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ASKS SUPPLY CITY WATER

Residents of Chase River District Will Send Delegation to City Council Regarding Installation of Water Main in That District.

Ald. McGuckie presided over the deliberations of the Council at last night's meeting. In the absence of the mayor who was in Vancouver attending a conference with Attorney-General Farris. The meeting was somewhat lengthy, a number of important questions being considered. A communication was received from the parade committee of Hospital Sunday inviting the presence of the Council as a body on Sunday next, the invitation being accepted on motion of Ald. Burnip, seconded by Ald. Barnes.

A communication was received from Mr. John Hunt, superintendent of the Canadian Western Fuel Co., advising the Council the company would donate to the corporation the swings used in connection with the First Aid Field Day on Labor Day, the offer being accepted and the company thanked for the same on motion of Ald. Burnip, seconded by Ald. Matthews.

A communication was received from Mr. Horace Critchley, secretary of the Chase River School Board, asking the Council to send a delegation of Chase River residents to consider the question of supplying that district with water from the city mains.

On motion of Ald. Jones the meeting decided to grant the request and will arrange for a meeting on a convenient date.

Mr. D. C. Shields wrote the Council stating his desire to reopen negotiations with the Council regarding the construction of a retaining wall on his property on Nicol street, he being willing to furnish the labor provided the Council provided the material.

On motion of Ald. Matthews, seconded by Ald. Burnip, the communication was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

A communication was received from Mr. J. F. Wilcox advising the Council that on Feb. 7, 1916 he had applied for extended leave of absence the same being granted and now desired to know if his former position was open for him, the communication being referred to the Finance Committee for investigation and report on motion of Ald. Jones, seconded by Ald. Burnip.

August Accounts.—The Finance Committee presented the Warrant Book for the month of August, totalling \$8,036.43, the principal items of expenditure being as follows:

Public Works	\$1068.35
Water Works	1031.01
City Offices	574.96
Police Dept.	690.20
Fire Dept.	579.98
Schools	1512.11
Cemetery	65.64
City Pound	67.68
Board of Health	109.58
City Parks	179.98
Athletic Club	141.25
South Forks Survey	701.60
Interest	252.50
Hospital Grant	150.00
B.C. Orphans Home	108.00

No Half Holiday.—The committee appointed to interview the management of the Canadian Western Fuel Company regarding a Saturday half holiday reported as follows:

Gentlemen,—Your Committee ap-

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MAIL DELIVERY IN NANAIMO STILL HELD UP

Dilatory Residents Are to Be Rounded up by Street Committee and Effort Made to Complete Numbering.

The Street Committee of the City Council is to make a personal appeal to those who have not as yet numbered their houses or place of business to do so immediately in order that there be no further delay in the inauguration of the free mail delivery in Nanaimo and district.

This question which has been very much to the fore of late was brought up at last night's meeting of the City Council by Ald. Matthews who reported that the numbering of houses was not yet complete, the delinquent ones being some residents on the Townsite and a number of houses in the business section of the city. The work of numbering had been too long delayed remarked Ald. Matthews and he felt it was up to the city to have the numbering completed and the cost charged up to the dilatory residents.

In reply to remarks by Chairman McGuckie who understood the matter was already in the hands of the Street Committee, Ald. Jones stated the foreman had been instructed to go ahead in the matter and he thought the matter was being attended to.

Ald. McGuckie felt like Ald. Matthews there should be no further delay so that citizens could have the benefit of a free mail delivery, and expressed the hope the Street Committee would attend to the work of numbering at once.

"Do you mean that the members of the Street Committee should get busy and personally tack up the house numbers?" queried Ald. Jones.

In reply the acting mayor stated he did not mean any such thing as Ald. Jones suggested but he considered when instructions were given the foreman or any city official to do certain work the work should be done and if the instructions were not carried out it was up to the committee to report to the whole Council which could take the necessary action.

City Clerk Gough informed the Board that Assistant City Clerk Hancock with the foreman made a canvass of the town and made a list of those not having numbers. He understood the work was completed as far as the securing of numbers was concerned and on the strength of this he had forwarded a declaration to Ottawa but now the postal authorities desired the declaration of the local postmaster.

Ald. Burnip remarked it would appear the numbering of houses was complete and the blame for any further delay would rest with the authorities at Ottawa.

In reply to Ald. Burnip Mr. Gough stated he believed it was the intention to include the Five Acre Lots in the area to be served for Mr. McIntosh had written for a map of the district showing all residences which he (Gough) had secured from Mr. W. H. Jones and forwarded to Ottawa.

The discussion ended with the matter being left in the hands of the Street Committee for their personal attention.

A meeting of the War Memorial Committee will be held in the Council Chamber tonight (Tuesday) at 8 o'clock.

ANOTHER HAPSBURG

Geneva, Sept. 7, via London, Sept. 8.—Mrs. Charles Hapsburg, former Empress of Austria-Hungary, gave birth to a son yesterday.

NO POWER TO POSTPONE SALE

Sale of City Property for Arrears of Taxes Must Be Proceeded With Unless Provincial Government Intervenes.

After a thorough investigation the Legislative Committee of the City Council finds the Council has not the authority to postpone the sale of property in arrears for taxes which is to take place in October.

The investigation by the Council was in response to a request of the ratepayers of Haliburton street who asked for a postponement of the proposed sale in order to give them time to enter into negotiations with the Government for financial assistance, which it is felt should be forthcoming in view of the fact that Haliburton Street constitutes the Island Highway through the city.

The Committee's report regarding the request of the ratepayers was submitted to the meeting of the Council last evening as follows:

Gentlemen,—Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the communication from Mr. T. Harvey on behalf of the ratepayers of Haliburton street, with instructions to ascertain if under any circumstances, the tax sale of property on Haliburton street could be postponed for one year or more, begs to report that immediate action was taken, and it was found that this was a matter over which this Council has no control.

If it is the intention of the above mentioned ratepayers to send a delegation to interview the Government with a view to getting aid, your Committee would recommend that this Board appoint a delegate to accompany the said delegation.

Legislative Committee.

On motion of Ald. Burnip, seconded by Ald. Barnes, the report of the Committee was received, and filed, the appointment of a delegate being held over pending action by the ratepayers in sending a delegation to Victoria.

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MAY REDUCE SENTENCE ON CANADIAN SOLDIERS

London, Sept. 8.—A petition is being promulgated here for a reduction of the sentence of 12 months upon several Canadian soldiers in connection with the Epsom riots. When Justice Darling passed sentence, he excused the prisoners from hard labor on account of their war service and added that there seemed to be no difference between their conduct and some of the persons belonging to this country except that the latter were if anything worse. Arguments were subsequently addressed to the Court of Criminal Appeals for a reduction of the sentence but without success.

WORTHLESS POWDER BOUGHT BACK BY THE STATES

Washington, Sept. 8.—Two hundred thousand pounds of gun powder manufactured here, sold to England, then to Russia and finally resold to the United States, turned out to be no good.

This was the first development of an investigation started today by the House Committee in financial deals connected with the manufacture of munitions for Russia paid for out of American loans.

PRO GERMANS AGAIN BUSY

President Wilson Told Sioux Falls Audience Pro-German Element in United States Was Again Lifting Its Head.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Sept. 8.—Declaring that Pro-Germanism had again lifted its head in this country, President Wilson declared in an address here tonight that "Every element of chaos" was hoping there would be no staying hand placed on the world's affairs. "I want to tell you," said the President, "that within the last two weeks the pro-German element in the United States again has lifted its head. This element is a danger to the world."

Keeping their nation out of the League of Nations to make possible again that which Germany had tried to do in the great war. It was a clean cut issue," Mr. Wilson declared between this new order or the old German order. Declaring the peace treaty provision for an international labor conference would give labor a new bill of rights, the President declared the treaty was a laboring man's treaty in the sense that it was a treaty drawn up for the benefit of the common people.

At a meeting held in the Premier's office at the Parliament Buildings this morning details of the official reception were arranged. When the formal courtesies have been exchanged Secretary Daniels, accompanied by Admiral Rodman, his staff, and the lady members of the party, will be taken by motor to the various points of interest in the city and neighboring district, returning to the Empress Hotel in time for a rest before the supper hour, when the distinguished visitors will be guests of the Canadian Club, commencing at 6.30 o'clock.

A MILLION DOLLAR FIRE AT ROTTERDAM

Rotterdam, Sept. 8.—Fire on the wharves here today destroyed one million dollars' worth of cotton.

Mr. Eric Davey returned on the S.S. Princess Patricia last evening from Vancouver.

It is expected that Robert Smillie and Robert E. Williams will champion the direct action proposal, but they will be met by antagonists such as Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson, Joseph Havelock Wilson, John Robert Clynes, James Henry Thomas, William Thorne and William Brae when the question is raised, which it is understood, will occur tomorrow.

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TO STRIKE OR NOT TO STRIKE

Is the Question With Members of International Railroad Employees Meeting in Convention Now.

Detroit, Sept. 8.—Whether a strike that it is claimed would tie up all rail transportation in this country and Canada is to be declared, will be decided at the convention of the International United Brotherhood of Maintenance of way employees and shop laborers which opened today.

It is claimed that 25 per cent. of the Maintenance of way and Shop Workers represented, receive less than \$2.50 a day, and an increase in wages of \$1 per day per man is being demanded.

COOLIES WILL CAMP AT WILLIAM HEAD

Victoria, Sept. 8.—The Chinese coolies who are returning to China across Canada from France, will be kept at William Head while they are waiting for their transports. Local authorities today received instructions to prepare quarters for thousands of natives on the ground at the quarantine station, where they were encamped when bound for France several years ago.

ASK FOR QUARTERS FOR LIBRARY PURPOSES

Representatives of the Nanaimo Library Association waited upon the City Council last night in regard to the use of the upstairs portion of the Athletic Club building for library purposes, the matter being left in abeyance pending a meeting on Friday night of this week of the Community Centre Committee.

ADMIRAL BERESFORD DEAD

London, Sept. 8.—Admiral Baron Beresford died Saturday morning on a visit to the Duke of Portland at Langwell, Calthness, Scotland. Death was due to apoplexy.

BIG DEMANDS BY COAL MINERS FORECASTED

Resolution at U. M. W. A. Convention Calls for Wage Increase, Six-Hour Day and Thirty-Hour Week.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 8.—A sharp increase in the basic wages of all coal miners in Canada and the United States, a six-hour day and thirty-hour week, are written on the program for the annual convention of United Mine Workers of America, which opens here Tuesday. Recommendations that these demands be submitted to the operators at the coming conference at Buffalo, Sept. 10, will go before the delegates upon assembling tomorrow and the temper of arriving delegates nearly all of whom are already here, presages an acceptance of the recommendations. Unless granted by Sept. 10, the date contemplated in the resolution, a strike is recommended.

Problems of the high cost of living will be to the fore at the convention. The opening report of Acting President John L. Lewis, who presides owing to the illness of President Hayes, will be largely devoted to high cost of living and exhaustive statistics.

A military funeral under the auspices of the G. W. V. A. will be given this afternoon to the late John T. Porter, son of Mrs. William Ince, who died suddenly on Saturday afternoon at the home of his aunt, Mrs. J. Hough, Nicol street, after only two hours' illness, the cause of death being smothering due to swelling of the neck, supposed to result from gas poisoning at the front. The funeral will take place from Mr. Jenkins Undertaking parlors at 2.30 to St. Paul's Church at 2.45, Rev. Mr. Ryal officiating.

PROPOSE SOLDIER SETTLEMENT FOR NANAIMO DISTRICT.

The establishment of a Returned Soldier Community Settlement, in the vicinity of Nanaimo will be among the questions considered at tonight's meeting of the Nanaimo Board of Trade, the subject being introduced and dealt with by Mr. A. Leighton, who since his return from overseas has given the question considerable attention and is well posted in all its details.

Other questions to be considered at tonight's meeting include the delay in the inauguration of a free mail delivery, the extension of the city limits, harbor improvements and the abolition of custom charges on vessels engaged in B. C. shipping.

Mrs. R. Kelly, Nicol street, leaves today for Cumberland on a visit to Mrs. Briggs of that city.

MAYORS DISCUSS HIGH COST OF LIVING

Demand Action to Combat Increasing Commodity Prices, Excessive Profits, and Hoarding.

His Worship Mayor McKenzie returned last evening from Vancouver where he attended a conference of Mayors, called by Attorney-General Farris to discuss the question of the high cost of living.

As a direct result of yesterday's meeting, resolutions containing the demands of this province for "action" to combat increasing commodity prices, excessive profits, and hoarding will be laid before the Ottawa Government within a few days.

The attorney-general will himself present the British Columbia demands, first making effort to have representatives of other provinces concur and collaborate.

Mr. Farris leaves for Ottawa in connection with the Dominion labor congress on Tuesday and his pledge to the assembled mayors and representatives of the board of commerce with Dominion-wide powers would well be subject to amendment if local benefit were to be derived. It was argued that operating from Ottawa the board would be too distant to be fully effective on the western coast. A resolution therefore, by Mayor Gale, seconded by Reeve Fletcher, of Point Grey, was carried, suggesting that the establishment of a B. C. provincial board, with full judiciary and administrative powers, be effected. A second action of the same resolution also asked that the board of commerce make some move to establish a legal business profit "spread," as an initial basis upon which profits could be figured where commodities of life were concerned.

Another resolution approved the action of the attorney-general in calling the meeting. It also expressed the opinion of the gathering that it was up to the federal authorities to exercise the initiative by administering the act and supplying the proper officers for its administration. It further asked that as far as possible powers be allocated to provincial and municipal authorities that they might assist in the administration as they were determined to have action, and to assist in every way possible. A last clause of the same resolution pledged the meeting to tender the assistance of all the municipalities represented.

General discussion was along the line that while the meeting did not want to openly criticize yet the proposed Board of Commerce plan of operation at Ottawa savored of "passing the buck," and the people of British Columbia municipalities, willing to assist in prosecuting the profiteer and hoarder, were looking for action as quickly as possible and wanted a chance to help start the campaign.

The B. C. Entomological Society is offering big cash special prizes to pupils of the Public Schools who enter exhibits of insects of importance to Agriculture. Particulars in Nanaimo Exhibition Prize List.

Mr. Isaac Harris returned to his home in Vancouver yesterday after visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Morgan, Albert Street.

The Canadian Bankers' Association acting in co-operation with the Dominion Department of Agriculture, offers good cash prizes to boys and girls who exhibit pigs or calves at the Nanaimo Exhibition next week. For particulars see Prize List.

Mrs. Turner, widow of the late Joseph Turner, who lost his life in the Protection Shaft cage accident a year ago tomorrow, has started a confectionery store on Fitzwilliam street.

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IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Opposition Members Made Strong Criticism of Proposed League of Nations at Yesterday's Session of the Canadian House of Commons.

Ottawa, Sept. 8.—Strong opposition was voiced in the House today. Generally, as was expected, criticism centered around the tenth article and the obligation thereunder placed on members of the League to preserve against external aggression the territorial integrity of all members of the League.

"Are we bound henceforth to take part in outside affairs," queried Acting Leader of the Opposition D. J. MacKenzie, Canada, Hon. Dr. H. S. Beland feared, was assuming more international obligations without increasing her international status.

"Under this covenant," Dr. Beland declared, "under Council of the League is given the right to dispose of Canadian troops for the quelling of disorder in any of the five continents." Mr. MacKenzie took the view too, that Canada had not yet reached the full status of nationality. "We are not," he argued "able to declare war and peace. If Canada, as a separate nation, bound herself to observe the League covenant she might have to fight even the mother country. Nor would Canada's action on the treaty alter it in the slightest degree. Submitting it to the Dominion Parliament merely 'ticked the fancy of some members and made them feel more important'."

Replying for the Government, Hon. A. L. Sifton, Minister of Public Works, took the view that Canada was fully entitled to sit in Peace Councils. In regard to Article 10, the view was also taken by speakers on the Government side that Canada having reached the status of a nation, could be prepared to play her part with the other nations.

The debate was adjourned by Ernest Papineau, of Kamouraska.

FEAR HORRORS OF BOLSHIEVIKI RULE

London, Sept. 8.—The Archbishop of Canterbury has received a dispatch from Archangel signed by the bishop and clergy, appealing to British Christians against the withdrawal of British troops which they asserted would leave Archangel to the horrors of Bolsheviki rule.

THE PEACE TREATY

Paris, Sept. 8.—According to the Echo de Paris, the Chamber of Deputies will ratify the peace treaty Sept. 15th, and the Senate will take similar action Sept. 20.

BIJOU TO-DAY

TAYLOR HOLMES