

RIOT IN KITCHENER FOLLOWS ELECTION

Several Persons Were Injured
and City Placed Under
Martial Law

SOLDIERS ARE ON GUARD

Voting Results in Landslide for
Citizens' League Candi-
dates

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Kitchener, Jan. 2. — Kitchener was under military law last night, following a riot which broke out soon after the returns showed that a landslide vote had been polled by the Citizens' League. A detachment of 100 men from the 112nd Muskoka Battalion, stationed at Galt, arrived shortly after 10 o'clock, and paraded the main streets to preserve order.

When the results were being reported and it became known that the Citizens' Leaguers were successful, the soldiers of the 112th Battalion formed a parade on King street and marched to the tune of patriotic airs until they reached The News-Record office, where some unknown person, it is alleged, attempted to wrest the Union Jack away from Sergeant-Major Blood. This aroused the anger of the men in khaki and in a very short time the front plate-glass window of The News-Record was smashed and the office was entered by scores of soldiers.

During the melee Ald-elect H. M. Bowman and N. Asmussen attempted to stop the soldiers and were roughly handled, the former being struck on the head by a chair and the latter was knocked to the floor. Provost-Marshal Osborne, of the London district, was in the city, and immediately appeared on the scene and called upon the men to disperse. They did so, and shortly after a message was sent to Galt for a guard of 100 men of the 112nd Muskoka Battalion, which arrived and guarded King street. Before their arrival, however, the soldiers made another raid on The News-Record office, and did considerable damage. Martial law was proclaimed by Marshal Osborne and peace was restored.

The British Leaguers held a mass meeting to the meantime, at which the unsuccessful candidates delivered addresses but the Citizens' Leaguers did not celebrate.

The municipal fight was waged between the two leagues primarily on the name-changing issue, but during last week the Citizens' Leaguers declared that the name question was not an issue until after the war. Instead the organ of the Citizens' League, The News-Record, appealed to the old-timers to show by their

votes who would control this city in future, with the result that the entire German vote in all parts of the city showed its strength and gave their candidate for Mayor, Ald. Cross, who declared at the nomination meeting that "legally the name of the city was Kitchener, but in his heart it was Berlin," a majority of 764 and piled up large votes for the 15 candidates of the City Council, five of whom were members of the Council of last year. Ald. H. Huehnergard headed the list with 1,843 votes.

The municipal election resulted in Ald. David Cross, Jr., the Citizens League nominee for the Mayoralty, defeating Ald. W. E. Gallagher, of the British League, by a majority of 764. In addition, the Citizens' League was successful in electing its entire slate of 15 men for the City Council, two members to the Water Commission, two members to the Light Commission, and three out of six to the Public School Board.