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## FATE OF 165 BARS TO BE DECIDED TO-DAY

### 61 Places Seek to Carry Local Option and 31 to Repeal—St. Catharines Has Reduction Issue.

One of the greatest local option fights ever fought in Ontario will be decided at the polls to-day. There are 92 municipalities in the province voting on the question, in 61 of them the proposal being to do away with existing licenses, while in 31 the vote is on the repeal of local option.

Should local option receive the requisite three-fifths majority in every case, it will mean the wiping out of 165 licenses, while in the event of every vote to repeal being carried 92 licenses will be restored. Only a majority is required for repeal, as in each of the 31 municipalities local option was carried before the amendment to the Liquor License Act became effective. St. Catharines votes to-day on license reduction.

In Kingston the petition of the Social and Moral Reform League asking for a reduction of liquor licenses in the city is now in circulation, and reports say that it is being very largely signed. The petition is to be presented to the city council during the later part of January.

The temperance workers of Toronto and vicinity will gather in room 103, Confederation Life Building, this evening, where the results of voting upon local option thruout the province will be bulletined. Anyone will be welcome.

There are in Ontario 492 municipalities under liquor license, representing about 2200 licenses. Municipalities now under local option number 174, and there are 138 municipalities in which licenses have been cut off by the commissioners.

Temperance men are especially concerned about the repeal voting, as they point out that the verdicts will be a test of public sentiment after the experiment has been tried. The outcome of the vote in Owen Sound is of especial interest. Local option carried there several years ago two to one, but the increase in arrests for drunkenness has since been very marked. Mayor Kennedy and a majority of the council elected last year were anti-local optionists.

**Where Voting Is.**

The municipalities which are voting to-day on local option straight are:

| | Licenses |
|---|---|
| Alnwick | 2 |
| Ashfield | 4 |
| Athens | 2 |
| *Aylmer | 6 |
| Bagot | — |
| Bayham | 6 |
| Billings | — |
| Blandford | 1 |
| Brougham | — |
| *Bowmanville | 3 |
| *Caledonia | 4 |
| Canboro | 1 |
| Caradoc | 3 |
| Charlotteville | 2 |
| *Chester | 3 |
| Chesterville | — |
| Delaware | 1 |
| Ekfrid | 3 |
| Elzevir and Grimsthorpe | 2 |
| Elmo | 2 |
| Escot Front | 2 |
| *Forest | 2 |
| *Glencoe | 3 |
| *Goderich | 9 |
| Hagerman | 1 |
| *Havelock | 3 |
| Hillier | 1 |
| Howland | 2 |
| Hungerford | 2 |
| *Ingersoll | 9 |
| *Iroquois | 2 |
| Kenebec | 1 |
| Limerick | 1 |
| *Lucknow | 3 |
| *Madoc | 3 |
| Malahide | 0 |
| Marmora and Lake | 2 |
| Morris | 2 |
| Morrisburg | 4 |
| Middleton | 1 |
| Olden | 0 |
| Oso | 2 |
| Orillia Twp | 1 |
| Percy | 2 |
| *Point Edward | 3 |
| *Ridgetown | 4 |
| Seneca | 2 |
| Sheguindah | — |
| Sidney | 4 |
| Stratton | — |
| Thurlow | 4 |
| *Tillsonburg | 5 |
| *Newton | 9 |
| Tudor and Cashel | 2 |
| *Tweed | 4 |
| *Wellington | 2 |
| *Whitby | 5 |
| Wollaston | 1 |
| *Woodstock City | 11 |
| *Wyoming | 3 |
| Young and Escott | 2 |
| Zorra E. | 2 |
| | 165 |

Repeals requiring a bare majority:

| | Licenses |
|---|---|
| Amabel | 1 |
| *Arkona | 2 |
| *Beamsville | 3 |
| *Collingwood | — |
| *Courtright | 3 |
| Egremont | 1 |
| Euphemia | 3 |
| Gainsboro | 2 |
| *Grimsby | 2 |
| Grimsby N. | 0 |
| Hope | 1 |
| *Hepworth | — |
| *Lakefield | 2 |
| McNab | 2 |
| Markham | 5 |
| Moore Twp | 5 |
| Mountain Twp | 2 |
| Nottawasaga | 5 |
| Osnabruck Twp | 7 |
| *Owen Sound | 13 |
| Oxford N. | 2 |
| Peel Twp | 5 |

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## FORTY MUNICIPALITIES VOTE ON POWER BYLAWS AT TO-DAY'S ELECTIONS

Power bylaws will be submitted and voted upon in a large number of western municipalities to-day and those which are in the same neighborhood are almost as interested as those which are actually voting.

The construction of a line to Windsor from Niagara interests every municipality on the way, and every farmer and tradesman within range of power will be influenced for weal by the distribution of this great substitute for coal in their district.

Among the leading points are Windsor, Sarnia, Walkerville, Sandwich, Amherstburg, Highgate, Newbury, Blenheim, Ridgetown, Bothwell, Wheatley, Cottam, Tilbury, Comber, Thamesville, Gosfield, Belle River, Mercea, Anderton, Rochester, South Colchester, Leamington, Kingsville, Wallaceburg, Dresden, Oil Springs, Petrolea, Glencoe, Chatham, Alvinston and Strathroy.

There are about 40 places altogether in which bylaws are to be voted upon, some of these further east, as at Stratford, where the question is to be laid before the people once more. The power question is also an issue in the elections at Hamilton, Brantford and Galt, and Brampton, Acton, Milton, Georgetown, Mimico, Dundas, Norwich, Tillsonburg, Aylmer, Simcoe, Waterford, Port Stanley, Elmira, St. Jacobs, Breslau, St. George, Doon, Ayr and Paris are also considering it.

## BONDSMEN THINK TWICE MERCHANT STAYS IN JAIL

### Jacob Coseman Charged With Removing Goods With Intent to Defraud.

BROCKVILLE, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—"That he did between Dec. 1 and 19 remove and dispose of certain of his goods and property with intent to defraud his creditors," was the charge which Jacob Cossman, a Hebrew, faced in the police court Saturday afternoon. Cossman is a merchant conducting The Globe Clothing House, an old established concern, which he bought two years ago from a fellow Hebrew named Vineberg, now of Montreal. The creditors behind the prosecution put Cossman in the insolvency list, altho he has not yet taken the step. They have been pressing him closely for payments, which is said to have brought the admission that he is in bankruptcy. Recently he took out a chattel mortgage on his stock for $2000, and it is alleged that he has been shipping out large quantities of the stock in bulk before interviewing the sheriff to make an assignment declaration. This is what the prosecution says it can prove, and Cossman contends otherwise, claiming that his transactions have been strictly honest. The creditors who initiated the criminal proceedings have accounts against the accused reaching the $10,000 mark.

The case was enlarged for one week, and Cossman is out on bail to the amount of $4000.

The bondsmen, Dr. Clarke and W. J. Manahan, after consideration, arrived at the conclusion that they had acted too hastily in becoming responsible for $1000 each in the event of Cossman failing to appear. At a late hour Crown Attorney Brown was awakened at his home by the bondsmen, who told him of their decision and asked to be relieved accordingly. Brown acceded to their wish and sent for the chief constable, who was not long in placing Cossman in custody again. Bail was arranged to-day, but the magistrate refused to act on Sunday, and the accused merchant is a prisoner. To-morrow he will gain his liberty again.

## Lemieux, P.M.G. Quebec Leader

### Confirmed His Title by a Great Gathering of Liberals, With Gouin Present.

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—A special from Quebec says that the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, postmaster-general, was yesterday formally confirmed in his title of Liberal leader for the Quebec district, the function taking place at the Garrison Club, every section of the Liberal party in that district being represented under the presidency of Sir Lomer Gouin.

Every federal member and member of the local legislature from Sir Lomer Gouin down was present to declare their confidence in the leader who would, under Sir Wilfrid Laurier's supreme command, pay especial attention to the district of Quebec.

Sir Lomer pledged the support of the provincial government to their gifted leader in all that tended to promote the welfare of the district, the province and the Dominion.

**CAWTHRA MULOCK FOR SENATE.**

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—(Special)—A well-informed Ontario politician in this city to-day said that he would not be surprised if it were announced in a few days that Cawthra Mulock of Toronto was appointed to the senate.

**Falls 600 Feet.**

VANCOUVER, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Nelson Penn, carpenter, aged 25, met with a terrible death here this morning, while working in the Western Fuel Co.'s mine. He was walking along a drift without light and fell down an airshaft of No. 1 mine, dropping 600 feet. Death was instantaneous.

**J. W. Leonard Very Ill.**

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—Alarming reports have been quietly given out at the home of J. W. Leonard, assistant general manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, about his condition. Mr. Leonard is suffering from diabetes and tho several of the most prominent physicians of the east have been called into consultation, his chances of recovery are despaired of.

## FOURTH JAILBREAKER ARRESTED WITH ROSE

### William D. Jones Taken in Huntington, W. Va., After Arrival of Inspector Duncan.

Alex. Rose, the most dangerous of the seven Toronto jail breakers, will be again in the toils in this city to-night.

It also developed after the arrival of Inspector Walter Duncan and Detective Tipton in Huntington, West Virginia, that another of the septet has been capured, namely, Wm. D. Jones, alias Williams, who was at the time of the "delivery" being retained along with Budd Copeland for breaking jail in Newcastle, Pa.

He was arrested shortly after the arrival of the Toronto detectives, who identified him, and he was last night sent on to Newcastle to stand his trial.

With the capture of Rose and Jones, this makes four of the septet who broke jail last July, who have been heard of.

Only three, however, are in custody, Churchill, who was caught in Texas, having been let go. The others still at large are Ed. Lee, Clark and Copeland.

A telegram was received at detective headquarters from Inspector Duncan yesterday afternoon stating that they were leaving at 3 o'clock for Toronto with the prisoner. They will arrive some time this evening.

It is understood that Rose's identification in Huntington was the outcome of a correspondence between himself and his mother, which has been kept up since his hasty departure from the city.

They did not address their letters direct to each other; but it is said thru a medium in the same house, queerly enough, in Hamilton, where Constable Barron was murdered some years ago.

The Hamilton police were notified about the arrest of Rose, or Mitchell as he was known, and they communicated with the local police.

## MASS OF LIBERTY LOVERS WITH GOMPERS IN TRIAL

### Labor Federation President Comments for First Time on Prison Sentence.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—At a meeting to-day of the Central Federated Unions there was read a letter which had been received from Samuel Gompers, in which the president of the Federation of Labor comments for the first time on the prison sentence imposed on him for alleged contempt of court. Mr. Gompers' letter read, in part, as follows:

"Permit me to thank you for your message. Many other friends, fellow workers and sympathizers in all walks of life, also have telegraphed and written me, and from the many communications of this character which have been sent to me, I believe I am right in saying that the great mass of the liberty-loving American people are with John Mitchell, Frank Morrison and myself at this crucial time in the effort we have made and are making to maintain the principle of justice and right, and the constitutional guarantee of the freedom of speech and of the press.

"Regardless of personal results, we are confident that the principle for which we contend, and for which we may suffer, will be restored, maintained and permanently guaranteed to all our people, the workers included. Temporary inconvenience or suffering of anyone, or of a few men, is of less importance than the establishment of equal justice to all the people of our republic.

"Under the circumstances, and in view of the many duties, you will realize the impossibility of my dealing more fully with this subject in this communication."

**Appeal to Roosevelt.**

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 3.—The Central Labor Union, representing 75,000 workers, to-day adopted resolutions protesting against the proposed imprisonment of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, and appealing to President Roosevelt to use his office "to maintain the integrity of legislation."

## ON THE SCALES

JACK CANUCK: You'd have mighty little weight, my friend, without that coat. Take it off.

## PEACE OF CHINA IS THREATENED

### Dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai, Friend of Foreigners, on Flimsy Excuse, Causes Dismay.

PEKIN, Jan. 3.—Following the dismissal from office yesterday of Yuan Shi Kai, grand councillor and commander-in-chief of the forces, and the appointment of Na Tung as grand councillor, an edict was issued to-day appointing Liang Tun Yet, customs taotai, to the position thus made vacant on the foreign board.

The British and United States ministers, at a conference held last night at the British legation, reached an agreement that the dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai should not pass unnoticed. The American, British, German and Japanese ministers met again at the American legation this morning, Sir John N. Jordan, the British minister, joining with Mr. Rockhill, the America minister, in submitting an outline of representations which should be made to the foreign board.

**Ministers Disagree.**

The ministers disagree upon the conclusion whether the welfare of foreign interests is technically involved, but they agree that peace is endangered. The representatives of Great Britain, the United States and Germany review the regent's actions as tantamount to an affront to the powers, on account of Yuan Shi Kai's position abroad, he being recognized as the medium of fair and equable treatment toward the nations. The dissenting ministers are of the opinion that unless other serious events occur, interference would not be justified.

The court's action a fortnight ago, increasing the palace troops and forbidding the entrance to the palace even of the highest officials, without passes, was taken as an indication at that time of the alarm felt in court circles, and it is now believed that there was fear also of an anti-dynastic plot. To-day the government intimated its intention of making public the impeachment, giving details of Yuan Shi Kai's alleged intrigue, upon which his dismissal was based. According to reliable information, the impeachment is framed on charges against Yuan Shi Kai in connection with the coup d'etat of 1898, when the regency of the dowager empress was restored and a reactionary policy inaugurated. The flight of Kang Yu Wei, the reformer, occurred at this time.

**Flimsy Excuse.**

The last minister who saw Yuan Shi Kai at the foreign board, on Dec. 28, states that he was at that time suffering from no malady, but the reason given for his dismissal yesterday was that he is afflicted with rheumatism. The foreign ministers agree that Yuan Shi Kai's restoration is impossible, and that the action of the government in eliminating him from official position cannot be recalled. Liang Tun Yen's appointment this afternoon only serves to icrease the feeling of pessimism at the legations, as Yuan Shi Kai exercised an authority with the viceroys and governors, which was his alone, and which the foreign board, no matter what its composition, cannot now retain.

Yuan Shi Kai must leave Pekin within four or five days, but nothing is known of his plans. Consternation among the Chinese surpasses that felt by the foreign residents. Many of the supporters of the former viceroy are panic-stricken.

## Will Drop Ice Palace If Railways Subscribe

### Promoters of Winter Carnival Hope to Destroy Main Objection to Project.

MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 3.—The promoters of the carnival have asked the railways to subscribe liberally, stating that if this be done they will abandon the idea of an ice palace, thus destroying the main objection to the project.

## TROUBLE AT BLUEFIELDS, YANKEES SEND GUNBOAT

### Reports of Expeditionary Movements in Central America Closely Watched by U.S.

HAVANA, Jan. 3.—The United States gunboat Dubuque sailed to-day on telegraphic instructions from the navy department at Washington for Bluefields, Nicaragua, by way of Key West.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Reports of expeditionary movements in Central America have led to a close watch of the situation by the United States Government, and acting under orders from the navy department, at the request of Secretary of State Root, the gunboat Dubuque was ordered to sail from Havana to Bluefields. Her presence near Nicaragua will have a reassuring effect in the event that any trouble occurs in that section.

At the state department to-day it was said there were no fresh advices from Central America, and no official explanation of the gunboat's despatch to Nicaraguan waters was forthcoming. Senor Corea, the Nicaraguan minister, said to-night that there might be some friction, but he did not believe there was any revolutionary movement.

Reports connecting John Moisant of Salvador with a revolutionary organization claimed to be fitting out in Nicaragua against Salvador have attracted some attention here, and it is recalled that Moisant is one of two men claiming to be naturalized American citizens, who were imprisoned in Salvador, and whose lives were barely saved thru the intervention of the United States Government.

## CHEQUE FOR $10,000.

**Generous Donation of J. Ross Robertson to Sick Children's Hospital.**

The first letter opened at the Hospital for Sick Children on New Year's morning contained a cheque for $10,000, a Christmas and New Year's gift combined from J. Ross Robertson, the chairman of the hospital. The hospital is $50,000 behind on maintenance account, and this gift, which the institution gratefully acknowledges, has came just at the time it was most needed.

## BOYCOTT AT HONGKONG.

**British Goods May Be Barred as Measure of Reprisal.**

VANCOUVER, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—A boycott against British goods is threatened at Hongkong, owing to the severity of the Hongkong Government in attempting to stop the boycott against Japanese goods by Chinese of the colony.

The viceroy of Canton has forbidden emigration to Mexico.

## KING AND QUEEN QUIT QUAKE AREA

### Many Looters in Devastated Districts of Southern Italy Killed in Conflict With Police.

ROME, Jan. 3.—Having done all that it was possible to do in the districts laid waste by the earthquake, the king and Queen of Italy are returning to Rome.

They have spent the last four days among the ruins of Sicily and Calabria, the king directing the work of rescue and relief, and the queen ministering to the injured. There is a feeling of relief in Italy that their majesties are coming home.

The United States ambassador, Floyd C. Griscom, has appointed a committee of Americans, to which will be entrusted the work of utilizing the money received from the United States to the best advantage of the earthquake sufferers.

Both at Messina and Reggio the guards are having difficulty in protecting the survivors, and the vast treasures in the ruined buildings from the bands of thieves that are swarming everywhere. It is reported that six Russian sailors have been shot by looters at Messina, and that sixteen criminals have been killed at the same place within the last twenty-four hours. Six hundred persons engaged in pillaging have been arrested since yesterday. In an engagement at Reggio between the police and bandits, two of the police were killed.

Reports still reach here of the continuance of earthquake shocks, some of which are of sufficient force to do further great damage. According to these reports new shocks yesterday at Pellaro, precipitated the entire population into the sea, including both the dead and living victims of the first quake.

At Reggio the people are becoming more calm, and aid to that city is now being systematically forwarded. Military zones have been established thruout Calabria.

**Order Being Restored.**

The king telegraphed: "To-day I visited the Calabrian Coast south of Reggio. I found Pellare literally destroyed, but Melite seems to have been but slightly damaged.

"It has stopped raining. At Messina the municipal archives were burned. Troops are arriving and little by little order is being restored and the public services re-established.

"As I have seen the worst damaged points and have arranged for the work of rescue and as the wounded requiring attention are diminishing in numbers, I shall leave to-night for Rome."

**Another Shock.**

ROME, Jan. 3.—A violent earthshock, running north to southwest, and east-northeast, lasting three seconds, and during which the Stromboli volcano began erupting, occurred on Stromboli Island to-day.

The phenomenon was accompanied by prolonged rumblings.

The houses on the island were badly damaged, and the populace fled to the streets in panic, but no one was hurt.

The weather is intensely cold on Stromboli Island.

**Accident or Suicide?**

NORTH BAY, Jan. 3.—Joseph Turner shot himself at Bear Island yesterday, but whether the tragedy was the result of premeditation or accident is not known as yet. Coroner McMurchy is investigating.

## C. P. SECTION MAN MURDERS WIFE WITH POKER

### Walter Blythe Gives Himself Up to Police, Confessing Killing, Which Followed Family Jar—Had Been Drinking.

Agincourt, a little village situated about 12 miles north of Toronto, was the scene yesterday evening of a particularly brutal murder, the perpetrator being Walter Blythe, a section hand on the C. P. R., and the victim his wife.

Blythe, who has been driking heavily for some time, had previously threatened his wife's life, and only a month ago County Constable William Hobbs, who yesterday effected his arrest, had to caution him.

The victim, who was only 35 years of age, presents a terrible appearance. Her body is a mass of bruises and her head is badly cut, the implement used being a common poker.

**Bound to Be Master.**

The motive is apparently a purely domestic one. Blythe, it appears, has for a long time labored under the delusion that the deceased had tried to "boss" him, and he told one of our representatives he had fully made up his mind to be "master of his own house."

Enquiries show, however, that the prisoner is the possessor of a very morose temperament, and even when out of drink, had constantly ill-treated his wife. Indeed, it is stated that Blythe, who came to this country about six years ago, from England, so badly ill-used her in the early married days that her first babe was still-born as the result of his brutality.

The dead woman leaves behind her two children—a boy and girl—whose ages are, respectively, 6 and 2 years.

**Gives Himself Up.**

Immediately after the crime had been committed, Blythe went across to a friend named Malcolm Walker, and stated that he thought he had killed his wife. He afterwards quietly submitted to arrest, being brought to the Toronto jail at an early hour this morning by Police Constable Hobbs.

The prisoner, who is a sullen-looking man of about 40 years, was not handcuffed, and appeared to be quite on friendly terms with his captor. He looked, however, in a very dazed condition, and did not seem to realize his position in the least. He bore evidence of drink, and from what he said he had partaken very heavily of cider yesterday. A representative of The World questioned him as to the crime, but apart from the fact that he said he wanted to be master of his home, he would not commit himself in any way.

From the appearance of the house in which the crime was committed, it would appear that the death struggle took place immediately after supper, the time being about 6 o'clock. The body was discovered lying upon a bed, and the room was upset in such a manner as to indicate that the victim had offered a stout resistance in defence of her life.

Blythe was last night taken before the local magistrate, John Milten, and he was remanded until Jan. 11, on the charge of the wilful murder of his wife.

The inquest will be held to-day at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Coutts, coroner, was summoned and made an investigation of the room where the woman's body lay. He will conduct the inquest to-day.

Blythe has always been considered an inoffensive neighbor and a steady workman.

**Elevator Burned.**

VANCOUVER, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—In a raging gale this evening the fire department waged a winning fight against a fire which did $200,000 damage and threatened several saw mills and other industries located in the immediate neighborhood. The wheat elevator of the Vancouver Milling Company was totally destroyed. The blaze was confined to the main elevator, the packing plant a few feet away being saved.

**Drowned at Tilbury.**

TILBURY, Jan. 3.—This morning Peter Labadie was drowned in Baptist Creek, north of the Grand Trunk Railway bridge. He was skating and broke thru the thin ice. His body was recovered in about an hour after the accident. Deceased was about forty years of age and leaves a wife and seven children.

**Will Rebuild.**

PARIS, Jan. 3.—(Special).—The Harold Sanderson Refrigerator, which was totally destroyed by fire on Christmas Day, will be rebuilt. The council has furnished temporary quarters to the firm.

**Harrowing Episode.**

NAPLES, Jan. 3.—Harrowing episodes from Reggio continue to flow in. A girl in a frantic effort to escape attempted to leap over the railing of the balcony of her home. Her skirts caught on the iron work and she hung there, swaying in the wind for four days.