

REFERENDUM NEXT SEPTEMBER

SPARTACANS DECIDE TO SETTLE ISSUE BY ARMS

Guerilla Warfare Continued During the Night.

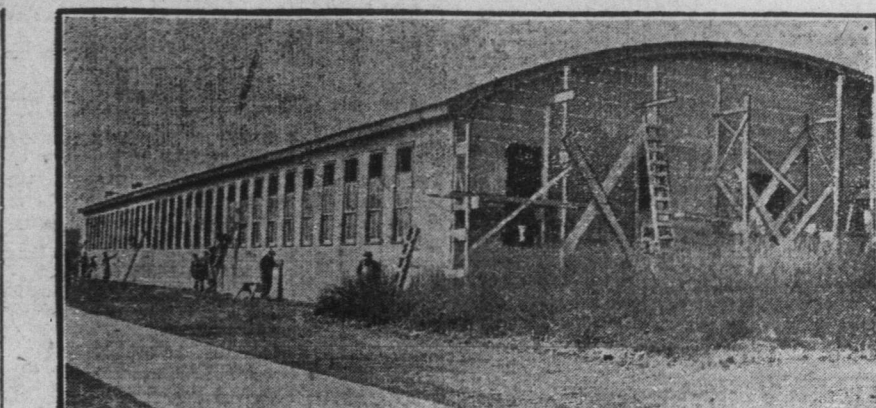
GOVERNMENT HAS 25,000 LOYAL TROOPS

BERLIN, March 8.—The Spartans determined yesterday afternoon to break off all negotiations with the government and settle the issue by fighting.

This action was taken despite the fact the government forces were extending their control of the city and apparently had broken the revolution. After a day of comparative success, the revolutionists were again on the defensive last night and the battle had become one of guerrilla warfare. The tide turned when government airplanes began dropping huge bombs on the roof of the royal stables, occupied by the revolutionists. The buildings were practically demolished and scores of sailors were killed or wounded. The remainder surrendered.

Shortly afterward Alexander Platz, which had changed hands several times and where the chief Spartacan resistance was centered, was taken by storm by government troops. More than a hundred revolutionists were captured there.

While the Spartacans were losing their hardwon military advantage, the general strike was gaining. Workmen



DEMOLITION HUTS. Military authorities are rapidly preparing for the demobilization of Canadian fighting men in different parts of Canada. Wooden huts, of which this is a specimen are being rushed to completion for the men's occupation.

Prussian Diet to Open

INDICATES THAT REVOLUTION HAS FAILED

BERNE, March 8.—A Wolff Agency dispatch, filed in Berlin on Thursday and received here to-day, announced that the Prussian Diet would open next week. This was accepted as proof of the government's confidence that the revolution had failed.

German Austria Has Ratified the Union

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TAKES ACTION

BASLE, March 8.—The special commission of the Austrian national assembly has unanimously ratified the government's plan to declare formally that the German-Austrian republic is an integral part of the German republic, a Vienna dispatch announced to-day.

Referendum to be Taken on Prohibition Issue

Will be Held Next September or Earlier.

PEOPLE TO DECIDE WHAT THEY WANT

Toronto, Mar. 8.—Hon. T. W. McCarty, Provincial Treasurer, speaking at a meeting of Ward Three Conservative Association at St. George's Hall last night said: "A wide open referendum on the Prohibition question will be taken in Ontario, possibly in September next or possibly sooner, for the people to determine what measure they want. I believe the people will be able to vote on the question in a very open fashion. When the boys come home, possibly in September or before, or it may be a little later, the people will decide the question for themselves, and the reference will be wide open, as is desired by the Temperance people and the liquor interest. Whatever the decision is, it will be upheld by the Government. The people will be given every opportunity of expressing in the fullest possible manner their desire on this important question. Mr. G. A. Warburton and the Committee of One Hundred were not a factor in the passing of the Ontario Temperance Act, and they will not be a factor, so far as the Government is concerned, in determining the issue of permanent prohibition."

Rapture Will Not Stay

WORK OF THE ARMISTICE COMMISSION

BERNE, March 8.—A rupture of negotiations between the German and Allied Economic Commissions will not affect the work of the Armistice Commission, which is continuing its conference, it was announced in a dispatch received from Berlin to-day.

The German delegates broke negotiation after insisting that the latter must guarantee to furnish Germany with enough food to last until the next harvest before Germany would consent to surrender her merchant fleet.

This conference was entirely distinct from the armistice commission which deals with military problems.

Irish Leaders Say United States Will Help

O'KELLY MAKES STATEMENT

PARIS, March 7.—If the Irish question is not settled by the peace conference, friends of Ireland will stop ratifications of the league of nations in the American Congress. Provisional Irish republic to the peace conference declared in a statement to-day.

He expressed doubt that any league of nations could be formed and said that the Irish "have spoken gently" to President Wilson long enough. "We can stop ratifications of this league of nations in Congress if the Irish question is not settled," the Irish delegate declared. "It is my opinion that there will be no league of nations, at any rate there will be no peace in Europe, because Ireland will fight and the world knows that Ireland can fight."

Nine Ontario Cities In Industrial Contest

All Trying to Land Branch of American Truck Co.

PROSPECTS OF US GETTING IT ARE GOOD

A Canadian branch of a big American commercial truck company is to be established somewhere in Ontario. Its headquarters are in Wisconsin. It has applied for a Canadian charter.

In addition to this city, Windsor, Chatham, Hamilton, London, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Welland and Toronto are striving to get the industry.

The matter is to be finally decided on Monday next at the company's head office. A local man, who has been busy as a mailer, trying to get the company to locate here, is hopeful that it may elope to pitch its tent in this city.

CABLE NEWS In Tabloid Form

Revolution Has Been Launched in Scandinavian Countries.

CHRISTIANA, March 7.—A strong revolutionary agitation is being carried out in Fenmark, the northernmost part of Norway, by an organization which is planning a revolution on the Russian plan, according to report from Kirkenais to the Aftenposten. The organization plans to carry the revolution into Finland and Scandinavian countries.

UNITED STATES' CLAIMS \$750,000,000.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—American claims for damages against Germany and Austria thus far total \$750,000,000, the State Department announced to-day. Additional claims will increase this to some extent, it was stated.

Board is Active; Has Big Problems

The Board of Trade in the near future will consider some big questions of vital interest to the city, the surrounding community, and the organization. Among the matters which will have to be dealt with are the following:

Campaign for increased membership. Paying annual fees and issuing membership cards.

Proposed resolution to be discussed by the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, March 27th and 28th.

Assistance to Brantford Good Roads Association in connection with Toronto-Sarnia Highway.

Address by a delegation of the Elora Board of Trade regarding the extension of the Berlin and Northern, to be called the Waterloo and Wellington Railway from Bridgeport to Elora.

Possibility of financing and building a Municipal Building to house all Municipal Offices and Departments, as well as all public bodies and to be equipped with a proper auditorium for public meetings.

Revision and reprinting of Constitution and By-Laws of the Kitchener Board of Trade.

The adequacy of the present \$2.00 annual dues in relation to the financing of Kitchener Publicity.

The programme of a representative public meeting to be held under the auspices of the Board of Trade, attended by all interested citizens and by delegates from all public bodies in the City, to be addressed by one or two outside speakers, presenting the possible advantages of the creation of a fully organized Chamber of Commerce as an enlargement of the Board of Trade, in an effort to create co-operation among all public bodies in the City.

Lloyd George arrived in Paris. He was accompanied by the Duke of Connaught.

A plague of rats is to be the subject of a bill that the British House of Commons will be invited to pass.

After burying her two children less than a week ago both of whom succumbed to influenza, Mrs. Wiggins-Meunier of Windsor was stricken with the same disease last Saturday and died on Monday.

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The men were in much better condition physically than those on the first ship to arrive here two weeks ago. There were only four serious cases. Less than a score were confined to cots and there were no deaths on the trip across.

Buffalo Sharks Trim Montreal Betting Man

One Case to be Aired in Court.

HOW THE GAME WAS PLAYED

MONTREAL, Mar. 8.—Police authorities here are wondering today just how much easy Montreal money is scattered in and around Buffalo, owing to charges against Joe E. Lalonde that he had obtained \$40,000 by alleged conspiracy and false representations, from S.P. Champoux of this city.

The case resembles that of M.P. Connolly against Arthur Exremont, the jurisdiction in which is now being considered by the court. It is the old story of a bank account, a poolroom, a telegraph operator, the man who is supposed to have inside "info" on the races etc.

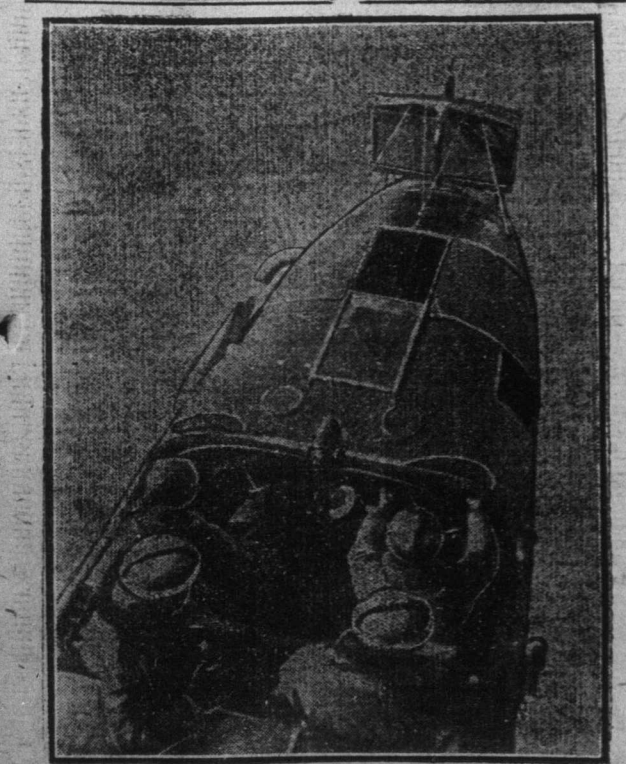
The victim accompanied the defendant, he says to Buffalo, where he won his first bet of \$2400. The next bet of \$2,800 was rejected by the cashier who said they would not accept any more "small" bets. A \$50,000 bet was then made and won, but just as the cashier was about to pay off, the "police" raided the pool room. A plea was made to the "police" who "smelled strongly of whisky" and the betters were allowed to go on condition that they leave Buffalo at once. The case was adjourned until Monday.

Premier Hearst objected to the member going beyond the bound of the question of privilege. Mr. Dewar retorted: "I can quite understand the Premier's attitude that I should not press the matter." Sir William again objected.

"I consider," said Mr. Dewar, "that my patriotic efforts have been more valuable than those of the nickel-plated patriots behind the government."

Roumanian Press Bureau announced that 282,000 Roumanians combatants in the war were killed or died from wounds.

Queen Marie of Roumania accompanied by her daughters, has arrived in Paris.



IN A NEW GERMAN AEROPLANE.—Pilots and passengers in one of the newest types of German aeroplanes. Photographed while machine was in flight.

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