

Some War Measures Will Come To End With New Year.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21. — With the coming of the New Year Canada returns practically to a basis of peace. War-time restrictions imposed by order-in-council under the War Measures Act will (with some exceptions) be removed, and, in the case of the exceptions, the orders-in-council terminate at the end of the next session of parliament. The war-time restrictions which will cease to be operative on Jan. 1st include those on race-track betting and on importation, manufacture and on interprovincial trade in alcoholic liquors. The orders-in-council remaining in force include: Pulp and paper control, coal and sugar control, silver coinage, trading with the enemy, exportation of gold, interment operations, greater production on Indian reserves, and censorship.

Removal of the restrictions imposed by order-in-council on the liquor trade ends a phase of federal action which opened nearly two years ago. Within a few weeks of the Union Government coming into power the use of grain for distillation of portable liquors was forbidden. From the last day of December, 1917, importation of liquor containing more than 2 1/2% proof spirits was forbidden. Three months later there was a further order-in-council passed prohibiting manufacture and interprovincial trade. These orders-in-council are to terminate with the close of the present year. In rescinding these and other orders-in-council passed as war measures the government takes the view that, although no proclamation has yet been issued declaring that war no longer exists, actual war conditions long ago ceased in fact. "Consequently," the rescinding orders read, "existence of war can no longer be urged as a reason for maintaining these extraordinary regulations as necessary or admissible for the security, defence, peace, order and welfare of Canada."

The armistice which concluded hostilities became effective Nov. 11, 1918, the expeditionary force has since been withdrawn and demobilized and the country generally is devoting its energies to re-establishment of the ordinary avocations of peace."

In these circumstances the time has arrived, it is considered, when the emergency government legislation should cease to operate.

Amnesty For Military Offenders

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—Release of all Canadians imprisoned for offences under the Military Act and the suspension of all proceedings against others is provided for in a proclamation which will appear in an extra of the "Canada Gazette" to be issued on Monday. An order-in-council which was signed late on Saturday by His Excellency the Governor-General makes provision for this general amnesty to military offenders.

The adoption of the order-in-council means that, unless delay occurs in connection with the issuance of the necessary proclamation there will be a general jail delivery of offenders under the Military Service Act on Monday. Exact figures of the number of prisoners to be released are not available today, but as the terms of the majority of those imprisoned under the act have expired, the number is not large. The majority of the offenders paid fines and were not imprisoned. The greatest relief will be given by the amnesty to offenders against the act who have not been apprehended, but who have been sought for by the authorities.

Effect Of Lifting Liquor Ban In Saskatchewan.

The effect of the repeal on New Year's day of the war-time prohibition measure, will be that the provincial acts will then apply without any supplementing authority from the Dominion. All the provinces but Quebec, where they have beer and wine for legal sale, now prohibit the sale of all intoxicants. This ban will still be on.

What is to be lifted is the federal war measure, which, since April, 1918, has made illegal the transport of intoxicants from one province to another, and their importation from abroad and manufacture at home. These latter privileges now are reverted to and will remain till, under the legislation of last session, any province carries a plebiscite asking for prevention of the importation of liquor within its bounds and and its manufacture for export.

In other words when the federal ban on inter-provincial traffic in liquor is removed, it will be legal for anyone in Saskatchewan to purchase liquor in another province for his or her personal use, but not for sale.

MONTREAL.—Failure to count the number of C. P. R. passenger specials from the Empress of France which docked at St. John, N.B., by the engineer of the eastbound freight, was apparently the direct cause of the collision which took place at Onawa on Dec. 20 when 23 persons were killed and 34 injured.

United States News

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Federal, state and city officials were co-operating last week in the search for persons here who mixed wood alcohol with whiskey, causing the death of more than 80 persons in Connecticut and Massachusetts and the serious illness and blindness of scores of others. The authorities have learned that twelve barrels of this concoction were manufactured in the Bronx and sold to New England dealers for \$1,000 a barrel. Several arrests have already been made. Officials were sending out warnings to authorities in all surrounding cities to prevent further sale of the "whiskey." Several deaths in New York recently were believed to be traceable to the same source.

The United States army transport Buford—the "Ark of the Soviet"—sailed before dawn on Dec. 21, with a cargo of anarchists, communists and radicals, banned from the U. S. for conspiring against the government. The ship's destination was hidden in sealed orders, but the 249 passengers it carried expect to be landed in some far northern port giving access to Soviet Russia. "Long live the revolution in America," was chanted defiantly by the motley crowd on the decks of the steel-gray troopship, as she churned her way past the statue of liberty.

LINCOLN, Neb.—The Nebraska supreme court last week held constitutional a law prohibiting the teaching of any foreign language in grade schools. German, Polish, Bohemian and Swedish-Lutheran churches attacked the law as interfering with religious liberty and property rights.

Foreign News

LONDON.—King George issued a proclamation Dec 23, announcing the new measure giving India a larger degree of self-government. The proclamation characterizes the government bill as a historic act, giving representation long desired by the natives. It calls for the determination of the people and the officials to work together for the common purpose of making the new plan of the government a success.

MADRID, Spain. — Influenza has reappeared at Santander, Valencia and other towns and is causing many deaths. Precautions against the spread of the disease have been taken by the authorities.

VALENCIENNES, France. — France's steel and iron industry, virtually cut in half by war ravages, is faced by what engineers estimate to be an eight to ten year task of reconstruction. Engineering experts, however, say the country's steel and iron production may be much quickened by mineral mining and metal treating plants of Lorraine, returned to France under the terms of the Versailles treaty. The seriousness of the loss to the industry by war, nevertheless is heightened by the great necessity for metal construction throughout the liberated districts and the dependence of nearly 150,000 inhabitants of these regions on the blast furnaces and metal mills for a living.

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