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North & South Saanich Agricultural Association

ANNUAL MEETING ELECTS OFFICERS

The North and South Saanich Agricultural Association met for the annual meeting on Thursday evening last week with a good attendance of members. The election of officers resulted as follows:

Honorary patrons, Mr. Justice Eberts, Dr. S. F. Tolmie, M. P., M. B. Jackson, M.P., F. A. Pauline, M.P., Professor L. Stevenson and the Reeve of Saanich Municipality; president, K. R. Streatfield; vice-president, George Clark; secretary-treasurer, Colin H. Chisholm. The directors elected were: E. Blackburn, G. Stewart, F. Turgoose, W. Mitchell, J. G. McKay, J. M. Malcolm, H. Tanner, A. Wright, E. T. B. Hill, G. Spencer and Alex McDonald.

The Association passed a hearty vote of thanks to the Ladies' Committee for their invaluable assistance. The following ladies were appointed to the committee, with power to add to their numbers: Mesdames Parsell, McKay, H. Rose Harrison, R. E. Nimmo, K. R. Streatfield, J. Osborn, F. Turgoose and W. Mitchell.

On account of the outstanding success attendant upon the war exhibit in connection with the recent fair, the Association decided to appoint those instrumental in achieving the success of each district to act as district representatives for the Association. Those appointed were: J. W. Martindale and P. W. Wilkinson; F. Quick and J. Watt; Lovell Sea, Chas. King, J. P. Hibben, Councillors Diggon and Henderson.

WHERE THE FLAGS CAME FROM

A British officer, just returned from the newly liberated portions of France and Belgium, tells a curious tale regarding the flags with which the people celebrated their redemption. There were flags everywhere, thousands of them—Union Jacks, Stars and Stripes, Japanese, Belgian, French and Italian. The officer, struck by the variety and number of the emblems, remarked to a native that the people seem to have been well prepared for the victorious return of the Allies and their own soldiers, and asked where the flags had been hidden. "Hidden?" replied the Frenchman, "They were not hidden. We bought them from the Germans!" Here indeed, was a curious manifestation of German psychology, or perhaps trading instinct. Did the Germans anticipate their own retreat, and come prepared to equip the French and Belgians with the means of celebration? It would appear that they did so, and were willing to utilize the occasion for earning an honest penny, the only honest money they had earned for many a day!

German Losses are Summed Up

COLOGNE GAZETTE PLACES TOTAL CASUALTIES AT OVER SIX MILLIONS ABOUT TWO MILLIONS OF THESE BEING DEATHS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—When the total German casualties are published the number of dead will be about 2,000,000, according to the Cologne Gazette of November 25, a copy of which has been received here. Up to October 25 the total casualties reported were 6,066,769, of which more than 4,750,000 were Prussians. The total includes the naval casualties, which were 70,000, comprising more than 25,000 dead, more than 15,000 missing and nearly 29,000 wounded.

Casualty lists numbering 1,284 published to October 24, according to the Cologne Gazette, placed the number of dead at 1,611,104, the number of wounded at 3,683,143 and the missing at 772,522. The paper says that the number reported missing 180,000 may be considered dead.

The Cologne paper uses the word appalling in describing the casualties among the officers. The total on October 24 was 44,700 officers killed, 22,460 wounded and 13,600 missing, a total of 140,760. The loss in officers alone, the paper points out, exceeds the total casualties of Germany in the Franco-Prussian war in 1870, when the total losses were 129,698.

The total on October 24, which did not include casualty lists from the fighting on the Western front after that date, nor the German losses in Palestine, was apportioned by the paper as follows, among the various army contingents:

Prussians, 1,262,060 dead, 2,882,671 wounded, 616,139 missing; total 4,760,870. Bavarian, 150,658 dead, 363,823 wounded, 72,115 missing; total 586,596. Saxony, 108,917 dead, 252,027 wounded, 51,787 missing; total, 411,963.

EMPRESS OF ASIA BACK IN JANUARY

The liners Empress of Russia and Empress of Asia are now undergoing repairs at Liverpool and are expected to sail from the Mersey early in January for Vancouver to resume the transpacific service. The Empress of Asia is coming out to this coast by way of the Panama Canal and the Russia will steam for the Far East, via the Suez Canal, crossing the Pacific from Hong Kong and Yokohama. The indications are that the Asia will be available to sail from Vancouver for the Orient towards the latter part of January. The C.P.R. announces that reservations for first, second and third class passengers on the Empress of Asia will be made about the end of January.

THE FIRST AND LAST SHOT

Referring to the report that the last shot in the war was fired by an Australian says "Clubman" in the Pall Mall Gazette, Sir Joseph Cook made the interesting statement that probably the first shot in the war was also fired by an Australian. "An hour after the declaration of war," said he, "the first shot was fired in Australia across the bows of a scouting German steamer, the Pfalz. The ship was captured, and has since carried many thousands of Australian soldiers to the front."

THE MOST PHOTOGRAPHED MAN

The ex-Kaiser was probably the most photographed man in the world, and certainly the hardest to please. A Berlin photographer who obtained many commissions from him has recorded that on each occasion he was commanded to take at least a dozen negatives, with which the resultant prints had to be submitted for the War Lord's personal censorship. Not seldom the whole batch had to be destroyed in his presence, and when a negative passed muster a vast deal of retouching was insisted on. Portraits with the well-known aspect of ferocity pleased him best. Only (says a writer in the Manchester Guardian) did the photographer know him to choose a photograph in which he smiled, and that was for sending to his mother.

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