

BAR SALES IN ONTARIO ARE MILLION AND A HALF LOWER

Eighty Thousand Dollars Less Last Year on Five Per Cent. Tax

DRUNKENNESS ALSO SHOWS REDUCTION

More Money Was Collected From Licenses' Transfers and Fines

According to statistics furnished in the report for 1915 of the operation of Liquor License Acts of Ontario, just issued, the five per cent. commission assessed on bar receipts showed a falling-off of \$79,853.68 below the receipts from this tax in 1914.

This means a reduction of \$1,597,073.60 in the amount of liquor sold over the bar in Ontario during the year ending just prior to the operation of the eight o'clock closing order.

One of the most interesting pages in the report is that which shows the gradual reduction in the number of licenses in Ontario from 1874 to 1914. In the former year there were no fewer than 8,185 licenses of all varieties in the Province. Gradually the number was diminished to 3,132 in 1885 when the Canada Temperance Act came into force, and in the following years to 1,974 and 1,862 respectively. In 1888 the num-

ber jumped back to 2,445, and in 1889 to 3,560. From that point, however, the decrease began again, continuing without interruption until the beginning of this year when there were only some 1,527 tavern, shop and wholesale licenses—practically a quarter the number issued forty-two years ago.

Strange to say, the totals of commitments for drunkenness seem to have gone the other way in general, until last year when there were only 6,235 as compared with 8,848 in 1914.

The revenue statement for the fiscal year ending October 31st last, shows a falling off of nearly \$60,000 in the total. This decrease is more than accounted for in the decreased five per cent. commission receipts, but an increase in the amount received from tavern and shop licenses, transfers, and fines, makes up part of the difference.

Even without counting on the possibility of prohibition this year, still further falling-off in revenue would be expected. Some estimates of the drop go as high as \$200,000. This is due to the eight o'clock closing regulation, which came into effect the beginning of this fiscal year and would still further diminish the bar receipts.

PARIS, Mar. 9.—"The best soldiers in the world," is the opinion General Sir Bryan Mahon, commanding the

Bryan Favors Wilson's Nomination

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10.—Former Secretary of State Bryan is for President Wilson's renomination.

Bryan will probably be one of a solid Wilson delegation from Nebraska to the St. Louis convention.

In the St. Louis platform Bryan will not attempt to inject planks either on preparedness or the administration's diplomatic policy, which would repudiate President Wilson's position.

These authoritative statements regarding the former cabinet premier's political plans were made here to-day by Judge W. H. Thompson, Democratic state chairman of Nebraska. He has just come from Miami, Fla. He is one of Bryan's closest personal and political friends and advisers.

GERMANS CAPTURED THE WOODS OF CAURES--BUT FOUND THEIR GRAVE.

PARIS, Mar. 9.—This story of how the woods of Caures, near Verdun, became the grave of an entire enemy division was told by a wounded French soldier just arrived here:

"Our position in the Boes des Caures was strong, and for a time we held it without difficulty," he said. "Then when the Skodas began barking with a frequency that grew to a continuous roar, and under the cover of the hall of shells the Germans swept upon us in never-ceasing waves, we knew it would not be long before we would be forced back."

"While we were still holding our positions our engineers became busy. The earth was honeycombed and every cell that was dug in the dirt held a deadly mine. Hollows in the rocks were filled with the explosive; even hollow trees held a deadly charge and all were wired in continuous circuit, with a controlling station on an elevation at our rear."

"Finally came the order to retire. We had long expected it, but we yielded our ground slowly. On came the Germans again, climbing in solid formation over banks of their dead. It was the very front of the flying wedge they hoped would penetrate our lines and somewhere at the head, the rumor ran among us, was the Crown Prince himself."

"I think some of us laughed in glee

as we backed slowly from the woods. It seem incredible that the Germans were charging directly into our trap. When they saw we were giving way a cheer burst from their foremost rank. How madly they yelled, poor devils, as they gained the edge of the trees and their figures were lost among the already shattered shrubbery."

"Patiently off on the hill the chief engineer of our division waited. Would the onrushing Germans detect the plot? Would one of them stumble across a wire, and as a precaution, nip it with the wire cutters which swung from his belt? We were clear of the wood at last. In their elation and at gaining the position which has cost so dearly the wires were undetected. Then the signal was given."

"A wild storm followed. The air was darkened by the cloud that arose from the wood. In it were mingled the fragments of trees, rocks and human bodies. It was horrible. How many perished I do not know, but we learned later that the Crown Prince had not been among the leaders, having remained at the rear of the division until it was in complete possession of the woods. When the dust settled a few irregular spars marked the spot where stood the woods of Caures, which the Germans won and lost with their lives as they won it."

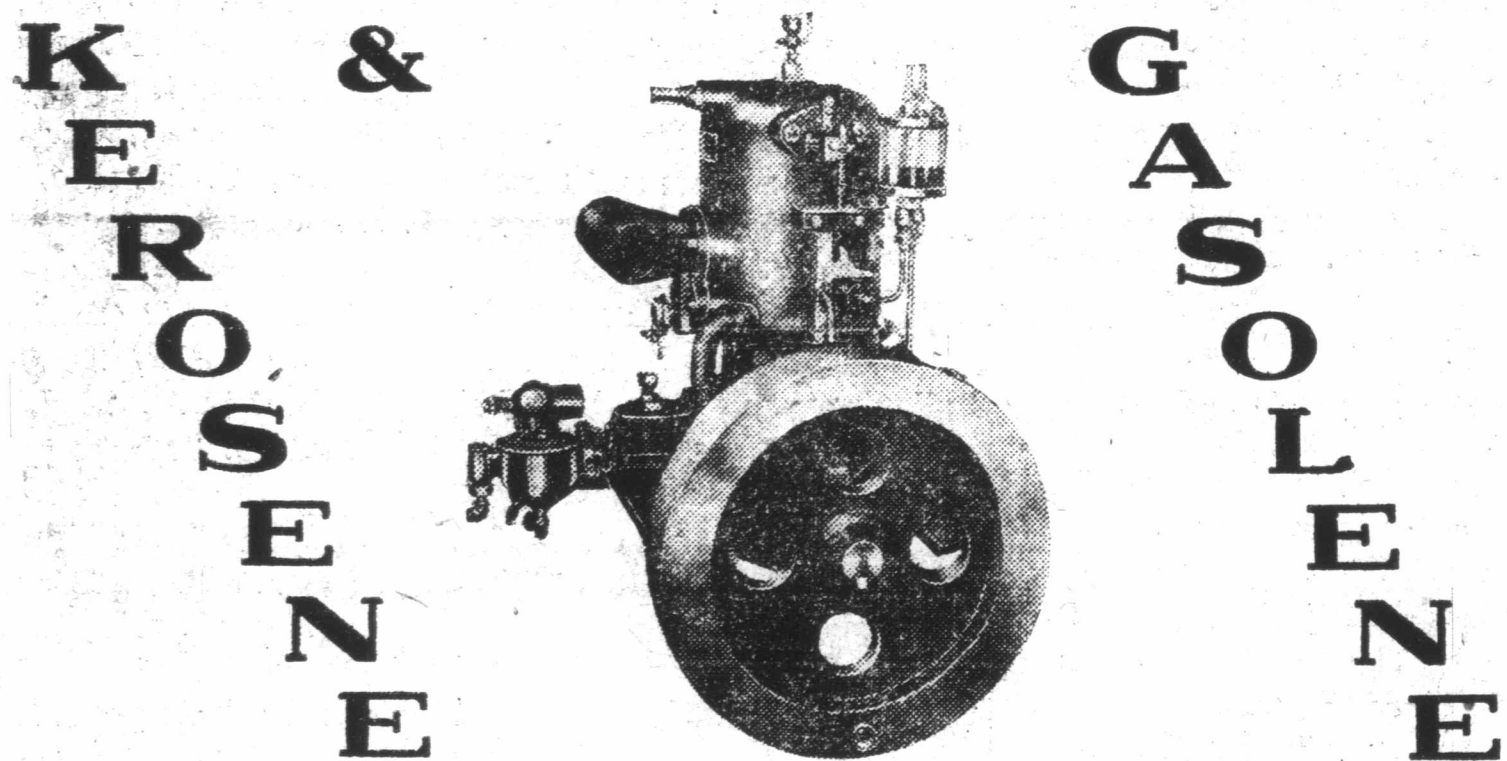
When a man tells his wife he would never marry a second time, she is apt to wonder whether it's his devotion or cowardice.

British forces in the Balkans, expressed to the Journal's Salonki correspondent regarding the French army.

"Our British soldiers have given the world reason for admiration, but we never pretended to set on foot any army really worth the name before the spring of 1916, as we had to create everything."

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Burned to Death While Taking Bath

A Lighted Match Said to be the Cause of Fire Which Claimed 18 Victims—Mexicans Blames Americans For Fire and Trouble on Street Car Resulted

EL PASO, Tex., Mar. 13.—Eighteen persons are dead to-day and a number of others are not expected to live as the result of the explosion which occurred yesterday in the disinfecting bathroom of the city jail. More than 40 prisoners were in the place and nearly all of them suffered serious burns, nine dying within a short time. Nine others, who were taken to hospitals, died during the night.

A lighted match, ignited the vapors arising from the mixture of gasoline, kerosene and vinegar, in which the prisoners, mostly Mexicans, were being bathed in conformity with sanitary measures devised by city health authorities to prevent the spread of disease by Mexican arrivals. Sheets of flame flashed through the entire east wing of the prison and almost immediately the street-fronting the jail was filled with naked shrieking men, enveloped in fire.

A fire company housed in the jail building extinguished the flames.

The coroner's inquest and an investigation by city officials ordered for to-day, had to do principally with statements made by guards and survivors, who declared that the explosion was caused by the lighting of a match by one of the prisoners.

The report that the explosion was the result of deliberate intention on the part of Americans to kill Mexicans was not long in spreading over Juarez.

Eighteen Americans, all employees of the race track, were on board a street car when an unidentified Mexican boarded it and shot the motorman. All of the Americans fled to the brush.

Twelve Americans were among those burned in the explosion. H. M. Cross, of Davenport, Ill., was named in a statement by H. C. Bagby one of the men on guard during the bathing process, as the man who was seen to light the match.

Turk Revolt is Growing Serious

Many Turk Officers Have Joined Revolutionary Movement—Officers Aid Mob in Burning and Looting

LONDON, Mar. 14.—The Daily News has received the following from its correspondent at Rome:

"The revolutionary movement is assuming alarming proportions throughout Turkey. The merciless repressive methods adopted by the Germans are increasing instead of quelling serious rioting, both in Constantinople and the provinces."

"A mob has set fire to different quarters of the city of Constantinople. Houses were pillaged and shops ransacked. Barricades were erected with the object of preventing the intervention of the troops, who, commanded by German officers, freely used firearms."

"In Armenia the Turkish troops, it is said, are demoralized and are not resisting the Russian advance. A majority of the Turkish officers sympathize with the revolutionary movement and refuse to obey the Germans."

"It is feared they may persuade their men to lay down their arms or attack the German detachments, who, in view of the danger of mutiny, have been placed in control of the artillery."

Taylor's Comet

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Mar. 7.—A split in Taylor's comet, with one of the parts from two to two and one-half magnitudes fainter than the main comet has been announced in a message to the Harvard observatory from Director Frost of Yerkes observatory. The measurements were made by Prof. Barnard.

The Yerkes observatory also reported an observation of Neujmin's comet, discovered at Putkova, Russia, last month. Van Hiesbroeck, the observer, found the comet to be of the 10.5 magnitude.

which is believed to have caused the explosion. Cross was one of the first to die.

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