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THE REAL HEAD OF RUSSIA'S ARMY

General Alexeff is a Master of Strategy.

Though the czar is the nominal commander in chief of the Russian armies, it is no secret that the real man at the head is General Michel Vassilievitch Alexeff, who is the chief of the general staff. He seems to be the man who has come through the close sifting of time and stress. Since he took charge there has been a new spirit in the Russian armies. No one knows that better than the Kaiser and Field Marshal von Hindenburg. The allies know it, too, and the French government has conferred on him the grand cross of the Legion of Honor. It was



Photo by American Press Association. GENERAL MICHEL ALEXEFF.

General Alexeff, who followed the attempt of the Germans to trap the Russian army during its retreat into the Caucasus, was previously his promotion as chief of staff. General Alexeff is a studious man. He works hard, and for many years he was a professor in the military academies of Petrograd, Moscow and Nikolai. In his manners he is demure, and in addition to being popular in the army he has close contact with the leading spirits of the now dissolved duma, which, after all, represents the Russian people better than the autocratic government. His military career dates from the Russo-Turkish war in 1877-8, when he was promoted to the rank of major. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in 1880, and during the war with the Turks he was wounded three times. In 1890 he was attached to the general staff. In the war with Japan he was one of those whose reputations were enhanced rather than the contrary. He was in command of the Third Army in Manchuria, and the Japanese recognized him as a worthy opponent. When the war was over the czar gave him a jeweled sword as a mark of his regard. It had not been Alexeff's fault that things had gone wrong.

The Royal Box.

Princess Henry of Battenberg, governor of the Isle of Wight, is the only British woman ruler. King Peter of Serbia is not a military man at heart. Rather is he a scholar and philosopher, as is shown by his admiration of John Stuart Mill, whose works he has anonymously translated into Serbian. King Gustav of Sweden is a teetotaler, and he and the entire royal family of Sweden are at the head of the temperance movement in Sweden. His mother for over forty years devoted her time and money and influence to the cause of temperance.

Flippant Flings.

France forbids the export of nuts. We show a welcome disposition to encourage it.—Wall Street Journal. Judging from the number of generals who have retired, one would say he was bent on a general cleaning up.—Chicago Herald. Horse meat has been placed on the New York bill of fare by the health board. A saddle of colt ought to be suitable.—Detroit Journal. New York warehouses are full of sold storage food for Europe. If anything can make them quit fighting this prospect ought to.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

STRANGE WINTER SPORT.

Members of New York Clubs Enjoy Surf Bathing in Midwinter. New York city contains clubs of all kinds and devoted to various purposes. There are thus clubs whose members plunge into the surf during the mid-winter season. These are known as Polar Bears, Arctic or Snowbirds.



'SNOWBIRDS' CLEARING SNOW FROM BOARD WALK.

The illustration shows a group of people showing snow from a board walk at a beach near New York. Cold winter sport is assuredly not the members of these organizations seem to be none the worse for exposure to the cold air and water. They run to and fro on the surf on days when the temperature is below the freezing point and are watched in their gulleys by spectators clad in furs and heavy overcoats.

Fashion Frills.

Women don't object to old fashioned things if they are in style.—Philadelphia Inquirer. Hosiery manufacturers, it is said, are making tremendous profits, and now they are trying to see where their earnings go.—Baltimore American. The news that women are wearing the fur-trimmed doesn't distress us in the least. It's so much better than the fashions of the past.—New York Sun.

DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Miss Annie Tim of Washington recently completed a trip by foot from the national capital to the Pacific coast. Mrs. Caroline Weldon of Jersey City, N. J., recently received a legacy of \$73,000, which she will be a candy and sugar tester. Mrs. Frederick Gillman of Vallejo, Cal., widow of a gunner on the submarine F-4, which sank in Honolulu harbor, has been appointed taskmaster at the Mare Island navy yard by order of President Wilson. Dr. Helen Sexton has had the rank of major conferred on her by General Joffre, the head of the French army. This is the highest honor that can be conferred on a British medical man or woman. Major Sexton is directress in charge of the hospital at Autenil financed by four Melbourne women.

Flower and Tree.

The acorn tree bears fruit after twenty years' growth. It has been found that the olive will live longer under water than any other tree. Flowering plants should never be watered with cold water. It chills the plants. The cactus and other desert plants have thick stems instead of leaves in order to reduce the loss of water by evaporation to a minimum. Nicotine is found in only one plant besides tobacco—a large shrub known to botanists as Duboisia hopwoodii, which is native to the interior of Australia.

PITH AND POINT.

A temptation well resisted is the best tonic a man could have. Many a good reputation has been stabbed by a pointed tongue. As nearly as can be figured out, a savant is a scientist on foreign soil. It is better for the drowning man to clutch a life preserver than a straw. Even persons who never tried it will tell you that honesty is the best policy. Many a man who prides himself on his physical strength cannot even hold his tongue.

Holy Redeemer.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Kawczynski, who died Jan. 6th, at her home 197 Herald St., took place Monday morning at 9 o'clock. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband and four sons: John, Charles, George and Leo; four daughters, Mrs. Lewis End, Mrs. Frank Klingler, Mrs. Andrew Brust and Mrs. John Petz. The parishioners who wish to have a church calendar may obtain one at the rectory. The regular meeting of the L. C. B. A., took place Thursday evening, at which the installation of officers took place. A comedy dress social was held afterward. A good time was had by all who attended. The regular meeting of the C. B. M. A., took place Monday.

St. Boniface.

The masses this Sunday will be at 6, 7.30, 9 and 10.30 o'clock. The Holy Name Society will go to Holy Communion in a body on Sunday morning at the 7.30 o'clock mass. It is expected that each member will attend. The Society will assemble in the Parish Hall at 7.15 o'clock. A most enthusiastic and well-attended meeting was held Wednesday evening by the St. Boniface Young Men's Club at their Community Rooms, when the election of officers took place. Mrs. Mary Langenbacher, widow of Joseph Langenbacher died on Monday at the family home, 342 Caroline St., aged 84 years. She leaves one son, Joseph Langenbacher; three daughters, Mrs. Jos. Maeder, Mrs. Frank Huber, and Mrs. Jos. Kaesler. She was a member of the Rosary Society of this church. The funeral was held from this church at 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

The St. Boniface-Footlight club held an important meeting at the Parish Hall on Monday evening last at which time arrangements were made to produce the 3 act comedy, "A Regiment of Two" at the Grange Hall in Williamson, the latter part of this month. The play was a roaring success when given recently in Penfield and in Rochester. The farce abounds in ludicrous situations and each player has the opportunity to enhance their lines with wit and humor. The play is under the personal direction of Edward F. Hettig, who has distinguished himself in dramatic circles and with his usual careful detail-work, the play will long live in the memories of the suburbanites. The members in this cast will hold their next rehearsal on Sunday.

On Wednesday evening last week, the annual election of officers was held by the St. Herman Benevolent Association at the Parish Hall. But few members were absent when the roll was called. The following officers were elected: J. Kimpel, Pres.; J. Vogt, vice pres.; John M. Miller, Treas.; L. Nowatski, Fin. Sec'y.; J. Wamaker, 1st marshal; F. Hilbert, 2nd marshal; S. Garvey; delegates, P. Gaffney, F. Kimpel and P. Weiss. After a heated debate and hard struggle, our faithful and reliable Auditor, Joe Stupp, was again re-elected, which brought enough cheers to satisfy a Congressman. At this juncture, the tumult and uproar was quieted when Mr. Stupp full of smiles and appreciation explained why he stood like the Rock of Gibraltar among the brothers of our organization, and also made a number of suggestions for the good and welfare of the Society. An annual "Smoker" will be given on Wednesday evening, Feb. 2nd, by the St. Herman's Society for their members and friends at the Parish Hall. A committee of ten has been appointed to arrange for the evening's amusement. In addition to the refreshments and lunch, a most interesting and amusing program is being arranged. Some of Rochester's favorite vaudeville artists and clever athletes are engaged for this occasion. Each member is urged to do his utmost in bringing as many friends as possible, as it is predicted they will be given a rare treat.

HOLY FAMILY.

The funeral of Conrad Haag was held Friday morning at 9 o'clock. The deceased died in Chicago and was brought here for burial. Sunday evening there was a meeting of the Christian Mother Society. A weeks' mind mass was said for Conrad Haag Friday morning.

St. Francis Xavier.

Sunday will be communion day for the Young Ladies'. The members of the Sodality will receive in a body at the 8.15 o'clock mass. School collection will be taken up at all the masses on Sunday. The funeral of Mrs. Anna Schumucker was held on Friday morning at 8.30 from her home, 25 Tonawanda Street and at 9 o'clock from the church. She leaves five daughters and one son all of this city. She was a member of Br. 62, L. C. B. A. A large delegation attended the funeral services at the church. Mrs. Mary Kohler, aged 72 yrs., died on Saturday at her home, 407 Maple St. She is survived by one son Joseph Kohler. Her funeral was held on Tuesday morning at 8.30 from her home and at 9 o'clock from the church. A pleasant surprise party was given to Miss Hazel Danzer on last Sunday afternoon at her home, 232 Brown St., in honor of her fifteenth birthday, by nine young ladies. Supper was served and a very joyous time was had by all. The affair was arranged by Miss Rosella Pfeffer. The annual installation of officers of Br. 62, L. C. B. A., was held on Thursday evening, Jan. 6th. A turkey dinner was served after the installation. The guest of honor being Rev. Wm. Stauder. The dinner was in charge of Mrs. Anna Brueckel, assisted by a large committee. The funeral of Mary Marzhauser who died on Thursday morning, January 6th, at her home 14 Jefferson Ave., took place on Saturday morning at 9.30 o'clock from her home and at 10 o'clock from the church. Requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Edward Eschrich. Burial was made in the family lot in Holy Sepulcher cemetery. Rev. Andrew Mehan of St. Bernard's Seminary pronounced the last blessing at the grave. The bearers were grandchildren of the deceased: John C. Frank W. and Clements Rossenbach, John G. and Joseph Schreiner and Clarence Geck. Mrs. Marzhauser was 86 years of age and one of the oldest members of this church, having been a member for the last sixty years. She was also a member of the Ladies' Sodality.

St. Michael's.

Sunday at all the masses the monthly collection will be taken up. The requiem masses for this week were for Loretta Gross, Joseph Sell and Teresa Treyer. The funeral of Mr. Philip Walenstatter, aged 81 years, took place Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. The marriage of Mr. Raymond Hermler to Miss Philomina Wahl took place this week. The funeral of Mrs. Catharine Langknecht took place Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. She leaves three sons, John, Jacob and Henry; two daughters Susan and Anna Langknecht. The members of the choir played organ last Friday evening. Prizes were won by Miss Martha Klingler and Miss Celia Reintgeschmidt. The funeral of Miss Philomina Rehber, aged 72 years took place Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. She leaves besides her parents five brothers. The regular meeting of Branch 104, L. C. B. A., will take place on Monday evening.

St. Francis Xavier.

The requiem masses this week were for Helen and John Same, John McCormick, Leopold and Tecla Engel. Sunday afternoon the Young Ladies' Sodality held their monthly meeting. The bans of matrimony were announced Sunday between Geo. Baker and Margt. Beikirch. The monthly collection to be applied on the church debt will be taken up at all masses Sunday. An entertainment to be given by the Ladies' Symphony orchestra and St. Joseph's Dramatic Club will be held at our church hall, under the auspices of the Young Ladies' Sodality on Monday evening, Feb. 7th. It will be for the benefit of the church.

STATEMENT OF MERCHANTS BANK OF ROCHESTER

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Resources	
Loans	\$4,921,248.87
Bank Building	220,000.00
Cash on Hand	\$314,945.88
Cash in Banks	717,583.66
R. R. and Other Bonds	300,122.92
(Market Value)	1,332,652.46
	\$6,473,896.33
Liabilities	
Capital	\$300,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	384,965.61
Dividend	7,500.00
Deposits	5,781,430.72
	\$6,473,896.33
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