

SERIOUS RIOT AT KITCHENER, ONTARIO.

**Soldiers Resent Attempt to
Change Name Back to Ber-
lin, and Martial Law
Declared.**

KITCHENER, Ont., January 1—Following a sweeping victory at the polls of the Citizens League, formed when the name of the city was changed from Berlin to Kitchener, with a view to changing it back, a riot started by the men of the 118th Battalion, who are on furlough, and the city is under martial law tonight, proclaimed at ten o'clock. A hundred men of the 122nd Muskoka Battalion stationed at Galt are patrolling the streets.

When it became known that the Citizens League had not only elected Alderman David Gross as mayor, but had carried their entire slate, the soldiers of the 118th formed a parade through the streets, shouting: "Are we downhearted? No!"

As they were passing the office of the News-Record some one attempted to tear away a Union Jack which one of the soldiers was carrying and the riot started. The plate glass windows of the office were broken and the soldiers made a raid inside, doing considerable damage.

Provost Marshal Osborne, of the London district, appeared on the scene and ordered the soldiers to disperse, but without effect and he at once sent a call to Galt for a guard.

The soldiers again raided the office, doing more damage and two members of the newly elected council were injured. H. N. Bowman was struck on the head and is in a serious condition from concussion of the brain, and N. Asmussen was hit on the forehead but not so seriously injured. The Provost Marshal again ordered the men to disperse, and Mayor Hart declared martial law. The arrival of the hundred men from Galt put an end to the disorder.