

FOUR QUESTIONS IN REFERENDUM

TEMPERANCE REFERENDUM TO EMBODY FOUR POINTS

These Cover the Main Issues.

TO BE SUBMITTED NEXT AUTUMN
TORONTO, March 13.—Are you in favor of the continuation of the Ontario Temperance Act?
Are you in favor of a return of the License Act?

Are you in favor of the licensed sale of light wines and beers?
Are you in favor of the sale of liquor under government control?
These are to-day said to be the questions which will be submitted by the Ontario Government in its referendum to the people next autumn.

French Officials Fear German Voluntary Army Believe it Would Become Officers University.

YIELDING 100,000 TRAINED OFFICERS

PARIS, March 13.—(By William Philip Simms.)—Within five years after peace is signed, Germany will be able to throw a fully-officed army of several millions into the field, providing the Allies impose the volunteer system in that country, according to a belief expressed in French military and official circles to-day.

The French regard the proposed volunteer system, providing for a German army of 100,000 as a "potential and stupendous Saint Cyr" (the French west point). They declare Germany could easily manœuvre the system so as to permit only officers' material to enter the standing army, which would become in reality only an officers' training school, yielding after 4 or 5 years, the equivalent of 100,000 West Pointers. These would be sufficient to command an army of 1,000,000.

France cannot forget there are several million comparative youngsters in Germany, who can already be regarded as veterans. In addition, it is feared a twelve-year term of enlistment would encourage young men to make army life their profession.

Admittedly it is practically impossible to prevent a continuation of Germany's shooting and turnverein organizations, which in fact were only thinly disguised military training centers. Germany, the French point out, could disguise Turnvereins and use them as schools for privates, with the volunteer army as an officers' university. Thus, should the Allies consider Germany disarmed and proceed to disarm themselves, Germany would at once become an immense standing peril. History it is emphasized has proven that Germany may be expected to turn any set of conditions to her maximum advantage. It is recalled that early in the Napoleonic era, when the army was limited to little more than a police force, she trained an entire new army each year, with the result that she was able to place a formidable force in the field when opportunity came.

The French press generally prefers to have conscription retained in Germany, under allied control. If the Allies decided to establish the volunteer system, the newspapers express the hope that the league of nations will exercise most the drastic supervision over Germany's war machine.

Wilson Expects To Be In Paris Tomorrow

WILL IMMEDIATELY BEGIN WORK.

ON BOARD THE U.S.S. GEORGE WASHINGTON, March 13.—President Wilson expected to arrive at Brest at about 8:30 o'clock this evening. He will immediately board his special train and will probably arrive in Paris at about 9 o'clock Friday morning. Wilson sent wireless messages to Secretary of State Lansing and Colonel House and arranged to begin work in Paris without any loss of time.

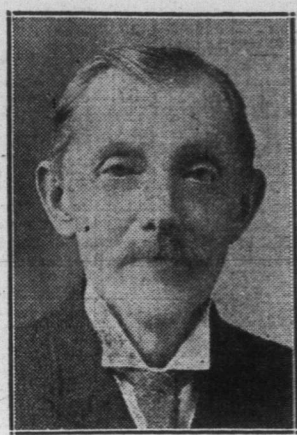
WILSON ANXIOUS TO CONCLUDE PEACE
ABOARD U.S.S. GEORGE WASHINGTON, March 13, (Carl D. Gross.)—President Wilson determined to complete the peace settlement as rapidly as possible, is making no effort to conceal his anxiety to get to work. The George Washington is due to reach Brest about 8:30 to-night.

German Delegates to Peace Conference

LIST OF OFFICIALS WHO WILL ATTEND

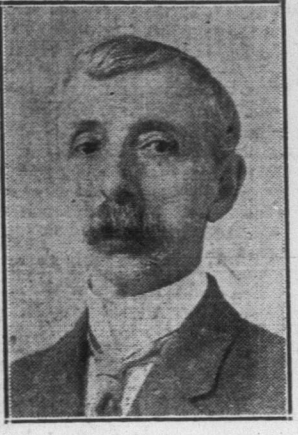
WEIMAR, (Wednesday).—German delegates to the Peace conference will be Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, Foreign Minister Dr. Edward David, Majority Socialist, and the first president of the National Assembly Dr. Adolf Warburg; Dr. Adolf Müller, Minister to Switzerland, Professor Walther M. A. Schenk of Marburg University, and Herr Geisberg, Minister of Post & Telegraphs in Prussian ministry.

THREE VETERAN MEMBERS



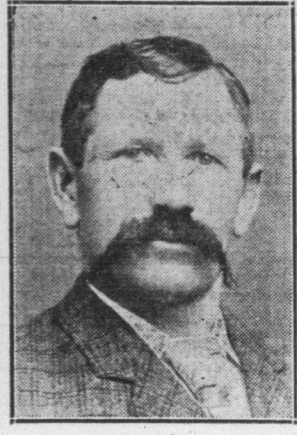
BROTHER HERMAN RATHMANN

The oldest member of Grand Union Lodge since October 30th, 1874, and is the third oldest member of the lodge in point of membership. On Saturday last, Brother Rathmann was eighty years of age. He is still going strong, being at his daily duties and as active as usual. It was on April 11th, 1873 that he joined the lodge. Like the other veterans he has given valuable service. Today his attendance at the meetings is an inspiration to the younger men, who also receive sound advice in the transaction of lodge business. He is also one of the trustees of the lodge.



BRO. FRED KRESS.

He has been a member of Grand Union Lodge since October 30th, 1874, and is the third oldest member of the lodge in point of membership. For many years he has been the treasurer but he has held practically all the offices including those of Financial Secretary, and Recording Secretary, besides that of Noble Grand. During the forty-five years of his membership he has been a regular attendant at the meetings and the lodge regularly is able to secure the benefit of his experience. Recalling the past years Brother Kress states that while there now is more elaborate work in the order the accurate and applied preparations in the bygone days were features and brought good results.



BROTHER JACOB BAETZ, SR.

Brother Baetz is one of the veteran members of Grand Union Lodge. Although he has not been active in the Order for some years he is one of those members who gave immeasurable service in the earlier years. For fifteen years he was treasurer of the lodge and he performed those duties with credit to himself and the lodge. It was on May 18th, 1877 that he joined the Order when the lodge quarters were still in the Debus Block. He always found a pleasure in the performance of the duties of a member and an official. Brother Baetz in conversation with the Record recalled the enthusiasm of the older brigade.

Jack Johnson Says His Fight With Willard Was Pre- Arranged Affair.

HAVANA, March 13.—Jack Johnson former heavyweight champion, in a signed statement, declares that his fight with Jess Willard in this city four years ago was a prearranged affair and that he allowed Willard to win.

The former champion declares that unless Willard agrees to fight him, within a reasonable time, he will claim the world's title.

Willard Says It Is A Joke Lawrence, Kansas, March 13.

"Jack Johnson simply needs money and is trying to put over another match," was the comment of Jess Willard, when shown a statement received from Havana to-day in which Johnson claimed that the championship bout with Willard four years ago was a prearranged affair.

"There is absolutely nothing to it," Willard continued. "I refuse to dignify his statement with denial, for as far as I am concerned it is simply a crude joke."

Rickard Ridicules Story New York, March 13.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Tex Rickard, promoter of the Willard-Dempsey heavyweight championship bout, scheduled for July 4, laughed heartily to-day at Jack Johnson's alleged confession, "Made in Havana," that he laid down in his fight with Jess Willard four years ago.

"Johnson is discredited and is making a cheap bid for publicity," said Rickard. "He is four-flushing, as he always does, and no decent promoter can afford to have anything to do with him. I'm sure I wouldn't."

Brampton Man Was Today Instantly Killed While Taking Short Cut To Work

OVER THE RAILWAY TRACKS
BRAMPTON, March 13.—Brampton witnessed another tragedy this morning when John Clancy, an employee of the Peace foundry on his way to work and taking a short cut along the railroad track, was instantly killed.

Clancy was blind in one eye and was walking on the siding on which the train that arrives from Toronto each morning about 7:45 was shunting to make room for the eastbound train. There was a strong wind blowing at the time and it is supposed that Clancy neither heard nor saw the engine. His feet were cut off and he was also badly cut about the head and face. He is about 50 years of age and leaves a wife and one child, less than 2 years old.

Dr. Haggie was quickly on the scene but was unable to render any assistance. An inquest is being held.

The Dollar's the Thing Says Jess Willard Does Not Care Where Bout Is Held

MAY BE STAGED IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, March 13, (By Tom Lewis.)—Big Jess Willard, king bee of the heavy weights, doesn't care a whoop where Tex Rickard holds his little reception on Independence day.

"The play's the thing," said old Kid Shakespear, not a bad champion in his own day. But big Jess taking issue with the immortal Bill, says things in a different light. "The dollars the thing," says Jess. And Jess ought to know. If rumor is to be credited he has stacked up quite some pile.

"What do you like: Short fight or long fight?" A corruscating shot at Jess at his Lawrence, Kansas, home. "A short fight if it will bring more money," was Willard's comeback. "Makes no difference—long or short will do. But the money's the thing. But I haven't much to say about those things. Rickard will do the money part. I'll be to the fighting."

Bodies of Canadians Who Fell in France

WILL NOT BE BROUGHT BACK TO CANADA

OTTAWA, March 13.—The government has not in contemplation the bringing back from overseas of the bodies of the Canadian soldiers who have fallen in battle.

Questioned to-day as to whether either now or in the future it was intended that such should be done, General McEwen answered: "No!" Sir Sam Hughes said to General McEwen: "I wish to draw the attention of the Minister to the report that the United States authorities are bringing back the bodies of United States soldiers who fell in France. I would ask him to give this matter consideration in regard to the bodies of Canadians who fell. I know that it would be a heavy job but the United States authorities are urging that it be done."

To this General McEwen vouches no answer.

The Present Noble Grand



NOBLE GRAND W. HESSEAU.

Bro. Hesseaur is at the head of Grand Union Lodge for the current term. Energetic and enthusiastic in the cause of the Order he has been a valuable member and the honor that he enjoys is well merited.

THE I. O. O. F. CENTENNIAL IS CELEBRATED BY GRAND UNION

On the Eve of the One Hundredth Anniversary
Local Lodge Makes Fine Start for Endowment
Fund for Oddfellows Home.

The one hundredth anniversary of the Order of the Independent Order of Oddfellows in America was fittingly observed here last evening by Grand Union Lodge, No. 97, in the lodge quarters. Or rather, as the Grand Secretary, Brother Wm. Brooks, Toronto, said, the brothers of Grand Union, were assembled for the purpose of learning how to celebrate this anniversary.

If the latter was the purpose of the banquet last evening, the brothers of Grand Union certainly are quick at learning now. They were adept pupils of the Grand Secretary for an hour and they responded to his appeal for assisting in a humanitarian work in the name of Him who is over all. Inside of a short time before the program was closed Grand Union members had contributed or subscribed over \$500 to the Endowment Fund for the Oddfellows Home in Toronto, which is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ontario. But this is only a start and when April 26th, the exact date of the hundredth anniversary has arrived it is predicted that Grand Union will have gone over the top and done its share towards the Grand Lodges purpose of raising the sum of \$250,000 for the cause. During the coming weeks the appeal for assisting in the worthy undertaking will go out to every member.

The Distinguished Guests.

The event last evening was graced by the presence of Past Grand Master C. H. Mann of Hamilton and Grand Secretary William Brooks of Toronto. Both delivered splendid addresses.

Past Grand Master Mann confined his remarks to several thoughts, but dealt principally with the work of the Oddfellows Home in Toronto, where many a kiddie, bereft of a mother or of both parents is being cared for and brought up with a good training, which has all the features of a home, and with an education, that will make him or her a useful citizen. Incidents in connection with specific cases were related which showed with what tender mercies and deep love Oddfellowship is looking after these children.

The Past Grand Master impressed the meaning of the word friendship as he found it through his own personal every day experience. "How is happiness attained but in selfishness? The key to happiness is unselfishness and service to others. Of what use is wealth if you cannot do something for others?" He stated that the noblest and the worthwhile in life which he had learned and experienced he

owed to Oddfellowship and to his dear mother. He concluded his appeal to the members by urging them to prove themselves true Oddfellows by making use of the opportunity to make an investment which they would never regret, and which would bring immeasurable dividends. Also he stated every man or woman was an investment by the Supreme Creator, who looked forward to his investment bringing in good returns.

The Grand Secretary's Message.

Grand Secretary W. Brooks briefly outlined the history of Oddfellowship and its growth the good work that is being done at the Home in Toronto and the needs for enlarging the institution. After this outline he started the ball rolling and many a member promised to do something immediately towards assisting in the cause. Before the Secretary was finished over \$500 had been promised and as stated above this is only a beginning.

The Grand Secretary's review might be summed up in the following paragraphs:

Growth of the I.O.O.F.

"Wonderful has been the growth of this fraternity—commencing on the 26th of April, 1819, with one lodge and five members, and at the end of 1917 having more than 130 Grand Bodies, 17,698 Subordinate Lodges, 3,450 Subordinate Encampments, and 9,953 Rebekah Lodges, with a total membership of 2,230,231.

"Of this great Brotherhood Ontario for as an important part. First lodge instituted in 1845, and Grand Lodge instituted Aug. 23rd, 1855, with 12 Subordinate Lodges, having a membership of a little over 500. Since then its growth compares favorably with other jurisdictions, Ontario having on the 31st of Dec., 1917, 402 Subordinate Lodges with a membership of 54,654; 92 Encampments with a membership of 8,604; 139 Rebekah Lodges with a membership of 15,415—5,688 Brothers and 9,727 Sisters, and 18 Cantons with a membership of 850.

What the Order Has Done!

"Statistics of the Order throughout the world from 1830 to Dec. 31st, 1917, show that there were 4,502,495 initiations in Subordinate Lodges, and 4,844,321 members and 370,701 widowed families relieved, the amount paid out for relief in that time being \$179,727,445.88, and for 1917 alone, \$6,509,889.54.

Since our Grand Lodge was instituted in 1855 the Subordinate Lodges of Ontario have paid out for relief \$3,851, (Continued on Page 2)

Fighting Continued Last Night in Berlin

SPARTACANS PURSUING NEW TACTICS

BERLIN, March 13.—Fighting was continuing in Berlin last night over a front of more than 25 kilometers (15½ miles). The city commander announced it was uncertain whether the government can master the situation owing to a Spartacan infiltration tactics. A fast as troops reconquer an area insurgents spread out in another quarter. Two hundred and fifty Spartacans, both men and women, were captured in the heart of the city last evening. They had gone to their secret headquarters there to get money which was to be apportioned among the Spartacan forces as wages.

The Recording Secretary



BRO. W. P. KRESS.

He is the Recording Secretary of Grand Union Lodge. Bro. Kress has been in office for about thirteen years. His service as an official has been very successful ever since he was elected for the first time.

MINISTER NOSKE HAS RE- SIGNED

ZURICH, March 13.—War Minister Noske resigned on Tuesday morning, it was reported in a dispatch received from Berlin to-day. General von Lequis is said to have succeeded him.

BOLSHEVIKI STIRRING TROU- BLE

HELSINGFORS, March 13.—The Bolsheviki have created a new cabinet for the purpose of "concentrating for a worldwide revolution, according to a dispatch received from Moscow to-day.

Moore, a native of Switzerland, is said to have been named as the first minister.

GOVERNMENT TROOPS CLEAR EAST END.

COPENHAGEN, March 13.—German government forces, after lively fighting, have succeeded in driving the Spartacans out of the east-end section of Berlin, including Liechtenberg, according to a Berlin despatch.

The occupation of the district, the message states, was systematically carried out by government troops. A considerable quantity of arms were captured. Losses on the government side are declared not to have been heavy. "Bestial acts of cruelty by the Spartacans have been fully confuted," the message adds.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT GRAND INCREASES

THE HAGUE, March 13.—The German government has announced that the salaries of republican officials will be increased, resulting in an additional expenditure of \$125,000,000, according to a dispatch received from Weimar to-day.

SPARTACANS CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO FIRES

AMSTERDAM, March 13.—Dispatches received here to-day said that the Spartacans, caught between two fires, were evacuating their position in Liechtenberg. The burgomaster is said to have appealed unsuccessfully to War Minister Noske to draw off his troops and replace them with a "People's guard," including Spartacans.