellis & Co. I think myself that the treating system has led to the most disastrous results in connection with the liquor business, and any legislation that would do away with it would be a big step in the direction of temperance. It would be well if opinion were created so that the man wanting to treat would be looked upon as a public nuisance. Education along this line ought to have splendid results."

Mr. Davidson, barrister: "I am in favor of any step against treating system. I do not know that the end could be satisfactorily attained by legislation on the matter, but if we could only do away with the bar-rooms that would certainly put an end to the treating system, which after all is the most dangerous feature of the business."

PLUM PUDDINGS FOR ALL.

English Makers Sending Out Tons of Their Product.

London, Dec. 8.—With the approach of Christmas, the plum pudding industry of England—which so far has not been called upon to repel any American invasion other than that made up of consumers—is in its glory. From London tons of festive pudding and their way all over the world.

The Oxford-street shop of the best known makers of plum pudding has orders for the sending of pudding to every quarter. Many are ordered as Christmas presents for friends in the United States. The puddings are packed in tins and sent by parcel post as a rule. A talk with the manager called forth some interesting information.

"We sell about 250 tons of plum pudding each Christmas," he said, "roughly speaking, \$2,000 puddings averaging seven pounds each, besides some half-million large cakes. 'The old custom of putting a three penny bit in the family plum pudding has developed into a very expensive fashion. Costly jewelry and charms are now sent concealed in the heart of the pudding. Many of our customers send small toys and ornaments to be inserted. We have even times dispatched diamond rings in this way to different parts of the country. A year or two ago a royal personage sent us an ornament worth £500, with instructions to boil it in a pudding. It is a rather dangerous fashion."

"Postage rates for plum puddings are extraordinary. A seven-pound pudding costing \$2, sent to Rhodesia, is charged the same amount for postage, while the rate to Hong Kong for the same pudding is only 50 cents. The duty of nearly 50 per cent. on plum puddings imported into the United States has now been abolished, and we are sending many to America. We have sent some as far west as San Francisco."

SWINDLER GIVEN SEVEN YEARS.

Carter, the Man From Toronto Who Passed Bogus Cheques.

Kingston, Dec. 8.—Charles H. Carter, describing himself as a Toronto clerk, who was caught here while trying to cash one of a bundle of forged cheques, purporting to have been made out at the local office of the Rathbun Company, was sentenced to seven years in the Penitentiary by Judge Macdougall this morning. He came to Kingston after successfully passing bogus cheques in various cities and towns in Ontario, and when caught told all about himself. He had old clothes and pigskin for disguising himself in order to ensure success in his frauds.

Baptist Ministers Meet.
A meeting of Baptist Ministers' Association was held here yesterday. Rev. Mr. Radcliffe of East Toronto was made a member of the association. Rev. Mr. Post of East Toronto spoke on the work done in the West. Rev. Mr. Giegler, presbyter, and asked that representatives be appointed to act with the Methodist and Presbyterian denominations to consider what steps should be taken in regard to the recent referendum. Dr. George Cross of McMaster University read a paper on "The Philosophy of Religion."

LOCAL TOPICS.

Another outbreak of snailpox is reported in Addison County.

If the cold weather continues, the vessel owners will have to take to winter quarters. Several large arctic vessels with coal. They were coated with ice.

The Household Economic Association meets today in the Normal School Theatre at 2 p.m. Miss Grace Roberts will speak on "Art for Beauty in the Communion."

A letter has been received at the Methodist missionary rooms from Dr. W. E. Smith, missionary at Cheung, China. It states that the Boxer were passing away.

The annual public meeting of the Fyfe Mission Society will be held in Castle Garden Hall, McMaster University, this evening. The speaker will be Rev. Griffith Johnson of Prospect-avenue Baptist Church, Buffalo.

The third annual meeting of the North American Game and Protective Association will be held in Ottawa on Jan. 21 next. Papers will be prepared and read by members on topics associated with interests of the organization, which is international, especially in connection with the harmonizing of the laws of the various provinces and states. E. T. D. Chambers of Quebec is secretary.

Newtonville Sons of England.
London, Dec. 8.—The Sons of England Benevolent Society of this village held their annual election of officers at a meeting in the Orange Hall. A large number of members were present, and the following officers were elected: Charles Hancock, vice-president; William Lane, secretary; M. J. Holman; Richard Phillips; Edward Phillips; A. Wragg; Inner guard, Robert Holmes; outer guard, J. Workman.

To Back Up the Kaiser.
Berlin, Dec. 8.—Baron Von Eckardt, late First Secretary of the German Embassy in London, has issued invitations to various distinguished gentlemen in Hesse, Baden, Württemberg, Bavaria, Prussia and Nassau to meet at Frankfurt-on-the-Main Dec. 16, to consider the formation of a new national party to uphold Emperor William's policy, hence it will be called the Kaiser Party.

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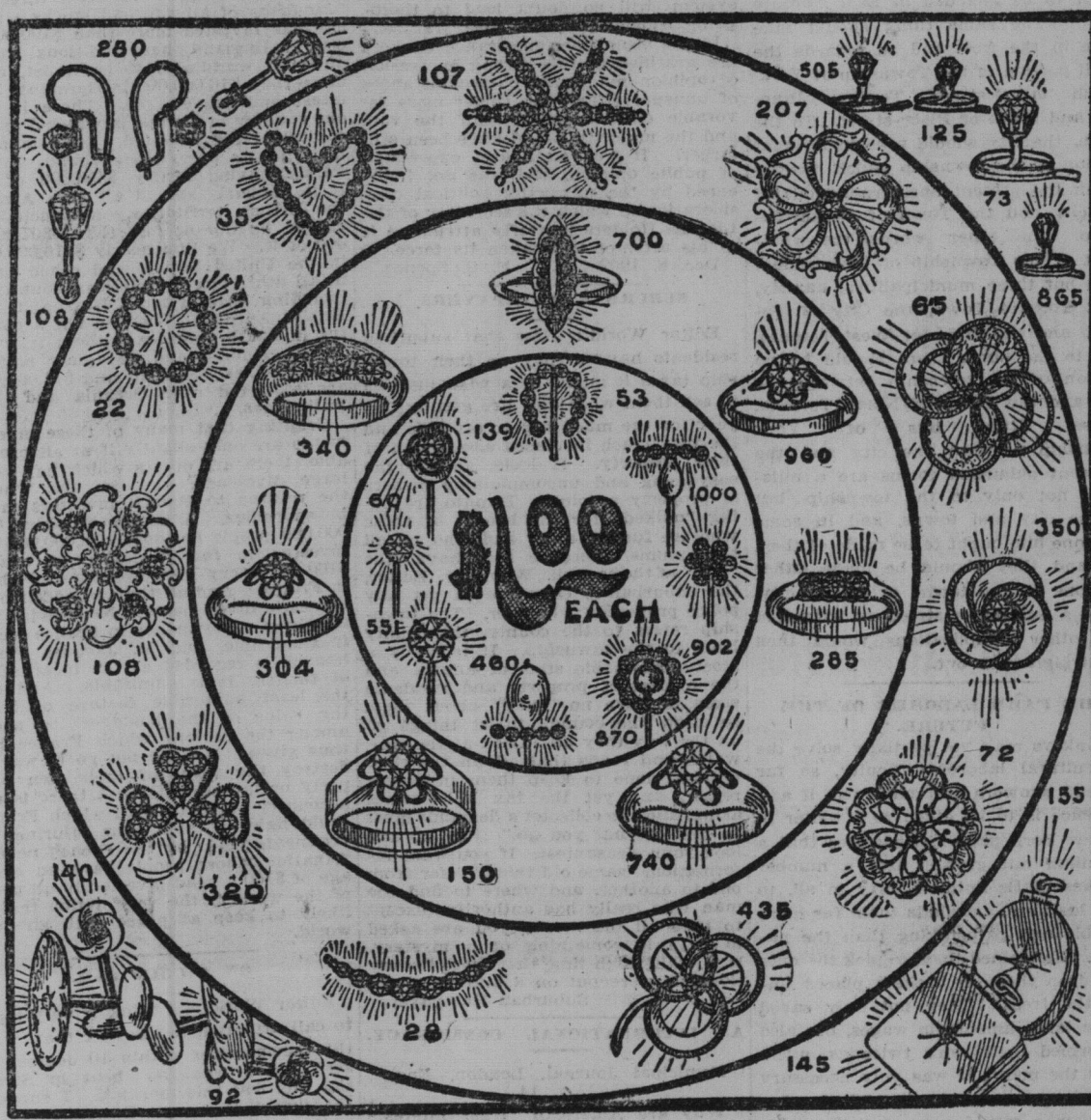
900—1 carat Ladies' Tiffany, exact duplicate of \$75 engagement ring.
740—Gentlemen's 2 carat Belcher, looks to be worth \$125.
700—Ladies' Marquis, any color centre.
285—Ladies' Princess Ring, all white, or colored centre.
340—1-2 carat Ladies' Tiffany.
804—Gentlemen's Gypsy Ring, two white Topaz, and any color centre.
150—Gentlemen's Flat Belcher, 2 carat.

Gentlemen's Scarf or Ladies' Stick Pins

53—Handsome Horseshoe, set with 10 white Topaz.
120—Knot set with one solitaire.
60—1-2 carat blue white solitaire.
351—1 carat, beautiful cut, fiery.
490—Pear-shape pearl, set with 5 Topaz.
302—Fancy Cluster, any color centre stone.
907—6 stone small Cluster, any color centre.
1000—Small pear Pearl, set with 5 Topaz.

STUDS

865—1-4 carat stud.
500—1 carat.
125—3-4 carat.
73—1-2 carat.
All set with brilliant, fiery stones.



EARRINGS

108—Screw Earring, evenly matched stones, any size stones, from 1-2 to 2 carats each.
280—Drop Earring, also finely matched, 1-2 to 2 carat.

CUFF LINKS

Two also—Ladies' or Gentlemen's.
140—Beautiful Knot, set with small brilliant stones.
92—Long shape, any color stone.

LOCKETS

Gold fronts, set with 1-4 carat stone. Place for picture inside.
145—Square shape.
165—Oval shape.

BROOCHES

107—Beautiful Sunburst.
85—Exquisite Heart.
22—Wreath, set with 12 Topaz.
108—Fancy Brooch, something new, 7 white Topaz.
330—Clover Leaf, 9 Topaz, colored centre.
28—Small Crescent.
455—Coal Clover Leaf, set with 1 white Topaz.
72—Small Fancy Brooch, one 350—Knot, Brooch, one fiery stone in centre.
65—Open Knot Brooch, small stone.
207—Knot plain design, one stone.
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TWO BRAVE ONES RETURN.

Wilkinson and Shelton of 2nd C.M.R. Arrive at Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 8.—Among the passengers from Liverpool were Wilkinson and Shelton, two 2nd C.M.R. men, who made a name for themselves in South Africa. Wilkinson, cornered with a party, used his own arms and then he broke the rifle, so that it would be no good to the Boers. Shelton also saw good service, and was wounded in the leg. Wilkinson lost an eye and had one of his arms disabled. Sgt. Mair, Malin, 2nd C.M.R., and Ptes. Holmes, Webb, Davis and Mitchell, 5th C.M.R., who remained in Africa after their regiment set for home, also came by the Cornhillian, having found that South Africa offered no inducements to them.

Judge McLaughlin in It.
London, Dec. 8.—The prospectus is published of the British Canadian Pulp Company, capital \$500,000, formed to acquire a freehold near North Bay, Ont., and manufacture and sell soda pulp. The president is J. A. Ritchie, president of the Kinleith Paper Company, the vice-president Judge McLaughlin.

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HARRY MCGALMONT, M.P., DEAD.

Leaves a Fortune of \$200,000.—Drops Down Suddenly.

London, Dec. 8.—Harry McAlmont, the well-known sportsman and Conservative member of parliament for Newmarket, dropped dead to-day as he was leaving his residence, No. 11 St. James' Square, S.W. Mr. McAlmont apparently was in his usual health as he passed out of the door, but before he reached the sidewalk he fell, and died almost instantaneously, supposedly of heart disease.

Mr. McAlmont was the owner of "Lingaline," the horse which won the Derby in 1893. The deceased was an intimate friend of King Edward, and was popular generally. He leaves a fortune of \$200,000, which he inherited from a great uncle.

Hand Cut on a Saw.
Burnard Roe, a 17-year-old lad living at 728 Ontario-street, hid the second and third fingers of his right hand badly cut while working at a saw in the Prison Elevator Works about 6 o'clock last evening. Roe went to the Emergency Hospital, and afterwards to St. Michael's Hospital. The injuries were dressed at the latter institution.

Branch Metropolitan Bank.
Petrolia, Dec. 8.—It is generally reported, and considered a fact, that in a very short time the Metropolitan Bank will open an agency here in the Tecumseh block, with Mr. T. S. Chatterton as manager. At present Chatterton is connected with the Bank of Toronto here. Mr. Chatterton has been associated with the Bank of Toronto for the last eleven years.

When washing greasy dishes or pots and pans, Lover's Dry Soap (a powder) will remove the grease with the greatest ease.

DEPUTIES' SECONDS CONFERRED.

Refused to Reveal Nature of Their Decision.—Riot Was Lamentable.

Paris, Dec. 8.—The seconds of Deputy Sayeton and Minister of Justice Vaile (who exchanged heated remarks in the Chamber of Deputies on Saturday) met to-day in the Chamber of Deputies, and after a conference lasting an hour, separated to confer with their principals. They refused to disclose the nature of their decision. Saturday's riotous scene in the chamber continues to occupy the attention of the public and press here. Sober second thought is treating the incident as a lamentable reflection on the parliamentary institution of the republic, which is certain to discredit and which may possibly overthrow the present parliament system.

Two U.S. Consuls.
Washington, Dec. 8.—E. S. Hotchkiss has been appointed consul at Brockville, and F. D. Hall at Oatbrook, Que.

BLONDIN TRIAL GOES ON.

On Day of Wife's Murder He Left Work Earlier Than Usual.

Boston, Dec. 8.—The Blondin wife murder trial was resumed to-day. George B. Farrington, cashier of the establishment where Blondin was employed, showed slips from the time register indicating that Blondin left just before 4 o'clock on April 27, 1901, the day on which Mrs. Blondin is believed to have been killed. He usually left at 5:30 p.m. Frank M. Burnett, a fellow-workman, testified to inquiring about Mrs. Blondin from Emma Riley, Mrs. Lucia Blondin was called. She was married to the defendant in 1890, she said, and lived with him about 10 years. He left her about two years ago.

His First Public Act.
Coroner Malcolm Crawford, 22 Cottingham-street, the latest appointee to the city's staff of coroners, issued his first warrant for an inquest on Monday. The warrant, which was subsequently withdrawn, was for an inquiry into the death of Julius Kamm, who died in St. Michael's from a bullet wound inflicted by himself at his home, 188 Dovercourt-road, on Saturday.

Five Deaths in Chicago.
Chicago, Dec. 8.—About three inches of snow and zero weather rule here. Five fatalities have been reported, and numerous cases of destitution, incident to the sudden drop, have been relieved.

There can be a difference of opinion on most subjects, but there is only one opinion on the reliability of Mother Graves' Eucalypt.

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Canada in the Rear.

British Exports Small.—Involuntary Laws Are Feared.

London, Dec. 8.—The St. James' Gazette publishes an article on the subject of commercial Americanization of Canada. British exports to Canada, the writer says, have increased only 35 per cent. in value during the past 34 years. Exports to the United States increased 362 per cent., and exports to other countries 241 per cent.

"Until the Canadian government amends its insolvency laws," the article concludes, "many British shippers will continue to be afraid of trading with Canada."

Welland's New Registrar.
It was stated at the Parliament Buildings on Monday that J. C. Crove of Ridgeville would be appointed Registrar of Welland County, and that he would assume his duties on the first of the year.

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