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All Estimates Pass Except Part of Public Works Sum Asked For

Some Hesitancy There Brings Talk Of Resigning TWO EYES FOR THE VOTE

Two Commissioners Refrain From Taking Action—Result of Session Today is to Increase Estimates of Last Year by \$144,510.56

An increase of \$144,510.56 in the civic estimates was adopted by the city council this morning and this amount represents practically the total increase outside whatever may be needed by the county. The county estimates are being made up at a meeting of the finance committee of the municipal council this afternoon and unless the school fund is appropriated an increase of \$25,000 will be found necessary.

The increase in the city assessment will be made up as follows:—Public works, \$64,001.21; police and fire, \$27,749.85; interest on debentures, \$47,760 and ferry, \$4,000. The only reductions effected on the final reading this morning were the elimination of \$50,000 asked for by Commissioner Potts to be used exclusively for street paving and the division of the \$30,000 expended to provide work last year on the outbreak of war over a period of five years, thus making the charge this year only \$6,000. The \$10,000 spent in Canterbury, Church and Princess streets last year was put in this year's assessment.

Threat to Resign. This morning's meeting was lively and at one stage Commissioner Potts threatened to resign if his estimates were not adopted as first submitted. His motion for adoption was seconded only on request of the mayor as a matter of courtesy to allow for discussion and he at last refused to accept the seconding in this spirit. Commissioner Wigmore explained that he could not support the extra \$50,000 for pavement or the \$50,000 increase in the general estimates if the charge of \$40,000 from last year were also to go in the estimate.

DESERTION AND DISEASE HIT GERMANS HARD

Typhoid Epidemic Among The Army in Flanders DOCTORS ALARMED BY IT

War Must End if Ravages Continue Until Summer—Advent of Italy and Balkans Into World Conflict Feared by Kaiser's Men

London, Jan. 13.—The Daily News correspondent telegraphs: "Interesting particulars about the condition of the Germans in Flanders is supplied by a trustworthy eye-witness who, a week ago, was allowed to leave Belgium. He said that, owing to the heavy losses in the German trenches, there is a lack of prompt medical attention and, in addition, the sanitary conditions of the improvised hospitals, where filthy straw has been used over and over again until it is completely rotten, are responsible for a large number of Germans dying from exposure.

Typhoid Epidemic. "Typhoid fever now is epidemic, having raged since November. This is mainly due to the Germans acquiring a habit of eating too much raw minced meat spread over bread. Physicians admit that the typhoid epidemic is alarming, but console themselves with the reflection that its spread is rendered difficult by the cold weather. Should it continue until summer, the war soon will be stopped.

"The Germans are utterly tired of war, but still are determined to fight to the bitter end. What the Germans fear most is Italy's intervention, which of the Balkan states."

PARIS GETTING READY IN CASE ZEPPELINS COME

No Fear, Says Abbe Director of Weather Bureau SAME AS TO LONDON

Says, in Present Stage of Ability to Defeat Weather, Large Airship Raid is Out of Question—Germans Missed the President

Paris, Jan. 13.—While Paris is not having the perpetual zeppelin scare which London indulges in, there has been great activity because of reports that the air will be full of aeroplanes and dirigibles dropping bombs just as soon as weather conditions permit. Therefore the inhabitants have been warned not to be alarmed if they suddenly get ordered to turn off their lights and be prepared to read by lamps behind screened windows.

Abbe Maraux, director of the observatory at Bourges, says a Zeppelin attack on Paris and London need not be feared. It is impossible so long as science is unable to predict the weather for several days with certainty, he says, for a squadron of Zeppelins starting from different points all at a considerable distance away, to reach their goal at the same time, and that any attempt to do so in the present state of meteorological science is bound to result in failure.

London, Jan. 13.—A Daily Mail despatch from northern France says:—"The importance of the great German air raid on Dunkirk on Sunday is the greater by reason of the fact that the raid was intended to do harm to the French president, who was expected to be in Dunkirk to present a flag to the famous French marine fueller."

Slaughter of Christians By Turkish Hordes Reported

Russian Field Headquarters, Tiflis, Transcaucasia, Jan. 13.—The Turkish army operating in eastern Armenia and northwestern Persia, is devastating the country, and is leaving a wake of sixty thousand persons are homeless. Thousands are freezing to death in the mountain passes of Transcaucasia.

TURKS' CRUISER BOMBARDED OWN ARMY'S POSITION

Russians Then Stepped in—Fighting on the Black Sea

Petrograd, Jan. 13.—The following details of the naval engagements in the Black Sea during the first week of January, have been received. The scene of the activities was between Sinope and Rezaib, Turkish ports on the southern coast.

The Russian ships came up at the Turkish cruiser Medjidiyek conveying a steamer, the Maria Rosetta, with a cargo of naphtha for Trebizond. They opened fire on the Turkish ship and did considerable damage. The cruiser escaped, but the Maria Rosetta was sent to the bottom.

On the night of January 6, the Russian fleet came up with the cruisers Breslau and Hamidieh. A spirited exchange of shots followed, and finally the Turkish cruisers disappeared in the darkness. In Soudere Bay and in Blash Bay (thirty-five miles east of Trebizond), the Russian warships destroyed fifty-one Turkish boats. The bombardment of the port of Hops, which is the distributing point of the Teheran region, caused fires along the coast.

Still In Strenuous Fight In Vicinity Of Soissons

Allies Have to Give Way at One Point—In Another Part of Line French Get Within 60 Yards of Enemy's Line

Paris, Jan. 13.—The French war office this afternoon reported: "The unfavorable weather conditions which have persisted along almost the entire front have hindered operations. In Belgium there has been a sand-storm in the dunes along the coast.

"In the region of Nieuport and near Ypres, the French artillery directed an effective fire on the earthworks of the enemy. "On the Aisne, to the northeast of Soissons, the fighting around 'Spur 132' continued with great severity during all yesterday. The Germans brought very considerable forces into this engagement. We maintained our position on the crest of the hills to the west of 'Spur 132.' To the east our troops were obliged to give up ground. The fighting here continues.

"Between Soissons and Berry-Aux-Bac shells from our artillery caused explosions at several points in the midst of batteries of the enemy. "In Champagne, from Rheims to the Argonne, there were, yesterday, exceedingly violent artillery exchanges. "In the region of Soissons, the advance position covering the blockhouse located to the north of the Beaumont farm is still in our possession, and we have set up a trench sixty yards from the German trench.

"In the Argonne there have been rain and wind storms. No infantry activity has been recorded. "From the Argonne to the Moselle there have been intermittent artillery exchanges. "In the Vosges there have been fogs and a heavy fall of snow."

SEND HELP TO AUSTRILIANS. Petrograd, Jan. 13.—While the Germans continue to engage the Russians on the left bank of the Vistula, it is reported that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is sending a German army into Galicia to help the Austrians in that quarter. It is believed that the Austro-German forces will soon undertake a new campaign to drive the Russians out of Galicia.

NO WORD YET OF MISSING CLERK AT YARMOUTH

Vault Opened and Auditors Are at Work on the Books

Yarmouth, N. S., Jan. 13, 1915.—There is as yet no clue as to the whereabouts of G. J. Burrill, missing municipal clerk. After considerable work yesterday, the vault was opened and the auditors are now busy on the examination of the books.

The members of the council are not in position yet to say exactly how they stand. The council met this morning, one of the councillors acting as clerk for Burrill has not been seen in his office since yesterday morning. The auditors have to have met to finish the report last night, but were unable to do so, as the vault was locked.

Police Court. Beth McLeod, who was arrested last night by Policeman Briggs on a charge of wandering about the I. C. R. depot and being unable to give a satisfactory account of himself and also using profane language was fined \$8 and two months in jail.

Fine New Quarters For Officers on The Island

Building Occupied Today—Major Frank Black To Be Second in Command in Mounted Rifles—Col. Kirkpatrick to Command Maritime Provinces Infantry in Third Contingent

Handsome new quarters have been provided for the garrison artillery officers stationed on Partridge Island and for some weeks taking the school of instruction, which was completed today. It proved a distinct success, but the results of the examinations will not be made known for some time.

The appointment of Major Frank Black of Sackville to an important position with the maritime regiment of mounted rifles being organized in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia was made known today. Major Black, according to reliable information, is to be second in command of the regiment which, as has been already announced, will be commanded by Lieut. Colonel H. H. Ryan, of Kentville, N. S., who is being congratulated upon his promotion to that rank after a period of distinguished service. The desire is to have a thoroughly competent board of officers commanding this mounted unit, and the selections are being carefully made. The choice of Major Black as second in command will be well received by all concerned.

The Infantry. Because of the disagreeable weather today, the tactical exercises arranged for the members of the 26th Battalion, to include a route march some miles out of the city, were abandoned, and lectures in musketry with indoor drill formed the feature of the programme.

The members of the detention company of the 62nd regiment, under command of Captain Peters, have removed their quarters from the armory to King Square where they are now established in the former Imperial Hotel. This building needed but little alteration to equip it as a barracks for the men. The removal of this company from the armory will allow an extension of the quarters of the men in training for foreign service and the re-arrangement of the barracks there is being carried out today.

Army Service Corps. Although they have been almost daily expected, the horses for the use of the Army Service Corps, No. 8 Co. have not yet reached the city. The necessary equipment has not as yet come to hand for the complete training of the men in the several branches of army service requirements. Meanwhile an active programme of physical drill, route marches, and lectures, is being executed, and the men are standing the exactness of it all in commendable manner.

Weather Bulletin. Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Phelix and Ferdinand. A feeling of apprehension seemed to predominate in police circles this morning owing to the unsettled state of affairs in the city.

RUSSIA EXPELLING GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN

Russians Capture Regiment of Turks

Petrograd, Jan. 13.—An official statement from the general staff of the army in the Caucasus says: "Fighting in the region of Olti, (50 miles west of Kars), continues obstinately, the rear guard of the Turks is the river Olti, and to the west.

"The bitter fighting in the Kara-Urgan region has latterly inclined in our favor. On January 11, we captured the 92nd Regiment of infantry including eleven officers, three surgeons and 1500 men. We also partially destroyed the 102nd Regiment of infantry, a portion of which, consisting of 250 soldiers, and one officer, was captured. We captured a height in Turkish territory and in taking the enemy's camp there, we secured the release of those who are being detained under charges which have not been proven, and which are not serious.

GERMANS SEIZE SWEDISH STEAMER. London, Jan. 13.—The Exchange Telegraph Company received a despatch from Copenhagen saying that the Swedish steamer Vega has been captured in the Baltic by a German torpedo boat destroyer, and taken into Swinemunde.

SPELL IT "SERB"

Legation in London Issues Call To Press and Public

London, Jan. 13.—The Serbian legation in London has addressed a letter to the press and public, urging the adoption of the spelling "Serbian" and "Serbia" instead of "Servian" and "Servia."

The latter spelling, says the legation spokesman, is highly offensive to our people, mainly because it suggests the false derivation from a Latin root meaning "to serve." It is a source of hidden pain to Serbians to see that some journeymen persist in using the corrupt form.

The same letter requests wider publication and performance of the Serbian national hymn, "In restaurants and public places we hear the British patriotic songs, and hymns, together with those of your allies, France, Russia, Belgium and Japan, yet, alas, not that of Serbia, which is really a beautiful piece of music."

GOOD FOR BRITISH FARMERS. War Brings High Prices For All Things They Raise. London, Jan. 13.—After many years of depression the British farmer is enjoying prosperity. Everything he raises is quickly saleable at prices which are gradually climbing higher and higher.

ROME SHAKEN BY TERRIFIC EARTHQUAKE. Rome, Jan. 13.—A terrific earthquake occurred early today. It lasted several seconds and caused a serious panic, people everywhere rushing from their houses in terror. Many buildings were damaged by the shock.

OTTAWA ELOPEMENT

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 13.—The Ottawa Citizen publishes the following:—"You can't stop love, no matter what you do," wrote Michael Coscia, formerly of Pittsburgh violinist and orchestra leader at the Family Theatre here, in a note to Manager Findlay last night, in announcing his sudden marriage to Virginia Shannon, daughter of an Ottawa capitalist.

Coscia, an attractive youth, played half the show yesterday afternoon, then walked out, was secretly married and left the city with his bride. The note was in explanation of his sudden departure. He says they will return after the honeymoon.

ARE PLEASED. People residing at East St. John are grateful for a shelter erected by the St. John Railway Co. along the Westmorland road where formerly the spot was exposed to the wide sweep of the winds. The shelter is made of spruce boughs and shields the roadway nicely.

Choice for Moderator. Barrie, Ont., Jan. 13.—Barrie Presbyterian today nominated Rev. Dr. D. D. McLeod as next moderator of the general assembly.