

The Czechoslovakian presidential election in 1927 and its reception in the press

Abstract:

The topic of the bachelor's thesis is the third presidential election of the Czechoslovak Republic in May 1927, focusing on its reflection in the press. President Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk, who has already been elected twice, decided for a third candidacy and his only opponent eventually became a member of Communist Party Václav Šturc. Masaryk originally wanted to push for the election of Foreign Minister Edvard Beneš, who, however, did not have sufficient support from the political scene. The president has already announced that he does not intend to go to a possible second round and has left the negotiations on the election entirely in the hands of Prime Minister Antonín Švehla. Before the presidential election, a debate broke out in the press between newspapers supporting Masaryk and those who opposed it. This thesis aims to capture and describe this press dispute.