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Germans Near To Petrograd

Occupation of Russian Capital Merely Matter Of Hours, Say Reports To London Newspapers

London, Mar. 20—Occupation of Petrograd by the Germans is only a matter of hours, according to despatches from Petrograd to several of the morning newspapers. The Russian capital is said to be assuming a waiting attitude and is not displaying the slightest sign of organized resistance.

London, Mar. 20—The Germans are reported in a Reuter despatch from Petrograd to have reached the vicinity of Dno station, about 150 miles south of Petrograd. The Austro-German advance in southern Russia continues. The enemy has occupied Soumy, five hours from Kharkov, the despatch says.

American Mission.

Petrograd, Mar. 19—An American mission will visit Siberia to investigate reports of the arming of prisoners of war.

Martial Law.

London, Mar. 20—The Ukrainian national council has declared martial law in the provinces of Poltava, Tchernigova, and Kharkov, according to a Reuter despatch from Petrograd.

Freight traffic has been resumed on portions of the railway lines near the Baltic held by the Germans.

The Russian Orthodox church has presented a demand that the Russo-German peace treaty prescribe its authority over the Orthodox populations in the territories lost through the peace treaty.

The Austro-German advance north of the Black Sea recently has been in the provinces of Poltava, Tchernigov and Kharkov.

Germans Again Are Advertising Offensive

Meanwhile Allies Continue to Get Better Of Fighting in West

Zurich, Mar. 20—Another of the reports of an impending German blow in the west appears in the Koelnische Zeitung. It says the German headquarters staff is organizing a series of conferences, to be held in Cologne, Berlin, Karlsruhe, Hanover and Leipzig with representatives of the chief newspapers, for the purpose of preparing the German press for operations on a great scale on the western front.

Paris, Mar. 20—The official Belgian communication issued last night, says: "All the advanced elements of our trenches where the Germans gained a footing yesterday in the region of Nieuwport have been reconquered by us. The enemy is now without any part of the positions which he penetrated."

German Big Guns Active.

London, Mar. 20—German artillery is still very active in the Ypres sector, southwest of Cambrai and in the region about Armentieres, according to the official statement from the war office last night.

A party of the enemy attempted to approach the British lines yesterday morning northeast of Armentieres but was driven off with loss.

SECRETARY BAKER HAS CLOSE CALL.

With the American Army in France, Mar. 19—(By the Associated Press)—American artillery on the Toul front has heavily attacked the Germans with gas shells during the last day or so. Four attacks were launched and from the manner in which the enemy was silenced it is evident they had the desired effect.

Last night the enemy observation tower positions on Montsec were shelled heavily and a heavy fire was directed against the enemy lines this morning. On the sector east of Luneville the artillery continues active and a few patrols have reached the enemy lines.

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RELATIONS OF HUNGARY WITH GERMAN NATION

Creation of Middle Europe on Economic Basis, Of Central Powers Finds Opposition

New York, Mar. 20—Creation of a middle Europe on the economic basis aimed at by the Central Powers was characterized as not "salutary" by Count Michael Karolyi, president of the Hungarian Independent party, in the Hungarian chamber of deputies, according to a Wolff Bureau despatch from Budapest February 7, and published in German newspapers recently received here. Count Karolyi said that such a middle European would be the main obstacle to the inauguration of peace negotiations.

He said he advocated an alliance with Germany, but not "any deepening of this alliance," for the reason that Hungary by it would be forced into a position of dependency to Germany. Economic union with Germany, as contemplated by the Hungarian government, would cause new conflicts, tend to increase armaments and hamper the force of the appeal of pacifistic ideas.

Dr. Wekerle, Hungarian prime minister, replied. He said that there was a difference of opinion between the government and the Karelyi party as to the character of Hungarian relations with Germany. The premier added:—"This alliance is exclusively aimed at the preservation of peace and mutual defence and has no aggressive tendency. From this point of view it is impossible to object in any way to the intention of deepening the alliance economically, in which connection I explained the limit to which we may go, namely, that we maintain absolutely our economic interests and commercial independence as well as our freedom of determiantion."

GERMAN HAND SEEN IN STRIKE THAT HOLDS UP ALLIES' SUPPLIES

Buenos Aires, Mar. 20—Grain shipments to the allies from the port of Rosario again have been halted by a strike of workers. Notices give details of charges that German influences have been behind the labor troubles there during the last six months.

The proclamation gives the number of checks drawn on a German bank, the proceeds from which were used for strike purposes.

The strike of Baltimore rivetters, caulkers and reamers is over

PARTIAL RETURNS INDICATE DEFEAT OF LA FOLLETTE MAN

Milwaukee, Wis., Mar. 20—The result of the Republican primary contest yesterday for the nomination for United States senator between Irvine L. Lenroot, supporter of President Wilson's war aims, and James Thompson, a Lafollette candidate, was still in doubt early today, although partial returns from nearly every section of the state indicated success for Lenroot.

The Democrats' nomination of Joseph E. Davies, former member of the federal trade commission, over Dr. Charles McCarthy, by a large majority, was made certain early last night. Both Democratic candidates in their campaign endorsed the war policy of President Wilson.

Former Congressman Victor Berger, Socialist candidate, who was unopposed, polled a larger vote than early returns indicated.

WOMEN'S VOTE EFFECTIVE

New York, Mar. 20—Women voted for the first time in elections held yesterday in many villages of this state. In several instances they polled nearly as heavy a vote as the men.

A woman appeared among the contestants for office in Fort Plain, where Anna Waters, a Democrat, was elected tax collector. She blocked the Republicans from making a clean sweep.

In Hempstead women brought about the defeat of all the present officials. The first vote was cast by a woman who stood in line for two hours and directly behind her came another woman who was eighty-six years of age.

WASHINGTON POLICEMAN IN WHOLESALE SHOOTING

Washington, Mar. 20—Lawrence H. Farquhar, a mounted member of the Washington police force, last night shot and killed Mrs. Harry White, probably fatally wounded Mrs. Mary Farquhar, his wife, seriously wounded Harry White and Clarence W. Gripplet, and then killed himself. The shooting took place at the residence of Harry White, where Mrs. Farquhar, who has been estranged from her husband for some time, and had sued him for divorce, was boarding.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Miss Emma McIntyre took place this morning from the residence of her brother-in-law, L. S. Dryden, 57 Waterloo street, to the Cathedral, where high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Francis Walker. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

MAKES ATTACK ON HON. MR. ROWELL

Speech of Hon. Charles Murphy In Commons in Debate on The Address

Ottawa, Mar. 20—In his speech in the debate on the address from the throne in the House of Commons yesterday, Hon. Charles Murphy attacked Hon. N. W. Rowell, president of the privy council and M. P. for Durham. He said that the member for Durham, speaking at a political meeting at North Bay, had arraigned the people of Quebec for their lack of war sacrifice. The Hon. Mr. Rowell had also attacked Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Catholic church.

Mr. Rowell's active support of the Ross government, said Mr. Murphy, had netted him thousands of dollars. As provincial leader of the opposition the member for Durham had placed his political services on the same basis as Sir Joseph Flavelle, who, while president of the Imperial munitions board, had sold bacon and eggs to the British government. He was guaranteed against loss. Truly, said Mr. Murphy, it is wonderful how, in the case of the member for Durham, "commercialized Christianity" sharpened his sense of business.

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GUNNER GEO. H. HAYTER HOME FROM WAR ZONE; WOUNDED AT VIMY

Among the returned heroes who arrived home on Sunday was Gr. Geo. H. Hayter, who left here with No. 4 Siege Battery, under Major Barker in March, 1916. Gr. Hayter, soon after arriving in England, was transferred to No. 5 Siege Battery, Major Maxwell, and accompanied the latter unit to France, where he took part in the memorable battles of the Somme and later Vimy. During the latter engagement he was severely wounded, and was invalided to England where he has been under treatment.

Gunner Hayter joined the colors in August 1914, at the age of fifteen and went on garrison duty on Partridge Island with the 3rd C. G. A., and saw many of his comrades go and though of tender years for active service, gallantly responded at the call for duty overseas and left with No. 4 Siege Battery. He spent nine months in France before being hit. He was wounded in the leg, hand and chest. Before enlisting Gunner Hayter was employed with M. R. A. Ltd. A host of friends extend a hearty welcome to the gallant young soldier.

BIGAMY CHARGE AGAINST SOLDIER

Fredericton, N. B., Mar. 20—Harold D. Nason, also known as David Nason, appeared in the police court here this afternoon on the charge of bigamy. He is a returned soldier. Although a native of New Brunswick he resided for years in Maine, and there was married. At that time he made his home in Houlton.

It is understood that he left his wife, who instituted divorce proceedings in Maine. Nason was served with a notice of the action and entered no defence. He expected that the suit would go on and that a decree of divorce would be entered. His wife, however, after the preliminaries of the action, did not proceed and the marriage was never annulled. He married again thinking he was free.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO TAKES AWAY VON BERNSTORFF'S DEGREE

Chicago, Mar. 20—Count Von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, has been deprived of the honorary degree of doctor of laws conferred upon him seven years ago by the University of Chicago.

At the convocation more than 100 degrees were given. The Archbishop of York was a speaker.

STANLEY CUP MATCH IN TORONTO TONIGHT

Toronto, Mar. 20—The first game in the Stanley Cup series will be played tonight under N. H. L. rules, and with two Toronto officials, Marsh and Vair. There is still a chance that Adams may be permitted to play for the Torontos, which will give the N. H. L. champions nine players. There has been a shortening of the odds, 7 to 5 on Torontos being the prevailing quotation here today.

SON OF AMERICAN GENERAL TAKES PLACE IN RANKS

Cambridge, Mass., Mar. 20—Otis, I. Wood, son of Major General Leonard Wood, yesterday enlisted as a private in the regular army and will report for duty at Fort Slocum, N. Y., on Saturday morning. He is a sophomore at Harvard and a captain in the Harvard regiment.

Because he is under twenty-one years of age, he was unable to obtain admission to a reserve officers training camp.

SAYS RUSSIA STILL IS WITH ALLIES

Moscow, Tuesday, Mar 19—(By the Associated Press))—Russia's relations with the Entente are unchanged, said M. Tchitcherin, Bolsheviki foreign minister, in an interview with the Associated Press today. More friendly relations were being established with the United States, he added, and he commented upon President Wilson's message to Russia as showing that America would not take aggressive action against her.

NOT SLIGHTEST INCLINATION OF ALLIES TO END WAR

Von Hertling Sees That Germans Must Fight On

DEALINGS WITH RUSSIA

Under Secretary For Foreign Affairs In Berlin Seeks to Justify "Sharper and Firmer Method in Second Phase of Negotiations"

Copenhagen, Mar. 18—Germany should not indulge in delusions that world peace has been accomplished yet, Count Von Hertling, the imperial chancellor, declared in concluding his speech in the Reichstag today on the peace treaty with Russia. He added: "There is not the slightest relaxation yet perceptible among the Entente states to terminate this terrible war. We, however, shall not lose faith. We are prepared and everything is ready. Further heavy sacrifices may come, but I am confident in our just cause, our incomparable army, ts heroc leaders and the steadfastness of the nation. Responsibility for further bloodshed will fall on the heads of those desiring its continuance."

Baron Von Dem Bussiche-Haddenhausen, under-secretary for foreign affairs, said that Germany had adopted a sharper and firmer method in the second phase of the Russian negotiations, because it reads so that Trotzky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, desired not peace, but to instigate Germany to rebellion and counted on a revolution in Germany and Austria-Hungary to help him veil the fact of Russian defeat.

"Our negotiators," the under secretary said, "gained the impression that the Russians expected far more severe terms peal to arms and their protest that they after they had forced us to a fresh appeal to arms and their protest that they were forced to accept our terms without sufficient time for negotiations was a mere attempt to save their own faces. Everything had been discussel fully in December and the only new demand after the ultimatum was that regarding Kars, Adrshan and Batoum. (The peace treaty provides that these districts in the Caucasus shall be ceded to Turkey.")

Austria Ignored?

Zurich, Mar. 19—Contrasting the utterances of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and General Von Ludendorff with the speech made in the Reichstag late in February by Chancellor Von Hertling, the Arbeitr Zeitung, Socialist organ of Venna, asks whether the latest Berln conference led to the adoption of a new policy. The paper says that neither Great Britain nor France will accept a weak peace and says the peace which Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign secretary, promised and doubtlessly honestly desires, is now scoffed at everywhere as a weak peace offer.

Nothing more, the paper adds, is heard of Count Czernin's offer to President Wilson to enter into negotiations. It continues: "Count Czernin has become quite dumb and modest, while the greatest decisions are being taken in Berlin, London and Paris."

RECOGNIZED DAUGHTER IN PICTURE FROM FRONT PRINTED IN THE TIMES

The Times on March 13 printed a picture of a group of nurses and patients at a base hospital in France, When Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Morton of Mars Hill, Maine, formerly of Kings county, N. B., got their copy of the Times and looked at the picture they were surprised and delighted to see their daughter, Miss Frances Morton, in the group. The men in the group were American engineers from the west. Miss Morton went over last July, as a nurse. A letter dated Feb. 21 said she was en route to the front, she and three others having been ordered from the base hospital to go "where the Americans are in the thick of it." She had been about nine months at the base and was delighted to be going up to the front.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—The weather remains everywhere fair and in most localities it is very mild. In the southwestern counties of Ontario the temperature yesterday rose above seventy degrees.

Forecasts.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fair and very mild today and on Thursday.

Ottawa, St. Lawrence Valleys, Gulf and North Shore—Fair and milder today and on Thursday.

Fine and Warmer.

Maritime—Light winds, fair and milder today and on Thursday.

Superior—Fair and milder today and on Thursday.

All west—Fair and mild today and on Thursday.

New England—Rain late tonight or on Thursday, winds mostly northeast, increasing over southeast portion.

WAS FOR KAISERISM UP TO THE ENTRY OF AMERICA INTO WAR

Lutheran Clergyman Astonishes Investigatng Committee

Probe of Activities of German American Alliance Being Conducted in Washington—"Believed Germany Waging War Of Defence"

Washington, Mar. 20—Rev. Dr. S. G. Von Bosse, president of the German-American Alliance, a Lutheran clergyman in the garb of his profession, yesterday astonished the King sub-committee investigating the activities of the alliance by his complete adherence to the cause of Kaiserism from the outbreak of the European war up to the time of the entry into the conflict of the United States.

The committee has under consideration a bill by Senator King of Utah, which would revoke the federal charter of the organization, because of its alleged disloyal utterances and activities.

"The alliance has never entertained even the remotest official connection with the German government or the German people," Mr. Von Bosse said. "It is a simon pure American organization, existing only for those living in this country, having American patriotism, American loyalty and American love for liberty written upon its banners."

He was interrupted several times in submitting his prepared statement by committee members for cross-examination.

"What have you said in condemnation of the sinking of the Lusitania?" asked Senator King.

"The Lusitania was sunk before the United States went to war with Germany," the witness replied.

"Did you not justify it?"

"I justified certain legal phases of it," he replied. "I took the view before the United States went to war that Americans should not go on belligerent vessels carrying munitions."

Senator Wolcott of Delaware wanted to know about some articles by Mr. Von Bosse, referring to the work of "these grand, busy old Berthas" in Germany.

"Those grand busy old Berthas which dropped bombs on hospitals and cathedrals and defenceless communities," suggested Senator King.

Mr. Von Bosse defended his articles, saying they were written before the United States entered the war. He did not hesitate in admitting that before the United States went to war he carried on propaganda work, and that the alliance and himself personally opposed the United States becoming a belligerent.

"Our efforts to keep the United States out of the war," he said, "was a call of the blood because we believed Germany to be waging a war of defence."

SENDS PROTEST TO PRESIDENT WILSON

New Phase of Matter of Alleged Conspiracy to Overthrow British Rule in India

San Francisco, Mar. 20—A telegram of protest to President Wilson against the arrest, in New York, of Sailendra Nath Ghose, under indictment here in connection with an alleged conspiracy to overthrow British rule in India, was sent from San Francisco by Tarak Nath Das, one of the principal Hindu defendants now on trial. The telegram requests immunity for Ghose, who, it was asserted by Das, was not within the jurisdiction of the United States courts when the indictments for conspiracy were returned.

Das said in his message that Ghose was one of three members of a special commission of an Indian nationalist party representing several million persons. The commission "has a special message for the United States assuring your government of India's co-operation in efforts to fulfill the aims and purposes of the United States in the war."

Ram Chandra, a defendant, announced in court that he had written William Jennings Bryan urging him to appear as a witness for the defence and assist the Hindu defendants "in this, their darkest hour." The testimony is sought because of statements Mr. Bryan is said to have made some years ago in his booklet on "British Rule in India," which Chandra asserted were in defence of plans for a native government in India or Indian representation in the English governmental system.

THE DUTCH SHIP MATTER

Washington, Mar. 20—Holland's reply in the shipping negotiations is on the cables, and is expected to arrive before night.

London, Mar. 20—The conditions laid down by the Dutch foreign minister for the acceptance of the demands of the associated governments as regards the taking over of Dutch shipping are not likely to be acceptable to those governments, according to a Reuter despatch from The Hague, filed yesterday. It adds that a concession may be made to the extent that the arming of the Dutch vessels may not be insisted upon.

British "Get" 28 Hun Airplanes in Fight

Twelve of Our Machines Missing—Nine Tons More of Bombs on German Works

London, Mar. 19—Intense aerial fighting on the British front in France and Belgium continues. An official British statement reads:—

"Nine tons of bombs were dropped on Monday on enemy rest billets and ammunition dumps and also on the Busigny railway station and two airdromes, one of which was occupied by large bombing machines.

"Aerial fighting was exceptionally intense, encounters occurring between large formations. Nineteen German airplanes were destroyed and nine were driven down out of control. Twelve of our machines are missing.

"Six hundred bombs wede dropped during the night on two of the airdromes used by enemy night flying machines and on ammunition dumps and billets. All our machines returned."

PROTEST AGAINST INCREASE IN THE MARKET TOLLS

Merchants in the toll section of the city market, who are liable to be affected by the proposed change of rates are having a petition circulated asking Mayor Hayes and the city commissioners to consider the harm which they say such an increase would do. The petition is as follows:—

"Representing the Merchants of the Toll Section of the St. John City Market:—

"Your Worship, and City Commissioners,

Allow me to approach you on behalf of the members of the above mentioned section, in reference to the proposed extra toll bill to be introduced by Commissioner McLellan.

"The following are the present and proposed new rates on some of the articles:—

Toll on butter to be $1 per 100 pounds was 20c.; advance 80c.

Toll on eggs to be 80c. (30 dozen case) was 7c.; advance 28c.

Toll on smoked meats to be 1c. a pound, was 1c. a ham.

Toll on berries to be ½c. a box, was 1½c. per 54 box crate; advance 13c.

Toll on cheese to be 1c. a pound, was 7c. per cheese; advance about 28c.

Toll on potatoes to be 5c. a bushel, was 4c. a barrel; advance 8c.

Toll on apples to be 25c. a barrel, was 7c.; advance 18c.

Toll on poultry to be advanced about 100 per cent.

Toll on meats to be advanced about 50 to 75 per cent.

Toll on vegetables to be advanced from 50 to 75 per cent.

"These are the products most affected by the advanced tolls and many of them are essential to the homes of St. John today.

"Your Worship, and City Commissioners:—Consider with me what this advance will mean to the merchants, heretofore mentioned, with the high cost of everything in general at the present time. Being just able to make a comfortable living ,this advance will mean that the people in general will be charged an advance to help this expense which cannot be done with a lower rate of other merchants, both in the rental section of the city market and outside merchants.

"If the old rates cannot be restored, or a more moderate additional toll incurred, may I, on behalf of the merchants before mentioned, approach you on the proposition that rent be paid the same as in the rented section of the market and no toll incurred."

ANOTHER ST. JOHN AVIATOR MISSING

No Word Of Lieut. Gordon Winslow Taylor Since March 13

Word was received by Mrs. William R. Avery of 64 Garden street this morning to the effect that her son, Lieut. Gordon Winslow Taylor, Royal Flying Corps, has been reported missing since March 13.

Lieutenant Taylor enlisted with the 6th C. M. R.'s here and crossed with the first contingent. He saw service for a while with this unit and after a period of instruction at the cavalry depot, transferred to the flying corps last June. On his last leave to London in January he married Miss Celia Lillian Turner, daughter of the late Mr. Turner, C. E., of India. His many friends in the city join with his mother in hoping for speedy word of his whereabouts.

ENDORSE RESOLUTION OF THE WAR VETERANS

Montreal, Mar. 20—Unanimous endorsation of a resolution passed by the Great War Veterans' Association in Hamilton on March 3, asking the government to employ aliens of enemy origin in works of national importance, or in industries essential to the winning of the war, at earnings equal to the pay and allowances of the Canadian soldiers, was given by the recently organized Imperial Order Sons of the Empire in the Windsor Hotel here last night.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

The mission services being held in St. Mary's church are being well attended. Last evening the rector, Rev. R. Taylor McKim, preached.

EARLY CLOSING IN EARNEST IN LONDON

Theatres to Shut Down at 9.30; Subways and Street Cars May End Service at Same Hour

London, Mar. 20—It is now proposed to have the 9.30 o'clock closing of theatres and restaurants come into effect on April 1, and as summer time will then be in operation, the actual closing time will be 8.30 p. m. Most people believe that the curfew order now proposed will apply only to London and southern England, and will, when formally made, be seen to embody greater restrictions than were supposed at first.

One instance is that more trains are to be taken off and the suggestion even is made that London subways and street cars will discontinue operations at 9.30, while store keepers will be prohibited from lighting their windows. One effect of the order may be to get the people to work earlier, thus bringing the entire day into line with the proposed change.

Clubs and private hotels, also as well as charity entertainments are to be compelled to close earlier. Travelers will be unable to obtain refreshments, and will have to carry their rations with them as they did in the days before railways came into use.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Expect Report Will Be Ready for Legislature at This Session

Fredericton, Mar. 20—The provincial committee on technical education met this morning in the legislative building to hear reports on the progress of the work and to clear the way for the preparation of a report which they expect to submit to the legislature at this session.

Fred Magee presided and the others present were Fletcher Peacock, secretary; Dr. J. Roy Campbell and A. M. Belding of St. John, Rev. Mr. Tessier, of Memramcook, J. H. King of Chipman and J. T. Jennings of Fredericton.

Mr. Peacock reported on the national conference on industrial education in Philadelphia, which he attended, and he and Dr. Campbell reported visits to various state and trade schools in Massachusetts. The balance of the morning was devoted to consideration of matters arising from these reports and to discussion of the business features adaptable to agricultural and trade schools in New Brunswick. The committee will resume this afternoon and the members will be the guests of the chairman at dinner in the Queen Hotel this evening.

ON THE VICTORIA ALLEYS

Lamont's team of overseas checkers received their first defeat this season when the office staff won from them 1223 against 1224. The game was close and exciting. The score:—

Checkers.

Casey	82	67	82	231
Fleet	74	76	89	239
Roberts	71	80	87	238
Bailey	84	83	87	254
Lunergan	88	86	88	262
	399	392	433	1224

Office.

Adams	77	90	74	241
Cunningham	66	85	89	240
Morrissey	84	88	70	242
Carleton	76	81	78	235
McGovern	98	79	97	274
	401	423	408	1232

The Y. M. C. I. Roses, a junior team, defeated McAvity's juniors on the Vic alleys last night 1171 to 1098. Moore, Russell, Sullivan, Hazelwood and McCann composed the Roses while Flett, Cheeseman, Lawlor, Seely and Johnson were the McAvity quintette.

Two teams from McAvity's 9.2 plant battled for honors on these alleys last night. The league team composed of Tickner, Speer, McDonald, Woodhead and Miller won. Their opponents, who were known as the Colts, were Crosby, Chetly, Foshay, Tait and Fletcher.

I. O. G. T. MEETING.

A meeting of St. John County Lodge, I. O. G. T., was held last evening. Seven candidates were given the district lodge degree. Reports received from various lodges were that they were flourishing. Refreshments were served by the members of the Clarendon Lodge. The next session will be held with the Dominion Lodge of St. John.