

W. B. FAIN CHOSEN CHAIRMAN POLICE BOARD 'TIL MARCH

After Eleven Months' Dead-lock, Commission Finally Elects, Winner Getting Seven Votes.

VICE SQUAD IS NO MORE, SAYS MAYOR WOODWARD

The Plainclothesmen, With Fourteen Detectives, to Don Uniforms and Compose New Watch.

When Commissioner Baskin walked into the police board meeting last night and took his seat, it was the first time a full meeting of the board has been in session since last April. Commissioner Andy King, the police board chairman, ended in an agreement that no chairman would be elected unless a full board was present.

Commissioner Andy King, the ad-

vocate of the opportunity to elect, and immediately moved that the election of a chairman be taken up.

The Woodward faction, realizing that defeat was staring it in the face, at-

tended to make a move. Commissioner King's resolution, but only mustered four votes against it.

Commissioner W. B. Fain on the first and only ballot was elected chairman.

The election of Fain, T. R. Pace & Commissioner Vernon E. Coombe.

Commissioner Fain was declared elected, having marshaled a majority of the twelve votes.

Commissioner King, the leader of the police board to elect a chairman.

For eleven months the board has been without a chairman, Mayor Wood-

ward, by virtue of his office, acting chairman.

Last Night's Ballot.

Last night's ballot was for Fain, King, Dickson, Letton, Smith, Vernon E. Coombe, and Pace, for Vernon, Ga-mer and Pace.

It was Commissioner Vernon's vote that gave Commissioner Fain the re-

quisite number to elect a chairman. Fain's right to vote was not question-

ed, although Tuesday afternoon at council meeting Councilman J. M. Ben-

ford took the position that Fain had

no right to vote as a member of the police board as he had moved from the first

to the second.

Chairman Fain will hold office through the March meeting, when the board is again reorganized, and several new faces will be seen on its roster.

The new watch will be in effect No. 470.

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FRENCH DESTROY GERMAN MINE GALLERY.

Paris, February 9.—The following official communication was issued to-night:

"There is nothing of material importance."

"During the afternoon of Monday, February 8, we blew up in front of Vix, near of Parson, a mine gallery, in which the enemy's soldiers were at work."

The report issued in the afternoon follows:

"In Belgium yesterday there were intense battles. The towns of Ypres and Furnes were bombarded. The Germans were driven from a farm, the defenders of which fled."

"On the road between Bethune and Lille, the Germans were driven from a mill where the enemy had succeeded in taking refuge."

"Solomons was bombarded with projectiles, the purpose of which was to test the strength of the Alame front and in Champagne our artillery effected a number of successes over the Germans."

"The Germans fought the fight which had developed around Bagatelle continued to burn, and consequently became quite confused. After a day's fighting, the Germans were maintaining its lines. The men engaged in the battle were not to exceed three or four battalions on each side. The French army, which was engaged in the battle, was only one French battalion, and in the village there were artillery engaged."

NO CHANGE, BERLIN SAYS.

Berlin, February 9.—(By Wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The German war

office telegraphed a report on the progress of the fighting dated February 9, which reads as follows: "The nothing of importance has transpired. The Germans have had several minor local successes; otherwise the situation is unchanged."

TURKS BOMBARD RUSSIAN PORTS.

Petrograd, February 9.—The Turkish cruiser Midilli, formerly the German battleship *Blücher*, was in the Black Sea, and was reported to have been captured by the Turks. A port on the Black sea in the Crimea.

"In the attack Russian sailors went to the Turkish side. The text of the announcement con-

"cerned between Sebastopol and Tiflis reported the cruiser Midilli ap-

"peared several shots. Power was

"wounded. The vessel then withdrew."

"In response to this action Russia

"demanded that the Turkish fleet be sent to Tiflis, which Turkish port they bombarded the same day."

GERMAN AIRSHIPS DROPPED BY FRENCH.

The French have

"brought down a German monoplane

"between the Oise and the Alame la-

"line, and the German pilot was

"killed. The announcement was given out

"officially in Paris this afternoon."

GAINS CLAIMED BY AUSTRIANS.

Vienna, February 9.—(Via London)—The following official statement regarding the war was issued to-day:

"There has been no change in Poland and West Galicia, where artillery engagements have been in progress for a number of days. Yesterday after a battle of several days, took a

"village north of Volovets, which the

"Russians had stubbornly defended.

"Numerous prisoners and much ammu-

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"On the other hand, the French in

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