

## REFUSE REFERENDUM

### On the Question of Liquor License Reduction.

#### Civic Finance Committee Holds That There is Not Enough Hotel Accommodation in Kingston.

The finance committee will recommend to the city council on Monday evening that no action be taken on the petitions for a reduction of liquor licenses, on the ground that the hotel accommodation of the city would not stand for reduction at the present time.

This decision was arrived at after deputations from both sides had advanced their arguments. The Social and Moral Reform League asked that a referendum on the question of reduction be submitted to the people. The Licensed Victuallers' Association and the cigar manufacturers opposed submitting the question to the people, on the ground that the council was better qualified to deal with such a matter, that reduction of licenses would not reduce drinking, that the city would lose financially, and that Kingston hadn't sufficient hotel accommodation now.

The finance committee thought that the last mentioned reason against reduction was a very important one, and upon it they based their decision not to refer the question to the people.

It was 8:30 o'clock when the committee convened to hear the petitioners present their respective cases. The Social and Moral Reform League representatives were given twenty minutes to present their side and ten minutes at the close of the other side, the Licensed Victuallers' Association had half an hour and the cigar manufacturers fifteen minutes. Five minutes of the allotted time was taken up.

#### The Referendum Side.

D. J. Laidlaw, president of the Social and Moral Reform League, in introducing the matter, pointed out that all it asked was that the question of license reduction be submitted to the people to decide. A large body of people favored reduction, and the league, representing that opinion, asked for a referendum on the question of reducing the licenses to one for every thousand of population. The league wasn't asking the council to reduce the licenses, but to permit the people to say whether there should be a reduction or not. It would be waste of time, he claimed, to discuss the question as to whether reduction of licenses reduced drinking, for he was sure that everyone present had his own set view on that matter. Mr. Laidlaw asked that the question be placed where it belonged. If the people voted against reduction, then the Social and Moral Reform League would be perfectly satisfied and abide by the voice of the people.

Rev. C. A. Sykes claimed that the matter was of such importance that it demanded an expression of the people. That was the safest and wisest course for all concerned, and everybody could abide by the result. The league asked that a concrete question be submitted and not one of mere reduction as was done three years ago. That would only be duplicating an action already carried out, for the people had voted on that and expressed themselves strongly in favor of reduction.

Elmer Davis, when he arose to speak, was asked by Ald. Chown and Givens to present some reasons for reduction. He claimed that it would be useless to advance arguments for reduction as they wouldn't convince anybody present. The league believed that it represented the opinion of a large section of the people, and that the people should control the situation. He believed, also, that if a concrete proposition was placed before the electors there would be less chance of a political football being made of the matter. Mr. Davis said that if he was an alderman he would welcome such a chance to have a question like this placed before the people.

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#### Referendum The Practice.

G. M. Macdonnell, K.C., in closing the discussion for the Social and Moral Reform League, declared that the referendum was the practice on the liquor question. As there were two large petitions before the finance committee, one on either side, the proper way to settle the question was to let the people decide. Mr. Macdonnell complimented Mr. McFarland upon the straightforward and manly way he had discussed the question.

"There are eight places in Kingston," continued Mr. Macdonnell, "that are not keeping hotel and yet have licenses. If the city council will appoint a commission to investigate these eight places to be named, I undertake to make the statement that during this year they haven't given meals or beds to boarders or lodgers to such an extent as would satisfy any fair-minded jury that they were genuine taverns. We'll take eight and we'll prove it. Men here know it."

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That's the best answer I can make to Mr. McFarland.

Mr. Macdonnell—"Name one." Mr. Macdonnell—"No, I'll not do that now. I have made a straight offer."

Continuing, Mr. Macdonnell declared that it was perfectly well-known Kingston had places that do not keep hotels. They have accommodation when the inspector goes around.

"The question of liquor license reduction," he said, "has gone to the people throughout the province, and why not in Kingston? Are we a peculiar people in this Limestone City? Can we not trust the people with a question of this kind? It's most extraordinary to give you few gentlemen of the finance committee the reasons why you should submit to the people a question vitally affecting the social and moral condition of the city. The best reason is that it's a question that vitally affects our city, our boys and girls, our family life, our whole community. Do you undertake as a finance committee to determine that this question shall not be submitted to the people? To call it a financial question is to name it by but one fragment of what it is. A question of this kind should go to a committee on social and moral matters. The finance committee has the moral and social questions to deal with. There shouldn't be any doubt as to what a member of the committee should do when it received two petitions, with 1,400 names on one and 1,400 on another. What are you going to do? Turn down the petition for a referendum? Our government is a government by the people, and we think in this case the people should govern. In most matters they govern through the city council, but when the council meets a matter which in their judgment is of sufficient importance to warrant it, they submit it to the people."

Ald. Elliott pointed out that the Ontario government left the question of liquor licenses entirely in the hands of the common councils. The only questions the council has submitted to the people were questions they were compelled to submit. The question at issue now was not one of these.

Mr. Davis acknowledged that, but pointed out that both the dominion

and the provincial governments had submitted questions to the people in the shape of referendums on prohibition. It was regarded as good policy to do so.

Ald. Givens said that if Mr. Macdonnell could convince him that the community would be benefited by a liquor license reduction, he would vote for reduction. He asked if the reduction of dry-goods stores had reduced the demand for dry-goods.

Mr. Macdonnell replied that they weren't there to convince the members of the finance committee as to the value of license reduction, but their fellow citizens.

The committee then held a private session and came to the conclusion above announced.

Ald. Carson stated that the committee considered that it was given power by statute to deal directly with the license reduction question with or without submitting a referendum to the people, and in this particular case it considered that it knew the conditions better than the general public and that it was its duty to take the responsibility and settle the matter itself.

Another alderman stated that the committee sat last evening as a jury, and that it simply decided on the side that advanced the stronger argument. The Moral and Social Reform arguments had failed to convince the committee that any reduction was required.

The resolution passed by the finance committee was as follows: "That on the petition of the Moral and Social Reform League, to submit the question of the reduction of licenses to one for every 1,000 of population, to the electors, in January, the committee is of the opinion that the hotel accommodation would not warrant a reduction of that number, and, therefore, recommend no action. On the question of the reduction of licenses we are of opinion that this is a matter that will affect the council of 1910 and should be dealt with by it."

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## DRIVEN TO REFUGE.

### Unable to Agree With Family, Goes to County House.

Woodstock, Ont., Nov. 20.—Because he had a row with his wife and decided that he could not live peacefully at home, a well-known and respectable farmer, owner of one of the best farms in Oxford county, has come to the House of Refuge, where he proposes to spend the winter as an inmate.

The man owns a hundred and fifty-acre farm, well stocked and with good buildings on it, and the property is reckoned as one of the most valuable in the district. He has been living with his second wife and a family of grown-up sons. He is seventy-three years of age, and a member of one of the best known families in the district. Becoming discontented at home, he applied to the reeve of the township for the necessary order of admittance, and, with this order, applied to Manager Murray, on Tuesday, and was admitted, no other course being open to the refuge authorities. He left his wife and sons in charge of the farm. He appears to be contented with his surroundings. He is given exactly the same privileges and accommodation as the other inmates.

## ONE BRIBER CAUGHT.

### Sentenced to Three Months in House of Correction.

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 20.—George H. Warren, of Malden, was sentenced to serve three months in the House of Correction, and to pay a fine of five dollars, after pleading guilty to a charge of bribery, involving only five dollars. Warren admitted that he gave William E. Dunn, sealer of weights and measures, of Malden, five dollars to refrain from prosecuting a coal company in which Warren was interested, and which was charged with giving short weights.

## WILL NOT ARBITRATE

### THE CHINO-PORTUGAL CONTROVERSY CONTINUES

#### China Refuses to Recognize Portugal's Claims to Macao—Great Britain Supports Portugal.

Hong Kong, Nov. 20.—The Seculo says that the Chinese delegates to the Hong Kong conference have refused to recognize Portugal's claims to Macao or to submit the question to arbitration, Portugal, with the support of Great Britain, has opened negotiations direct with China for the maintenance of the status quo. Macao, in China, situated on an island of the same name, at the mouth of the Canton river, forms, with the two small adjacent islands of Taipa and Coloane, a province, the city being divided into two wards, one inhabited by Chinese and the other by non-Chinese, each having its own administrator. China holds that all the dependencies of the city of Macao have been occupied illegally by Portugal for some years and that the only concession of territory ever made to Portugal was the town of Macao, and she insists that the territory and islands be returned to China. Some time ago the Portuguese government sent Gen. Joaquim Jose Machado to China in the hope of reaching an amicable settlement of the dispute, but little progress has been made.

#### J. HAMILTON FERNS, MONTREAL.

Elected president of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Benefit Society.

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#### NEWS OF THE DISTRICT.

#### Interesting Events Occurring in the Vicinity.

Oliver Hawkins is cleaning up all the turkeys on Wolfe Island and shipping them to New York.

A number of line motor boats will be constructed in Cape Vincent, N.Y., during the coming winter.

The Cape Vincent, N.Y., Motor Boat Club, of which R. J. Newman is commodore, now has a membership of over eighty.

The many friends of E. C. Kelsey, Cape Vincent, N.Y., very much regret his continued illness. His sickness has extended something over a year and the best medical assistance has done little so far to better his condition.

At the Western hospital, Montreal, Florence Elliott, wife of R. Godden Carleton Place, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston B. Elliott, passed away after a few days' illness with typhoid fever. The deceased was twenty-nine years of age.

#### Sheriff Loses Office.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 20.—Governor Owen, to-day, declared the office of sheriff of Alexander county vacant, because Sheriff Davis allowed William Ames, a negro murderer, and Henry Salzer, a white man, to be taken from his care and lynched at Cairo, Ill., on November 11th. The governor's action was in observance of a law that provides that whenever a sheriff surrenders a prisoner to a mob his office immediately becomes vacant.

#### Fall and Winter Importations.

Prevost, Brock street, has received all his tweeds, chevots and vicunas for suitings; also a great variety of overcoating for his order department. His \$18 suits and overcoats made to order surpass anything he ever had yet.

#### Buckley Hats.

The hats that style lovers are buying. Sold in Kingston only at Campbell Bros., the leaders in men's hats.

The annual meeting of the City Poor Relief association will be held in the city buildings, committee room, on Monday afternoon at four o'clock. All interested are invited to attend. Money comes too hard to place it in any risky proposition. Buy Kingston realty; sound as the government. McCann can interest you.

## INSULT TO AMERICA

### President Taft Demands That Nicaragua Explain.

#### Shooting of Grace and Cannon Makes Situation a Delicate One in Central America.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Announcement that the United States government is tired of the high handed actions of the small Central American republics was contained in a despatch sent to the Bluefields Steamship company, which sought the protection of the state department against interference by the insurgents now operating against President Zelaya.

An hour later a peremptory note, couched in diplomatic language, but none the less direct, was delivered to Senor Felipe Rodriguez, charge d'affaires of the Nicaraguan legation, demanding a full and complete explanation of the execution of the two Americans, Leonard Grace and Leroy Cannon, who were executed by order of Zelaya when they were found in the insurgent army.

Pending a satisfactory explanation of the occurrence, President Taft has refused to recognize Latoro Latoro, the new Nicaraguan minister. Mr. Taft is thoroughly aroused by the actions of the Zelayan government, and apparently is determined to make the lives of American citizens much safer and considerably more respected in Central America than they have been hitherto.

The attitude of the government was clearly shown, when the state department telegraphed to the Bluefields Steamship company, the headquarters of which is in New Orleans.

The company's regular steamer was about to sail for Bluefields, Nicaragua, with a miscellaneous cargo, including rifles and other munitions of war. The corporation was warned by agents of the Nicaraguan insurrectionary forces that the vessel would be liable to seizure, and the steamship management promptly called on the state department to announce the protection this government would give in such a case.

The state department promptly replied. The answer was the result of a conference between the president and the secretary of state and carried full weight. It gave the steamship concern no encouragement and practically recognized the revolutionary forces operating against the Zelayan administration, a proceeding for which there is probably no parallel in the records of this government.

The secretary of state has asked the secretary of the navy to order the Vicksburg to proceed in all haste to Corinto for the purpose of protecting American interests. The Des Moines was also ordered to proceed to Port Limon for the same purpose. These vessels will be in constant communication by wireless with the state department.

The Des Moines is now at Colon, about 150 miles from Port Limon, which she can reach within twenty-four hours, steaming under forced draught. The Vicksburg is on the Pacific coast at San Jose de Guatemala, nearly 200 miles from the Nicaraguan coast, and will be able to reach Corinto at about the same time the Des Moines arrives at Port Limon.

The execution of the Americans is believed to have taken place at or near El Costillo, which is in the immediate vicinity of Greytown.

#### TOWN OF GANANOQUE.

#### Laymen's Missionary Movement Banquet Billed.

Gananoque, Nov. 20.—Miss Lydia Jane Galway, daughter of George Galway, Pittsburg township, and Robert G. Galway, were quietly married at the residence of Rev. William McConell, Cusheonville, on Wednesday evening, 17th inst. Her mother died very suddenly in a Gananoque store last week while making preparations for the wedding.

The cosy home of George Taylor, M.P., Sydenham street, was thrown open to the public last evening when a musicale was held. A large and appreciative crowd were in attendance.

Arrangements are being made here to push forward the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Mayor Donevan is the convener of a committee which has the matter in hand, and it is proposed holding a big banquet in Grace church on Dec. 3rd, when Rev. T. C. L. Bates, missionary from Japan, at present home on furlough, will give an address on the work in foreign fields and its needs.

A new time table for the G.T.R. is expected to hand to-day which will eliminate the International Limited from the number of trains stopping at Thousand Island Junction. It goes into force to-morrow, 21st.

Miss Gussie Dempster, King street west, is spending a few weeks in Gananoque, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Frederick Campbell. Miss Maribel Britton, King street, spent the past week in Brockville, the guest of her sister, Mrs. (Rev.) H. H. Bedford Jones, at St. Peter's rectory.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Kingston, are guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. Haines, King street. Mr. Albert McLean, Oak street, has returned home from a short visit with her mother in Napanee. The Canoe and Motor Boat association held a well-attended dance in their assembly hall, on Thursday evening.

Frank Starke, of the staff of the Merchants' Bank, operated on in Brockville, a general hospital for apendicitis, a few weeks ago, has returned home to recuperate.

#### WOMAN IS INDICTED.

#### Says She Murdered Toronto Acrobat.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—Mrs. Annie Van Eyck, who shot and instantly killed Philip Hardy, an acrobat of Toronto, Ont., in her home in West Twenty-fourth street, a month ago, was indicted on a charge of murder by the grand jury.

The shooting was in fact caused by a quarrel over a dish of apple sauce, and roast pork. Hardy, who was a boarder at the Van Eyck home, according to Mrs. Van Eyck's story to the Harrison street police at the time of her arrest, entered the home while she was asleep and devoured the contents, which she had prepared for her husband and other boarders.

Mrs. Van Eyck remonstrated with Hardy, who, it is alleged, struck her while lying on the floor, struck her. Hardy drew a revolver and threatened to shoot her. She claims she sprang to seize the weapon from his hand, when it was accidentally discharged, the bullet entering Hardy's heart.

Corporation men got busy on the down town crossings, yesterday afternoon, and their work was greatly appreciated by citizens.

Nyal's Stone Root Compound, better than pills for the kidneys, in 50c bottles, at Prouse's Drug Store, corner Princess and Clergy.

Newman & Shaw's "Monday."

## WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 20.—Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence: (11 a.m.)—Fresh to strong southerly to south-westerly winds, partly fair and mild. Light local showers chiefly during the night or on Sunday.

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#### Not At All Possible.

London, Nov. 20.—Replying to a question by a correspondent, at Manchester, the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, former prime minister and unionist leader, stated that a tax on raw cotton could never be contemplated as even remotely possible. Such a tax, he said, in his letter, would violate the fundamental principles of fiscal reform.

#### A Dyspepsia Revelation.

Those who have dyspepsia, even in chronic form, will be surprised at the results when they get hold of the right remedy. That remedy is Day's Dyspepsia Cure. It always gives the stomach the help and the strength required to properly digest food. Each bottle contains sixteen days' treatment. For sale only at J. B. MeLoon's drug store, corner King and Brock streets, (Wade's old stand), and corner Princess and Montreal streets.

A few youngsters enjoyed their first sleigh ride of the season yesterday. Hand sleighs were noticed on the walks.