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## Germany's Lost Colonies

The close attention directed to the different centres of operation of the European War has prevented much of what would otherwise have been written and talked about concerning Germany's lost Colonies. When Germany began the war, in August, 1914, she owned a vast colonial empire, the foundations of which were laid by Bismarck about thirty years before. This empire embraced over a million square miles in Africa, the island of New Guinea in the Pacific, with the neighbouring Archipelago and a great number of islands of various sizes in the Solomon, Caroline, Marshall and Samoan groups, aggregating about one hundred thousand square miles. In addition to these were about one hundred thousand square miles in the Cameroons Country in West Africa which were ceded to her by France in 1911, the ceding of which reflected very unfavorably upon a number of French politicians.

But, within a week after the beginning of the war, these Colonies began to fall into British and French hands, until at present there appears to be nothing left to Germany excepting an inland portion of German East Africa, the part nearest the coast being blockaded by British ships, and the inland borders guarded by French and British troops.

The Australian warships were the first to begin the work of denudation. On Aug. 10, 1914, they entered the harbor of Simpsonshafen in German New Guinea. Not a shot was fired, not a German soldier was seen, and the German Governor obeyed the command to haul down the German flag. But, the few German soldiers, having sighted the ships on their approach, hid themselves in some vessels lying in the harbor, and when the warships left, they went ashore and hoisted again the German Eagle, dug trenches and declared a state of war. It was not long, however, before the warships returned and the "state of war" was soon ended. The strategical value of this island is evident from the fact that a great German wireless station was situated upon it. About two weeks subsequently a British fleet seized Apia in the Samoan Islands, which was a German naval base and contained another link in the world-wide wireless system, which Germany had constructed as a means to her control of the Pacific and her progress to world-wide dominion.

Thus one after another, the German colonies have been lost to the Kaiser, and there is little probability that any of these of which we have spoken will ever again hoist the red, white and black flag of Germany.

We have said nothing of the loss of the strongly fortified citadel of Tsingtau, which Germany had leased from China, with a view to assist her in getting a firmer hold upon the Eastern hemisphere, and which was wrested from her by Japan at the end of August, 1914. Neither have we said anything of the assistance which Japan has given the Allies in the Pacific.

Whatever may be the result of the European struggle, to the different nations engaged in it, it seems certain that Bismarck's schemes for German control of the Pacific have already come to naught.

## The Battle of the Marne

Mr. Will Irwin, in his vivid story of the battle of Ypres, says that the Western army of Von Kluck, which swept through Belgium to the city limits of Paris was not intended to enter that Capital. That honor was intended for the Crown Prince. He, with another branch of the German army was advancing through Rheims, and it was intended that Von Kluck, after he had overcome the resistance offered by the French and British, should turn and join the Crown Prince's army somewhere between Rheims and Paris. Then the combined forces were intended to sweep along the excellent roads from Rheims to Paris and enter the French Capital with the Crown Prince in command. But, this plan failed. Von Kluck made a mistake somewhere along the line of his march. Two explanations are given. The first is that he followed too closely the machine-made plan of the General Staff, instead of acting under his own initiative. The second, to which the British Generals incline, is that the seriously underrated strength of the enemy. That day, September 7th,

was a great day for France. It encouraged the French army and emboldened them for future efforts. It gave the German army a setback from which it has not recovered and will not recover.

## The Great White Plague

The Fifteenth Annual Report of the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis covers two hundred and fifty pages, and deals quite fully with efforts which have been made and further efforts which should be made to eradicate this scourge of humanity. Owing to the war, there has not been the Annual Convention, which it was proposed to hold in Vancouver. On this account the Report deals more fully with the work of the Society in the different Provinces. There are at present thirty tuberculosis sanatoria in the Dominion. They have been erected and sustained partly by private donations, and partly by Government grants, and contain accommodation for 1805 patients, or about one bed to every 4432 of the population. A comparison with some other countries shows a lack in Canada in this respect. The United States has one bed for every 2,857, and Scotland one bed for every 1,750 of population.

The Province which contains the largest accommodation in proportion to its population is Ontario, which provides 1190 beds. And the benefit accruing from the increased attention to this insidious disease is seen from the fact that while in 1900 the death rate in Ontario was 1.4 per thousand of its population, in 1913 the ratio was reduced to .8 per thousand. This reduction is not attributed wholly to the care of the Sanatorium. It is in part due to the greater care given in the home to approved methods of sanitation. In the other Provinces the death rate remains about the same.

The Nova Scotia Government has offered assistance to any of the Counties which will provide a tuberculosis hospital. No County has as yet accepted this offer. The only institutions of this kind in Nova Scotia are the Provincial Sanatorium in Kennebec, and the Hazlewood Hospital, Halifax, which provides only fifty-five beds. The results attained by this limited accommodation prove that Sanatorium treatment "offers more satisfactory and lasting benefit than any other known method of treatment for tuberculosis of the lungs." The Report of the Medical Superintendent closes as follows:—"The importance of treatment in the incipient stage of the disease cannot be emphasized too much, when it is seen that at the end of four years, 95.8 per cent. of the patients in the first stage are alive and well and only 4.2 per cent. are dead."

## ADULT BIBLE SOCIAL

The first social event of the season in the interest of St James Church Adult Bible Class was held in the Sunday School room on Wednesday, November 3rd. Although weather conditions were somewhat unfavorable, quite a large number assembled and enjoyed an evening set apart for mutual participation in the art of being happy and making others happier.

No special program being prepared a few games, gramophone selections, with a patriotic song rendered by R. W. W. Parly with daughter Evelyn accompanied, were aids with pleasant conversation in making time pass only too quickly. The younger members of the congregation had been unanimously chosen to take charge of the edibles which were bountifully supplied and graciously and courteously served by youthful hands, whose various charms need no embellishing. Delicious candy was also an unlooked for treat. The young ladies in charge deserve credit for their first venture and doubtless will grow to perfection in helping to make our social evenings a pronounced success.

## Methodist Church Circuit Notes

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30. Epworth League, Friday evening. Subject, "Pioneer Missionaries."

Services next Sunday, Nov. 14: Bridgetown—Sunday School and Bible Study at 10 a. m. Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. In the evening a "Rally service" will be conducted by the young people of the Epworth League.

Other services: Granville 11 a. m. Bentville 3 p. m. Epworth League "Rally Service," Belleisle 7.30.

## Bridgetown United Baptist Church

Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7.30 p. m.

B. Y. P. U. on Friday at 7.30. Sunday services: Bible School at 10 a. m. Public Worship at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m.

CENTRELEA  
Prayer meeting on Tuesday at 7.30. Preaching service on Sunday at 3 p. m., followed by the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. Offering for Denominational Funds.

## OBITUARY

## MRS. AARON CHUTE

After several years of failing health, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth, widow of the late Aaron Chute, passed peacefully away on Sunday morning, Nov. 7th, at the home of her only daughter, Miss Annie. On September 26th last, the deceased passed her 89th birthday.

Mrs. Chute was a daughter of the late Enoch Dodge, Sr., and of that family of two sons and three daughters, she is the last to pass away.

Her family history shows a long lived ancestry. An aunt, a Mrs. Taylor, died at 107; an uncle, Benj. Foster of Berwick, died at 101, and all of that family passed the 90 mark. Her grandfather died at 101.

The deceased united with the Bridgetown Baptist Church at the age of fifteen years, was baptized by the Rev. John Chase, and was a consistent and honored member of that church.

Mrs. Chute was the mother of two children, a son and daughter. The son, William, predeceased her several years. The daughter, Miss Annie, has tenderly cared for her mother during her declining years and the Monitor joins with many friends in extending heart-felt sympathy.

Funeral service was held at the home on Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. G. C. Warren officiating, assisted by Rev. E. Underwood. Interment was in the Riverside Cemetery beside her husband.

## MR. JAMES TODD

Mr. James Todd, whose death we briefly noted in our last issue, as having occurred at midnight on Tuesday, November 2nd, was born in Dalhousie, and came to Bridgetown to reside some four years ago. Mr. Todd had been suffering with heart trouble for a year past, and had been gradually failing till the end.

He was an industrious man and of a kind and genial disposition. The surviving members of the family are: A widow; three daughters, Miss Kate, Margaret and Grace at home; three sons, Craig at Halifax in the Home Guard service, Guy with the 40th Battalion now in England, and Joseph of West Paradise. A widowed mother just passed 93, with four brothers and four sisters also survive. Burial took place at Dalhousie on Friday afternoon, the Rev. A. R. Reynolds of the Methodist Church, officiating.

The Monitor extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

## LETTER FROM PVT. WILLIAM MITCHELL TO MONITOR READERS

The following letter, which speaks for itself, has been received from Pvt. William Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell enlisted in the first contingent immediately the call came. At first he was in the 17th Nova Scotia Battalion, but was later transferred to the 15th Battalion in which he has seen constant active service except for a short time during detention in hospital suffering from wounds.

To the Readers of the Monitor,

I have just been reading a copy of the Monitor sent to me by a dear friend from home, for which I am very grateful. It is nice to hear from home when you are away in a strange land. I see by the paper there has been a meeting in Bridgetown at which a call was made for volunteers for the Front and some responded to the call. But I think if the people of Nova Scotia could travel for a few days through the devastated countries of France and Belgium where our enemy has been, and see the ruined homes that once were happy, full of mirth and laughter, now levelled to the ground, then pause for a moment and think—what if that was my home! Where is my sister! Where is my mother! (the dearest of all is your mother) there would be no need of meetings, every man that was able to carry arms would do so. If it had not been for England, our mother Country, coming in when she did, that might have been the state of our homes. I think for a small Province Nova Scotia has done well, but if we expect to win this great struggle we have to keep on doing well. I have seen some of the boys from Bridgetown who came over in the second Contingent. They were just after spending six days in the trenches in a bad corner. They had some losses but they all wore a smile that none could mistake—a smile of triumph that every Canadian should wear.

Yours truly,

WILL MITCHELL.

Truro News.—Considering the times and the condition of matters in these Provinces from an Empire being at war it is gratifying to know that the attendance at the Nova Scotia College of Agriculture is now 75 per cent. of the enrolment at this date last year. This is exceedingly good. Before the end of the term a further increase of from 10 to 25 students is expected.

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