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PROF. MAVOR'S INSPIRING ADDRESS ON RUSSIA

Races Inhabiting Vast Empire of the Czar—Conflict of German and Russian Aims—Russia's First Plan in the War—How Economic Situation in Central Powers may be affected by Fertility of Soil—No Possibility of Deadlock in the War

(From Monday's Daily) A most intimate view of Russia the great ally of the Entente was presented in the lecture of Prof. James Mavor, of the department of political science, University of Toronto, to the members of the Belleville Ladies' Canadian Club at the Y.M.C.A. on Friday afternoon. The hall was filled.

Something unique on the program was the singing of the Russian National Anthem and Russian marching songs by a squad of Russian soldiers from the 80th Battalion.

Mr. J. W. Johnson, president, introduced Professor Mavor as one highly qualified for residence in Russia to address an audience on the subject of that great country.

Russia is as large as Canada and the United States with one and three-quarters their population. The lands are entirely contiguous. It is difficult to speak of the Russian people as a whole, said Prof. Mavor. In Russian Poland and Lithuania there is a Slavio population closely related to the Russian Slavio race. There is the Slavio population of "White Russia" "Great Russia" forms the bulk of the Russian Slavio population with 70,000,000 people. South of this section is the territory south of the Daniper River, known as "Little Russia" where the City of Kiev lies South again towards the Black Sea is the mingled population of Slavs and Tartars. North and East in the Volga Valley are the flat lands. East of these are various tribes of Tartar nomads. On the Baltic is a large population of German origin with strong anti-slavio tendencies. They are an important population of Russia. Finland is a land of lakes and great forests.

Russia is in the main a vast plain. The Ural Mountains are low steps. The Caucasus are the highest mountains. East of the Ural is Siberia, a vast plain with rather more timber than our prairie provinces. Russia has grown by wars. The frontiers have always been in trouble, hence their great annexation. The greatest annexation took place when the Cossacks crossed the Ural Mountains and easily overcame the Siberians, who fought only with bows and arrows against the flintlocks. The Crimean war attracted Russian attention to the frontiers. The gradual extension of Russian control and the building of the Siberian railway, alarmed Japan and she began to prepare for war. Japan left Russia morally placed in possession of Northern Manchuria. Checked in the East the Russians began to seek some outlet in the west. But Russia did not need this for her population. Her interests led her to look to the Balkans. Like all mountainous countries, the Balkans are peopled by many races. In the migrations many bodies of people were left in the mountains. The Serbs and Montenegrins were always restive under Turkish rule and were helped by Russia. In 1878 Russia assisted the Bulgars against the Turkish and might have taken Constantinople if it had not been for the western powers. The independence of some of the states was recognized. Austria was given a protectorate over Bosnia-Herzegovina. In 1908, Austria annexed this country because Russia was occupied in the East. Russia protested. Berlin declared that if Russia pressed the protest it would declare war. Russia was not in a position to fight at once. The Serbs began to intrigue about that time against Austria, with the view of detaching the two provinces. Austria accused Russia of countenancing this. Russia never made any denial of her favor of the Serbs. There was no secret. Austria has never made public

the evidence. But the evidence if it had existed would have been published. There is no evidence to connect Russia with Serbian conspiracies. It is even said that the murder of the Austrian Archduke was planned in Vienna.

In the end of July Austria had suddenly aroused to the fact that she would have to fight Russia, England, France and perhaps Italy. This was too serious. So she showed a modification of her demands. But Germany evidently was afraid that peace would be kept and she at once declared war on Russia. Germany claimed to have evidence that Russia was trying to weld together many neighboring lands. Interest in the Balkans by the Russians would stand in the way of the German dream of a union of powers. Russia was aware of this dream. She began to make tremendous efforts for defensive purposes. When the speaker visited Russia six years ago, he did not detect any aggressive policy. Russians have feared that Germany would use a pretext to strengthen herself at the expense of Russia's Asiatic power.

Germany making her dash against Paris, Russia burst through East Prussia. This had much to do with checking the Germans at the Marne. For Berlin was terrified at the East border being protected. Then followed the Warsaw campaign. The traditional rear-guard action plan was adopted by the Grand Duke. But the time came that the people of the Russian cities feared the Russians might go back too far. So the policy was countermanded and the lines were strengthened. Perhaps the Grand Duke was sent to the Caucasus because the political party had defeated the military party. Some Russian people had planned in case Russia had to fight Germany alone, to allow themselves to be driven back even to the Ural Mountains. This would take five years. Then the exhausted Germans would be attacked by the strong Russians who would reach Berlin in ten years. This plan seems strange to us.

Japan offered all her resources to Russia, guns, munitions, factories and by this means she was enabled to hold her lines. Russia, although a self contained country, was so cut off that she could not produce sufficient munitions, clothing and arms. Many of the leading generals of the Russians are German in name and descent. German influence at court and in the Duma was strong. The Baltic provinces when war broke out were half-hearted. But a great change has come over the situation in the last few months. The conduct of the Germans has outraged the Russian Germans. The latter had looked upon the Slav as cruel, but the cruelty of the Germans has so far exceeded any Russian cruelty that the Russians of German origin are very strongly Russian in sentiment.

If Russia can keep Ezerorum it will be an important salient and will draw off troops from the proposed Egyptian campaign. The Black Sea defenses and absorb the efforts of the troops which might have been sent to Mesopotamia. Thus Russia has made many sacrifices for the good of the allied cause.

If anyone is to blame for the Dardanelles failure it is Russia, for she demanded it. It was an exceedingly formidable task. Nor was it altogether in vain for it likely prevented a union of Turkey and Germany in an Egyptian invasion. There are two lines of pressure exerted against a hostile country—the military and economic pressure.

Germany is densely populated. So is Austria. The fertility of German soil is due to artificial enrichment, the fertilizer being largely brought from outside countries. The professor had been told that if the average German soil remains unfertilized for over two years its fertility goes down remarkably. If this soil is capable of sustaining fair crops for the second year, but in the third year, the pinch will become awful through lack of food. So that on this condition, the German people would not be able to sustain the war beyond three or four years, by which time a large part of her popu-

lation would have been gone. Besides there will come a time when she will not be able to man her lines.

He did not believe there was not the slightest possibility of a deadlock.

"I hope that the result of the close association of Britain and Russia will be that many people will get to Russia for vacation. For it is a new country. It is the safest country to travel in. There is little crime. The cities are safer than many of our own. It is a land of new experiences."

The members of the club in no doubtful manner expressed their appreciation of the inspiring address of the professor, unanimously passing a vote of thanks on motion of Mrs. O'Flynn and Mrs. W. Lingham.

40 Officers in Khaki

Fiftieth Regiment's Record Regarding Overseas Service

Col. Barragar presided at the annual meeting of the 15th Regiment, A.L.I., on Saturday evening. There was a fairly large attendance of officers. There was very little to report on. The regiment has 40 officers in khaki or overseas service. The usual committees were appointed.

Exact information as to the number of 15th Regiment men on overseas service is not yet available, but will be made public in a few days.

The signalling corps of the 155th Battalion is organizing today, Lieut. Abbe is in charge.

Lt-Col. M. K. Adams, 155th Battalion addressed the congregation of the Methodist church last evening on the urgency of recruiting.

On Wednesday evening a patriotic concert will be held in aid of Belgian Relief.

The signalling school at Kingston starts next week.

Death Due to Apoplectic Stroke

The death occurred on Saturday night of William H. Bradshaw at his home, fourth concession of Thurlow. He was born in Richmond Township but had resided in Thurlow for the past seven years. He was in religion a Methodist. Formerly he was an Orangeman, being of member of Forest Mill Lodge, Richmond. Death was due to apoplexy. He is survived by his widow, three sons, Marshall W. and William of Thurlow and W. K. Bradshaw of K. C.

Sergt. McTaggart Has Been Wounded

Word has been received by Aid. Willett H. McTaggart of West Huntington that his eldest son, Sergt. John McTaggart, had been wounded. The wound was received from a fragment of bursting shell on a transport in the Eastern Mediterranean. The wound was in the lower part of the leg and lacerated the flesh considerably but fortunately did not fracture any bones. Sergt. McTaggart came to Thorncliffe and is now convalescing there. He enlisted at Montreal and went with the First Canadian Contingent. Two brothers, George and Percy are at present in the trenches in France.

Election of Officers of Alpha Club

The annual meeting of the Alpha Club Bible Class was held on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Tabernacle church when the following officers were elected: Hon. Pres.—Mr. A. W. Rowlands; Pres.—J. B. Kelley; Vice Pres.—B. O. Frederick; Secretary—Bert Campbell; Treasurer—John Robinson; Teacher—Rev. E. G. Moore; Asst. Teacher—Mr. Macfarlane; Musical Directors—Mr. E. A. Ridley and E. R. Moorman; Pianist—Mr. Rector Postle.

Successful Valentine Party

On Friday evening last a most delightful Valentine Party was held at Johnstone's Academy under the auspices of the Esmeralda Club. The hall was very beautifully decorated for the occasion with hearts etc. Words of 60 couple were present and O'Rourke's orchestra rendered the music in a pleasing manner. Refreshments were served about midnight, and the gathering broke up about 2 a.m.

Married

Miss Vioja Skinner and Harold Shoubridge were quietly married by Rev. C. G. Smith on Saturday, Feb. 12th.

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LT. COL KETCHESON HONORED AT SIDNEY TOWN HALL

Relatives and Friends Held Farewell Reception to Commander of 80th Battalion—A Sidney Boy—Presentation of a Sleeping Bag—The Address and Programme.

The loyal township of Sidney on Saturday evening tendered to Lt-Col. W. G. Ketcheson, officer commanding the 80th Overseas Battalion, C.E.F., a farewell reception and banquet at the town hall, Wainbridge, it was a fitting tribute to the gallant officer that in his native place he should be bid adieu by his relatives, his neighbors and friends. Col. Ketcheson is the son and grandson of officers of the 49th Regiment and comes of U. K. Loyalist descent and until the time war broke out had lived near Wainbridge. Col. Ketcheson was accompanied by ten of his officers from Belleville and the 80th Battalion orchestra came as a surprise. Mr. Lloyd's orchestra was also in attendance so that the gathering did not want for music. The Col. and several of his officers were carried in triumph on the shoulders of the sturdy young men of the township into the town hall, where about one hundred friends of the commander gathered. The tables were laid out with a splendour and such a supply of viands as only a rich agricultural township could afford. Mr. Charles H. Ketcheson, reeve of Sidney and ex-Warden of the County of Hastings was chairman. When the guests and friends had taken their places, the banquet began and never was a happier time spent at any festive board. The ladies had done their best in the spread and the enjoyment of the gathering was ample reward for their efforts in the culinary art. When the banquet was over, a program was opened. The reeve of Sidney, brother of Col. Ketcheson, made a most graceful speech, full of patriotic fervor. Sergeant LaFont of the 80th sang two songs and Sergt. Snelson recited a poem of his own composition. He also rendered "Oohen on the Telephone." Miss Threlknot sang a patriotic number in a very pleasing manner. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Capt. Ketcheson, chaplain of the 80th, Lt. Stares, bandmaster of 80th Band; Mr. George Nicholson, a former reeve, who gave the military history of the Ketcheson family; Mr. David Coon, a yeoman of the township; Mr. Charles Chisholm and others. Miss Violet Graham, daughter of the late Captain Graham of C. O. 49th Hastings Regiment, read an address, which was followed by the presentation to Col. Ketcheson of a fine Wolseley sleeping bag on behalf of his friends. The address was in these words:— Lt. Col. Ketcheson: C. O. of the 80th Batt., C.E.F. Dear Col.— Sometimes in the development of a nation, a community, and a race, there are moments so crammed with the intensity of life, that they stand out above the ruck and traffic of every day existence, like great beacons. In the quiet, smooth-running years of easy and strength is stored for emergencies, but these color the life and thought of a nation or race. Just such a vital period occurred some one hundred and sixteen years ago in the life of Canada, Sidney, and your own race, when the two Ketch-