

INSINCERITY AND UNRELIABILITY ARE CHIEF CHARACTERISTICS OF GERMAN, SAYS HON. DR. BELAND IN RECOUNTING HIS EXPERIENCES BEFORE THE MONTREAL REFORM CLUB MEMBERS

Tells Story of the Occupation of Belgium by the German Army and of His Own Experiences Tending the Wounded as a Civilian Doctor and as Prisoner of War - Could Frequently Have Made His Escape, As He Many Times Crossed the Border into Holland in Order to Write Letters and Receive News from Great Britain and Canada - Mistake in Passport Made Him a Native Belgian.

"All through what I have to say, you will see that the peculiar characteristic of the German is insincerity and unreliability," said the Hon. Dr. Beland at the luncheon tendered him by the Montreal Reform Club just before commencing the many requests made that he should give a more intimate account of his experiences during captivity in Germany than he had previously done.

Throughout his address Dr. Beland made it evident that Germans had made him many courteous promises, and that for months after the war started he could have left Belgium at any time if he had not relied on German promises that he would not be annoyed as long as he followed his profession as a physician.

Dr. Beland, on being warmly welcomed on behalf of the Club by Mr. Albert Theberge, K.C., and by Mr. Alphonse Decarie, chairman, referred briefly to the events leading to the capture of the City of Antwerp by the Germans on Oct. 9th, 1914. Such a coup was made necessary to the Germans because of the reverse they had suffered when driven back from the Marne to the Aisne.

British Naval Brigade

"There has been a great deal of criticism in the London newspapers regarding the sending of a British naval brigade to Antwerp. I wish to say that the naval brigade was instrumental to a very large degree in securing for the Belgian army the possibility of a retreat across the Scheldt River to St. Nicholas, Ostend and the other parts of Belgium where the Belgian army is still holding the Germans back." (Applause.)

The next day after the taking of Antwerp Dr. Beland was called to the Maison Communale or town hall of the place where he lived, and asked to form one with a group of four or five Belgians to receive any Germans who came out to take over the town. He explained that he was a British subject, and that his assistance would be of little use. They replied that the Germans would not know he was of British citizenship, and at length he agreed to stay. It had been estimated by Dr. Beland that 250,000 Belgian refugees had passed across the highway between Antwerp and Holland during the bombardment.

When a German officer came out to take over the town, Dr. Beland was one of the first to receive him. He had inspected with interest this first German officer he had seen. He was a man of thirty-eight, and had come in bowing and scraping. A German-born naturalized Belgian talked German to the citizens. The German officer told them that the conquerors were in a peculiar position, having taken the city but not having found anybody to hand it over officially to them. They had therefore taken Antwerp, but it had not been surrendered. At the Belgian headquarters there was nobody but the conquerors, and he could not yield the city. Where were the troops? The conqueror did not know. The Germans went to the City Hall, explained their perplexity to the mayor, and asked him to surrender the city, but that official could not help them.

"You are the mayor?" he was asked. "Yes." "We are the Germans." "Yes, I see that," said the mayor. (Laughter.) "Are you disposed to surrender the city?" he was asked. "No, I cannot do that, because the city is a fortified place, and therefore under military command. You

not serve during the present war against Germany, and secondly, that the taxation on his and Madame Beland's property should be increased tenfold. Finding this too onerous, they went to Major Fonville to discuss it further. The latter thought the conditions hard, but said that if Dr. Beland wished to remain and do as a medical man there would be no trouble for him in any shape or form. In April he would pay his ordinary tax, and then the matter would be taken up with Brussels to see what could be done to wipe out the onerous condition made.

About May 10th the mayor told Dr. Beland that two German officers had inquired as to whether Dr. Beland was a physician or not. The mayor, thinking it might be intended to commandeer his services for work behind the lines in the German army, said that he did not know. Two days later Dr. Beland was taken to Antwerp by a non-commissioned officer. The officer before whom he was taken laughingly informed him that he would have saved all the inconvenience if he had reported to the police as he should have done. He had escaped police supervision, and it was a serious offence. The German became very much excited when told that his charge was not in conformity with the facts, but cooled down when a telephone message to Major Fonville proved Dr. Beland right. The officer vented his wrath on a German soldier in the room, gave a card to Dr. Beland, and told him to return every two weeks.

Officer "Mortified"

Dr. Beland wrote to Major Fonville complaining of his treatment, and received a letter which he still possesses, saying that the police officer had been communicated with, that everything was in order, and that the inconvenience would not recur. On June 3rd, however, two soldiers took him to Antwerp, and left him standing so long in a room with many people of doubtful character that he wrote a note of protest to Major Fonville.

Major Fonville then saw him, saying, "I am mortified, Doctor, but I have to inform you." On being reproached with his former promises, Major Fonville said that he had orders from Berlin and had to obey them. Dr. Beland was placed in a large hotel at his own expense, and with a guard, and after some hesitation his wife was allowed to come and stay with him. She was very nervous and at one time represented the presence of the sentry in the room.

"Why do you walk up and down here?" she asked. "He won't run away."

"I cannot help it," answered the soldier. "I am a soldier, a slave. If I were commanded to sleep on my head I would have to do it."

The next Sunday night Major Fonville arrived again, again was "mortified", but orders were that Dr. Beland should be transferred to Berlin, and that it was desirable that Mme. Beland should not accompany him. Protests were useless, and in a short time he was parted from his wife, never to see her again. All the way to Berlin he got nothing to eat, and they would not admit him to the dining car because his guard was not an officer. In prison in Berlin it was the same way, and he was surprised at being kept there, thinking he was bound for Ruhleben. He could not get anything to eat until the next morning at eight o'clock, when the regular ration of bread was issued. Fellow prisoners, however, made him some coffee. The other three years in this prison were much like the first day. Five months after his arrival he was told he could go to Ruhleben internment camp, but having learned something of the place in the meantime, he decided to stay where he was.

At length he was notified by the commander that he would be released, and in turn he told the commander that he had been so notified two years before but nothing had come of it. Meanwhile his wife had died in Belgium. At first he was to be allowed to visit his children in Belgium, but after he had written the children to that effect, the permission was withdrawn, and he was put over into Holland. He was informed there that he had to go immediately to England, but he resisted so energetically this order that at length he was informed that the British Government could not let the German for whom he was being transferred go until Dr. Beland arrived in England.

"I said, 'Is that all?' Let him smoke a pipe. They said two days to me in Berlin, and made me wait two years. Let him wait. I have more chance to get my daughter out of Belgium from here than in England. So I will stay here until I get her. You can wire the British authorities that I am out of Germany and they can do as they like. The reason you have given me is not enough to make me leave here until I get my daughter. More over, it is a pleasure for me to keep that fellow over there."

Dr. Beland finished by telling how a prisoner came to prize liberty, and how necessary it was for all the great democracies to use every means to see that Germany should not become the dominant power in the world, and that all should remain free, democratic peoples, with free institutions and having a word to say in the administration of their various lands.

Presentation and Address

The W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. C. F. Chisholm on Sept. 12th. The feature of the meeting was social. A goodly number attended. After the usual devotional session conducted by the president, Mrs. W. J. Sharpe, the cor. sec. Miss Hattie Bird, read an address as follows: Mrs. C. F. Chisholm, dear sister in Christ.

White we, the members of the Woman's Missionary Society, of Sidney auxiliary, are pleased to look upon you as our superintendent of Christian Stewardship. We are also most gratified for your practical help in this department of our work. Evidently you have not been slow to see that the cry of oppression from our sisters in heathen lands had reached the ear of the Eternal One, and that deliverance was being provided through the sisterhood of the Christian church. We say "our sisters" for we all have one common father, who has made of one blood all nations and the same loving Saviour who has opened the way to a glorious home beyond this life, for all our race. Then too, you have learned from the word of God that "all things belong to Him" and that we stewards of the gifts of His providence, also that we owe Him one-tenth of our income. Hence the observance of this Divine law has made it possible for you to set apart twenty-five dollars each year for six consecutive years to make some one of your household a life member of our auxiliary. In addition to this you have opened your hospitable home for our meetings and in various other ways have shown that you and yours were in full sympathy with Christ-like work entrusted to the women of the church. Doubtless you have already experienced a measure of the two-fold blessedness of the giver; for the Saviour assures us "It is more blessed to give than to receive" and that in return we shall receive a hundred fold in this life and in the world to come, life everlasting.

You also have the joy of knowing that you have a share in hospitals, schools, homes and kindergartens, built and maintained by our society, where hitherto neglected children are educated and prepared for lives of usefulness and happiness here, as well as for homes in heaven, and where many of our down-trodden sisters are tenderly cared for and brought into the clear light of Gospel day, you with us, have the exalted honor of being a partner with God in this blessed work for the uplifting of humanity. Seven years ago our auxiliary had only three life members, while now we have 14 and still the tide is rising higher year by year, which is even now gathering force for a glorious campaign of the world for Christ which in co-operation with our brethren is destined to flow on until all lands are Christianized.

Now, dear sister, although we have already assured you of our appreciation of your faithful service in the cause we all so much love, as a tangible evidence of our gratitude, we ask you to accept this life membership pin, praying that you may be spared to wear it as a reminder of the love and esteem in which you are held.

Signed on behalf of Sidney Auxiliary, yours in the bonds of Christian love. Mrs. L. Massey, Honorary Pres. Mrs. W. J. Sharpe, Pres. Miss Hattie Bird, Cor. Sec. The meeting was closed with a dainty lunch served by the ladies of the W.M.S.

Wedding Bells

HYDE-BATEMAN

The marriage took place at the home of the bride's parents, Tweed, on Monday, Sept. 23rd, of Laura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Bates and Charles London Hyde of this city. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. N. Clarry. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very lovely in a gown of white satin with tulle veil and orange blossoms. White and mauve asters decorated the rooms, and the wedding music was played by Mrs. J. N. Clarry. During the signing of the register, Miss Lobb sang "Beloved It is Morn." A dainty buffet luncheon was served after which Mr. and Mrs. Hyde left for Buffalo by G.T.R. The bride, travelling in black broadcloth with mink cape. On their return they will reside in a pretty little bungalow at 248 Charles St.

Mr. Percy Mitchell of Toronto, is in town.

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Ladies and Misses who appreciate exclusiveness in Hats are buying their hats here. Only the latest New York styles are shown, consequently it will pay you to come in at once and view this elaborate display, many are trimmed ready to wear. Prices range from \$1.49 up to \$4.95

J. C. Walters no Longer Labor Head

THOS. MOORE, NEW PRESIDENT OF TRADES AN LABOR CONGRESS.

F. M. Draper Continues as Secretary-Treasurer.

Quebec, Sept. 24.—The Trades and Labor Congress selected new officers for the ensuing year at its sessions on Friday afternoon and the result of the voting was a defeat for several of the men who governed the organization last year. J. C. Walters was beaten for the office of President, by Thomas Moore, of Niagara Falls, by 155 votes to 195; James Simpson, Toronto, disappears from the list of vice-presidents, but P. M. Draper, the secretary-treasurer of the congress though challenged for this office by J. Russell, Winnipeg, easily retained it. Mr. Walters was appointed general delegate to the British Trades and Labor Congress, while T. J. Johns, Winnipeg, was selected as fraternal delegate to the American Federation of Labor. The Congress decided to meet in Hamilton, Ontario next year.

The Winnipeg delegates put up a good fight to get the convention for their city but were beaten by 201 votes to 91.

Delighted to Take Part Says Germany

Quite Ready to Participate in Peace Meeting.

Amsterdam, Sept. 24.—An official communication issued in Berlin says the German ambassador in Vienna presented Germany's reply to the recent Austro-Hungarian peace note. The German note announces the readiness of Germany to participate in the proposed exchange of ideas.

The text of the German reply follows: "The undersigned imperial ambassador has the honor to make the following reply to the highly esteemed note of the royal and imperial Foreign Minister. "The summons of the Austro-Hungarian Government to all belligerent states to enter into confidential unbinding discussion in a neutral country of the fundamental principles for the conclusion of peace corresponds to the spirit of peace readiness and conciliatoriness which the responsible statesmen of the Quadruple Alliance and the authorized representatives of the allied (Treaty) people have again and again announced. The reception which previous similar steps met from our enemies was not encouraging. "The Imperial Government, however, follows the new attempt to bring the world nearer to the just and lasting peace which it desires with the sincere and earnest wish that the statement of the Austro-Hungarian Government, inspired by profound conciliatory feeling and noble humanity, will this time evoke the desired echo.

"In the name of the Imperial Government the undersigned has the honor to declare that Germany is ready to participate in the proposed exchange of ideas."

Awarded Contract

Simmons Bros. have been awarded the contract for insulating the entire plant of the Canada Boxboard Co., Frankford, which amounts to over 100,000 square feet. They are also fitting the Barrett Specification Roof over the whole of this factory. Neil Davie left a few days ago with a gang of men to superintend this work. Anyone contemplating that roofing will do well to make arrangements with the above firm before the cold weather sets in. —Kingston Exchange

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Mr. and Mrs. Percy Stover of Deseronto were guests over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Henry, Charles St.

Clarence Vermilyea was successful in winning five first prizes on his registered hackney mare, Brookfield Nelly, at the Picton Fair last week.

Rev. E. F. and Mrs. Swayne and daughter of Northam, Ont. are spending a few days with the former's sister, Mrs. T. S. Brenton, N. Front St.

Knight MacGregor, who was formerly prominent in Edmonton musical circles, is in the city for a few weeks' visit with his wife and babies who have been visiting with Mrs. MacGregor's sister, Mrs. Wm. Orr, 102nd avenue, for some months. Mr. MacGregor who now has his own concert company, has just concluded a very successful concert tour of five months through the United States, taking him as far south as Florida. He will commence his winter tour about the end of October. Edmonton music lovers who so frequently listened with keen enjoyment to MacGregor's singing, will rejoice to learn that as has been equally appreciated by the music lovers in the American cities he has visited.

Mrs. MacGregor will remain in Edmonton until about Christmas when she will join Mr. MacGregor in Chicago and they will proceed to their old home, Belleville, Ontario, for a Christmas visit.—Edmonton Journal.

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