

Weather Forecast for Today

Moderate to fresh winds, continued fair; not much change in temperature

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BULGARIA ONLY BALKAN NATION HOLDING ALOOF

Athens, Sept. 3.—It is announced here that Serbia has accepted in principle proposals for territorial concessions to Bulgaria, with a reservation that the new Serbian frontier remain in contact with Greece in some part. The Greek chamber adjourns tomorrow until Oct. 30.

London, Sept. 3.—Negotiations between Turkey and Bulgaria, concerning railroad concessions to the latter are again under way. It is not expected in quarters favorable to the Entente Allies that they will prove successful.

Rome, Sept. 2, via Paris, Sept. 3.—Revisions of the treaty of Bucharest has been agreed to explicitly by Serbia, Roumania and Greece, according to reports received here, but it is said these countries are not willing to satisfy entirely Bulgaria's claims to territorial compensation for participating in the war.

Bulgaria's pretensions apparently are irreconcilable with what her neighbors are willing to grant and the impression is gaining ground that she is prolonging the negotia-

tions with the aim of postponing the day when she must reach a decision. The treaty of Bucharest which ended the Balkan conflict following the victory over Turkey, was signed August 10, 1913, between Bulgaria and Roumania, Greece and Montenegro.

By the treaty, the Rumanian-Bulgarian frontier starts from the Danube above Turkuai and ends on the Black Sea south of Ekrene. The Serbo-Bulgarian frontier starts from the crest of the Belashietza range and ends at the mouth of the river Nestor, on the Aegean Sea.

London, Sept. 3.—A despatch to Retter's Telegram Company from Nish says it is semi-officially announced in the Serbian capital that Serbia's reply to the demands of the quadruple entente powers has been drafted and would be presented at an early date.

WESTERN FUEL COMPANY SETTLES

Payments For Widows and Orphans of the Reserve Mine Disaster Sanctioned by Justice Murphy in the Supreme Court.

Vancouver, Sept. 3.—Settlement of \$1,500 apiece to the widows and families of miners killed in the explosion at the Reserve Mine of the Western Fuel Company at Nanaimo on May 27, were sanctioned by Mr. Justice Murphy in the Supreme Court today. In each case \$500 is to be paid out at once to the widow and the balance is to be paid out in quarterly instalments for the support of the families.

In the case of James McEwan who leaves three children and no separate estate, his widow is to get \$60 quarterly for the support of the children. In the case of A. J. Williams, who left a small private estate for the benefit of his three stepchildren and one daughter, the allowance is to be \$30 per month. In the case of Fred Crewe, who left three children, aged 12, 10 and 8 years, and who had a separate estate of \$750, the allowance was fixed at \$60 per quarter. The same allowance was made for

the five children of R. S. McMillan, as the eldest boy is at work earning \$1.10 per day. In the case of Wm. Edgar Ball, the eldest of whose three children is at work as a children's nurse, the allowance is to be \$40 per month.

In one case the court interfered in the proposals. Mr. E. M. Yarwood, in the case of the widow of J. L. Mass, said she had only one child, a year old. He suggested allowing the widow \$750 and an allowance for the support of her child at the rate of \$30 each three months. "Why should this woman get \$750 and the others only \$500. This little child of a year old needs more protection. At that rate the money will be all gone before the child is ten years old. The widow in all probability will have married again in another two or three years. This infant must have more protection," insisted the judge.

After further discussion with Mr. Yarwood, his lordship ordered that Mrs. Mass is to have \$500 paid out to her at once and the balance of \$1,000 with accrued interest will be paid out for the benefit of her child at the rate of \$80 each three months.

FRENCH OFFICER SUICIDES
Paris, Sept. 3.—One of the government officials involved in army frauds in connection with the purchase of munitions, committed suicide yesterday to avoid arrest. Warrants for other persons charged with having acted in complicity with technical agents for the army and navy have been issued.

SPECIAL MEETING CITY COUNCIL

Met Last Night to Discuss Matters Arising out of Fire in Ash Heaps of Nanaimo Gas Company.

A special meeting of the City Council held last night gave instructions to City Clerk Ratray to notify the Nanaimo Gas Company to isolate the fire which has been burning in their refuse heap the past six weeks, and should the Company refuse to do this, the Council will do the work itself and charge the same up to the Gas Company.

There were present at the meeting Ald. Busby, Forrester, Cavalsky, Killen, Young, Ferguson and McKenzie; His Worship Mayor Planta presiding.

Mayor Planta informed the Aldermen the meeting was called for the purpose of considering the question of the fire which is burning in the Gas Company's Yard and which has been fought for some time by the Fire Department. Some of the Aldermen had spoken to him and expressed the opinion that the work was not such as the Fire Department should be called upon to do and he thought it best to call the Council together to consider the question.

In connection with the question under discussion City Engineer Owen reported as follows:

Gentlemen,—In accordance with your instructions issued to me at noon today, I am handing you a report of the ash pile fire at the Nanaimo Gas Co.'s yard on Bridge St. I am given to understand that this fire commenced some five weeks back and there have been intermittent fire calls to the City Fire Department on several occasions during that time. The fire assumed serious proportions on Tuesday morning last and since that time it has been constantly fought by the Fire Department.

The area of the burning pile is approximately 100 feet square, and the cubical contents are 200,000 feet. On the east side the trench has been dug abutting the storage tanks and has now reached the natural earth, consequently the source of danger at this point is eliminated, the balance of the trench from the warehouse building to the slat pile and terminating at the Mill stream has still to be deepened approximately 10 feet for a distance of 140 feet in order to isolate the fire. Both Fire Chief Parkin and myself are of the opinion that there is no danger of fire in the balance of the yard if the above mentioned steps are taken for the complete isolation of the burning area.

The cause of the fire is probably spontaneous combustion, owing to the fact that a certain amount of volatile matter is left unburned in the residue, this coupled with the fact that there may be foreign matter easily ignited mixed up in the (Continued on page 2.)



GENERAL ALDERSON

Ottawa, Sept. 3.—General Sir Sam Hughes has permitted the definite statement to be made that General Alderson will command the entire Canadian Army Corps at the front, which will be made up of the First Division under General Currie and the Second Division under General Turner.

VOLUNTEER RESERVE FOR NANAIMO

A public meeting for the purpose of organizing a company of volunteer reserves in Nanaimo City and District will be held in the City Hall on Tuesday evening next at 9 o'clock. There will be no restrictions imposed on those wishing to join, whether in regard to physical condition, age or otherwise, excepting that there will be a minimum age limit of seventeen years.

The whole scheme will be fully explained to those interested next Tuesday night, the meeting being held at nine o'clock, on the conclusion of the session of the City Council.

REORGANIZED LOCAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

The Nanaimo Rifle Association was reorganized last night and the following officers elected: Captain—J. R. McKenzie. 1st. Lieut.—W. J. Ferguson. 2nd. Lieut.—Alex McNeil. Secretary—E. W. Harding. Treasurer—Robert Adam.

A committee was appointed by the meeting to attend the meeting called by Mayor Planta for next Tuesday evening to consider the proposal of organizing a Company of Volunteer Reserves in Nanaimo.

IN DOUBTS AS TO NEXT TEUTON MOVE

London, Sept. 3.—There is still some doubt as to what the Austro-German intentions are in the south-east, military critics being divided in opinion as to whether there will be an advance on Kiev or whether an attempt will be made to project a wedge between the Russian armies and Roumania, which would make it a serious matter for the Roumanians to refuse longer German demands for a free passage of munitions over Roumanian railroads for the Turks.

Concerning operations at the Dardanelles no official news has been received since the report last Wednesday from General Sir Ian Hamilton.

REPORTED SUNK.
London, Sept. 3.—The British steamer Churston has been sunk and the crew landed.

Available shipping records do not contain the name of a steamer Churston.



"Your King and Country Need You"

Men wanted at once for Overseas Service. Enlist today at the Connaught Barracks.

CITY RECEIVES SPLENDID OFFER

Provincial Government Will Sell Old Court House Site for Only \$6,500 — No Strings to the Offer.

The City Council is in receipt of a communication from the Attorney General's Department containing an offer to sell to the city the site of the old city jail on Front street for the sum of \$6,500.

The site referred to is one of the most valuable in the city. It has a frontage of 140 feet on Front street and extends clear to the waterfront, making an admirable site for a civic centre, containing city hall, jail market, and public library combined together with a public wharf.

The offer, which will no doubt be accepted by the Council at the next meeting, reads as follows:

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 our lot fronting on the water, as there would be a distinct drop from your pavement down 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, because as you can readily see it is not an offer that we could keep open for any great length of time.

Yours truly, W. J. BOWSER, Attorney General

SAYS ONLY 50,000 NEEDED FROM CANADA

Winnipeg, Man. Sept. 3.—Speaking for the people of Manitoba as spokes man for the Manitoba Government, Hon. Thomas Johnson tonight gave to Col. Currie of the 48th Highlanders a message for the Canadian troops on the firing line, in hospitals and those in England, that the people of Manitoba were with them to a man and woman and as a token of the people's desire to help them Manitoba would contribute \$10,000 to a new school of aviation here to train men for aeroplane service with the Canadian forces. This is in addition to the \$10,000 aeroplane and aviation donation Manitoba will contribute.

Col. Currie addressed the Canadian Club this afternoon and during his address said that only 50,000 troops would be needed from Canada so that it was now a privilege to join a Canadian contingent.

MAJOR LECKIE PROMOTED.
London, Sept. 3.—The promotion of Major J. E. Leckie, D.S.O., 16th Battalion, Canadian Infantry, to be a temporary Lieutenant-colonel and to command the battalion, is officially announced. He succeeds Lieut. Col. R. G. Edwards-Leckie, who vacated the command.

Lieut. Conover, 48th Battalion, becomes a temporary captain, and R. G. Hooten of the Fort Garry Horse, a Lieutenant.

CRUCIAL BATTLE BEING WAGED IN COURLAND

London, Sept. 3.—The battle being waged in Courland, upon the outcome of which hinges the fate of the important Russian port of Riga, at present a closed gate to a possible German advance on Petrograd, is the dominant feature of the latest war news. Further successes by their attempt to force a crossing of the Dvina river is reported from Berlin, but the Russians have brought up reinforcements and are defending this most crucial line stubbornly. Military critics claim that the German crossing of the river would mean the evacuation of Riga and the threatening of Russian positions south of the Dvina.

In the southern theatre there has been a continuation at many points along the line of violent cannonading. On the Austro-Italian frontier

the main activity has been in the Tolmino district where, Vienna, asserts, an attack against Bridgehead was repulsed. In London rumors of peace overtures are exciting considerable interest, but it is authoritatively stated that the rumors have no foundation in any step taken by the British Government or in any statement issued in London from authoritative sources.

It is added that England has no intentions of making at present any concessions other than those enumerated in Premier Asquith's speech of November last when he said: "The irreducible minimum of terms included the restoration of Belgium, security for France against aggression, the rights of existence for small nations, and the overthrow of the Prussian military machine."

RUSSIA OFFERING STIFF RESISTANCE TO ENEMY

London, Sept. 3.—Military experts here refused to be downcast today at the claim made by the Germans that they have occupied Grodno. They believed that the reports that large Turkish forces on the Gallipoli peninsula had been surrounded were vastly more important news. It was pointed out that Berlin made no claims of great captures of men or munitions at Grodno, and the evacuation by the Russians was declared to have been merely a continuation of the Russian tactics of the last few weeks. Even should Vilna fall, it was contended, the Germans would be far from a real victory.

Great importance was attached to

the stiff resistance the Russians are offering to the German attacks in Courland, particularly in the Riga section and the prediction was made that the early approach of winter will rob the Teutons of any advantage they might have gained, leaving them with long lines of communication to maintain in a country where winter transportation is extremely difficult.

The British, French and Italian forces, it was believed here, were within measurable distance of success in the attack on Constantinople. Absolutely no credence was placed in the allegation made by the dis-

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ARTILLERYMEN LANDED.

Cape Haytien, Sept. 3.—The American cruiser Tennessee, arriving from Philadelphia, landed 100 artillerymen with machine guns today. General Cacos, the revolutionary leader, and his followers declined to lay down their arms and retired in the direction of Hinche and Gonaves. They left behind them, however, the troops who took up positions outside the city to shut off communications with the interior.

BELGIAN ARMY IS AGAIN ACTIVE

Haarlem, Sept. 3.—The following statement on operations of the Belgian army were made public today by the Belgian military authorities: "Last night and this morning were quiet. During the afternoon marked activity was shown by German artillery. Heavy bomb fighting occurred before Dixmude in which we held the upper hand."

DERELICT REPORTED.

Queenstown, Sept. 3.—The British bark William T. Lewis is reported to be a derelict. Members of her crew are said to be aboard the steamer which rescued them.

NEAR GREEK BORDER

Athens, Sept. 3.—Bulgarian troops have taken up a position near the Greek frontier for their annual manoeuvres.

THRILLING DEED BY FRENCH AVIATOR

Paris, Sept. 3.—Adjutant Bertin of the French aviation corps has been cited in orders of the day and awarded the decoration of the Legion of Honor for alighting behind the German lines and bringing back to safety Adjutant Boyer who was compelled to set fire to his machine as the result of an accident. Both aviators were engaged in a reconnaissance expedition in the same direction, Bertin's landing point being about four miles beyond that of Boyer. On returning after executing his mission, Bertin saw Boyer's machine in flames. He landed in the face of a heavy fire, picked up his comrade and flew back to the French lines with a fragment of shell in his thigh. His aeroplane was struck in 98 places by bullets and pieces of shell.

DOUBTFUL OF FINAL VICTORY

Turks Begining to Realize that Teutonic Allies are Doomed to Defeat—Constantinople is Pessimistic.

Paris, Sept. 3.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Bucharest dated Sept. 1 says:

"Constantinople telegrams say that the Committee on Union and Progress is beginning to have doubts as to the final victory of Germany and is considering the chances of defeat. It has given orders that all Greeks and Bulgarians be treated with consideration. Other foreigners, including belligerents, are closely watched, but are not being molested. No more German artillery engineering officers are arriving and attempts are being made to train Turkish officers to replace them. These attempts are meeting with only little success.

"The great fear in Turkish official circles is that Bulgaria will refuse the agreement proposed and that Germany will fail in her negotiations with Roumania for the transit of munitions. Opinion in Constantinople generally inclines to pessimism."

Boats Leave Nanaimo Boat House

FOR Yussella Boat, Taylor B3/ Saturday 1:30; Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Monday 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. Leaving Yussella Beach at 7 p.m.

PICNIC EXCURSION

Reliable Picnic Boat will leave Reliable Boat House (Shaw's old stand) for Departure Bay Sunday at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., returning at 7 and 8:30 p.m. Return Trip 25c Free fishing tackle with all row boats hired at the Reliable Boat House.

Public Meeting

for the purpose of Organizing a Company of

Volunteer Reserves

for Nanaimo City and District

Tuesday Evening

at 9 O'Clock in

The CITY HALL

After Council Meeting

A. E. PLANTA,
Mayor