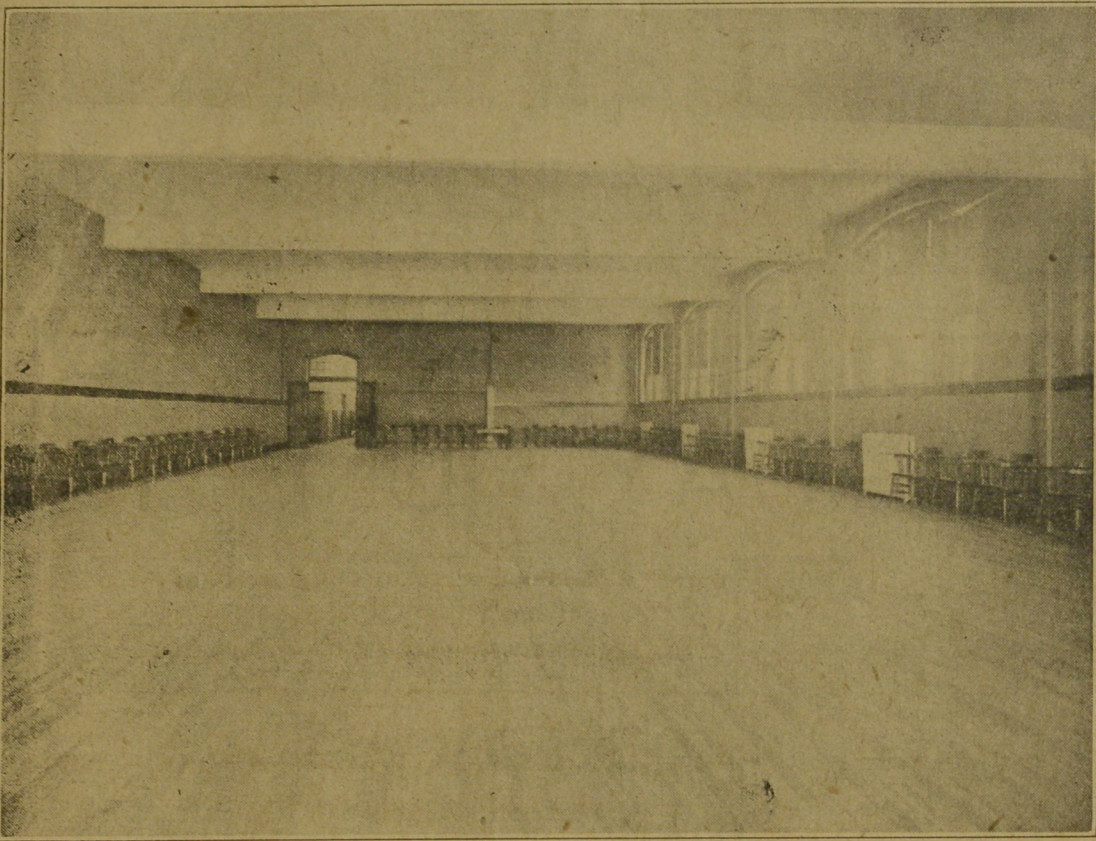


THE NORMAL SCHOOL GYMNASIUM



AUSTRIANS ON THE EVE OF A GENERAL RETREAT

Russian Successes Due to the Unprecedented Use of Artillery---Austrian Losses are Estimated at Two Hundred Thousand---Russian Steam Roller Seems to be Breaking Down all Before It.

London, June 9.—Special despatches from Petrograd express the belief that the Russian successes against the Austrians are far more important than appears from the official announcements.

The correspondent ventures the assertion on the authority of a prominent Russian expert, "that all five Austrian armies are on the eve of a general retreat and that Lemberg is in great strategic danger."

On the same authority it is asserted that "a strategic breach 100 miles wide has been blown in the Austrian front, involving the armies of General Count Von Bothmer and General Von Boehm-Ermolli, and part of that of Archduke Joseph Ferdinand."

According to other despatches the Russian success is largely due to the unprecedented use of artillery, surpassing in intensity any previous efforts on either side on the east front. Austrians were compelled to surrender en masse. The Times estimates the Austrian losses at 200,000.

11,000 Prisoners in One Day.

Petrograd, via London, June 8.—The capture of Lutsk, in Volhynia, and also a series of powerfully organized Austrian positions, is announced in the official communication given out here today. In addition to the Austrians previously captured in the offensive movements recently inaugurated, the statement says there were captured in yesterday's fighting 58 officers and 11,000 men, making altogether 52,000 officers and men captured since Sunday. The Austrian losses in the four days' fighting are placed at 100,000. A large amount of war material also was taken.

Approaching Stripa River.

The communication says:

"On Tuesday we developed our offensive in the direction of Rovno and Kovel, and keeping on the heels of the overthrown enemy, and following a battle in the region of Lutsk, we occupied that town. In many places we have seized not only the lines of the rivers Ikwa and Styr, but have crossed them and continued our offensive."

"In Galicia our infantry, supported by artillery fire, has captured a number of powerful enemy organized positions and have arrived quite near the line of the Stripa river."

"In addition to the 40,000 prisoners previously taken, we took in yesterday's fighting 58 officers and about 11,000 men, and captured a number of guns and machine guns, other weapons, field kitchens and telephone material."

"The results of the engagements from the 4th to the 7th in Volhynia and Galicia, permit us to consider that we have already gained an important victory, which is crowned by a great breach in the enemy's fortified front."

"On the Dvina front and in the lake region south of Dvinsk, there has been violent fighting at many places."

"In the Caucasus the situation is unchanged."

The new Russian campaign has been under way less than a week. Lutsk is the apex of a triangle of fortresses whose base line, extending from Dubno to Rovno, lies to the southeast.

These fortresses were captured by the Austrians last fall, after long and severe fighting, during which Lutsk changed hands several times.

Rev. Thomas Hicks New President Methodist Conference

Summerside, P. E. I., June 8.—The full Methodist Conference was constituted this morning with the lay delegates in attendance, as well as the clergymen, and began business at ten o'clock, with President Opie in the chair.

The hour preceding was occupied by a devotional service. Afterwards the conference proceeded to the election of its officers. A real battle of the ballots developed in this connection which was rather unusual. So tenaciously did the delegates hold to their several candidates that the entire forenoon was used up in finally seating the new president and secretary. The three clergymen who made a serious running for the presidency were Rev. John L. Dawson, Rev. Thomas Hicks, and Rev. D. R. Chowen. Rev. Mr. Dawson led well on the first ballot and would no doubt have been elected had he not convinced the conference in a few remarks that he could not accept the chair in the present condition of his health.

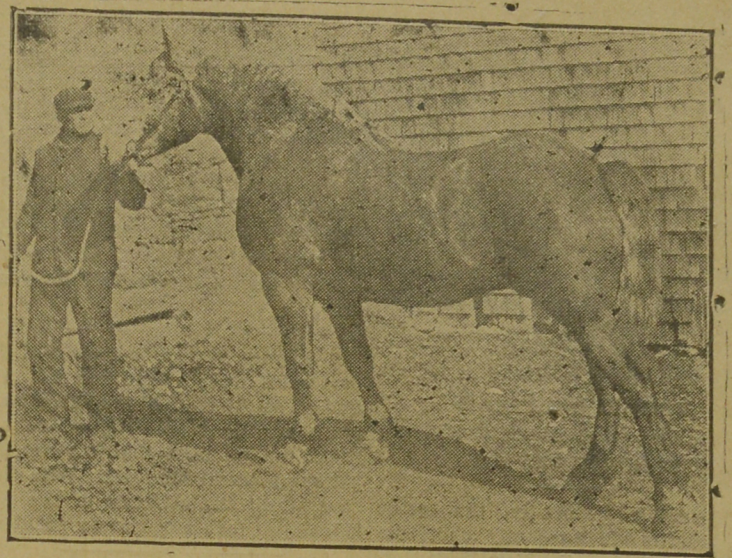
Three more ballots were necessary to get a decision between Rev. Mr. Hicks and Rev. Mr. Chowen. Mr. Hicks was finally elected by a majority of four. The new president has been a minister in the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference for more than forty years, and is slightly over sixty years of age. He is not so widely known in New Brunswick as he is in Prince Edward Island, for it is in this province that he has spent the larger part of his ministry. Mr. Hicks has always been known as a quiet, and unostentatious member of the conference.

Of those, however, who have been in touch with the important features of the conference work for which Mr. Hicks' services have always been in demand, he has been discovered as a man of keen executive and financial ability. Diligence and conscientiousness, moreover, have been characteristic of him in all his undertakings on behalf of the church, and his election as presiding officer today is the tribute of his associates to the quiet worth which could not be hid. He will make a safe and sane president.

Going to St. John.

St. John, doubtless, will have the new president among its Methodist pastors during the next year, as he is appointed to Carmarthen street church on the present draft of the station sheet. The retiring president, Rev. Richard Opie, closed his year's service with the feeling of satisfaction general throughout the conference concerning his year's administration of the church's affairs.

A resolution embodying this feeling was unanimously adopted. The hardly defeated opponent of Mr. Hicks for the presidency, Rev. D. R. Chowen, is a young man who has served the conference in the onerous office of secretary for five years, and with an efficiency which has known no criticism he retires this year. The conference made a record of its high appreciation of his invaluable services. He is an unobtrusive member of the younger ranks of the ministry. He can afford to wait and is willing to wait for the recognition which is certain to come. Mr. Chowen is the minister at Milltown.



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