

BLINDED IN BATTLE, VICTOR IN BUSINESS

Story of Young Canadian Captain's Reeducation Thrills Manufacturers.

CITED AS AN EXAMPLE

Employers Urged to Help Train Wounded Men as Conservation Measure.

Don't be discouraged; a disability is getting more than a handicap and can easily be overcome.

That the undaunted advice given to other unfortunates by a Canadian officer whose eyes were shot out in the first thirty days of service on the western front, was repeated yesterday in the Waldorf-Astoria before the twenty-third annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers, not as a typical case, for such spirit is rare, but as an extreme instance of what may be done for the wounded soldier.

Lieut. Fred Holmes of the Canadian army, head of the Industrial Survey Department of the Invalid Soldiers Commission of Canada, delivered the message from Capt. Ed Baker, now trouble engineer for the Hydro-Electric Company, latest concern of its kind north of the St. Lawrence River.

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Conquers His Handicap.

Col. Mook has suggested the picture of a man with an arm and a leg gone who had bridged the chasm between the truck driver of before the war to the bank president after, thanks to the reconstruction plan now being evolved in the office of the Surgeon General of the army.

From the battlefield he went to St. Dunstan's, an English institute for the blind, learned typewriting, and now, with the aid of a spacer he invented, takes "trouble reports" by dictaphone and long distance telegraph, translating them into typed reports.

He added that this man, who regarded a disability as nothing more than a handicap to be easily overcome, was so completely disabled that the Canadian Government had granted him not only a 100

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per cent. disability pension but \$25 a month additional for "helplessness," figuring that it would be necessary for him to hire some one to lead him about.

Speaks Here for Liberty Loan.

It may interest those whose patriotism was stirred to greater sacrifice by the speeches of a blind young Canadian in uniform during the recent Liberty Loan campaign to know that Capt. Baker was that young man. His speeches so impressed Lieut. Holmes that the latter suggested a lecture tour.

What? And give up my career? demanded the blind man. "Not much. You don't think I figure on sticking at a typewriter all my life, do you? I'll be giving service that will produce more and pay better than lecturing before I'm through."

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James A. Emery of Washington spoke at length on conditions industrial, social and political now and after the war. His attitude was highly optimistic and his message a strong plea for united effort of all classes and parties to win the war.

Men are even trained in the professions where their capacity seems to warrant it, the Canadian said, and expressed the opinion that bank presidents returning cripples to aim at if their inclinations lean that way.

TWO N. Y. AVIATORS KILLED.

Lieut. Polk and S. C. Williams Victims of Collision in Air.

LAKE CHARLES, La., May 22.—Lieut. Lathan Polk, New York city, and Spencer Charles Williams, Buffalo, were killed at Crestview Field late yesterday when two airplanes met in collision at an altitude of 3,000 feet, it was announced today.

AUSTRIA REPRESSES BOHEMIA BY DECREE

Divides It Into 12 Districts to Reduce Czech Representation.

EXTENDS GERMAN POWER

Government Hopes to Regain Parliamentary Majority Recently Lost.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Division of Bohemia into twelve districts with advantages in the electoral domain given to the German minority in each so as to reduce the Czech representation in Parliament is provided in a ministerial decree issued at Vienna.

An official despatch from Prague says this effort to dismember and Germanize the Czech State caused the recent serious rioting at Ostrau, Pilsen, Nachod and other places which resulted in the proclaiming of martial law and the imprisonment of 150 persons.

By increasing the German representation from Bohemia at the expense of the Czechs the Austrian Government, in the opinion here, hopes to regain at the opening of Parliament next June 19 the majority which it lost some months ago through the coalition of all elements in opposition, led by the Czechs. This adhesion of opponents caused Emperor Charles to order Parliament dissolved.

"The law bulletin of the Austrian Emperor," says the despatch to-day from Prague, "published the ministerial decree according to which the district governments which were claimed for so long by the Germans are established in Bohemia. The boundaries of the districts are fixed as far as possible according to the national grouping. In the word of the decree, the aim is to take the first steps toward the re-establishment of order in Bohemia."

"This decree is undoubtedly a policy of repression, the first act of which tends to dismember Bohemia by granting to the German elements the guarantees which they claim. Up to now, indeed, Bohemia comprised thirteen districts, two of which only had a majority of

German population, according to statistics from Vienna. In four of these districts there are hardly any Germans. The new plan aims at creating in each of the twelve districts a German minority and to grant to this minority, however small it may be, considerable advantages in the administrative and electoral domains. These methods are meant to bring about as a first result a considerable increase in the number of German Deputies in the Diet, at the expense of the Czechs, who until now held a majority of the seats.

It is clear that this device of the Emperor is bound to arouse the most violent opposition on the part of the Czechs. A despatch reprinted in all the German newspapers calls attention already to the fact that martial law has been proclaimed in several districts of Bohemia because in certain regions serious riots have occurred. More than 150 persons were put in prison. The estate of "Prince Furstenberg, a personal friend of the (German Emperor) was ransacked. Riots occurred about Ostrau, Pilsen and Nachod."

ARMY RULE IN BOHEMIA.

Austrian Premier Warned Against Policy of Violence.

LONDON, May 22.—Martial law has been proclaimed in Bohemia and in consequence of "popular excesses" many persons have been imprisoned, says a despatch to the Daily Mail from Bern quoting the Schweizerische Post.

Dr. von Seydlitz, the Austrian Premier, it is added, has summoned the Czech Deputy Stanek to discuss the situation. Stanek has declined and has warned the Premier against a policy of violence in Bohemia, fearing evidently that the indiscriminate hangings and shootings in Galicia at the beginning of the war are to be repeated in Bohemia. The Breslau newspaper Volksrecht, as quoted in a Copenhagen despatch to the Daily Mail, says Dr. von Seydlitz made a visit to Prague and northern Bohemia, and in addressing striking miners asserted that the effort for general peace which he said Emperor Charles was carrying forward incessantly was not so hopeless as many persons thought.

The Premier authorized control by the workers of food distribution in their own districts and promised that the question of reducing hours of labor would be taken up by the War Ministry and representatives of the workers.

U. S. Labor Dep't Asks \$60,000,000

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Sixty million dollars for housing, transportation and other war needs were asked of Congress today by the Department of Labor.

334 UPTON SOLDIERS ARE MADE CITIZENS

Justice Morschauer Holds First Camp Naturalization Court in Y. M. C. A. Hut.

Special Despatch to The Sun

CAMP UPTON, May 22.—An unusual ceremony took place here to-day in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, when 334 alien soldiers of the National Army became American citizens. The new sons of Uncle Sam represented twenty-one nationalities, and they were naturalized, it might be said, in the twinkling of an eye, or as long as it took J. F. Richardson, Clerk of Suffolk county, to read the oath of allegiance.

Enemy aliens were represented in four Germans and thirteen Austrians, while what might be classed as semi-enemy aliens came over to the American colors in one Bulgarian and half a dozen Turks. Foreign monarchs were forewarned in a wholesale way and there was hardly one of any note who did not lose a subject or two in Upton's first naturalization court.

Justice Morschauer Presides.

Justice Joseph Morschauer presided at the quick fire citizen making. The court was called a special term of the Supreme Court in a memorandum sent

out by Col. Powers, chief of staff, at the direction of Gen. Bell, cantonment commander.

The loyalty of the men had to be attested by his commanding officer, and two witnesses who were members of his company had to accompany the applicant when he filed his form.

The Y. M. C. A. Auditorium was decorated to-day for the occasion and the depot brigade band was on the stage to play patriotic airs. Gen. Bell made an address before the men took the oath, in which he vigorously flayed the German Government and its methods. To the thirteen Austrians, who were the first enemy aliens called, he made a special address.

"Remember that we will not compel you to take this oath of allegiance to the United States. You do this voluntarily, and if you feel that you cannot whole heartedly support this cause even

to go as far as fighting against your own kinsmen you had better keep out."

Four Germans Applauded.

Applicants for the different nationalities were called alphabetically by County Clerk Richardson and lined up in front of the stage. They raised their right hands while he administered the oath and then they were citizens, receiving their certificates later from Capt. Greenbaum, the Judge Advocate.

The four Germans included a quartermaster sergeant and a corporal and the quartet was applauded as they went back to their places.

If there are further applications Justice Morschauer will hold an extra session of the court to-morrow afternoon. The court was held under the new naturalization act, which became a law three days ago.

WILSON TO ADDRESS ITALY.

Writes Message to Celebrate Country's Entrance Into War.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—A message to the Italian people from President Wilson will be read to-morrow night at a mass meeting here under the patronage of the President to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of Italy's entrance into the war. With another great Austrian campaign against Italy impending special significance is attached to the event in official and diplomatic circles. The anniversary, which falls on Friday, will be observed in Italian cities and the message of President Wilson will be called across in time for those meetings.



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