

**NEW BALLOT SYSTEM NOW LAW OF STATE.**

**Details of Election Law—Reserve Military Bill and Abatement for Nuisance Bill Signed.**

The State, 20th.  
Only 86 measures passed at the recent session of the general assembly have not yet received the signature of Governor Manning. The unsigned acts are largely of a local character, few being of Statewide importance.

Governor Manning yesterday signed the Australian ballot act, the State reserve military measure, the Boyd abatement and injunction act and a number of others of more or less importance.

**The Election Law.**

Section 1. That in every primary election of this State there shall be provided at each polling precinct one booth for each 100 enrolled voters or majority fraction thereof. The booths shall be made of wood, sheet metal or any other suitable substance, shall not be less than 32 inches wide and 32 inches deep, and six feet six inches high, shall be provided with a curtain hanging from the top in front to within three feet of the floor, and shall have a suitable shelf on which the voter can prepare his ticket: Provided, That the provisions of this act shall not apply to rural voting precincts outside of incorporated towns and cities.

Sec. 2. The polling places shall be provided with a table for the managers. The polls shall be provided with the guard rail, so that no one except as hereinafter provided shall approach nearer than five feet to the booths in which the voters are preparing their ballots.

Sec. 3. The tickets shall be printed on clear white paper in the usual manner, but shall have a coupon at the top provided with a table for the managers. On the coupon shall be printed "Official Ballot," "Club—Ward—No.—" The numbers shall run serially for each precinct. There shall be 50 per cent. more ballots than there are voters enrolled at each polling place.

Sec. 4. The managers shall be responsible for all ballots furnished. When a voter presents himself he shall be given a ballot. The manager in charge of the poll list shall enter the number of the ballot next the name of the voter. The voter shall forthwith retire along to one of the booths, and without undue delay prepare his ballot by scratching out the names of the candidates for whom he does not care to vote. No voter shall remain in the booth longer than five minutes. After preparing his ballot, the voter shall present himself to the manager. His ballot must be folded in such a way that the number can be seen and the coupon can be readily detached by the manager without in any way revealing the printed portion of the ballot. If the voter is not challenged, and takes the prescribed oath, the manager shall tear off the coupon, put it on file, stamp the ballot, and the voter shall deposit his ticket in the box, and shall immediately leave the polling place. If a voter shall mark or deface his ballot he may obtain one additional ballot upon returning to the manager in charge of the ballots the ballot so marred or defaced with the coupon attached. The manager in charge of the poll list shall change the number of the ballot on his poll list, and place the defaced ballot on a file. No voter shall be given a second ballot until he has returned the first one with coupon attached.

Sec. 5. No person shall be allowed within the guard rail except as hereinafter provided. If a voter can not read or write, or is physically disabled, and by reason thereof did not sign the enrollment book he may appeal to the managers for assistance, and the chairman of the managers may appoint two of the watchers representing different factions to assist him in preparing the ballot: Provided, After the voters' ballot has been prepared, the watchers so appointed shall immediately go behind the guard rail: Provided, further, That if there be no such watchers available the chairman may appoint two bystanders who are qualified electors to assist the voter in the preparation of his ballot.

Sec. 6. From the time of the opening of the poll until the announcement of the result and the signing of the official returns, no person shall be admitted to the polling place except the managers, duly authorized, watchers and challengers, the chairman of the executive committee or members of the executive committee appointed in his stead to supervise this polling place, persons duly admitted for the purpose of voting, police officers admitted by the managers to preserve order or enforce the law: Provided, however, That candidates for public office voted for at such polling place may be present at the canvass of the votes: Provided, Canvass

**NEW METHODS TO BE USED BY RUSS IN SUPREME AND FINAL DRIVE UPON WESTERN FRONT**

**Plans of German Leaders Complete, Troops Carefully Trained, and Great Offensive May be Expected Any Time Now.**

British Army Headquarters in France, Feb. 19.—The Great German offensive on the western front may be expected to begin at any moment now and as far as the British front is concerned the main thrust will be made on the sector between Arras and St. Quentin.

Tanks and "a new mysterious gas" will be employed by the enemy in the attempt to break through the allied line. Other attacks will be delivered further south. These facts have become known through captured German prisoners and from information gleaned in other ways.

The plans of the German high command are complete and after many weeks of intensive training of assaulting troops they are ready to make the supreme and final effort which has been advertised so widely in the past weeks.

**Old Methods too Well Known.**

Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General von Ludendorff appear to have realized that the old methods of attack in which a long bombardment is employed are too well known to produce the results desired. Accordingly, the German troops are being told that surprise attacks, such as were used in Galicia last summer, at Riga and again on the Isonzo, are to be tried against the allies on the western front.

Much stress has been laid on the fact that tanks and new gas are to be used, leaving the infantry little to do but to walk through the gaps and consolidate the positions captured. German troops have been trained to make long approach marches and then to storm enemy positions after a short gas shell bombardment. Those obstacles which the German artillery has not obliterated will be rushed by the troops or ignored. The German infantry will rely on weight of numbers, masses of machine guns and mobile batteries to finish the work begun by the tanks and gas.

Word has been passed out by the German high command that few of the allied troops will survive the effects of the tanks, the gas and the bombardment, and that fresh German infantry will overcome speedily any resistance offered in captured positions.

**German Troops Skeptical.**

Despite these assurances and the intensive training to which they have been put, the German troops are frankly skeptical and are undertaking their task with no enthusiasm, according to prisoners. They feel they are going to be thrown into battle to be used as cannon fodder and do not relish the prospect.

It is said General von Ludendorff recently addressed a body of infantry at Laon and asked how many men were willing to fight to a finish. Only five non-commissioned officers and privates stepped forward. The others of the votes shall be open to the public.

Sec. 7. If the watchers or officers of the law who are admitted to the polling place by the managers shall interfere with the managers or obstruct the voting, it shall be the duty of the managers to suspend the election until order is restored, or as may be provided by the rules of the party. No person shall be allowed to approach polling places within 125 feet while polls are opened, other than the persons herein provided for.

Sec. 8. Upon the close of the election managers shall account to the executive committee for all ballots delivered to them, and make the following returns: (a) The number of official ballots furnished to each polling precinct; (b) the number of official ballots spoiled and returned by voters; (c) the number of official ballots returned to the executive committee; (d) the number of official ballots actually voted.

Sec. 9. That all acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed except an act to regulate the holding of all primary elections and the organization of clubs in cities containing 40,000 inhabitants or more, approved 16 day of February, 1915, which said act shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 10. The State executive committee provided for under the laws regulating primary elections in this State be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to make such regulations as may be necessary to provide for the enrollment and voting of citizens of this State holding positions under the government of the United States or any branch thereof, and residing temporarily out of the State, but within the United States.

Sec. 11. That this act shall go into effect upon its approval by the governor.

declared their desire for an early peace by "arrangement."

German officers, on the other hand appear to have the conviction they will be able to break through by means of their secret attacks.

**Riga's Capture a Lesson.**

General von Hutier, who is reputed to have laid the plans for the capture of Riga, has come to the western front to assist in the preparation. The lessons of the capture of Riga have been preached religiously to the German troops. It has been pointed out that there a preliminary bombardment of four or five hours to cut the enemy wire and demolish defenses, was sufficient to give the Germans a firm footing in the Russian positions. The enemy troops have not been told, however, that the morale of the Russians at Riga was very low and that the German attack was a complete surprise.

The Germans will find the allied morale at the highest pitch on the western front, and their attack will be far from the surprise desired. The allies are ready for a big blow and await with assurance the next move of the German high command.

The German attack cannot be delayed much longer. All information points to the fact that both German civilians and soldiers are keyed up to such a pitch of nervous expectancy that the strain cannot endure for long. They are waiting for the attack with a selfish hope that the high command can this time make good its promises. The German troops are expected to fight well.

**Bloodiest Fight of War.**

The coming battle will perhaps be the most sanguinary of the war and they will be the most intense yet seen. But they will mark the beginning of the end, for if the Germans do not break clear through the allied line—and they cannot—they virtually will be finished. The emperor is putting every ounce of strength into this great gamble, and if it fails in the early stages, it means the end of Prussian militarism.

The allied forces have a superiority in numbers, both in men and guns, and no doubt is felt on this front as to the outcome.

**We Heartily Approve.**

(Columbia Record.)

It's fifty-fifty. We have long thought that the biggest hog and the meanest human being in the world was the man who turned on his automobile headlights full blaze into the faces of pedestrians, when it is against the law to do so. But even that selfish, coarse individual must yield a part of his glory to the man who runs his auto up and down a crowded street shrieking a siren whistle every 50 feet. There should be a special dungeon for all such.

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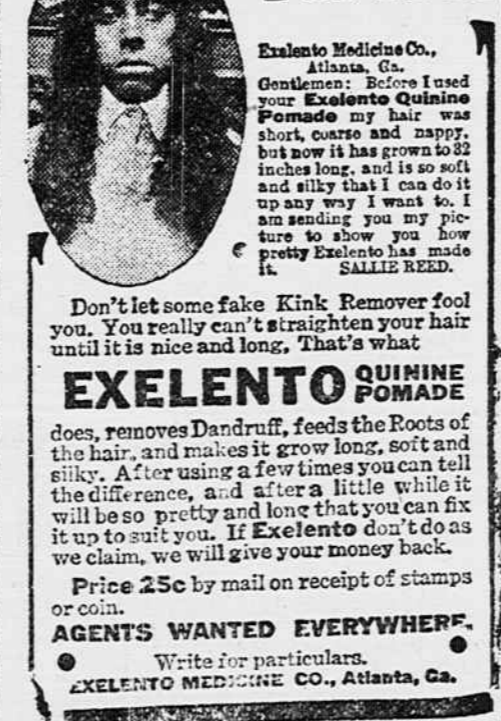
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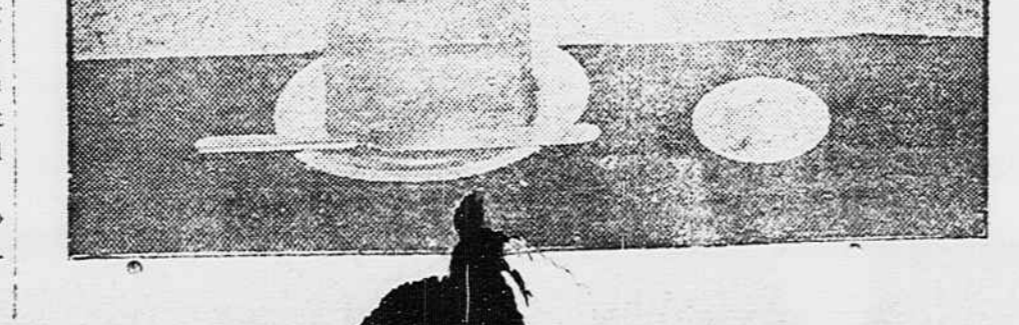
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Clerk and Treasurer.