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Permanent Methodist pastorates have been snowed under by an avalanche of negative ballots in the great referendum held during February in Canada and Newfoundland by order of the general conference.

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CONGRESS MAY REJECT TERMS

JAPS MAY BRING ABOUT ORDER WITHOUT EXHIBITION OF FORCE
Information is Being Collected As to Extent of Danger in Russia From German Prisoners or Extremists.

ONE OUT OF FOUR U-BOATS RETURN TO RATIFY TREATY
Sir Eric Geddes Tells How Fast Allies Destroy Submarines.

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Both Sides Waive Indemnification for War Damages or Costs.

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TWO WEEKS' DELAY ALLOWED FOR RATIFICATION OF TREATY ENABLES BOLSHEVIKS TO ORGANIZE RESISTANCE--GERMAN AIRCRAFT AGAIN BOMB PETROGRAD, WHICH IS ABOUT TO BE EVACUATED.

LONDON, March 5.--The often reiterated statement of English correspondents that anything may happen in Russia at any time and that nothing need cause surprise, may possibly be illustrated by the developments there pending the ratification of the Russo-German peace treaty, according to reports appearing here today.

It is said that a section of the Bolsheviks is in no wise pleased with the surrender of Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshevik premier, and is inclined to join the Left Social Revolutionaries, the war spirit of which, according to The Daily Mail's Petrograd correspondent, predominates and constitutes a formidable opposition to the peace treaty.

This war party, it is said, advises that the Petrograd governmental institutions be removed into the interior of Russia, from where they can continue the fight against the Germans. It is suggested that the congress of the councils, called to meet at Moscow March 12 to consider the ratification of the peace treaty, will be made the pretext for evacuating Petrograd, under the excuse that it is necessary for the governmental departments to attend the congress.

Opposition to the Germans is said to be greater in the Moscow and provincial councils than in Petrograd. A Berlin despatch received in Amsterdam today forecasts the early resignation of Lenine and Trotsky, the Bolshevik premier and foreign minister, owing to their increasing unpopularity.

MAY EVACUATE PETROGRAD.
Reuter's Petrograd correspondent, telegraphing Monday, says: "It seems improbable that the peace treaty will be ratified by the congress of soviets at Moscow, March 12."

"The delay of a fortnight granted by the Germans for ratification constitutes an opportune respite for the soviets, which probably will be utilized in the organization of a red army and the development of means of defence.

"By a decision reached at an extraordinary meeting of the council of commissaries--which was published before the signing of the peace treaty--the evacuation of Petrograd is contemplated, together with a systematic destruction of all stores of provisions and war materials which cannot be removed."

BOMBS DROPPED ON CAPITAL.
A Petrograd despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, dated Monday evening, says that despite the cessation of hostilities a German airplane appeared over Petrograd at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and dropped bombs. Airplanes also were seen flying over Nevsky Prospekt, and the belief prevailed that the enemy was aiming at Nicholas station.

Sunday night zeppelins were observed at Gatchina, 35 miles from Petrograd, flying towards the capital, but they were driven off by the anti-aircraft batteries.

PEOPLE ARE ASKED TO RESIST ENEMY
A Reuter despatch from Petrograd says that owing to the refusal of the delegates of the central powers to treat with the representatives of the new Ukrainian rada, on the ground that the central powers had already acknowledged the old rada, the new rada delegates have returned home from Pskov and issued a proclamation to the people, asking the mto resist the enemy and destroy all munition supplies.

JAPAN WILL ACT PROMPTLY.
The Daily Mail says that the joint representations by the British, French and Italian ambassadors in Tokio that Japan intervene in Siberia will be tantamount to a request that Japan take steps necessary to afford prompt and adequate protection to entente allied interests there, the immediate object being to safeguard the military stores at Vladivostok and along the trans-Siberian railroad.

"The Japanese military authorities," says The Daily Mail, "will decide how far into Siberia it is feasible to carry the protective measures, which, besides safeguarding the military stores, also would seek to prevent the vast food supplies in the Siberian area, bordered on the west roughly by a line parallel with Omak, falling into Germany's hands.

"There is every reason to believe Japan, in return for a free hand, desires and is prepared to give the allies every assurance of disinterestedness and of single-minded purpose to act swiftly and efficiently solely in the joint allied interests. The American ambassador is not expected to join in the request. Altho the United States is not a formal party to the allied proposal no opposition to the step now imminent is expected."

JAPANESE OPINION DIVIDED.
A Reuter despatch from Tokio under date of March 3, says: "Public and press opinion is radically divided on the question of Japan's intervention in Siberia. One of the strong political elements, which is also commercially powerful, urges Japan to remain inactive, insisting that the talk of a German menace thru Siberia is merely a mare's nest, and opposes the mobilization of men and resources.

"Another, including the best elements in Japan, is daily and more loudly demanding action. The leading newspapers in the capital belong to this side. The newspaper Kokumin, which is regarded as frequently expressing the views of the premier, unequivocally asserts today that the government is running the risk of irreparable loss if it longer delays action against Germany and the Bolsheviks in Siberia, which must shortly come under their complete control."