

News of the Lodges and Fraternities

Masonic.

Rough Ashler Lodge No. 74, A. F. & A. M., Omaha, Neb. Meetings, first and third Tuesdays in each month. J. H. Wakefield, W. M.; E. C. Underwood, Secretary.

Excelsior Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Thursdays in each month.

Zaha Temple No. 52, A. E. A. O. U. M. S., Omaha, Neb. Meetings the fourth Wednesday in each month. N. Hunter, Ill. Potentate; Charles W. Dickerson, Ill. Recorder.

Shaffer Chapter No. 42, O. E. S., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Friday in each month. Maggie Ransom, R. M. Elnora Obee, Secretary.

Rescue Lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Monday in each month. Lodge rooms, Twenty-fourth and Charles streets. William Burrell, W. M.; H. Warner, Secretary.

Omaha Lodge No. 146, A. F. and A. M., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Fridays of every month. Lodge room 1018 Douglas street. Will N. Johnson, W. M.; Wynn McCulloch, Secretary.

Keystone Lodge No. 4, K. of P., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Thursday of each month. C. H. Lewis, C. C.; J. H. Glover, K. of R. S.

Western Star No. 1, K. of P.—Meetings second and fourth Thursdays in each month. J. N. Thomas, C. C.; E. R. Robinson, K. of R. and S.

Omaha Lodge No. 2226, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. Meeting nights, the first and third Thursdays of each month. Lodge rooms, 2522½ Lake street. G. Brown, M. G.; J. C. Delcher, T. S.

Friendship Temple, No. 347, meets the first and third Friday afternoons at 2:30 each month at Twenty-fourth and Charles streets, in U. B. F. Hall, Mrs. Ellen Johnson, Princess; Mrs. M. A. Walker, Secretary.

WILL WHITE DOMINION LAST IN EAST AFRICA.

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into British East African territory have almost invariably been successful, and this has given them the impression that Germany is going to win in the long run. That is why even the blacks in British East Africa are proving not merely disloyal, but also rebellious. The blacks are the greatest opportunists in the world. They will always prefer to join the winning side, and it will require a number of crushing defeats of the Germans to induce them to abandon the kaiser's flag for those of the allies.

That the British should have met with many reverses in East Africa until now is not surprising when one glances at the map and sees what a long line of frontier they are called upon to defend. Until December last they were mainly dependent upon a handful of Indian troops, some unseasoned territorials, some unreliable native levies, and above all, upon an armed force composed of the white settlers, in which even missionaries were called upon to bear arms.

Send Out British General.

These forces were divided up into sort of flying columns. But so great were the distances to be covered, that

it was impossible in most cases to forestall a German-African raid across the boundary line to cut and destroy the Uganda railroad at several points far distant from one another, sometimes on the same night. Every successful raid of this kind encouraged others, and at length the situation in British East Africa became so serious that the English government sent out from London Gen. Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, with all artillery, the ammunition, and the supplies needed for a big campaign, being, however, unable to spare many men in the way of reinforcements.

Sir Horace, when he arrived upon the scene, quickly realized that it was hopeless to look for any satisfactory results, with the relatively insignificant military forces at his command, and insisted upon a full fledged army corps being sent out. The war department in London declared that it could not spare the officers or the men, and thereupon appealed to Gen. Botha, premier of the South African union.

How Smuts Was Appointed.

Botha at once expressed the readiness of the union government to assist the imperial government in the matter and to place at its disposal for service in British East Africa that army of veteran troops which served under his orders in the conquest of German West Africa. They are all seasoned men and gladly volunteered for the enterprise, only stipulating that they should be commanded by one of their own generals, either by Botha or by Jan Smuts, who had been the former's principal lieutenant in the campaign that culminated in the transformation of German West Africa into a British possession. The imperial government, recognizing the value of these men in the difficult art of African warfare, acceded to their conditions, and accordingly directed Smith-Dorrien to return home and to surrender his chief command in British East Africa to Jan Smuts.

Admired by Britons.

That a veteran such as Sir Horace, one of Kitchener's best men, should have been superseded by a man twenty years his junior, such as Jan Smuts, who has nothing of the professional soldier about him, and that other English generals and high staff officers should not only be willing, but delighted to serve under his orders, is sufficient in itself to show that the new commander in chief in British East Africa is a remarkably man. He is by profession a journalist and a lawyer, and was for several years first of all a reporter, and then editorial writer, on the South African Telegraph, then owned by Sir John B. Robinson.

Born in the Cape Colony, Smuts was educated at the Cape of Good Hope, and after taking a "double first" at the Cape university, proceeded to England, and won similar honors at the University of Cambridge, where he made his home at Christ's college.

When the present war broke out Smuts took a leading part in the suppression of the armed revolt, and after acted as second in command to Premier and Gen. Botha in the latter's conquest of German East Africa.

DIDN'T HAVE TO ASK.

Three-year-old Elsie came from the back door of a neighbor's home, eating a cookie.

"Elsie," her mother reproved, "you must not ask Mrs. Brown for cookies."

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