

POLISH LEGION SEEKING MEN

Anniversary of National Constitution of Poland Celebrated

NEEDED FOR FIGHTING

Capt. Korzybski and Father Minehan Were Speakers at Patriotic Festival

Massey Hall was the scene of a Polish demonstration yesterday afternoon, when the Polish citizens of Toronto assembled to celebrate the anniversary of the National Constitution of Poland. The meeting was presided over by Captain Korzybski, who was formerly in the employ of the Russian Government, and who fought with the Russian army in Eastern Prussia, and latterly with the French and British on the West front, where he was twice wounded.

Captain Korzybski opened the meeting with a vigorous speech in the Polish language. He spoke as a man who had a message to deliver and was aflame with the urgency of it. A man of soldierly bearing and intense enthusiasm, the Captain busied himself about the platform as if he was in the midst of a campaign when every minute counted. He was in the midst of a campaign of recruiting a Polish Legion which is in training at Niagara Camp.

Address By Mayor of Cleveland.

Mayor Davies of Cleveland, Ohio, who was introduced at the meeting by Mayor Church of Toronto, said there were eighty thousand Poles in the city of Cleveland, and none had responded to the call more readily than them. He said the message he brought to those in Canada who were weary of the struggle, was that the United States is in the fight to the finish, until victory is won. The people of the United States would not be satisfied until the Huns were beaten, and until Poland had secured the liberty they themselves enjoyed.

Mayor Davies said he had attended a church in Toronto that morning where he had listened to the strains of the United States national anthem, and had seen the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes draped side by side. The sight raised a lump in his throat, and in his heart he hoped to God that there may never come a time when anything would sever the relationship which the war had brought about between Canada and the United States.

Poland Strives For Liberty.

Father Minehan regretted that he was unable to address the audience in the Polish language, but declared that Poland had been dear to him since his childhood. One of the recitations he learned at school was "The Downfall of Poland," by the Poet Campbell. That appealed to the Irish, because they also had fought for their independence and liberty. "The Irish may be beaten, but they won't stay beaten; and the Poles never acknowledged defeat," said Father Minehan.

"If it were not for Poland, the Turkish flag would be floating over Vienna to-day and the Hohenzollern would be under the heel of the Turk. Faith and freedom owes a great debt to Poland. We hope ere long to see a new and independent Poland; and if this is to be so, then the allies must win. In fighting for the allies you are fighting for your country." The Father's speech was received with enthusiastic applause.

Poles Facing the Crisis.

Lt.-Col. Rev. G. H. Williams said the sufferings of Poland would be the lot of every nation in the world if Germany was not beaten now. The ghosts of the heroic dead of Poland would haunt the Poles of the present day if they failed in this crisis.

Rev. Joseph P. Chodkiewicz, speaking in the Polish tongue, said the land of the Sobieskis was once again attaining the goal of nationalization, and this was due to the influence of the allies.