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Bulgaria and the Bulgars

King Ferdinand of Bulgaria is a German Prince. He and the military clique around him, which is largely German, have at last involved his country in the war, on the side of the enemies of the Allies. His motive seems to have been the hope of greater gain. Many of his leading people disapprove strongly of his conduct. As mentioned in our War Briefs, the Consul General of Bulgaria in England has telegraphed his dissent, saying, "If the reported alliance of Bulgaria with our eternal enemies and persecutors and against our liberators is true, I protest and tender my resignation as Consul General." The "enemies and persecutors" to whom he refers, are the Turks. They undertook against the Bulgars their complete extermination, as they are now endeavoring to exterminate the Armenians. Their "liberators" were England and Russia. When after severe persecution, they sought to gather under a government of their own, Mr. Gladstone took their part and gave to their cause his powerful advocacy. Russia came to their assistance also. The part of a Turkish debt to Russia, for the payment of some of which Turkey held the Bulgars responsible, was handed over by Russia to Bulgaria on easy terms, to the very great relief of the young nation.

Sir Edward Grey, in a recent speech in Parliament, showed the contrast between the British and the German policy, in relation to the Balkan States. The British policy has been to promote harmony between them. Their people are of kindred nationality and their advancement can best be attained by peaceful consultation and united action. The German policy, on the other hand, has been to foster jealousies and contentions among them for her own selfish purposes. United in their methods, they would be a barrier to German aggression. Divided, they would become a prey to German ambition, and open a path by which Germany may march onward to that world domination and world Empire on which her heart has been set. The people of Brazil and other South American Countries appear to be waking up to a realization of German schemes in relation to that great Continent. Germany has been promoting emigration to these Southern lands, but the new settlers, instead of falling into line with the ideals of the people and helping towards their realization constitute a foreign element, retaining their German citizenship, boasting of it, and looking toward a time when Germany will be strong enough to assume control and plant her standard in their midst.

Mr. Joseph H. Choate

Mr. Choate, formerly an Ambassador of the United States to Great Britain, was honored last month by a degree conferred by the University of Toronto. In acknowledging the honor from a Canadian Institution his speech naturally turned to the subject which is now occupying all minds. He was in harmony with his own Government in maintaining a position of neutrality, but was at the same time in sympathy with all nations and all men who were fighting for freedom and civilization. He referred to his four months' labor in 1907, at the Hague, in the interest of international conciliation, and regretted that the work of that Conference had been overturned and destroyed, because some of the signatories had not been true to the obligations then incurred. Peace between the nations of Europe could only be preserved when those who were responsible for the present war were taught that public faith must be kept, and all international contracts be held sacred.

In Mr. Choate's opinion nine-tenths of the people of the United States are of the same opinion as himself, and if these nine-tenths should decide to intervene in the cause of the Allies, the other tenth would fall in line with them. The United States General Consul of Munich, a Bavarian City of Germany, has been asked to resign because of his pro-German sentiments.

The Kaiser's War Contribution

The Cologne Gazette recently announced that the Kaiser's door knobs

of copper, nickel or brass, his jam pots, washing cauldrons, ash trays, and teakettles in fact all his earthly possessions in household metal, "excepting, of course, toothpick stands," are to be confiscated like those of the humblest of his subjects, to be used for war purposes.

Why an exception is made of toothpick stands is not explained. As the Kaiser has fifty-four castles and royal residences, besides opera houses and theatres which he subsidises, the quantity of metal of different kinds which he contributes will be considerable.

The Panama Canal

The Panama Canal was opened for traffic on August the 15th, 1914. On that day, the Anson, a Panama Railroad Liner passed through. The next day the Arizona, of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company followed. The first foreign craft on a foreign voyage to take advantage of the Canal, was the Daldorh, of Glasgow, laden with wheat from Puget Sound for Ireland.

The outbreak of war interfered greatly with traffic through the Canal, as many of the ships which were in the vicinity were afraid of the German cruisers, and others were commandeered by their governments. But the tolls paid by vessels of all nationalities for the year ending June 30th, 1915, overpaid the actual cost of operating. The amounts were as follows, tolls, \$4,343,383; cost of operating, \$4,112,550. The excess would do very little in the way of the payment of interest on the money expended upon the canal. But, when the war is ended and shipping is free to pursue its way, the prospect is that the increase of traffic through the Canal to and from the west coast of America, as well as to and from the distant west will be very greatly increased to the Canal's advantage.

The difficulty occasioned by landslides has not yet been overcome. A careful survey of the slide area shows that there are probably 10,000,000 cubic yards in motion which must be removed by dredging before the trouble of the slides will be overcome. The canal engineers report that the use of the canal by shipping will probably be interrupted until the beginning of 1916. Col. Goethals has been transferred back to the canal to take charge of the operations.

BRIDGETOWN METHODIST CIRCUIT ANNIVERSARY

The Methodist people of this Circuit celebrated another Anniversary of their Church on Sabbath, Oct. 31st, and the following Monday.

Several circumstances rendered this occasion especially interesting. One was the presence and ministrations of a former pastor, Rev. Wm. H. Hartz, D. D. It was during his pastorate that the present church in town was erected, and the present parsonage secured. During his pastorate also, a gracious revival of religion, extending to different parts of the circuit, took place, resulting in the accession to the membership of the church of some who have been its willing and devoted burden bearers ever since.

The sermons and addresses of Dr. Hartz on the present occasion were of a high order, and his many friends were pleased to find him maintaining so well his strength of body and mind, and his spiritual fervor.

Dr. Hartz has been for some years relieved of the charge of a Circuit. This leaves him free to accept the calls of his brethren for special assistance, which he renders most unostentatiously, and which makes him well known in every part of the Maritime Provinces.

Another circumstance, which greatly added to the interest of the Anniversary was the historical papers read by M. E. Armstrong, Esq., M. D., at Granville and Bridgetown. One who has had no experience of delving into the dusty records of the past can have no idea of the time and patience required in the preparation of these papers. They constitute an invaluable addition, especially on its religious side, to the history of the Counties of Kings, Annapolis and Digby, and are interesting not only to the Methodist people, but to other Christian bodies. A resolution of appreciation was tendered to Dr. Armstrong, and the hope expressed that these two papers, with others which he has recently read in Aylesford and Lawrence town, may be published in a form which will make them accessible to all readers and preserve them for future historians. We understand that plans are already being formulated to this end.

The Montreal Witness intends to publish in the "Northern Messenger" the story of a lame boy, entitled "Little Sir Galahad", said to be the most fascinating story since "Little Lord Fauntleroy" and "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch". The Northern Messenger can be had for 40 cents from now till the end of 1916.

OBITUARY

WILLIAM HENRY RUFFEE

Another of our aged and most respected citizens has passed to his eternal rest, in the person of Mr. William Henry Ruffee, whose death occurred at his home on Washington street early Friday morning, October 29th, in the 80th year of his age.

The deceased was the eldest son of the late Henry Ruffee, and was born on the Ruffee homestead at the eastern end of the town, the homestead now constituting a number of smaller farms.

Mr. Ruffee followed farming for many years, and also learned the trade of a cabinet maker, and was employed for years in the furniture factory of the late J. B. Reed. Throughout his whole life and to within a few days of his death, he was a hard working and industrious man, and was highly esteemed and respected by his fellow citizens and all who knew him.

He is survived by a widow who has been confined to her bed for over six months, and is to-day unconscious of her husband's death. To sorrow for an aged father there remain three daughters, Miss Isabella at home, Fanny, wife of John Freeman of Boston, and Mrs. Mary Nelly of Boston. Also two sons, Charles of Bridgetown and Harry of Philadelphia, with one brother, and two sisters, Mr. Oliver F. Ruffee, Mrs. Thos. Shaw of this town, and Mrs. John Peakes of Boston.

Funeral service was held in the Baptist Church, of which the deceased was a member, on Sunday afternoon, the Pastor, Rev. G. C. Warren, officiating. A quartette rendered feelingly, "The Christian's Goodnight." Interment was in the Riverside Cemetery.

MRS. ABNER TROOP

The death of Mrs. Rachel Troop, widow of the late Abner Troop, formerly of Bridgetown, occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Nye, Lynn, Mass., on Friday last, Oct. 28th. Mrs. Troop before her marriage was Miss Rachel Clark, daughter of the late James Clark and was born and brought up in this town. Mr. Clark's home being the property now owned and occupied by Mr. Chas. Parker. After her marriage to Mr. Troop they for a time lived in Lawrence town. Then Mr. Troop bought the property at Carleton's Corner now owned by Mrs. Christopher R. Borden, where they lived until the death of Mr. Troop. Then Mrs. Troop with her family, moved in to town and lived for many years with her brother, the late Norman Clark, in the house now owned by Mr. Oliver F. Ruffee on Queen Street. After the death of her brother and two daughters, she then went to live with her daughters in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Troop was the mother of seven children, four of whom survive her, viz.: Mrs. Pritchard Beckwith of Dedham, Mass.; Mrs. John Ainslie of Everett, Mass.; Mrs. Wm. Nye of Lynn, and James of Boston.

The deceased never fully recovered from the shock received from the sudden death of her son, Eugene, which occurred from drowning in Boston harbor a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Troop had many old friends in this place who remember her as a lady of a bright, happy disposition and although she was well advanced in years, they will regret to hear of her death.

Methodist Church Circuit Notes

Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Epworth League Friday evening at 7.30.

Services, next Sunday, Nov. 7: Bridgetown—Sunday School and Bible Study at 10 a. m. Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the evening service.

Other services: Granville 11 a. m.; Bentville 3 p. m.; Dalhousie 7 p. m.

Bridgetown United Baptist Church

B. Y. P. U. on Friday evening at 7.30 Conference meeting on Wednesday at 7.30 p. m.

Sunday services: Bible School at 10 a. m. and at 7 p. m. At the close of the morning service the ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be administered

CENTRELEA

Prayer meeting on Tuesday at 7.30 p. m. Preaching service on Sunday at 3 p. m.

St. James Parish Church Notes

The services next Sunday (23rd Sunday after Trinity) will be: Bridgetown—8 a. m. (Holy Communion) and 7 p. m.

St. Mary's, Bellesle—10.30 a. m. St. Peter's-by-the-Sea, Young's Cove—2.30 p. m.

WEEK DAYS

Bridgetown, Fridays—4.30 p. m. Service of Intercession on behalf of the war; 7.30 to 8.30 Bible Class, followed by choir practice.

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