

PLEADED THE CAUSE OF BELGIUM

Lecture Last Night by Dr. Mosdell on "Belgium and Her Relations to the War"—Held Under Auspices of I.O.O.F.

By R. D.

"The lecture loving citizens owe a debt of gratitude to the Oddfellows of St. John's for having discovered a new star in the lecture firmament." was the opening sentence of Mr. Chesley Woods, as he rose to propose a vote of thanks to Dr. H. M. Mosdell for his lecture at the Oddfellows' Hall last night in aid of the Belgian Fund, and with him all present agreed, for their unanimous verdict was that it was the greatest literary treat they ever the pleasure of listening to.

Mr. J. C. Phillips occupied the chair and the audience having sung the National Anthem, the Chairman introduced the lecturer.

Dr. Mosdell had chosen as his subject "Belgium and her relation to the great war," a most appropriate one, considering the object, the proceeds being devoted to the relief of the Belgians.

First Appearance.

It was the doctor's first appearance on a public platform, and he made such a popular impression that he is certain to be in demand in future.

The lecturer treated the question in a highly interesting manner; covering the situation well as it relates to these noble and sacrificing people, and the discourse occupied less than an hour so that the audience did not become tired, even if that were possible with a subject so full of general interest.

After the splendid series of lectures and papers on the great war, to which citizens have been treated by some of our leading men and women it appeared to the lecturer almost as a case of bringing coals to New Castle to attempt to add anything to the general knowledge of the causes that led up to the present terrible conflict, still he hoped to be able to emphasize some of the great principles in defence of which Great Britain and her Allies now find themselves at death-grips with the greatest military power that has ever figured in world history.

Causes Dwelt On.

The assassination of the heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary on the Street of Sarajevo last summer, which by some is claimed to be the cause of the great conflict, was dwelt upon, and the action of Russia, Germany and France in relation thereto, and while Austria's demands on Serbia were extreme, it is now an acknowledged fact that Germany was anxious for war and would not be satisfied until she got it, and that the Bosnian murder was only a trivial matter, considering the fearful aftermath.

The terrible struggle might have been averted six months ago had Germany been as anxious for peace as England was.

Germany's interference was for one purpose and that was war. The assassination was no concern of hers and it could have been settled amicably and without loss of prestige to her Austrian ally.

England's Entry.

England's entry was referred to in brilliant language. England was not attacked, not threatened, Germany even went out of her way to be nice. She tried to persuade us that the trouble in Europe was none of our business and we would be ill-advised to meddle. Yet we did meddle and poured men and supplies into Europe in unprecedented numbers and quantities. Our fleet is hard at it in the seas. We have lost ships worth millions; we have lost lives, thousands of them, the ablest, the best, the bravest of our manhood.

Why? Because we down at the foot of "A Scrap of Paper" guaranteeing the inviolability of Belgium territory was the signature of Great Britain, Germany's was there too, but Germany considered this no reason for modifying any of her plans or for altering her course of action.

Germany's Desire.

It was desirable to Germany's eyes in her attack on France to march across the territory of Belgium, thus avoiding the highly fortified Franco-German frontier, and enabling the Kaiser's armies to launch a swift paralyzing blow on France at a moment when France was unprepared to ward it off.

But Great Britain held that her signature was her bond, and having once given her word she will fight to the bitter end in defence of her honor and of the weak.

Belgium has fought bravely and well, and has saved to us all that is best in our national institutions; all

British Discuss U.S. Note

Times Confident Discussion Will Be Confined to Essentials But Counsels Firmness

London, Jan. 15.—The Times, in an editorial, thinks that the Government has no reason on the whole to be dissatisfied with the impression made in the United States by the interim reply made by the British Foreign Minister to the note from the States but, looking at the many influences at work it adds that on a question of foreign policy, the whole American public may generally be counted upon to support the President without distinction of party.

The situation still demands prompt and straightforward treatment and the discussions between the two Governments will be confined to essentials. The Times also discusses the transfer of the German steamship Dacia to American ownership and declares there can be but one solution, namely, if she sailed she must be stopped and the novel points of international law which she threatened to raise must be brought to a definite decision.

The Daily News editorial takes a different view and contends that article 56 of the Declaration of London is so vague that it is "impossible to predict how a British Prize Court might interpret it and proceeds to argue the question raised by Dacia as rather one of expediency for the U. S. Government.

It says that it is impossible that such ships purchased by Americans should ever become converted into German cruisers. If they are, besides precipitating a nice quarrel between Germany and America, they would be shut up in German instead of American ports.

M.C.L.I. Debaters Vote In Favor Of Labor Bureau

Regard it as Better Means Than Organized Charity of Handling Local Distress.

The best way of dealing with local distress whether by labor bureau or organized charity was the subject debated at the M.C.L.I. last evening.

The debate was highly interesting and some very strong arguments were put up by both sides.

The Labor Bureau was championed by Mr. A. Soper, assisted by Rev. Dr. Fenwick and Mr. J. S. Baggs, while Messrs. S. Woods, George James and A. Edgcombe were in charge of Organized Charity.

Several others contributed to the discussion, and the vote showed the majority in favor of the Labor Bureau. Next week's debate was to have been on the war and the failure of the churches to impress the teachings of Christianity in relation thereto; but the executive have decided to postpone this question for a week, and instead next Thursday will discuss, "Is it the opinion of this Institute that the people of this country are now prepared for Confederation with Canada?"

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that makes life tolerable and enjoyable.

It was because Belgium set herself to oppose the spread of this "cultured" variety of German tyranny that she has been so cruelly punished. She was one of the most unoffending little countries in England; peaceful, industrious and thrifty, and now her cornfields have been trampled, her villages burnt and her art treasures destroyed. Belgium is suffering because of her courage and self-sacrifice. Her millions of homeless bear witness to that fact. They are deserving of the help and assistance of all.

On Duty.

Belgium has endured the loss of all most dear to her, and shall we in this small corner of the British Empire not rise superior to petty differences and help them all in our power. We see in tears that generations to come may reap with joy.

Many were sorry when the lecturer finished, they were so interested. A vote of thanks proposed by Mr. C. Woods, and seconded by Mr. E. D. Spurrell, was unanimously passed the lecturer.

Musical numbers and recitations were given during the evening by Messrs. Chae, Crawford and Watson.

The committee in charge wrote congratulating the lecturer on his eloquent effort, which was a masterpiece and they made no apology for the request that such a patriotic and inspiring address should be published for the benefit of the community.

We have much pleasure in saying that the lecturer has acquiesced and we hope to publish it tomorrow.

VOLUNTEERS ON ROLL 809; PASSED, 400

Platoons Practice Guard Work in Country Which They Had Previously Visited

The following Volunteers enlisted yesterday:
St. Pierre—James Geo. Hagen.
St. John's—Wm. F. Foster, Sybil O. Keefe.

Conception Hr.—Wm. J. Murphy.
The number on the roll is now 809, and nearly 400 men have been passed and are drilling. Quite a number got through on Wednesday, and the medical examinations will be continued at the armoury this evening.

Yesterday some of the contingent went through company drill at Government House grounds, and four platoons went countryward.

Today they will prepare plans of the districts visited, and tomorrow a test in advance guard work independently in the territory examined, and this portion of the training is expected to be very interesting.

One section of each platoon went out about 9.15 and the others will follow an hour later, their task being to locate those who have gone before and who will have taken up a position, presumably the best for defense in actual warfare, in a wood, farmhouse, or marsh, as the case may be.

Excellent work was done at the Southside Range yesterday, some of the men making highly creditable scores.

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS FOR RESERVES

Selection Committee Hand in Names to His Excellency, the Governor for Approval

The Reserve Force Committee met at the Board of Trade rooms, last evening. There were present:

Hon. M. P. Cashin, F. J. Morris, W. J. Higgins, Capt. Montgomery, W. H. Rennie, Capt. McKay, Lt. Col. Rendell, Lt. Col. Conroy, Dr. Macpherson, Capt. H. Outerbridge, J. W. Morris, Major Hutchings, A. J. Harvey, J. W. N. Johnstone and Dr. V. P. Burke, Secretary.

The Chairman announced that the meeting had been called principally to consider the recommendation of officers for the Reserve Force.

The Officers' Selection Committee presented the names of the nominees on whom they had decided. These were approved by the meeting, and will be submitted to His Excellency the Governor for his consideration.

Some matters of detail were discussed at length, and the report of the Quartermaster, Capt. H. Outerbridge, was presented, and showed that the issuing of kit to the men of the Second Contingent was going on satisfactorily. Some 300 altogether will have been equipped within the next ten days.

The report of Lieut. E. S. Ayre, who is in charge of the day unit, was most interesting, and gave details of the progress in various departments of training, a gratifying feature of which was that despite rather unfavorable conditions, the drill and shooting had gone on splendidly.

The members of the Officers' Selection Committee who had been observing the candidates for commissions, also reported highly on the efficient state of the force during their visits to the Armoury.

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Constabulary Notice.

Wanted immediately for Special Constabulary Guard Duty outside St. John's, Fifteen strong intelligent young men.

Ex-Constables and ex-members of the Brigades preferred.

Good pay guaranteed. Applications to be made to me,

JOHN SULLIVAN,
Insp. Gen. Nfld. Constby.
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Volunteers Are Coming In From Outports

Fourteen Offer After Patriotic Rally at Port aux Basques—Men Come In For Training.

Hon. W. C. Job received a message this morning from Mr. A. W. Piccott saying that a public meeting held at the Parish Hall at Port aux Basques was a great success.

The building was packed when the meeting opened at which time one volunteer came forward and others who offered at the close brought the total volunteering for the evening up to fourteen.

By yesterday's train there arrived from Carbonear Messrs. S. Taylor, R. Saunders, Mahaney and E. Fry, who have volunteered for service with our land forces. The men were met at the station on arrival and taken to the Seamen's Institute where they will be quartered while drilling. Four other Carbonear men who had volunteered for the Naval Reserve also arrived by the same train and were taken on board the Calypso.

Magistrate Fitzgerald has received word that two more Volunteers from Grand Falls will arrive by the next express.

Young Ladies Make Effort For Wounded

St. John Ambulance Association in Newfoundland Engaging in Good Work.

The St. John Ambulance Association of England having felt it their duty to offer to equip and support another much needed hospital for our wounded while the war lasts, have sent out an appeal to all districts of the Association asking if they will help to the best of their ability. They all us that it will cost £100 to endow one bed for one year, and all must feel that Newfoundland can easily be represented in this good work.

For this cause a number of young girls have decided to provide refreshments which will be sold at a low figure in the committee room at the Prince's Skating Rink every Saturday evening, and which we hope that all present will patronise.

The warm refreshments will certainly be welcome and all will feel that their ten cents are at the same time going to help to provide comfort and healing to those who are suffering to keep us safe.

Lectured At Brigus

Mr. W. H. Jones, who lectured at Brigus on "The Allies of England," returned to the city last evening.

The chair was occupied by Mr. Rabbits, and the large audience were pleased with the address. Mr. Jones handled the subject in a very interesting manner.

Miss Jones and the Misses Bartlett gave musical selections during the evening.

Fogota Sails

Fogota sailed this afternoon, taking Messrs. O'Neill, J. Lockyer, Capt. S. Carter, Dr. Carnell, D. O'Neill G. W. Kelly, P. Kneel, W. Walsh, J. O'Neill, Mrs. Carnell, Mrs. O'Neill.

Wednesday January 20th, 1915.

(Under the auspices of the United Societies of Wesley Church.)

LECTURE

SUBJECT: "The Human Stampede."

LECTURER: Rev. Norman M. Guy, M.A.

Doors Open at 7.15 p.m.

Lecture at 8.15 p.m.

General Admission, 10c.

Newfoundland British Society.

The Newfoundland British Society will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday, January 18th, at 8.30 sharp, for the purpose of electing officers, and the transaction of other important business.

It behoves all members to be in attendance.

J. M. CARBERRY,
Secretary.

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Blues Defeat The Rival Reds Score 86 to 71

Curling Match Last Night Was a Contest for the Victoria Trophy—To-Night's Fixtures.

The Reds and Blues competed for the Victoria Trophy, yesterday, the latter defeating the Reds by 16 points. The totals were: Blues 86; Reds 71.

The scores were:

REDS: F. Martin, F. Rendell, C. R. Duder, A. H. Steer 5 (sk.)

H. Bartlett, J. Dewling (sub), H. C. Donnelly, W. Sherran 9 (sk.) 15 A. Montgomerie

H. J. Taylor, F. Rendell, G. Peters, J. Jackson 16 (sk.) 10 F. Chesman

G. Marshall, S. Rodger, H. D. Carter, J. C. Hepburn 8 (sk.) 17 J. R. Bennett

E. J. Horwood, J. Angel, Dr. Mitchell, A. H. Salter 9 (sk.) 10 H. J. Jardine

J. L. Slattery, R. G. Ross, D. McFarlane, R. G. Reid 15 (sk.) 9 D. P. Duff

J. Dewling, E. Bowring, J. B. Soper, Jno. Browning 9 (sk.) 25 A. Robertson

To-night the President's and Vice-President's prizes will be competed for.

The steamers Portia and Fogota were in the ice off the Narrows at dinner hour.

DEATHS

REAY—At Whitbourne, his forenoon, Mary Simpson, wife of Rev. J. Reay. Funeral from Railway Station on arrival of to-morrow (Saturday's) express. Friends will please attend without further notice.

T. A. JUVENILE ANNUAL TEA

The members of the T. A. Juvenile Society were given their annual tea and entertainment yesterday.

During the afternoon the boys' numbering five hundred, were treated to a morning picture show by Mr. Kiley, manager of the Casino. After the performance the boys repaired to the Armoury, where they were supplied with a bountiful tea. The tables were well supplied with tempting dainties and needless to say the guests did full justice to the good things.

President Ellis was in attendance and delivered a brief address, exhorting his hearers to continue their efforts for temperance.

The Chairman of the Guardians, Mr. Dunn, then requested Mr. Ellis to present the medal donated by Mr. Ellis, to Master McAllister, who brought in the largest number of members.

After the boys dispersed, the adults had a dance until 2 a.m., the music being furnished by the T.A. Band.

Concert and Dance Nicely Augments Patriotic Fund

The concert and dance held by the Misses Furness at their residence Top Sail Road, in aid of the Patriotic Fund on Twelfth night, was a great success.

The handsome sum of \$72.05 was realized which has been already handed over to the Patriotic Fund.

The following was the programme: Recitation, Miss Violet LeMessurier; song, Miss Florence Furness; recitation, Misses O'Keefe, Furness; recitation, Misses O'Keefe, Furness; violin solo, Mr. E. O'Neill; song, Miss Marie Butt; recitation, Master John Cown; song, Miss A. Neville and F. Furness; dialogue, Misses O'Keefe, Furness, O'Neill, Butt, Hartery and Furness; song, Miss Furness and Messrs. O'Neill and Neville; recitation, Miss Alice O'Neill; chorus, Soldiers of the King; dialogue, "Mrs. Muddle," by Misses Florence and Isabelle Furness and Masters James Cowan and B. Chaytor; cornet solo, Mr. Harry Pope; song, Mr. H. Rowe; cornet solo, Mr. T. Rooks; song, Mr. A. Long; recitation, Miss M. Hartery and Bert Chaytor; song, Miss A. Neville; recitation, Miss Violet LeMessurier.

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Patriotic Note At Official Visit To Avalon Lodge

D. G. M. Clift Delivers an Inspiring Address—Presentation to Mason Volunteer.

District Grand Master Clift paid his official visit to Avalon Lodge, A.F. & A.M., last night.

The meeting was a patriotic one, addresses being given. Rev. Bro. Thomas recited, with dramatic force, Tenyson's Revenge, and Mr. King sang a typical song of Old England.

Bro. Randolph M. Winter, of Burin, son of Mr. John Winter, of Burin, who is a volunteer, and a member of Hiram Lodge, Burin, was presented by Hiram Lodge, through Grand Master Clift, with a souvenir engraved in gold.

Bro. Edgar P. Aitken, son of P.M. Aitken, of Botwood Lodge, who is also a volunteer, was present, and both received the cordial plaudits of the Lodge and were addressed in inspiring terms by the District Grand Master.

Considerable misunderstanding having arisen we have been requested to state that the concert being arranged by Mrs. Keegan for the Patriotic and Belgian Funds takes place at the Casino on Wednesday next, January 20th, and not on the 27th.

HELP THE BELGIANS AND OUR SOLDIERS AT THE FRONT—(Under the Distinguished Patronage of H.E. the Governor and Lady Davidson, and the Officers of the First Nfld. Regiment)— Grand Patriotic Concert and Dramatic Entertainment, Cas- ino Theatre, Wednesday, Jan. 20th, 8.30 p.m. Tickets: Re- serve, 50c.; Gallery, 30c.; Pit, 20c. Plan of Hall at Atlantic Bookstore. Buy your Tick- ets early. Programmes for sale at the Hall.—Jan.15,11

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