

## VON HINDENBURG IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF GERMANY

### FIRST PRESIDENT TO BE ELECTED BY POPULAR VOTE

**Hindenburg Defeats Dr. Wilhelm Marx By About 845,000 Majority—He Was the Candidate of the National Conservative Bloc—Succeeds Frederick Ebert, Who Died in February.**

Berlin, April 27.—Germany has rallied to the banner of Marshal von Hindenburg and elected him president of the republic. He is the first president of Germany to be elected by popular ballot. He was nominated by the Nationalist Conservative bloc to replace Dr. Karl Jarres who failed of election in the first balloting on March 29th. His opponent was Dr. Wilhelm Marx, candidate of the Republican bloc, adherents of the Weimar coalition, composed of Catholics, Socialists and Democrats. The third candidate was Ernest Thaelmann, Communist.

districts out of 35, as the Republican strongholds which had not yet reported would be unable to offset von Hindenburg's lead at that time of one million.

**Vote Was Very Heavy.**  
Berlin, April 27.—Shortly after midnight with 26,000,000 votes counted—more than three-quarters of the total estimated vote—Hindenburg was leading Marx by 400,000 votes. This was admitted by the Marxites.

The total estimated vote is 32,000,000, or about four million more than the total polled at the preliminary presidential election four weeks ago.

At Karlsruhe, capital of Baden, there was serious rioting wherein two men were killed and two severely hurt.

Hindenburg lost his own town of Hanover. The vote there, according to figures available at one this morning, stood: Marx, 130,000; Hindenburg, 111,000. Marx also has apparently carried Berlin. At one this morning his lead there is more than 400,000. Munich went for Hindenburg with a majority of 80,000. Stettin and surrounding district voted as follows: Hindenburg, 77,000; Marx, 33,000. In the country district around Stettin, Marx was snowed under, getting only 2,000 votes against Hindenburg's 24,000.

Marx barely nosed out Hindenburg at Nuernberg, the second largest Bavarian city, where he got 110,000 votes against Hindenburg's 96,000. Stuttgart, metropolis of Wuerttemberg, gave Marx 584,000 and Hindenburg 544,000. Leipzig was carried by Hindenburg with 173,000. Marx got 150,000 there. Casel went for Marx, who got 50,000 votes against Hindenburg's 45,000. Halle voted thus: Hindenburg, 63,000; Marx, 19,000.

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### NAVAL DISCIPLINE SAVED SOME LIVES

**Homerio's Crew Would Have Gone to Death in Attempt at Rescue.**

Toronto, April 27.—Naval discipline averted a greater loss of life last Tuesday when Captain Roberts restrained his officers and men from foolhardy attempts to aid the crew of the sinking Japanese liner, according to Edward R. Peacock, 71 Crescent road, a former director of the Bank of England, who was aboard the Homerio.

The Toronto man related how the Homerio skipper with difficulty controlled his crew as they helplessly watched the Japanese sailors swallowed by the boiling seas. Every man aboard offered to take his life in his hands and man the rescue boats, but Captain Roberts knew that to attempt a rescue in such a storm by that method would mean suicide for every man who went and a greater loss of life than resulted, however valorous the attempt, and could not be justified.

### Woman Falls From a Cliff

**Mrs. C. V. Smith Killed at Glen Park, N. Y.—Was Born in Sydenham.**

Watertown, N. Y., April 27.—Mrs. Sarah MacMillan Smith, of Glen Park, aged sixty-three, whose body was found floating in Black River at Dexter, five miles from Glen Park, Friday afternoon, met death in a fall from a sixty-five-foot cliff at the rear of her home, according to evidence gathered by the assistant district attorney, Melvin F. Kinkley. The woman was digging dirt for plants when she fell off the cliff, striking on the rocks below. Eight ribs were fractured and one lung punctured. After striking on the rocks she rolled into the river.

Mrs. Smith was born in Sydenham, Ontario, and married Charles V. Smith, in Kingston, forty-two years ago. They had lived in Glen Park fifteen years.

### Bernier Claims Peary Did Not Discover North Pole

Quebec, April 27.—Disclaiming any intention of belittling the memory of Rear-Admiral Robert Peary, U.S.N., generally credited with the discovery of the North Pole in 1909, Captain J. E. Bernier, noted Canadian Arctic explorer, in an interview Saturday, backed up his previously expressed opinion that the United States explorer had not actually discovered the pole, as the latter believed. Further, inasmuch as the question had been brought up, he was willing to produce proof to this effect.

### Church Union Controversy Crowds Churches of B.C.

Toronto, April 27.—"There is one very notable thing about the church union controversy in British Columbia—it has crowded our churches to the doors. You can't find seats in some of them before the service begins," was the statement of Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith, principal of Westminster Hall, the Presbyterian college in Vancouver, in an interview here.

### Sir Henry Thornton Silences Ferguson

Ottawa, April 27.—Premier Ferguson shows no disposition to continue the controversy with Sir Henry Thornton in relation to the attitude of the Canadian National Railways to the extension of the T. and N. O. into the Rouyn district in Quebec.

When questioned as to Sir Henry's latest statement the premier said he had nothing to say at present.

Malcolm Lang, M.P.P. for Cochrane, who is in the city, said the people in the north country are keenly interested in the proposed T. and N. O. Railway extension, and are hoping that the present difficulties will be cleared away. He did not think that the Canadian National Railways were behind the opposition to the project, but considered that it was a matter of the Quebec government, who apparently thought the new line would mean more business to Ontario than Quebec.

Daniel Hishon, resident of Toronto for ninety-four years, is dead. Liberal party in British Columbia gains a seat in by-election.

### TO ROUND UP ALL SUSPECTS

**European Police Departments to Get Rid of Bad Aliens.**

### A CONSPIRATORS' PLOT

**To Blow Up the Police Headquarters in Sofia—Explosives Are Seized.**

London, April 27.—Lieut.-Col. Cecil L'Estrange Malone, former M.P., who has just returned from the Balkans, quotes Chief of Police Schoeber of Vienna as declaring that all police departments of Europe have agreed upon a general roundup of communists and the expulsion of suspected aliens within the next few days.

**Explosives Seized.**  
Sofia, April 27.—Officers at Varna claim to have seized two hundred kilograms of explosives collected by conspirators plotting to blow up police headquarters and other public buildings, including the town hall.

It is stated that documents were seized proving that the Bulgarian communists responsible for the recent outrages were receiving money from Russia.

### PRESS GALLERY DINNER

Many Notables at Ottawa Function Saturday.

Ottawa, April 27.—The annual dinner of the Parliamentary press gallery was held here Saturday night, about 200 being in attendance.

His Excellency the Governor-General, the prime minister, the two Opposition leaders and many members of the Cabinet and Parliament and distinguished men in other walks of life were among the guests.

**To Be Executed.**  
New York, April 27.—Anthony J. Pantano, convicted of murder in connection with the slaying of two bank messengers during the robbery in 1923, today was sentenced to be electrocuted during the week of June 8th.

**Now Turn to Right.**  
Milan, Italy, April 27.—Driving to the right now is compulsory in all Italy. Formerly the rule was turn to the left in the cities and turn to the right in the country.

### Officers Considering Entire Change In Organization of Kingston P.W.O.R.

**May Follow System of Toronto Regiments by Pooling Men's Pay So That a Trip Can Be Taken.**

Col. E. B. Sparks and the officers of the P.W.O.R. are considering making an entire change in the organization of the Kingston regiment at this season. The department of militia is restricted in its allowance, and has had to cut every unit to a minimum. The strength of the P.W.O.R. has, as a result, been reduced to 145 N.C.O.'s and men, and many men who have trained with it for years are having difficulty getting in. Some have come to the officers saying: "We don't want pay. Just let us have a uniform and a rifle."

Meanwhile Toronto regiments, such as the Q.O.R., are turning out five or six hundred strong, although their allowance is supposed to be only the same as that of the local unit. The difference is that in those regiments the men are not drawing their pay, but are putting it into a regimental pool which, when sufficient has accumulated, is used to send the regiment on a trip, usually to some American city. This is the plan which the P.W.O.R. is likely to adopt. For many years it has been the custom for the officers of the unit to put their pay into the regimental fund.

The system has several advantages, especially under the present financial restrictions. It will be possible in this way to train a much larger number of men. And the men who come for the interest in the thing, who make a hobby of training, are likely to be better soldiers than those who turn out because of the cash they will get out of it. Also the prospect of an occasional trip to some other city encourages interest in the unit.

### Matthew McLaughlin Was a Member Of the Whig Staff Sixty Years Ago

**Paid a Visit to the Whig Office on Monday—The Only Survivor of the Days of Long Ago.**

Matthew McLaughlin of Hamilton, who was a member of the Whig staff in 1865 and 1866, was a visitor to the city on Monday and called at the Whig office to see if there were any members of the old staff still on the job. Mr. McLaughlin stated that he thinks he is the only survivor of that time.

He said that he could well remember the late Dr. Barker, the founder of the Whig. During the two years that Mr. McLaughlin worked on the paper the office was located on Bagot street near where Macnee & Minnes, wholesale, now stands. In those days the presses which turned out the papers were run by hand. When the carrier boys were in a hurry for their papers they

### NOTHING RASH IS EXPECTED IN WAY OF POLITICAL ACTION

**By New German President, According to Lloyd George—The Election of Hindenburg May Only Make Germany's Former Enemies Less Trustful—Powers of President Limited.**

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West Newton, Pa., April 27.—Five construction workmen were killed in an explosion at the Humphrey mine of the Westmoreland Coal Company near here last night. One man on the tippie, when it was wrecked by the force of the blast, was blown to bits and the bodies of four others were found early today along a slope about six hundred feet inside the mine.

### Leaders of World Women's Work Assemble in Ottawa

Ottawa, April 27.—Leaders of women's work in the world assembled in Ottawa to-day. They are delegates from many lands who are on their way to Washington to attend the quinquennial meeting of the International Council of Women. This body of women, organized in 1888, has since operated as the League of Women of the Nations of the World. The government of Canada will hold a dinner party at the parliament cafe this evening for the visiting women.

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Von Hindenburg triumphed in his race for the presidency with a majority close to 845,000 votes. The unofficial figures are: Von Hindenburg, 14,939,000; Marx 13,740,000; Thaelmann, 1,789,000.

Von Hindenburg comes to the chair office occupied by Frederick Ebert, who was chosen president by the National Assembly at Weimar in February, 1919 and who died in Berlin in February, 1925.

Dr. Marx's campaign managers admitted shortly after midnight that he was unable to overcome von Hindenburg's lead in 28 electoral

### Stole Touring Car In Marysville Yard

**Car Passed Through Belleville Sunday Night—Another Car Found Abandoned.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
Deseronto, April 27.—When Mr. Joseph McGoran, of the second concession, Tyendinaga, was visiting his brother-in-law, Mr. Joseph Ryan, of Marysville, his Durant car, left in Mr. Ryan's yard, was stolen about 9 o'clock last night. Mr. McGoran at once reported the theft by telephone, to the police at Belleville, giving the number and description of the stolen car. The Belleville police stated that a car was seen passing through Belleville about the time the report was received from Mr. McGoran. On passing up the highway, another car was found at the side of the road, with no tire on the rear right wheel, and with the inner tube torn clear off. The top and little fittings were missing, as well as the fittings and bumper in the rear part of the car was an oil can with flexible tube such as used in auto garages, and which would indicate that this car also had been stolen from a garage. The license number of the abandoned car was given as 48-S-911 and the serial number of the engine 9 B 6858.

It is rumored in Marysville this morning that the owner of the abandoned car had been found in Toronto, presumably from the number of the license, but so far no report has been received of the apprehension of the thief or thieves.

Fire in Tillsonburg shoe factory caused a loss of \$15,000.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CANADIAN PRESS

**Great Value of Direct Cable Service Received From London Emphasized.**

Toronto, April 27.—As a preliminary to the annual meeting of members of The Canadian Press to be held here tomorrow, a meeting of its board of directors is taking place today, under the chairmanship of the president, Mr. Norman Smith. Directors are here representing the various territorial divisions from coast to coast.

The management this morning presented a number of reports dealing with news, cable service and traffic. The chief news feature of the half year covered by these reports is the installation of automatic printer equipment covering Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto, and also between Ottawa and Winnipeg, the latter, through its considerably increased output over the old Morse telegraph wire, permitting for the first time in the history of Canadian Press the free interchange of news as between east and west.

Another feature recorded was the resumption of the maritime leased wire circuit, interrupted just a year ago owing to the loss of the Dominion government grant.

The management reported that relations with The Associated Press of New York continue mutually satisfactory and helpful. The management also emphasized the great value of the direct cable service Canadian Press receives from London through co-operation with Reuters, by which the news of the Empire is fully covered, and such feature news as the recent British elections successfully handled.

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