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EDITORIAL

Many of us feel, in one way or another, the effect the present conflict in Europe has upon Philately. The mails have been very irregular and as a result news of the Philatelic world in Europe is more or less scarce. Publication of many Philatelic magazines has been suspended with for the duration of the war at least. Our concern is of course with the stamps of Bohemia-Moravia and news about the various issues and happenings in this country will always be happily received and passed on for the benefit of the members. Gradually, as a result of the war, philatelic news has been diminishing until presently every source of information has seemed to have dried up.

In spite of the fact that philatelic news from Bohemia-Moravia is not readily available the Specialist will continue to publish articles of research value, perhaps a little more so than in the past, but there is plenty of material on hand for the future. The "HRADCANY" article has several more issues to run and when that is completed a series of articles on the Stamps of the Czechoslovak Army Field Post in Russia will appear. This article is written by one of our members who has done considerable research work in this field and should prove very interesting.

Meanwhile, do not hesitate to send your Editor any bit of news, items of interest, personals or articles, all of which will help to make your Specialist more interesting.

The Editor.

CANADIAN VACATION

During the past years we have been in the habit of spending our vacations in the Catskill Mountains of New York. This year, due to repeated invitations from personal friends and some of our members in Canada we decided to forsake the usual "mountain retreat" and instead visit the Land of the Royal Mounted Police. And it should be said that we had a marvelous time and really were sorry that the travels could not be stretched a little longer, though we did travel approximately 2000 miles.

Upon entering Canada one is immediately aware of the situation that the country is at war. Everywhere, especially in the larger cities extra editions of the newspapers appear at regular intervals and instantly large crowds of news hungry people form a crescent around the news stands in order to get a glance at the headlines. Regardless of the situation the population is most optimistic and apparently not worried about the final outcome of the struggle. Naturally they are very interested as to what definite role the United States will play in the conflict and many times we were asked the question by both friends and complete strangers, "what are the Yanks going to do?" One does not hear much war discussion openly due to the many posters affixed to houses, walls, inside of eating places and automobiles which caution you "not to discuss the war with strangers" and "to report possible activities of the Fifth Column". A visible percentage of the population is in Army uniform, the Air arm predominating.

In going to Canada we have cherished the dream that we would be

able to return with a few new membership applications in our pocket, reluctantly we have to confess that we have been unable to sign up even one new member. Not that there would not be any prospects, on the contrary, we have met quite a few but right now their possible intentions are influenced by existing conditions, thus either being too busy with work or are in uniform. However, we have promised ourselves to launch our own "philatelic blitzkrieg" as soon as conditions will look more bright.

In Montreal we were awaited right at Bonaventura Station by our friend I. Kessler who was our host for four days and with whom we spent most of our time, being shown the sights of the city and vicinity. Our thrill came when we were permitted to go through his stock of stamps which is really enormous. We were also shown his private collection. It would be impossible to describe the entire contents but the following items, which we have never seen in our rather long career as a collector, are either unique or gems of the first water. Namely, a registered cover with a block of four of Scott's 47a, a cover with a copy of Scott's J 52a, proofs of Scott's B 137-39 and B 140-43 and finally, several parcel post stubs with the famous Weipert counterfeits, Scott 8, 9 and 38.

Mr. Kessler has hinted to us the outline of a plan of his which we are sure will find universal interest among our members. Details of this plan will be published as soon as we have his permission.

In Toronto Jim Stephen, our librarian, gave us much of his time. We had met Jim last year when he was in New York at the Fair. Now as guest at his home we had the opportunity to go through the Society's library which is housed in a large filing cabinet. There, every book, pamphlet, sheet and clipping is kept in an individual manila folder and properly indexed and written up. As to his collection which is housed in several Rapkin albums, we have to say that, though we know of several larger and more expensive ones, we have never seen one that would be better arranged as to layout. And as to exhaustive and perfectly correct write-up, Jim Stephens album pages are in a class by themselves. And, we mean it, Jim!

We must not overlook the fact that Jim is the only "foreigner" who possesses a Czech-English dictionary that we know of.

We also met several members of the Masaryk Philatelic Society of Toronto of which Mr. Stephen is founder and President. We also met its Honorary President, Mr. Busek, who is Czechoslovak Consul for Toronto and spent quite some time at his office. Also, one floor above his office are the offices of Captain Van Wart, Honorary Consul for Czechoslovakia, who also gave us a very warm reception. Before leaving he took us to a room adjoining his private office and exhibited a film which he had taken himself while with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in 1919 in Russia and depicting the military operations and battles of the Czechoslovak Legions against enemies while on their trek to the Homeland via Siberia.

In closing we wish once more to express our thanks to Messrs. Kessler and Stephen and also to the many others who have shown us their hospitality, hoping, in the not too distant future we may have them as our own guests.

J. W. Lowey

BITS ABOUT THIS AND THAT

Vice President Fred W. Peters is at present enjoying a vacation in Bermuda.

International Philatelic Week will occur November 10 to 16 of this year. Members are urged to co-operate by exhibiting their collections wherever possible during this period in order to further the interest in Philately and particularly in the stamps of Czechoslovakia and our Society.

In Chicago the following program has already been prepared:

Sunday, Nov. 10, Cicero-Berwyn P. S., Annual Stamp Exhibition.

Monday, Nov. 11, Special meeting of the North Shore P. S.

Friday, Nov. 15 to Sunday Nov. 17, Chicago Philatelic Society Annual Philatelic Exhibition.

This announcement may be a bit early but it will give you an opportunity to prepare an exhibit in order to really "put over" the week this year in a manner appropriate to the 100th anniversary of the Postage Stamp. Your Editor will be glad to hear just how you are going to co-operate.

THE "HRADCANY" ISSUE OF CZECHO-SLOVAKIA OF 1918

By J. W. LOWEY

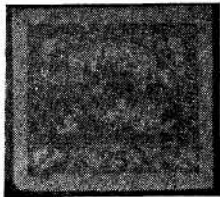
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(Continued from last month)

The Issue

We now come to the actual core of this story—namely the description of the various engravings, which hereafter we will call Types.

TYPE I



In Type I behind the cathedral we see the rising sun. Lettering is in white on colored background:

Denominations:

- 3 haleru, red violet
- 5 haleru, yellow green.
- 10 haleru, rose red.
- 20 haleru, blue green.

Word has been received that the Officials of the Czechoslovakian Pavilion at the New York World's Fair have again authorized the overprinting of both the Bratislava and the Prague sheets. The same overprint as last year's has been used. The inscription is in black while the coat-of-arms appears in five colors, gold, red, blue, green and black. To the Prague sheet has been added a reproduction of the Pavilion, this being placed in the blank space between the two stamps. While the sheets have no postal value they will make an attractive addition to any collection of souvenir sheets and the proceeds from their sale will be used to continue the Pavilion at the Fair.

MENTION THE SPECIALIST

Readers of *The Specialist* are urged to patronize our member - dealers whose advertisements are found in this issue. When ordering, mention that you are a member of the C.S.P.S.-N.A. Non-members will oblige this Society if they will mention the magazine when ordering.

- 25 haleru, blue.
- 30 haleru, olive.
- 40 haleru, orange.

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 30 h. (47a) Light Violet, imperf. 8.00
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5h. (82a) Violet, Tete Beche Pair40
 5h. (82a) Violet, Tete Beche Pair, with gutter .. .45
 10h. (83a) Olive, Tete Beche Pair70
 10h. (83a) Olive, Tete Beche Pair, with gutter80
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FREEDOM ISSUE (Osvobozena Republika)

40h (71a) Brown, Tete Beche Pair80
 40h (71a) Brown, Tete Beche Pair, with gutter . 1.00
 50h (86a) Green, Tete Beche Pair 7.00
 50h (86a) Green, Tete Beche Pair, with gutter 11.00
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