

## 28th October

28th October is one of the most important feast days in our country. In 1918 our state - at that time called Czechoslovakia - split off the Hapsburg monarchy. On this day a big working-class demonstration took place in Václav Square in Prague. The Republic of Czechoslovakia existed until 1993, when two independent states - the Czech Republic and Slovakia came into being. The first president of both countries of federation elected in 1918 was Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk.



Historical photo of the 1918 demonstration