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More Provinces To Vote on the Fusion of Germany and Austria

Styria, Salzburg and Upper Austria to Follow Tyrol's Example—Result in Tyrol Was Surprising—Foreign Observers Believe Sentiment is Favorable to Fusion—The Reasons

Vienna, May 28.—(The Associated Press)—Three more provinces will intimate the Tyrol and hold sentimental referendums on the question of the fusion of Austria with Germany. Salzburg, Styria and Upper Austria have set May 29 as the tentative date for the ballot and it is believed that Carinthia also will fall into line. Voralberg, the westernmost of the states last summer voted practically unanimously to join Switzerland.

The almost unanimous vote for fusion in the Tyrol on April 24 was a surprise even to the most ardent of fusionists. They had estimated an eighty to ninety per cent favorable ballot and it is conceded that the excess represented an element of those hard-headed mountaineers who voted simply because of the Entente prohibition against the referendum.

"The movement toward a union with Germany born almost immediately after the creation of the republic, has grown steadily and these sporadic and independent referendums are the outgrowth of the failure of the Entente to force the central government to defy the Entente and order a nation-wide vote.

According to foreign observers who have kept a watchful eye on the agitation there is no doubt that the total vote will show a heavy majority for the union. They do not share the belief professed by the opponents of the movement that if the vote actually meant action instead of a sentimental expression of opinion it would not carry. On the contrary they express the belief that it is genuine and earnest thought and desire on the part of the mass of the people and say they are motivated by three controlling things.

Reasons for Feeling.
First is the firmly rooted conviction that Austria cannot survive politically or economically as an independent state. The economic arguments have been set

before the world officially and unofficially for the past two years but the political phase of the matter was brought to a focus by the former Emperor Charles' recent attempt to regain the throne in Hungary.

The threat of Jugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Rumania to occupy Hungary if a Hapsburg is restored spells an inevitable occupation of Austria along with it. They realize the utter impotence of the little unarmed republic against its powerful Slav neighbors and the present political situation in Central Europe does not calm their apprehensions.

As part of the stronger German state, they feel that they would be secure against any aggression and at the same time obtain advantage of a commercial nature which they cannot hope to gain independently. The belief of Austria in the rehabilitation of Germany is abiding and they wish to share it.

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Another important factor is the well organized and effective German propaganda. Directed by north Germans and financed by them, it evidenced its efficiency in the Tyrol vote. They "fired" opposition press openly charged that 4,000,000 marks were spent on that referendum alone and that as much more may be needed will be forthcoming to keep the movement going.

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GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN.

NEW BILL MAKES POPULAR HIT

Opera House Week-end Programme is a Good One—Three Weber Girls Give Outstanding Performance—Other Good Acts.

The Three Weber Girls were popular favorites in the Opera House yesterday afternoon and evening. The three dainty misses give an astounding acrobatic performance, with variety dancing and other novel vaudeville surprises. All are clever performers and their act is sure to be one of the big hits of the new programme. They received round after round of appreciative applause.

Jones and Johnson, who appeared in a snappy comedy singing and dancing act, were also well received. Both are good soft and hard shoe dancers, and one introduced some new and difficult acrobatic steps. They have good line of comedy, which evoked hearty laughter.

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RUSSIAN LABOR CONGRESS GIVES LENINE SUPPORT

Premier Approves of New Policies Declared to Include Reforms.

Riga, May 28.—Premier Lenine of Soviet Russia won complete approval for his new policies at the final session of the All-Russian Trade Union Congress, before which he spoke yesterday, outlining plans to pull Russia through the present chaos by reforms, all of which are to be controlled as to avoid a complete return to capitalism.

His draft of a scheme whereby the central council of labor and defense is to be utilized as the centre from which instructions on how to carry out the reforms would be sent to all local Soviets throughout Russia, was supported in a resolution and to the laborers was given the opportunity of naming a commission which will work out the details together with the council of labor and defense.

According to limited extracts of Premier Lenine's speech received from Moscow, the reforms provide for the application of new capitalistic forms in the Soviet and deal, among other things, with the management of problems relating to exchange of goods and the independence of the peasants.

M. Losovsky, closing the congress, urged the delegates to hold closer together, in order to "step forward in the struggle for a new socialist republic."

Sailed May 28.

R.M.S.P. Chignecto, 2900, Parker, for B.W.I. via Halifax.

MAINE NOTES.

The steamer Rover sailed from Philadelphia yesterday for St. John to load a cargo of potatoes for Havana, Cuba. Furness Withy & Co. are the local agents.

The R. M. S. P. Chignecto sailed at 7 o'clock this morning for Bermuda and the West Indies via Halifax. William Thompson & Co. are the local agents.

The steamer Lombard is expected here this afternoon from Cuba with a cargo of raw sugar for the Atlantic sugar refinery. She is consigned to Nagle & Wigmore.

The steamer Canadian Trader is expected to sail tomorrow for the United Kingdom with a cargo of sugar.

The schooner Barbara W., sailed from Santa Cruz Cuba, on Wednesday, with a cargo of mahogany for New York. Nagle & Wigmore are the local agents.

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DEFENDS DEAL BY GOVERNMENT

Hon. J. W. Farris on Purchase of Liquor Warehouse Property for \$150,000.

Victoria, B. C., May 28.—A defence of the sale to the British Columbia government for \$150,000 by Charles E. Campbell, new publisher of the Vancouver World, of a liquor warehouse in Vancouver was issued yesterday by Hon. J. W. Farris, attorney-general and acting premier.

Mr. Campbell at the same time issued in Vancouver a statement along the same lines as that given out by Mr. Farris. The contention was made yesterday by the Vancouver Sun that the government had paid for the property a large sum in excess of its value.

The attorney-general says that when incoming supplies required storage space the government got from well-known Vancouver realty firms rental valuations on the Campbell property. The lowest was \$1,000 a month and a five year lease was taken at that figure with the option of buying at \$150,000.

When the liquor board was appointed, Mr. Farris' statement says, its members decided that it was better business to exercise the option, and pointed out that interest on the investment at 6-1/2 per cent would be \$8,750 a year as against the rental charge of \$18,500 a year under the lease. Accordingly, the property was purchased.

RAILROADS WILL BAN PENNY-ANTE PLAYING

Many U. S. Commuters Must Abandon Their Favorite Pastime.

Chicago, May 28.—Officials of the Northwestern, the Burlington and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroads have taken the lead in a move to stamp out train gambling.

Penny ante—a long favorite pastime for commuters on suburban trains, will be banned. Recently many reports have been received of sharp "horning" in, raising the limit and getting away with big money.

The three roads announced that all gambling would be stopped in the future by conductors, who have the power to arrest.

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Woman Defends Herself From Furious Animal With Her Slipper.

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At the click of the camera, however, the ram lowered his head and raced at Mrs. Stahl in a fury, striking her savagely.

REVISION OF THE TARIFF BY THE JAPANESE

Manufacturers of Canada Reported More Affected Than Those in U. S.

New York, May 28.—A revised customs tariff law and a new revised import tariff schedule will be put into effect June 1 by the Japanese government, say advices received by Consul General Kumasaki, from the Tokio foreign office. This law was revised at the session of the Japanese diet this spring.

It is understood here that the Japanese tariff has been changed with a view to restricting imports as a means of stabilizing exchange. By reducing imports Japan hopes to build up her trade balance and with it exchange quotations with other countries.

The tariff, it was said, was designed to protect certain local industries, particularly those engaged in the production of zinc spelter, industrial chemicals, iron and steel.

Manufacturers of Canada, it was added, would probably be more seriously affected than those of the United States by the new law.

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