

SUGGESTS HANGING FOR THE KAISER

Empire Club is Given Analysis of His Character by Great Criminal Lawyer.

That hanging only is a just punishment for the German Kaiser was the declaration of E. F. Johnston, former president of the Ontario Bar Association, in an address on "A Study of the Kaiser," following a luncheon by the Empire Club of Canada, in the St. Charles Hotel, yesterday noon.

"It doesn't matter whether he is insane or not," said Mr. Johnston, "he is a madman, a monster, a demon who is dangerous to the civilized world. There is no punishment fit for him save death. The only proper place for the Kaiser is the gallows."

The speaker stated that in some respects in the early stages of the war, the German Emperor was dragged into the war, and that the crown prince, "who possesses all the vices of the Hohenzollern dynasty, and none its virtues," was much to be pitied. This, however, added Mr. Johnston, did not justify the Kaiser's actions throughout the hostilities.

He attributed to the Kaiser's character two parallel lines, one the emotional, which made the emperor a lover of art, music and children, and the other the barbaric, which made him an egotistical, ambitious, blood-thirsty, insane man. He said the Kaiser was explosive, lost control of himself easily and had the dangerous idea that he and the Almighty were in partnership for the glorification of himself and God.

He showed the reasons why the Kaiser had almost unlimited power and was opposed to democracy. Mr. Johnston analyzed democracy as the spirit of a people rather than an institution or government. He said the emperor, as King of Prussia, controlled votes, may declare war, may not consult his advisers, and employed and dismissed the German imperial chancellor, "who possesses more power than any other man in the world," and has practically unlimited authority in all matters pertaining to the empire.

At one time, said Mr. Johnston, the German executive did a great deal in the interests of peace, but did so only as a man who had certain admirable qualities under certain conditions. The confederation of the German northern states was accomplished by the sword, and the confederation of Canada was achieved through the wisdom of its statesmen on the same date, July 1, 1867.

A.O.U.W. GRAND LODGE ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

Winds Up Annual Convention Which Will Hereafter Be Held Biennially.

The annual convention of the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., of Ontario was concluded in Victoria Hall yesterday afternoon, when the following officers were elected for the years 1917-1918: W. C. Mikel, past G.M.W., Belleville; J. Lockie Wilson, grand master, Toronto; E. F. Drake, grand foreman, Ottawa; James Robertson, grand over-seer, Toronto; F. G. Inwood, grand recorder, Toronto; A. G. F. Lawrence, grand solicitor, Toronto; Henry Fisher, grand guide, Concord; H. B. Wells, G. I. Watchman, Dresden; W. J. Fairbairn, G.O. Watchman, Ottawa; J. M. Cotton, M.D., grand medical examiner, Toronto. Executive board: J. B. Nixon, Toronto; C. E. Cameron, Iroquois; Robert G. Graham, Gananoque; T. A. Hastings, Toronto; and Judge D. F. MacWatt, Sarnia.

It was decided to abolish the office of grand treasurer, which will in future be merged with that of grand recorder. The greater part of the morning session was taken up in drafting the new constitution, when a number of important changes were made. A resolution was adopted approving of the A. O. U. W. Act for 1915, re-constructing the certificates, and asking the legislature not to interfere with it. It was also decided that in future the grand lodge convention be held biennially, instead of every year as in the past, and the next one will be held in Toronto in March of 1919.

DR. ZIELINSKI DIES.

The death occurred suddenly of Dr. Jacob Zielinski, a prominent Toronto physician, on Wednesday at the home of his niece, Mrs. C. Whitney, 120 Brunswick avenue. He was born in Germany eighty years ago, and after securing his degree came to this country in 1885. He practiced in Maple and Kleinburg, Ontario, and about twenty-nine years ago he came to Toronto. He was a member of the Zeta Masonic Lodge and attended the Lutheran Church.

MAY PRUNE ESTIMATES.

At the request of the city treasurer the finance committee of the board of education will meet on Monday next with the chairmen of the various committees to see if it will be possible in any way to reduce the estimates of the board. Trustee C. A. B. Brown stated that the board has curtailed its estimates in every possible manner, and refused to say if any further cuts will be the order of the day. "It will require the efforts of everyone," he said, "if any saving is to be effected."

CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Judge Costworth and a jury will resume hearing the case of Harry Wolfe, a former wagon salesman of Gunns Co., Limited, who is charged with theft of \$200.00 in goods from his employers. Documentary evidence promises to consume much of the time of the trial. Wolfe has pleaded not guilty.

Y.M.C.A. MAN BECOMES AVIATOR.

Stanley A. Grant of the head office staff of the Merchants' Bank, Toronto, has left for England to receive a commission in the royal naval air service. He was formerly a member of the Central Y.M.C.A. Leaders Corps.

SANFORD PHILLIPS WANTED.

Sanford Phillips, formerly a trainman of Rochester, N. Y., is being sought by Staff Inspector Gregory, of the morality department, in response to a request from relatives of the man over the border. Phillips is wanted for business reasons, and any information that will lead to his whereabouts will be appreciated.

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