WEDGE DRIVEN FARTHER IN TUETON LINE IN EAST

RUSSIANS CAPTURE TOWN OF TYSMIENITSA, EIGHT MILES FROM STANISLAU

Gen. Letchitzky's Army Pushing Forward on Way to Galician Capital—Enemy Swept From a Number of Important Villages—Berlin Admits Teutons Forced to Withdraw

The Russian General Letchitzky has driven his wedge farther into the Austro-German line near Stanislau, capturing, eight miles east of that important city through which the railroad leads to Lemberg, the town of Tysmienitsa. Northeast of Tysmienitsa the Russians have crossed the right bank of the Koropice river and captured a number of important positions west of Velesnioup and southward along the Niznioff-Monastirzyka railroad, making the Russian menace against Halicz greater. To the south of Tysmienitsa the Russian advance has reached to Stokovheia.

Berlin admits the retirement of the Austro-Germans behind the Niznioff-Tysmienitsa-Ottynia line, but says that in the Carpathian region heights held by the Russians near Jablonitsa and Vorocht and west of Tararav were captured by the Germans, and that strong Russian attacks in the Delatyn district were repulsed.

Further Successes South of the Dniester.

Petrograd, via London, Aug. 9.—The main Russian official statement follows:

"In the region east of Sviniuchy, our troops launched an attack and captured a portion of the enemy's trenches, taking 13 officers and 600 men prisoners.

"On the River Koropiec, the enemy was driven out of his fortified positions and our troops captured the left bank of the river, up to the point of its juncture with the Dniester.

"South of the Dniester, the troops of General Letchitzky continued to pursue the enemy and drove them out of a series of villages and heights, which they had occupied, and reached the River Tlumach, a tributary of the Dniester. At six o'clock in the evening of the 8th our troops occupied the town of Tysmienitsa and a ridge of heights northeast as far as the right bank of the Dniester and the right bank of the River Vorone, to the south of Tysmienitsa as far as Stokovheia.

"In these battles the troops of General Letchitzky took up to the 7th of August, 88 officers and 7,400 men prisoners. Among the prisoners were 3,500 Germans, 2,000 of whom were mentioned in the communication of Aug. 8. They also captured five guns, including three of heavy calibre, 63 machine guns, a number of limbers and some bomb mortars."

Counter-attacks Failed.

The official communication from general headquarters, issued this evening, says:

"Having crossed to the right bank of the Koropice river, we repulsed the enemy and seized a series of heights in the region of Velesnioup and southward as far as the bridge over the Dniester on the Niznioff-Monastirzyska railroad.

"In retiring, the enemy damaged the bridge. Here the enemy launched two counter-attacks, which we repulsed; then we assumed the offensive and took prisoner 5 officers and 414 men, and captured one gun and a number of machine guns.

"In the region of Tysmienitsa our advanced guards progressed westward in the direction of Stanislau."

Success on Caucasus Front.

Petrograd, Aug. 9.—The text of the Russian official statement reporting military operations in the Caucasus says:

"Caucasus front: West of Glumuchkhane, we drove the Turks out of a commanding height, taking five officers including a battalion commander and 38 Askaris. We also captured some arms.

"An attempt made by the Turks to advance in the region of Kegi was brought to a standstill and our troops having taken the offensive drove out the enemy from his position and captured the village of Khogos, to the south of Kegi.

"In the regions of Mush, Bitlis, Vanskou, Rmijsk, Senesk, Khermanghan and Khanazan, obstinate fighting is continuing.

"In the region of Mush-Bitlis, owing to heavy pressure from the enemy, our troops retired to the north."

German Report.

Berlin, Aug. 9, via London.—The official German statement dealing with operations on the western front says:

"The attacks by the British and French reported yesterday as taking place north of the Somme have now been broken. The British left ten officers and 274 unwounded men as prisoners in our hands; they also lost six machine guns. Severe, sanguinary loss was inflicted upon the enemy.

"A strong British attack last night from the Ovillers-Bazentin le Petit line failed.

"On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) important French forces carried out repeated attacks in the Thiaumont-Fleury sector, and in the Chapitre Woods. Under the most severe losses from our fire and our bayonet attacks at various places the enemy was compelled to give way. The number of prisoners who have fallen into our hands has increased to about 350 men."

Today's official statement regarding fighting on the eastern front says:

"Front of Field Marshal Von Hindenberg: In the northern corner of Courtland we inflicted severe damage early this morning by our fire upon a large number of enemy torpedo boats, steamers and small sailing craft, thereby driving them away.

"Russian attempts to cross the River (Dvina) east of Friedrichstadt were frustrated.

"Strong patrols were repelled between Lakes Wisniew and Narocz.

"On the Sereth and Schtschara fronts artillery fighting has become more active. Enemy attacks in the vicinity of Skrobova failed."

"Strong Russian attacks on the Stokhod, carried out in frequently recurrent waves, flowed back under our artillery, infantry and machine gun fire, south of the Stobychva bend in the Stokhod east of Kovel and north of Kiselin. In heavy hand-to-hand fighting with a far superior enemy our troops were victorious near Kuchary and Porsmaya-Volka. Engagements west of Lutsk were decided in our favor.

"In a counter-attack, the portions of a position lost east of Szelvov were completely reconquered by hardy Austro-Hungarian troops. Three hundred prisoners and several machine guns were brought in.

"Front of Archduke Charles Francis: The number of prisoners taken south of Zaloez has reached 12 officers and 966 men.

"South of the Dniester the Allied (Teutonic) troops have been drawn back behind the Niznioff-Tysmienitza-Ottynia line."

As They Count 'Em In Berlin.

Berlin, August 9, via London (5.30 p. m.)—The official army headquarters statement of today contains the following regarding aviation operations:

"Results of aerial fighting during July: German losses in aerial fights were 17 machines, shot down from the ground; 1 missing; total 19 machines.

"French and British losses in aerial fighting were 59 machines; shot down from the ground 15; by involuntary landings within our lines 6; at land for setting down spies 1; total 81. Of the above 43 are in our possession."

SHAREHOLDERS ASKED TO COME TO THE RESCUE

Directors of N. Atlantic Fisheries, Ltd., Recommend Holders of Preferred Stock to Subscribe to Issue of 6 Per Cent. Bonds.

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, August 9.—A meeting of the shareholders of the North Atlantic Fisheries Limited, was held today to consider the company's financial position. It appeared from the statement which was presented that the company owes the Canadian Bank of Commerce $102,000, and that there are other floating liabilities, making a total liquidation which requires immediate settlement, amounting to $150,000. The immediate cause of the meeting was a notice from the Bank of Commerce that their acount must be liquidated by August 31st. A further statement was made that the directors of the company have guaranteed to the bank $65,000 of the bank's account. The company has been in straitened circumstances for some two years, and the bank has on several occasions asked for the return of its loan, but now it is said the request comes more in the nature of a final demand. Notwithstanding the fact that the North Atlantic Fisheries has been operating on a very limited scale for two years, they were able last year to pay the interest on the loan and $4,000 on the principal, this revenue coming altogether from the cold storage department of the company's business, nothing having been done in any other branch. Several attempts had been made to dispose of the company's business, which has a valuable property, but on acount of war conditions it has been found impracticable. To obtain the funds with which to pay off the bank, the directors recommend that the preferred shareholders holding stock of a par value of $500, be asked to subscribe to an issue of bonds of six per cent., bonds of a par value of $250,000 at 75. They will be asked to take bonds to an extent of half their preferred stock. A resolution to this effect was adopted, and the shareholders will be asked to come to the rescue of their company by taking up proportionate amounts of the bonds. Otherwise it would appear, if the company is liquidated now, the shareholders will lose their entire investment. The company's plant cost an actual expenditure of nearly $500,000, and it is in first class condition, and it is capialized at $500,000 in preferred shares and $500,000 in common.

AIRSHIPS SHED NEAR BRUSSELS WAS ATTACKED.

London, August 9.—British naval aeroplanes reached the vicinity of Brussels in an air raid, the war office announced today. Eight bombs were dropped on an airship shed near the city.

The announcement follows:

"At daybreak this morning, under a heavy fire, an attack was carried out by naval aeroplanes upon an enemy airship shed at Evere, near Brussels. The object was successfully bombarded from a height of 2,000 feet and eight bombs were observed to have hit the shed. Heavy columns of smoke were seen to issue. Our machines returned safely."

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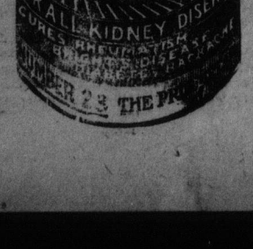

DR. W. V. GOODWIN, OF PUGWASH, NEW I.O.O.F. GR'D MASTER

Grand Lodge Gets Down to Elections at Second Session.

REPORTS FOUND VERY ENCOURAGING

In Vicinity of 400 Delegates Gathered at Fredericton for Sessions.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Aug. 9.—Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., of the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland, departed from its usual custom today and got down to the election of the grand officers at the second session. The list was not completed when Grand Lodge adjourned at 6 o'clock this evening and the election will be continued tomorrow morning.

The other business transacted this afternoon was purely routine, the report of the finance committee being received together with some committee reports which are to be considered tomorrow morning.

There are nearly 400 delegates in attendance.

The New Officers.

Officers elected this afternoon were as follows: Grand Master, Dr. W. V. Goodwin, Pugwash, N. S.; Deputy Grand Master, George S. Ryan, Charlottetown; Grand Warden, R. H. McKay, Westville, N. S.; Grand Secretary, J. J. McKinnon, Charlottetown; Grand Treasurer, J. H. Balcomb.

This evening many of the visitors are attending exemplification of Rebekah degrees by a team from Amethyst Rebekah Lodge No. 17 of Marysville, N. B., which was followed by a reception given by Victoria Lodge No. 13, I. O. O. F. to visiting Odd Fellows at the Assembly Hall in the Normal school.

Tomorrow afternoon there is to be an interesting ceremony in the form of a decoration of chivalry under direction of the patriarchs militant department of the Maritime Provinces in command at old Government House.

Grand Master's Address.

The morning session was devoted to receiving the reports of the officers, which were all of an encouraging nature. The Grand Master presented his address as follows:

"Another year has rolled away and now we greet each other in this beautiful city of Fredericton, the capital of New Brunswick, on the beautiful river St. John.

"When last we met our country was in the full tide of war, and still the mighty conflict rages. The brave sons of Britain have arisen in their strength of manhood, and while peace may be still far away we can now look forward with an unwavering faith that Right will win against the Might.

"The manhood of Odd Fellowship has stood the test of valor, and today thousands of our Order and other thousands of their sons are offering or have given their lives for the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

"It would not be expected that our membership would have any great increase in such trying times, when so many of our young manhood have enlisted at the call of our Empire. Yet we are active and healthy as an Order, and are standing well the test, and three new subordinate and two Rebekah lodges have been added to our roll.

"As might have been expected, there have been many urgent appeals to your Grand Master for decisions in regard to using the funds of the Order for patriotic purposes, or asking that povision be made for the same. While many, or no doubt all, of the lodges, both subordinate and Rebekah, have had special funds for this purpose in many ways, I felt that any steps of a greater nature should be by special legislation of this Grand Body, and my duty was strictly to guard the funds.

"Entering upon my duties as Grand Master with little previous knowledge of the duties and workings, I have tried to keep to the beaten paths and the traditions of our Order. I had some difficulties over the appointment of D. D. G. M.'s, and I made some errors, as might be expected, but with the help of our very efficient Grand Secretary, we at last arranged these matters fairly well. Reference will be made to this in my recommendations."

The Grand Master referred to the loss to the Order in the death of Past Grand Representative G. A. Knot, of Truro, who died on April 26th. He also spoke in praise of Past Grand Master J. A. McDonald and J. A. Craig for their work in the Order in Newfoundland.

In closing, the Grand Master said: "Having been elected to the honored position of your Grand Master without the usual training and experience of other Grand Masters, I feel deeply thankful for the brotherly help and cheer given by the older members of the Grand Lodge, and especially the Grand Secretary. Had it not been for an unusual condition of health, I would have been pleased to have made more visits to lodges, but as this is I shall hope that the interests of this great Order have not suffered at my hands."

Grand Lodge suspended work to attend a civic reception by His Worship the Mayor and City Corporation and the President of the Fredericton Board of Trade and other officials connected with the city's interests.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were as reported in yesterday morning's Standard.

The Grand Secretary also reported to the convention that the motor ambulance donated to the Militia Department at the last session was now being used in England at Sandgate Camp. This ambulance was purchased by the Grand Lodge at a cost of $2,200, and although only $1,500 was voted at the last session the additional amount was secured when it became known that the cost of the ambulance was $2,200 and not $1,500 as at first understood. In explaining this matter the Grand Secretary said:

Purchase of Motor Ambulance.

"At the last session of this Grand Lodge $1,500 was voted for the purchase of a motor ambulance for use of one of the Canadian overseas units. The money was forwarded to the Minister of Militia on August 19th and duly acknowledged. On my return from Sovereign Grand Lodge I was surprised to find awaiting me a letter from the military secretary, Ottawa, stating that the cost of a fully equipped ambulance was $2,200, and asking whether the Grand Lodge would pay the additional $700 or whether we wished our contribution to be placed in the general ambulance fund. I replied that the latter course would not be satisfactory, and as the Grand Lodge was not then in session it was impossible to furnish any further sum. As Parliament was summoned to meet in December the matter was allowed to stand over until that time, and when Past Grand Master Dugald Stewart reached Ottawa he took the matter up with the department, with the result that the ambulance was shipped on Feb. 7th and is now doing duty handling Canadians at Sandgate, Kent, England, and at the base. I had asked that a photograph be furnished me which I had hoped to here reproduce for your consideration, but in the confusion caused by the destruction of the Parliament buildings this was overlooked. However, I am assured that the ambulance bears a brass plate inscribed: Presented by the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the Maritime Provinces of Canada, and no doubt many of our Canadian boys have blessed the spirit that prompted the gift which has helped to alleviate their sufferings and possibly saved their lives, and I feel that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due Brother Stewart for the interest taken in the matter, as without his assistance the chances are that the ambulance would not yet have been purchased."

Grand Secretary McKinnon in submitting the financial statement for the year showed that the receipts amounted to $8,073.82, while the expenditures were $8,620.83, leaving a debit balance for the year of $541.11. The Grand Treasurer's balance at present is $4,318.73. During the year 7,703 weeks' benefits were paid to 962 brothers and 42 widowed families. The amount paid to the relief of members of the Grand Lodge was $16,406.39, while the total amount paid during the year was $21,134.56.

TWENTY-ONE MEN ST. JOHN'S QUOTA FOR YESTERDAY

Recruiting Takes a Spurt—Thirteen of Those Enlisting are for Colored Battalion Now Recruiting—St. John Men Home from Front on Furlough Expected in City this Morning.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Michael C. Brown, St. John, N. B.
James D. Brown, St. John, N. B.
Oscar Roberts, St. John, N. B.
James W. Dryden, St. John, N. B.
Stewart C. Hatfield, St. John, N. B.

62nd Regiment.

D. E. Morrison, Marysville.

9th Siege Battery.

Milton Cecil Elliott, St. John, N. B.
E. Banks, Marysville, N. B.

No. 8 Ambulance Train.

For Colored Battalion.

Harold Bushfan, St. John.
William McIntyre, St. John.
Robert James Bushfan.
James Holmer, St. John.
Charles Williams, St. John.
Abner Jones, St. John.
Allan Bushfan, St. John.
Herbert Nichols, St. John.
Roy Hayes, St. John.
Harold McCarthy, St. John.
Percy Richards, St. John.
Louis Austin, St. John.
Thomas Trudnuil, Newcastle.

Twenty-one men were found fit and willing to make the supreme sacrifice if necessary for the cause of the Empire yesterday in the city of St. John. Yesterday's list is indeed one to be proud of. The colored battalion boys claim thirteen of the number which signed on last night at St. James street.

There was a large gathering at St. James' Hall, St. James street, last evening when the possibilities of getting recruits for the battalion of colored people now being organized were discussed in some detail. Among those present at the meeting were Mayor Hayes, Major Tilley and Magistrate Ritchie.

It was a happy meeting and, under direction of Percy H. Graves, the St. John Brass Band provided good music. This band, it may be said incidentally, is improving every day.

Mayor Hayes gave a general review of requirements during the present time of warfare. He explained the need of effort in the direction of increased and increasing interest in the war. He spoke of the kindly way, the generous way, that Great Britain had treated her enemies. "Records on the pages of history," he said, "will convince you that, after all, color is only skin deep."

Continuing the mayor said: "There is no prejudice here. Why, I can go back to the time when there was no thought of distinction in color. You boys are just as much interested in this conflict as anybody else and I am convinced that you will take your part in the present endeavor to form a battalion."

Major Tilley.

Major Tilley said that the Domonion needs men, real men, for the defense of honest purposes. "We want this regiment," he said, "and when complete I don't think there will be a better regiment in Canada. It will be under the control, for the time being, of Lieut. McLean. Military training, anyway is a fine thing, so get together and enlist. You can do credit to Canada, for the colored people here have a good record and can be relied upon for any serious service required."

Magistrate Ritchie said: "Think of the doings of the 26th Battalion; think of each member of that unit and ask yourself the question, ought not I to do the best I can?"

The meeting altogether was most enthusiastic, and it was the general view that with the good start of more than a dozen of good recruits a battalion worthy of the province will be quickly formed. The list of those who enrolled last night is only small, just a baker's dozen being on the roll, but the indications are that in pretty short order the colored people will be on hand to take their share in the defense of home and liberty. Those at present enlisted are named in the honor list above.

4th Pioneer Battalion.

The 4th Pioneer Battalion, stationed at St. Andrews, have been ordered to prepare for entrainment within short notice, for overseas. This battalion is about 800 strong at present, but drafts will be made from other units to complete the establishment before they embark for overseas. The 4th Pioneers is one of the strongest and best disciplined body of men mobilized in Canada, and under the efficient leadership of Lieut.-Col. Weatherby they have made rapid strides in training for the strenuous work overseas.

62nd Regiment.

The 62nd Regiment, under command of Major Frost, took over the guard duties on the West Side yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. By so doing, the members of the 140th Battalion, who have been doing the guard work, will be able to leave St. John and join their battalion at Valcartier. In addition to Sergts. C. A. O'Dell and Andrews, Q. M. S. Bonnel and Sergt. D. A. Munroe will be attached to the 62nd Regiment.

To Go Overseas.

Another New Brunswick dentist is to go to the front with the Dental Corps now being formed in Canada, Dr. William R. Wilkes, of St. Stephen, having been accepted as one of the dentists to go overseas with that unit at an early date. He will have the rank of lieutenant, and will be in the same corps with Dr. F. W. Barbour of this city.

Dr. Wilkes is a graduate of the Baltimore Dental College, and has been practising in St. Stephen for the past few years. Previous to taking up his dentistry studies he conducted a tailoring establishment in this city and was a prominent member of the Fredericton Brass Band. He is a native of Fredericton and his host of friends will be pleased to learn of his appointment.

Dr. Wilkes will go to Aldershot, N. S., within a few days and assist in the dental work at the training camps there, later going to Upper Canada for training before going overseas.

Pte. Wm. Lee Brooks, Douglas Avenue, and Milton C. Noble, 82 Stanley street will arrive in St. John on the I. C. R. which is due at 7.30. The chairman of the Citizens' Recruiting Committee will be on hand to meet the boys.

The 58th Battery, which is now at Petewawa, will be the next unit to leave Canada for overseas according to word given out at the military headquarters yesterday.

Pte. H. Wagg of this city is due at Halifax today on his way home.

According to a letter received recently from England Major McKean, who left here with the C. A. S. C., is to return to the firing line from England in charge of a supply column.

There is some talk of the St. John brass band enlisting as a body with the colored battalion. No confirmation of this report has been given out by the bandmaster as yet.

Major C. Morgan, brigade manager of the 5th Brigade at Valcartier camp, is in the city on a short visit preparatory to taking charge of a company in the 236th Kilties.

Pte. Arthur W. Totten has been wounded in the arm according to advice received from Ottawa by his mother, Mrs. Susan Totten, 56 Dorchester street.

Ross D. Woodrow has received the glad news that his son's wounds were not of a serious nature and that he is resting comfortably in a hospital in England.

DIED.

ROBINSON—In this city, on the 7th inst., Miss Ellen Robinson, in the 89th year of her age, leaving one brother and one sister to mourn. Funeral on Thursday morning at 8.45 o'clock from her late residence, 633 Main street, to St. Peter's church for solemn requiem high mass.

TODD—Killed in action on July 9-10, George Henry Todd, son of Alice L. and the late W. H. Todd, aged twenty-four years, leaving besides a mother, one sister and one brother to mourn their sad loss.

ANDERSON—At South Bay, on the 8th inst., Isabel, widow of William G. Anderson, aged 79 years, leaving two sons and two daughters to mourn. Funeral on Thursday from the residence of her son at South Bay. Service begins at 2.30 p. m.

WOLFE—Somewhere in France, killed in action July 17th, Private Fred Wolfe, age 33, leaving wife, six children, father, mother, four brothers and two sisters to mourn their sad loss.

WILBAND—At the residence of her son, Robert J. Cox, 274 King street East, on the 9th inst., Sarah J., widow of Captain W. A. Wilband, aged 72 years, leaving one son, a daughter and two sisters to mourn. Please omit flowers. Notice of funeral later.

MARVEN—In this city on the 8th inst., at the home of his son-in-law, W. Frank Hatheway, 71 St. James street, William Silas Marven, in his 95th year, leaving a wife and daughter to mourn. Funeral from his late residence, 71 St. James' street, at 2.30 p. m., on Thursday. No flowers by request.

MASONIC FUNERAL.

Members of Albion Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M., are requested to assemble without regalia at 71 St. James street, this afternoon (Thursday) at 2.30 o'clock, for the purpose of attending the funeral of their late brother, Wm. S. Marven. Members of sister lodges are respectfully invited to attend.

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