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GENERAL PFANZER'S SOUTHERN AUSTRIAN ARMY IS IN FLIGHT; DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS

Russians, Despite Local Checks, are Moving Forward Steadily Towards Lemburg and Have Gathered in as Prisoners Upward of 170,000 Men.

Petrograd, June 21.—On the northern flank of General Brusiloff's front, the Austrian resistance considerably stiffened by the arrival of a large number of German reinforcements, succeeded, momentarily, in checking the Russian drive between Lutsk and Kovel, which, directed against Vladimir-Volynski, aims at destroying the Austrian communications between Kovel and Lemberg. But in spite of the violent Austro-German counter-attacks, one of which broke through the Russian lines, the latest reports are to the effect the Russians have again resumed progress in this sector, after taking the usual toll of prisoners. On the southern flank the Austrians have been unable to check, even momentarily, the Russian advance toward Kolmea and toward the final Dniester fortification of Halich.

Pflanazer in Peril.

General Pflanzer, the Austrian commander, apparently is paying the penalty for having too long delayed his retirement from Czernowitz, and his army, now cut in two, is reported to be in precipitate flight, one part along the Roumanian frontier and the other into the Carpathians.

Turning from Czernowitz, General Lechnitzky's troops are pressing their flank attack further north and have reached a point on the Zlota Lipa, some miles to the northwest of Czernowitz. Russian military critics consider it unlikely that the Austrians will be able to hold the Zlota Lipa line, but will be forced back upon Halich.

The separate Russian movements are now showing strongly centralized tendencies. There are three converging lines of advance, the common objective of which is Lemberg. The first of these lines is approaching Valdimir-Volynski, the second Brody, the third Halich. The capture of any one of these towns would place the Galician capital in a position of grave danger.

The total number of prisoners taken by the Russians is now estimated at 170,000.

German Troops Beaten.

The Russian official report to-day says:

"On several sectors of the front occupied by the armies under General Brusiloff, the enemy continued to make desperate counter-attacks.

"The enemy offensive begun in the vicinity of the village of Voronchine northeast of Kiselin, seven versts north of the Lutsk-Valadmir-Volynski road, supported by German troops, recently transported thither, has broken down under our fire.

"According to reports just received our troops, after a counter-attack in the region from the village of Rogovitchi to southeast of the village of Lokatchi, repulsed the enemy and captured sixty officers, 1,200 men and eight machine guns.

"On the extreme left of our front the enemy is retreating in disorder. We are energetically pursuing him.

"In this action the clever handling of a Russian rifle battalion, which took the enemy by both flank and front, is particularly mentioned. This battalion, forming part of a crack rifle regiment, not only put the enemy to flight, but recaptured the three guns whose loss was announced in yesterday's communication. Moreover, the battalion took 300 prisoners and three machine guns.

Captures Mounting Up.

"Further reports of the fighting in the region north of Gadomitchi, on the Styr, and west of the village of Kolki, show that we on the 17th captured ninety-six officers, 3,137 men and seventeen machine guns. In the region of Okhotnikovo, east of Sarny we captured a German aeroplane with pilot and observer. In the region of Gaivoronko and Vienruvitchki, north of Buczacz, on the Strypa, the enemy is offering stubborn resistance.

Disorderly Retreat

"On our extreme left wing the enemy is retreating in disorder. We are pursuing, and have occupied the towns of Zadova, Stroginetz and Gliboka, on the Sereth line.

"On the Dvina front we bombarded enemy positions. On the night of the 19th in the region north of Spiagla and east of Lake Vischneyskoie the enemy attempted to approach our trenches, but was repulsed by our fire."

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Canadian Order of Foresters

37th Annual Meeting of the High Court—Over Five Hundred Delegates Present

The 37th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Order of Foresters convened on Tuesday afternoon, the 20th of June, in the Masonic Hall, in the City of London, Ont., at 2 p.m. Delegates are in attendance from all parts of the Dominion, every province being represented.

The following officers of High Court were present at the opening session: J. A. Stewart, High Chief Ranger, Perth, Ont., in the chair; J. A. A. Brodeur, High Vice-Chief Ranger, Montreal, Que.; Robert Elliott, High Secretary, Brantford, Ont.; Dr. U. M. Stanley, Chairman of the Medical Board, Brantford, Ont.; W. G. Strong, Superintendent of Organization, Brantford, Ont.; W. L. Roberts, First High Auditor, Brantford, Ont.; J. P. Hoag, Second High Auditor, Toronto, Ont.; W. A. Hollinrake, High Court Solicitor, Brantford, Ont., and A. R. Galpin, London, Ont.; F. H. Davidson, Winnipeg, Man.; A. R. Coffin, Truro, N.S.; A. E. Wright, Toronto, Ont.; Dr. E. W. Moles, Norwich, Ont., members of the executive committee.

In addition to the above, D. Creighton, Dist. H. C. R., Brandon, Man.; John Murray, Past Dist. H.C.R., Hamiota, Man., and D. E. McKinnon, District High Secretary, Winnipeg, Man., representatives from the District High Court for Manitoba, were present.

The annual reports of the different officers of this Order are of a very satisfactory nature, showing that the steady progress which has been its experience since its inception in 1873, was continued in the year 1915.

This order confines its business entirely to the Dominion of Canada, and notwithstanding the tremendous handicap imposed on the work of the society, as a result of the war, the year just closed shows splendid progress.

The increase in the Insurance Fund during the year amounted to $465,509.31. This is the largest sum added to the fund in any one year in the history of the Order. The standing of this Fund at the end of the year, after the payment of 592 Death Claims, amounting to $592,179.38 showed funds on hand of $5,205,868.32, the amount at the present time being $5,388,754.98. The yearly revenue derived from the investments of the Order now constitute a very substantial amount of the annual income. Interest earned on investments of Insurance funds during 1915 amounted to $251,435.51, and paid 42.45 per cent. of the total Death Claims on the Order.

In respect to the matter of investments, it is interesting to know that the Order confines the investment of its fund to Government Bonds and Municipal and School Debentures in the Dominion of Canada. During the last two years, with an exceptional market in such direction from the investors' point of view, the Executive Committee has been able to take very extensive advantage of the situation. The Order purchased $300,000.00 of the War Bonds issued by the Dominion Government in the Fall of 1915.

The Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund shows a larger net increase than that experienced in any previous year in the Order's history, the increase for the year being $55,398.81. Interest earned on investments of Sick and Funeral Benefit Funds (these investments being of a similar nature to those made of the Insurance funds) amounted to $22,746.91, and after the payment of 7,472 Sick and Funeral Benefit Claims amounting to $191,924.-26, the amount standing at the credit of this fund was $468,983.63; the fund at the present time standing at $467,639.95.

The General Fund is also in a satisfactory condition. Many special charges, connected with the war and the arrangement for carrying enlisted members hereafter referred to, have been arranged without any inconvenience to this fund.

In respect to membership, substantial progress was also made; the membership at the end of the year 1915 standing at 91,046.

Besides the ordinary benefits from its life insurance and sick and funeral benefit departments, special provision is made for assistance to those of its members suffering from tubercular trouble of any kind. A special grant is made extending over a period of six months, with a view to assisting to defray the cost of treatment in any of a number of sanitaria in Canada making a specialty of such cases, and the membership is urged to take advantage of such treatment in the incipient stages of the malady.

It is gratifying to note, after a perusal of the reports of all the officers, the far-reaching benefits that are being derived by the membership in the various directions in which this society endeavors to be of assistance to the individuals composing same. Since 1879, about eleven millions of dollars have been paid out in benefits by this society, and, in fact, the whole record of the Order is well worth the perusal of those who perhaps have been skeptical regarding the permanency and stability of fraternal insurance societies. These reports furnish evidence of careful management in the conduct of the Order's affairs, and reflect credit on its administration.

A point of general interest, as indicating proper selection of risks, is the death rate. This for 1915 was 6.50 in the thousand, but if we deduct the war claims paid, it would have been 6.20, and the average death rate since the inception of the Order, over a period of nearly 37 years, is 5.31 per thousand.

In looking into the report of the superintendent on organization, we find he has been able to report the institution of thirty-four (34) new Courts, demonstrating that the Order continues to establish agencies as new fields for the prosecution of its business open up. Particular attention is evidently being paid to establishment of Subordinate Courts only in such places as offer a reasonable prospect of permanency.

The treatment that this Order has accorded to those of its members who have enlisted for overseas service has been most liberal. The insurance of all members who were in the Order prior to the 1st of August, 1914, and who have enlisted for overseas service, is kept in force without any increase in rates. In addition to this, for the first 18 months of the war, all insurance and sick and funeral benefit assessments of such members were paid out of the General Fund of High Court. On the 1st of February, 1916, this policy was slightly changed, and, at the present time, where a member enlists for overseas service he pays his insurance assessments, at the ordinary rates, so long as he remains in Canada. Immediately he leaves Canada for overseas he is relieved of all insurance premiums or assessments, providing he was in the Order prior to the declaration of war. At the present time there are about 2,000 members of the Canadian Order of Foresters actually overseas. This represents an insurance of $2,000,000.00, which is being carried by the members in Canada, for the benefit of those who are serving the Empire, and neither the members themselves nor their beneficiaries pay one cent for this protection. So far notice has been received of the death on active service of more than 100 members. This means more than $100,000.00 of war insurance paid by the Order.

As usual on such occasions, a very considerable amount of business awaits the attention of the delegates, and it is expected that the sessions will probably occupy their attention till the 23rd instant.

A REVIVAL OF PEDESTRIANISM

Paris Women Making a Fashion of Going Walking.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, June 20.—Pedestrianism is being revived in France. The women particularly are taking to walking, even though they may have ample means to indulge in motoring, both for the healthful exercise and the economy. The new and more commodious styles of women's skirts make walking easier, and there is a certain amount of rusticity about the new fashions that does not go well with the motor car, and it is suggested that this latter point has been an asthetic reason for the revival of walking.

Every morning the popular alleys of the Bois de Boulogne are turned into training quarters by these new adepts of pedestrianism. The reduced number of motor cars flying around Paris and the consequent diminution of the dust nuisance on the suburban roads has made walking to Saint Cloud and other delightful spots more comfortable.

Maine's Nominee

Carl E Milliken is Republican Choice for Governor.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Portland, Me., June 21.—Carl E. Milliken, of Island Falls, was nominated by the Republicans for governor at the state primaries yesterday. With 100 towns missing, Frederick Hale, of Portland, had an apparently safe lead for the Republican nomination for United States Senator.

There was no opposition to the renomination of Governor Oakley C. Curtis and of the present Democratic representatives to Congress.

AFTER EVENT OF A BOXING BOUT

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, June 20, 2.50 p.m.—The death of Valentine Hood, a pugilist at the National Sporting Club early today after a boxing contest in which he had been engaged with Charles Hardcastle had a sequel in Bow St. police court this afternoon, when Arthur Frederick Beltison, manager of the National Sporting club; J. E. Douglas, referee; the timekeeper of the bout and two seconds, together with Hardcastle, were jointly charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Hood. They were remanded for a week, bail being allowed.

Hood was knocked out in the 14th round last night and died early this morning.

Appeals to Spain

Parties in Mexico Want Alphonso to Mediate and Stop War

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Madrid, via Paris, June 21—King Alfonso has received a telegram from a committee representing the Spanish colony in Mexico City, appealing to him to offer to mediate between Mexico and the United States so as to prevent war.

The committee sent telegrams at the same time to the Spanish press association and the governments and press of the South American republics asking their support for the proposed mediation by the king.

Minnesota Poiltics

Primaries Held Throughout the State Show How Candidates Stand.

St. Paul, Minn., June 20—Indications early this morning are that F. B. Kellogg has received the nomination for United States Senator in yesterday's primary election.

Governor John A. Burnquist is conceded the nomination for governor on the Republican ticket.

On the Democratic ticket, Daniel W. Lawler is leading for United States Senator, and C. M. King is ahead in the race for governor by a small margin.

TRADE RELATIONS AFTER THE WAR

London Chamber of Commerce Has Ideas on the Subject.

London, June 21.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The London Chamber of Commerce at a recent special meeting adopted resolutions favoring reciprocal trading relations between the British Empire and Allied countries after the war; preferential reciprocal trading relations between all parts of the British Empire; favorable treatment of neutral nations; regulation by tariff or otherwise of trade relations with all "enemy countries" to render impossible a return to pre-war conditions, and for stimulating the development of home manufactures and the consequent increased employment of native labor; and that steps should be taken to prevent dumping (and under valuation) of "enemy goods" into British markets after the war.

It was suggested that a tentative tariff for five years on an ad valorem basis might be applied, subject to negotiations with all parties concerned for the settlement of a scientific tariff with specific duties, if the latter should be considered preferable. The Dominions should however, be left free to determine their fiscal relations with Allied neutral and "enemy" countries, unless it were agreed that the Home and Dominion Governments should act together in the negotiations. After consultation with various interests a committee drew up a tentative tariff, the duties under which vary from 30 per cent. maximum, to 10 per cent. maximum ad valorem, for wholly manufactured goods, to five per cent maximum on raw foodstuffs (some being admitted free). Raw materials would be exempt from duty. Alcoholic drinks, tobacco and other articles now subject to duties would bear an extra fifty per cent when imported from enemy countries and a substantial duty would be imposed on German and Austrian mineral waters.

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