

FATE OF 3,000 SALOONS PUT UP TO WOMEN

Liquor Question to be Settled in 324 Illinois Townships Today.

COUP BY LASALLE WETS

Writ of Supersedeas Issued by Judge Craig at Eleventh Hour Prevents Vote.

Chicago, Ill., April 7.—Upon the votes today of women depend the fate of more than three thousand saloons in Illinois. In 324 townships in 67 counties they went to the polls. Fifty thousand downstate women are eligible to vote.

Rain and cold was general in southern Illinois, but thousands of women accompanied their husbands, who stopped at the polls before going to work. They voted in large numbers in mid forenoon, showing their interest in the sharpest and bitterest fight ever waged between the saloons and its foes in this state.

Supreme Court Judge Craig last night issued a writ of supersedeas preventing consideration of the local option question in La Salle county.

Every available policeman and a large force of extra deputies guarded the polls at Springfield to prevent threatened trouble. Anti-saloon workers asserted the 200 saloons in the capital would be voted out of existence, and feeling is high.

Big Chicago Registration.

More than 217,500 women registered in Chicago and for the first time will enjoy equal rights with men in the aldermanic election. It was estimated that more than eighty per cent of those registered would vote. It was estimated 75 per cent of the 455,283 registered male voters would cast their ballots today, making the vote the largest on record for this city.

For fear many women might spoil their ballots on their first vote nearly half a million extra ballots were distributed at the polls. Extra police were detailed to several wards. The most important aldermanic contest was the First ward, where Miss Marion Drake, a court stenographer, opposed Alderman John "Bathhouse" Coughlin for reelection.

Women Take Full Time.

Women take much longer to vote than men, according to election officials here. They examined their ballots, deliberately marked them and carefully folded them with exactitude. A large percentage of the new voters took the full time allowed by law.

Mrs. M. H. Vansant, 80, traveled from California to Alton, Ill., to vote for the "drys."

Local option brought out the earliest and largest vote ever cast at Galesburg. Women were the first voters.

Business men of Alton, Ill., placed armed guards in their establishments in anticipation of possible street clashes by the liquor factions.

Jam at Aurora.

At Aurora, Ill., the women in the first opportunity to vote on the saloon question, stormed the polls. They came on foot and in automobiles in fashionable dress and aprons.

At Quincy a record vote is being polled. It is estimated more than seven thousand women would vote.

NEGRO KILLS HIS WIFE FOR HER DRY VOTE

Aurora, Ill., April 7.—John Haegel, colored, was arrested charged with shooting and killing his wife during a quarrel following his discovery she had gone to the polls to cast her first ballot.

She voted dry. Haegel told the police his wife had promised to go to the polls with him. When she returned home he slapped her. He said she killed herself. The wound, however, is in the back of the head. The shooting added to the intense election excitement.

Clifford Adams, colored, the only witness of the shooting, says the husband's story is true.

Several "dry" workers were attacked, but escaped injury.

registered women would vote. Drys claimed an early victory.

Accident at Fulton.

Fulton, Ill., April 7.—Rev. George E. Sharp suffered concussion of the brain today when an automobile in which he had been carrying women voters to the polls overturned.

IN WISCONSIN.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 7.—Voters of Wisconsin today will cast ballots for municipal and judicial candidates. In Milwaukee chief interest centered over the mayoralty, for which Gerhard Bading, non-partisan incumbent, is opposed by Emil Seidel, social-democrat.

IN MISSOURI.

Kansas City, Mo., April 7.—The commission form of government is the big issue today in the municipal election.

IN MINNESOTA.

St. Paul, Minn., April 7.—The liquor license question is the most important issue in Minnesota cities holding municipal elections today.

IN NEBRASKA.

Lincoln, Neb., April 7.—A majority of Nebraska cities not including the first-class, held municipal elections today.

IN MICHIGAN.

Detroit, Mich., April 7.—Additional returns from yesterday's local option election in Michigan counties revealed that each of the opposing factions won two counties from the other.

CASE OF HIGGINS PUT OFF ONE DAY

Mercer County Grand Jury May Hear Evidence in Slaying Charge Tomorrow.

GUSTAVE ASKING EARLY OPERATION

Bryan Is Better.

CLAIM CAILLAUX INFLUENCED WIFE

HUERTA PLAN TO TRY AGAIN FOR TORREON

Federal Forces Being Concentrated in Effort to Retake Fallen City.

VILLA CLEARING FIELD

Rebel Chief Commended by American Agent for Humane Methods Employed.

Washington, D. C., April 7.—The cabinet today discussed the Mexican situation. Confidential reports were received saying the Huerta forces were concentrating for an attack to retake Torreon. Officials look for another battle soon.

Excellent order is being maintained. There has been no sacking or pillaging and the Villa forces are making efforts to restore order and normal conditions, was the import of dispatches from Consular Agent Carothers at Torreon. No foreigners have been hurt or killed. An official report says General Caballero was fighting in the streets of Tampico yesterday, and is expected to capture the city soon.

Juarez, Mexico, April 7.—The guillotine of France has made its appearance in Mexico in the state of San Luis Potosi. Rebel mechanics have built a guillotine. "It works splendidly," said General Gutierrez, who is here conferring with Carranza. A test has not been made on a human being yet. A lamb was sacrificed.

American Agent Reports.

Juarez, Mexico, April 7.—George C. Carothers, special representative of the state department, who has been through the Torreon engagement with General Villa, returned here today to assist in negotiations looking to the welfare of the six hundred Spanish residents ordered out of Torreon by the rebels.

Mr. Carothers kept a brief diary of events which he witnessed but he was too greatly fatigued after his trip, which began at Torreon yesterday, to give more than a brief outline to reporters.

"The rebel loss," said Mr. Carothers, "was six hundred killed and 1,400 wounded. We don't know the federal loss accurately, except that Villa found in the hospitals, 805 of their wounded."

Grievances Well Founded.

"At San Pedro there is a federal garrison and a battle is expected there at any moment."

"There can be no doubt that Villa's grievance against many of the Spaniards was well founded. He was very angry at first but with success he has grown more lenient and the innocent will doubtless be restored to their properties and homes in due time after an investigation."

"They all have money and will not be a charge upon the community here."

"Torreon fell on the night of Thursday, April 2, as reported by General Villa to General Carranza. Up to that time there was not the faintest basis for the reports that the town had fallen. The evacuation began at 7 o'clock on the morning of Thursday and at that time, and indeed until the evacuation was complete, the federal held every position in the city of Torreon which they originally possessed."

"It was not until after the evacuation on Thursday that the rebels permanently occupied any positions in the city. Villa attacked repeatedly from the outside. His men would rush into the town, making desperate assaults with their hand grenades, but they never retained a position until after the flight of the federal troops. Fighting continued almost to the last minute."

When General Velasco fled he left placards on the hospitals saying that he left the wounded to the kindness of the consuls and to the mercy of General Villa.

SECOND READING HOME RULE BILL

Government Majority Reduced to 80 by O'Brienites Refusing to Ballot.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 p. m. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; colder tonight, with the lowest temperature about 25 degrees; fresh northerly breezes.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 33. Highest yesterday 47, lowest last night 31. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 8 miles per hour.

Precipitation .09 inch. Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 76, at 7 a. m. 85. Stage of water 4.3, a rise of .1 in last 24 hours.

J. E. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mars, Venus, Saturn. Morning stars: Mercury (at brightest), Jupiter. The Pleiades (six naked eye stars), constellation Taurus, sets about 10 p. m., north of the west point.

BLOCK DESTROYED BY DECATUR FIRE

Three Hundred Employees Put Out of Work by Blaze Causing Loss of \$700,000.

Decatur, Ill., April 7.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed a full block bounded by Water, State, East Main and Wood streets. The loss is \$700,000, well insured.

BOMB KILLS TWO; WRECKS A STORE

Messenger, Failing to Find House Number, Calls on Merchant for Information.

WOMAN CAUSE OF MURDER IN PARIS

Paris, France, April 7.—Maurice De Lacroix, an inspector of police, shot and killed his intimate friend, Inspector Raymond Dupin, at police headquarters today.

MAY RICHARDSON IS OUT OF PRISON

London, England, April 7.—May Richardson, a suffraget, who was sentenced to six months March 12 for damaging the picture, "Rokeby Venus," in the national gallery, was released from jail today to undergo an operation for appendicitis, recommended by her doctor last autumn.

Two Bank Robbers Slain.

Vancouver, B. C., April 7.—Two bandits were killed and two others put to flight when they attempted to hold up the Union bank of Canada at New Hazelton.

Killifer Decision Delayed.

Grand Rapids, April 7.—The decision in the suit of the Federal League to enjoin Cather Killifer of the Philadelphia Nationals will not be given out for several days, according to Judge Sessions.

TORREON



SENATE TOLL HEARING HAS 15-DAY LIMIT

Committee Decides That All Discussions Will be Open to Public.

ASKS WILSON MESSAGE

Exact Language Used by President in Reference to Exemption Clause Asked.

Washington, D. C., April 7.—Fifteen days' public hearing beginning April 9, on the Sims bill to repeal the Panama tolls exemption, has been decided on by the senate canal committee.

Poindexter's resolution calling upon the president for an explanation of the language of his Panama tolls exemption repeal message was referred to the foreign relations committee 35 to 27. It was the first vote taken in the senate on the controversy.

Vote Far Off.

Senator O'Gorman, leading democratic opponent of the repeal and others who join with him in the fight still insist there will be no effort to delay in committee. When the issue reaches the floor of the senate various forces at work to complicate the situation make it improbable that a vote can be reached for several weeks.

SENATE VICTORY FOR UNDERWOOD

Congress Leader Defeats Richmond P. Hobson for Nomination in Alabama.

Birmingham, Ala., April 7.—Although the returns are far from complete, indications early today were Oscar Underwood defeated Richmond Hobson by a substantial vote for the United States senatorship.

Hobson's campaign manager has conceded Underwood's nomination.

Washington, D. C., April 7.—Underwood's election for the senate will not change the house leadership before March 4, 1915. Meantime Representative Kitchin of North Carolina has obtained what he says is more than enough pledged to assure him the democratic leadership in succession to Underwood and the chairmanship of the ways and means committee.

WARMAN, POET OF ROCKIES, IS DEAD

Pioneer of Railroad Literature Passes in Chicago After Long Illness.

Chicago, Ill., April 7.—"Cy" Warman, poet and short story writer, died today after a long illness.

Warman, known as the "Poet of the Rockies," was a pioneer in the school of railroad literature. His stories about railroad men were based on personal experiences at Salida, Colo., where in the eighties he worked as a wiper, fireman and engineer. After a few years of railroading he became ill and was forced to seek employment less physical.

He was a native of Illinois and was born in 1855 near Greenup, on a homestead presented to his father by the government for gallant service in the Mexican war. He married Miss Marie Myrtle Jones, who inspired his verse for the "Sweet Marie" song, which became a great success. Warman was stricken with paralysis here last winter.

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