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NANAIMO VOLUNTEERS ORGANISED LAST NIGHT

The Nanaimo Volunteers were organized at an enthusiastic meeting of Nanaimo citizens held last night in the Council Chambers, a committee of nine appointed to arrange the preliminary work of organization, and fifty members enrolled.

The meeting was called to order by His Worship Mayor Planta, and T. B. Booth appointed secretary pro tem. The Mayor informed the large gathering that the meeting was called for the purpose of considering the question of forming a Volunteer Reserve Corps and he felt sure from the presence of so large a number there were many in Nanaimo who were willing and anxious to do what they could for home defence.

Dr. Brown remarked it spoke well for Nanaimo to see so many old fellows come around. It was the duty of everyone to do what he could and should be willing to fill any of the duties they might be called upon to perform. He was not aware what shape the local unit would take if it was a matter of protecting bridges, powder works, etc, but in any event they would do work which would enable the younger men to go to the front. The Council some time ago felt the young men should be taken away from the work of home guard and replaced by married or older men at home. Nanaimo should follow the precedent of other cities that younger men in the city should be given an opportunity of going to the front. Dr. Brown then moved the following resolution:

Whereas the present war is taxing and will increasingly tax the resources of the Empire to the utmost, and it is incumbent on Nanaimo, as on all Canada, to assist the Empire by all means in her power.

Whereas there are many men in this city and district who have had some military training and very many others who are without such training.

Whereas it is desirable at this juncture that every man in the Dominion of Canada capable of bearing arms should be taught, at least, the rudiments of war, so as to be able to render effective aid in defending our homes, in order to supply our regular forces with men as they are needed, who are as fully trained as circumstances will permit.

Therefore be it resolved that this meeting fully approves of the organization of a corps of reserves for the

purpose of co-operating with the regular militia to be called the "Nanaimo Volunteers," and pledges itself to aid in every possible manner the furtherance of such organization.

In seconding the resolution, Ald. Young remarked it augured well for the success of the movement to see so many in attendance. It was the duty of every citizen of the Empire to do what he could and put his shoulder to the wheel. It was up to every able bodied man to go to the front and it was up to those who were not fit to go to the front to stand behind and do what they could to help them. Failure to do this would mean conscription and it would be an eternal disgrace to us to allow the German hordes to win in this struggle. If the necessity should come for home defence it is necessary to leave the nucleus of a force or else the city would be at the mercy of any small invading force.

Major Rowan addressed the meeting and outlined the duties of a Volunteer Reserve. He stated recruiting in Nanaimo was progressing very well and a large number of men were waiting in the Barracks to go forward as soon as transportation was forthcoming. The organization must be run on military lines. The officers must be obeyed no matter what the orders were. The Major referred to the value of drill and the superiority a small body of organized men had over a large unorganized force. The volunteers should not look upon the organization as play. It was a serious matter and must be looked at in a business like way. While it was right to say that every able bodied man should go to the front, Britain and France had found out there were many men who could better serve their country by staying at home and both nations had sent back men to work as skilled workmen in factories. No conscription was needed in Canada, as the Canadian military law was virtually conscription. If word came to him to gather in all men in Nanaimo up to a certain age, he would gather them in without delay.

Capt. Yates also addressed the meeting showing the necessity for a home guard and the resolution to form the Nanaimo Volunteers was put to the meeting and carried by a unanimous vote.

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LOCAL TRUSTEES HAVE PROBLEM

Must Engage an Additional Teacher at High School For Large Number of Outside Scholars in Attendance.

The Board of School Trustees of this city is facing the problem of providing an additional teacher and room owing to the increased attendance over that of last term. There are 92 pupils in attendance at the High School this term compared with 65 last session and of this number 27 are attending from points outside the city, 24 of the number being non-tax payers. The ratepayers of this city are therefore called upon to provide a high school education for outsiders. As long as the city had accommodation for the same the trustees had no objection to outside scholars attending, but now they are compelled to provide additional teachers the local trustees feel they should receive some recompense either from the government or from the parents of the outside scholars who are receiving a high school education in this city.

At a meeting of the trustees held yesterday the question was discussed at length with High School Inspector Sullivan who on his return to Victoria will lay the matter before the Department of Education and will in all probability recommend that a class for the teaching of junior high school work be opened in the Harwood School, said class to be attended by all junior high school pupils residing outside the limits of the city.

There were present at yesterday's meeting of the School Board Chairman Planta, and Trustees Shaw, Hodgson, and Mrs. Skinner. A communication was received from the secretary of the B. C. School Trustees Association stating the annual convention of the Association would be held at Chilliwack on Sept. 14. Principal Archer of the High School reported 92 pupils in attendance and informed the Board he had four boy pupils in attendance who were negligent in work, were unruly and exercised a bad influence on the other pupils.

The report of Mr. Archer was received and filed and on motion of Trustee Shaw, seconded by Trustee Hodgson, the principal was instructed to exercise his authority as principal in dealing with the four boys complained of.

Principal Mansell reported 1013 scholars in attendance at the public schools.

Accounts totalling \$3,379.00 for the month of August were referred to the Finance Committee for payment. Trustees Mrs. Skinner and Jno. Shaw were appointed delegates to the trustees convention at Chilliwack on Sept. 14, 15, 16.

WILL FIGHT TO THE LAST DROP OF BLOOD

Petrograd, Sept. 7.—Russia is determined to fight five, even ten years if necessary, declared M. Rodzianko president of the Duma, in an interview yesterday. "If it should happen that we are forced to give up Petrograd and Moscow, we will retire to the defences of the Ural Mountains and continue the war."

"Russia has twelve million soldiers who will fight to the last drop of blood. They will not think of peace while a single enemy soldier remains on Russian soil."

Petrograd newspapers are becoming more optimistic over the military situation since the failure of the repeated German assaults on the Russian positions before Vilna and along the Dvina River.

Some of the military critics take the view that the German attacks are only weakening because the enemy's troops are being redistributed, but others believe that the German offensive is about to end.

Mrs. Ben Forcimmer returned last night from a business trip to the Terminal City.



YOUNGEST HERO IS

BACK FROM FRANCE

Peter Rutledge, a 12-year-old lad from Nova Scotia, who stowed away on one of the ships that carried the first contingent to England and after wintering at Salisbury Plains went to France and lived in the trenches for months with the Canadian soldiers, among whom were his three brothers. He was finally sent back to Canada, with a party of wounded and is now in Toronto.

MORE MURDERS BY GERMANS

Liner Hesperian Sent to Bottom by German Submarine With Loss of Twenty-Six Lives.

London, Sept. 7.—The Allan liner Hesperian, bound from Liverpool to Montreal, was torpedoed in the gathering dusk Saturday evening 160 miles off Queenstown. The passengers and crew were taken off, but one boat was upset while being launched, and it is not certain that all its occupants were saved. The liner subsequently sank while being conveyed to Queenstown. Twenty-six lives were lost.

Liverpool, Sept. 7.—Officials of the Allan Line announced here today that the liner Hesperian was not conveyed, that she did not attempt to escape from the German submarine and that she was torpedoed without warning.

Queensdown, Sept. 7.—Survivors of the Hesperian interviewed here, assert that they learned early on the day of the disaster that a submarine had been sighted and say the Hesperian kept a zigzag course thereafter.

London, Sept. 7.—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Rotterdam says: "It is rumored in Berlin that the sinking of the Allan liner Hesperian was deliberately designed by a party headed by Admiral von Tirpitz German minister of marine, to bring to a climax differences between von Tirpitz and Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, Imperial Chancellor, over the last note to President Wilson concerning the use of submarines against liners."

London, Sept. 7.—The American Consul at Queenstown, according to the Daily Mail has received information that a man named Wolff, aged 21 and born in New Jersey, was lost in the sinking of the Hesperian.

Paris, Sept. 7.—Italy has declared cotton contraband of war according to a despatch to the Havas Agency today.



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TURKISH TRANSPORT SUNK

London, Sept. 7.—An Athens despatch to the Hxchange Telegraph Company says that a British submarine operating in the Sea of Marmora has sunk a Turkish transport which was carrying 28 centimeter guns from Constantinople to Gallipoli.

CITY WILL BUY OLD JAIL SITE

Offer of Provincial Government For Sale of old City Jail Site Accepted by City Council.

The meeting of the City Council held last evening was short and devoid of particular interest as only matters of a routine nature were considered. The full Board was present with the exception of Ald. Ferguson; His Worship Mayor Planta presiding.

A communication was received from the secretary of the Union of B. C. Municipalities, informing the Council the convention of the Union to be held at Chilliwack had been postponed to Sept. 23 and 24.

A communication was received from the secretary of the Vernon Board of Trade inclosing a resolution passed by the Board of Trade of that city in reference to Canada's immense fire losses, the communication and resolution being referred to the Fire Wardens Committee to bring in a report at the next meeting of the Council.

The appended communication was received from Attorney-General Bowser:

A. E. Planta, Esq.,

Mayor, Nanaimo, B. C.
Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of a communication under date of August 17, from your city engineer in reference to allowing a strip off the front of our government reserve so that you can carry on your street paving on Front street.

I had the advantage of bringing this matter up before a meeting of the executive council yesterday and on the report which we have received from our officials it would appear that if this strip were given to you it would virtually do away with the value of out lot fronting on the water, as there would be a distinct drop from your pavement down on to the rest of our land, and under the circumstances we have come to the conclusion that we cannot see our way clear to permit this to be done.

As you know, in January of last year we agreed to sell you this reserve, as well as lot 6, for the sum of \$6250, and \$250 back rent, making \$6500 in all, and the municipality was to undertake to erect a municipal building to cost at least \$50,000. It was on account of this building that we made you such a low price on the lot, but now as you apparently want the greater portion of the Government Reserve Lot for street purposes we are willing to sell to you for \$6500, waiving the balance of the arrears of rent and not ask you to erect a municipal building.

It would appear to me that under the circumstances this is about as reasonable an offer as could be expected from the government and I would therefore be glad if you could let us know as soon as possible one way or the other, whether the municipality would be inclined to accept

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IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

Ottawa, Sept. 7.—The first cabinet council since the return of the Premier was held this afternoon. All of the ministers, except Hon. Martin Burrell, who is at the Toronto exhibition, are in town. The next few weeks promises to be a period of exceptional activity in government circles. As previously intimated, a number of important questions are to be considered, including the period of parliament and raising of additional troops. In addition, a number of appointments are to be made and numerous domestic matters determined.

PETROGRAD REPORTS TEUTON INVASION IS COLLAPSING

Petrograd, Sept. 7.—The Teutonic invasion is collapsing, according to a semi-official announcement here today.

The Germans have been checked at virtually every point and the Russians, now fighting under favorable conditions, soon may assume the offensive.

Experts are watching the Riga campaign closely.

An official statement issued later in the day said that the Russians were holding their own in the face of a terrific artillery fire and that the German forces along the Niemen river had been checked.

"South of the Niemen," said the statement, "the Germans have sustained heavy losses."

"Russian artillery is hampering the efforts of the Germans at road-building."

"Cossacks are raiding German communications with marked success."

London, Sept. 7.—The immediate objective of the Austro-German campaign in Russia becomes clearer with the growing indication that the invaders need the Baltic port of Riga, not only as a base for present operations in the direction of Petrograd, but as winter quarters in case the attempt to reach the Russian capital should be postponed until next spring.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg is experiencing great difficulty in bridging the portions of the Dvina held by the Germans. The current of the river is too swift for the construction of pontoons under the Russian artillery fire. As the rainy season comes on it will be more difficult for the invaders to bring up supplies; and consequently the seizure of Riga as a base becomes more vital to the success of von Hindenburg's plans.

The urgent necessity of capturing Riga is indicated in an army order which a Paris newspaper credits to General von Buelow. The general exhorts his troops to one more great effort to capture the port, so that it may be made their winter headquarters preparatory to marching on Petrograd next spring.

Along the other sectors of the eastern front the impetus of the Austro-German rush has been checked considerably. Vienna admits that fierce counter-attacks by the Russians have brought the advance along the Galician border almost to a standstill. The right wing of the Austro-German forces is said to be contemplating an attack on Kiev, with Field Marshal von Mackensen in command.

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Riga remains a danger point, but the fact that the Russians continue to occupy the town after the Germans have advanced to Dvina south-east of Riga leads military writers to the conclusion that the Russians feel reasonably sure of their ability to defend the river and in time to push sufficiently far westward to relieve the pressure on their forces on the shores of the Gulf of Riga.

Westward of Dvinsk and Vilna the Russian offensive has now held the Germans for more than a week, and to military observers these two towns seem fairly safe unless the invaders are able to bring up strong reinforcements. East and southeast of Grodno the Russians have taken up new positions across the river St. Chara and its numerous tributaries and are protecting the network of railways which run eastward and northward to the interior of the country.

NANAIMO AND THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT

The Herald is in receipt of the appended communication which needs no explanation, but contains food for serious thought and grounds for energetic action on the part of persons interested in the Boy Scout movement.

Sir,—During the last five years there have been many attempts made in Nanaimo to get the Boy Scouts properly organized. There has been a troop here and a troop there, but there has never been a concentrated effort representing the city as a whole. Whatever success was attained was brought about by the efforts of one or two men. On these leaving Nanaimo there was no organization to arrange for the continuance of the work.

We are not complaining. If Nanaimo does not see any value in the Boy Scout training, and does not wish to have the organization, that is Nanaimo's affair, not ours. But we wish to make it clear that no troop can be recognized in Nanaimo until the regulations are complied with, and a branch association formed representative of Nanaimo as a whole; the executive of which will be responsible for the observance of the Boy Scout regulations.

Yours very truly,
T. N. HENNEAGE,
Acting Chief Commissioner, British Columbia.

DESTROYER IS SUNK

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MORE WORK FOR CUMBERLAND MINES

Victoria, Sept. 7.—One of the largest fuel contracts ever made on the coast is understood to have been just signed up between the Granby Consolidated Mining Co. and the Canadian Collieries Limited for the supply of coke to the smelter at Anyox.

The smelter is one of the largest plants in the country and the requirements of the Granby Company now steadily growing are stated to be at present about four thousand tons a month. The new contract has been made for a period of five years and its supply will mean a big increase in the output from the Cumberland mines.

IN THE CAUCASUS.

Petrograd, Sept. 7.—The war office today made public the following official communication concerning fighting in the Caucasus: "In the region of Olti, near Tewa the Turks have fired without result on Russian positions. In the Van region our reconnoitering expedition has been successful. Our scouts have been in collision with Turks near the villages of Alchiz and Kouipka."

FOLLOCK-BRAINBRIDGE.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brainbridge, Newcastle Townsite on Sunday, Rev. W. H. Redman united in marriage Mr. Andrew Pollock and Miss Lucinda Brainbridge, the bride being attended by her sister, Miss Ethel, while the groom was supported by his brother James. On their return from their honeymoon trip Mr. and Mrs. Pollock will take up their residence on Selby street.

SUCCESSFUL SHOW AT HILLIER'S CROSSING

The Cameron, Newcastle and Nanaimo Agricultural Association held their first annual show on Friday last at Hillier. A large attendance and beautiful weather coupled with a good display of exhibits helped to make a very gratifying success of which the members may be proud.

The entries numbered 488, and were of a better quality throughout than the long spell of drought had promised. The prizes, which were handed to the successful exhibitors by Mrs. P. H. Buller, wife of the President, were divided among the following:

Horses, Cattle, Sheep and Hogs—Messrs Lloyd, Goldie, E. Ward, J. Hillier, Major Money, Grafton and Buller.

Poultry, Rabbits, etc.—Messrs Lawson, Little, Mrs. McDermott, Moore, Smithers, McBey, Buller, Gregory, E. Ward, Chandler and Courtney.

Fruit and Vegetables—Messrs Lloyd Langlands, Moran, Hancock, Cruise, E. Ward, Gregory, Pratt, J. Clark, Major Money, Hayes, Mrs. Hirst, Courtney, Valley, Neill, Little, R. Jones.

Grains—Messrs Clarke, Neill, Watson and Schiller.

Flowers—Messrs Buller, Jones, Maj. Money and W. Gregory.

Domestic Science—Messdames Moore, Langlands, Hennell, Gregory, Reid, Courtney, Hill, Valley, Hillier, Cheney and Crocker.

Children's Competition—Mildred Fosford, Gladys Harton, Mona Whitme, Max Bennett and Lucy Emack.

The winner of the greatest number of prizes was Mr. W. Gregory of Coombs.

In addition to the above list of First Prize winners several specials were donated, as also, in the vegetable class, the directors were able to give second prizes.

At the conclusion of the show an auction sale of certain exhibits took

GERMANY CALLING ALL MEN TO COLORS

London, Sept. 7.—A despatch to Reuters Telegram Company from Berlin, coming by way of Amsterdam says: "It is officially announced that the Military law will be modified to enable the re-examination of those persons previously exempt from military service on account of physical unfitness, with a view to their possible fitness for duty at the present time."

SMITH-WARWICK.

At the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Warwick, Harwood, on Monday, Elder Walker of Vancouver united in Marriage Mr. Chas. Oscar Smith of Comox, and Miss Ellen Maud Warwick. The bride who was given away by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Mary Edna Warwick, the groom being supported by his brother Wilfrid. The young couple will return to Nanaimo on Friday from their honeymoon trip and will leave for Comox where they will take up their residence.

HARRY C. STOUT.

Harry C. Stout, a native son of New Westminster, son of Mr. Hueston Stout, was a passenger on the Allan liner Hesperian, which was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine on Saturday evening. He is among the saved, and is now at Queenstown according to cable advices received by his friends.

place which realized a substantial sum to be handed to the Canadian Red Cross Fund.

It is good to know that although the first show held by the association the funds had stood the strain without the aid of any guarantors, and preparations for next year's show may be undertaken with a considerable balance in hand.