

Weather Forecast for Today

Light to moderate winds, generally fair; not much change in temperature.

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SHORT MEETING CITY COUNCIL

Solicitor Advises That Wentworth Street Assessment Re Sidewalk Cannot be Reopened.

The City Council met in regular session last night, there being present His Worship Mayor Planta, Ald. McKinnell, Ferguson, Young, Killen, Forrester, Cavalsky, Crossan and Busby.

A communication was received from Arthur W. Hawes and Owen Roberts petitioning for the cleaning out and repair of the banks of the water course which runs through block O from the intersection of Albert and Machlery streets to the city limits.

The Fire Warden's Committee recommended that Fire Chief Parkin be allowed to attend the Fire Chiefs' Convention at Victoria on Sept 1st and that he be allowed \$25 for expenses.

The Legislative Committee submitted the following report: Your Legislative Committee begs to report regarding Mr. Potts' complaint respecting the cost of constructing the cement sidewalk on the southerly side of Wentworth street, that beyond the city engineer's estimate of the cost of the work, prior to the work being undertaken in 1912 we have not been able to secure any data respecting the work.

Legal opinion has been obtained on the matter, and we advise that the Council cannot open up the matter. Respectfully submitted, JAMES CROSSAN F. A. BUSBY E. G. CAVALSKY

Ald. Crossan moved, seconded by Ald. Busby that the report be received and filed.

Ald. Forrester was not satisfied with the report, for the Committee had been requested to secure legal written advice and had not done so. The motion was adopted. Ald. Forrester called for the names, which was agreed to, the Council going on record as unanimous in support of the motion, with the exception of Ald. Forrester who voted "No."

City Engineer Owen reported an expenditure in wages during the week of \$459.50 on streets account, and \$153.40 on water works account. The Engineer reported an expenditure on the Nicol street regrade to date of \$439.25.

Mayor Planta suggested the Council endeavor to float some of its debentures locally to pay for the Nicol street regrade, totalling about \$7,000. In view of the fact that the city paid 6 per cent. interest whereas but 3 per cent. could be obtained at the banks, he believed there be but little trouble in disposing of sufficient debentures in Nanaimo.

The Council agreed with His Worship's idea, and on motion of Ald. Busby, seconded by Ald. Forrester, the City Clerk was instructed to insert an advertisement in the local papers announcing the sale of Nanaimo City debentures. Council then adjourned.

MORE GERMAN CRUISERS REPORTED

San Francisco, Aug. 31—Reports are current in marine circles here tonight that the German first class cruisers Gneisenau and Scharnhorst, were on their way to the coast, ostensibly to assist other German warships in closing San Francisco's sealanes to the shipping of hostile nations. It is reported here that the reason the Japanese cruiser Idzumi left San Francisco before war between Japan and Germany actually had been declared was that the Japanese commander knew the German cruisers had left Tsing Tau for these waters.

Russians Check Austrian Invasion

London, Aug. 31—Taken at its face value the French official statement issued this afternoon, which mentions that the progress of the German right wing has forced the Allies to yield further ground would seem to indicate that the Germans, notwithstanding repulses, are making daily advance towards Paris.

The statement Sunday of Sir John French, commander of the British troops, however, spoke of fighting on the French left but this, according to one report, resulted in the German right being slightly turned. The Austrian invasion of Russia in the Lubin district, which aroused the apprehension of the Allies, has, if Russian despatches are to be relied upon, been blocked and the Muscovites claim to have turned the Russian defensive into an offensive action. There is no confirmation of the report that the Russians are in Koenigsberg.

British Searched American Vessels

Honolulu, Aug. 31—The American liners Manchuri and China of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's Oriental fleet were stopped by British warships off Hong Kong and forced to surrender to the British authorities sixty German and Austrian residents bound for the European war from the Philippines, where they had been living. This was the news brought by the Captain of the China which arrived here today.

After first inquiring of Washington if they were safe in an American registered vessel and having received assurances that they could not be molested, according to the captain, the Germans and Austrians took passage for San Francisco via Hong Kong. This round about route was necessary because they could not reach home via the Suez Canal. On arriving at Hong Kong the vessels were halted by the British warships, the passengers were summoned for inspection and required to give their nationalities at the call of the purser's roll.

Japan Cannot Send Troops to Europe

Ottawa, Aug. 31—Japan cannot send troops to Europe to assist the allies in fighting there, but stands ready to help them in the Far East, says the Japanese consul Takasha Nakamura. This statement was made in reply to questions as to whether Japan would send soldiers to aid the allies or organize an expedition to hold Turkey at bay.

"Our agreement with Great Britain," added the consul, "is such that she need have no fear of removing her troops to the war zone. That agreement binds us to protect the interests of Great Britain in such an emergency and the agreement includes India and China.

"In the event of Turkey getting into this war, which is not so promising as it seems, Japan would send to India a sufficient force to keep down any uprising of the natives that may be fomented by Turkish or German interests. Such movement of Japanese troops in India is covered in the agreement.

MONEY ORDERS ON UNITED KINGDOM

Postmaster Horne has received instructions from Ottawa that after today (Sept. 1st) money orders will be issued on the United Kingdom at \$4.87 to the pound sterling. Money orders will be issued at a slight additional charge and not more than \$100 will be issued to any one person in one day.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 31—The Postmaster General has issued instructions to the different postmasters and inspectors throughout the country for the resumption of money order business between Canada and Great Britain on a modified basis. Negotiations have been passing between the United Kingdom and Canada since the suspension of money orders, in order to ascertain if it were not possible to make some arrangement by which the business men of the community could be accommodated.

"We have quantities of dynamite it has been determined that in view of present conditions and the lower rates of exchange, it would be safe to issue money orders at a premium of four cents per pound or fraction of a pound, instead of the old rate of 4.87. This means a premium of four cents on the old rate of exchange and this premium may be changed as the rates of exchange are changed, that is, if the rate of exchange runs up to six cents, the premium charged will be two cents, the additional charge varying according to the rates of exchange.



THE KING OF ROUMANIA

Roumania is the biggest of the Balkan states and may yet be drawn into the vortex of war. The Czar of Russia paid a visit to the Roumania court last June and was received by the king with every evidence of friendship.

MASSACRED BY GERMAN TROOPS

Squads of Soldiers Fired Into Crowd of Helpless Men and Boys Till All of Them Were Dead.

London, Aug. 31—A correspondent of the Daily News sends the following from Rotterdam: "Further ghastly stories continue to reach me of events in Louvain last Tuesday and Wednesday. A Dutch gentleman of Louvain, one of the notables of the town, who with his wife, fled to Bordeaux, states that at nine o'clock Wednesday morning when, with a number of other prominent citizens, he was standing bound at the railway station, a squad of soldiers saw a party of about 300 men and boys standing on the corner of Boulevard Vanthemen. They poured volley after volley into the crowd till all were dead.

"The sight was sickening beyond all power of description. Among those publicly shot was the mayor, the principal of the university and the heads of the police department."

London, Sept. 1 (1:15 a.m.)—The Belgian commission which is on its way to the United States to protest against the alleged German atrocities in the war zone, arrived tonight from Antwerp, coming on a special train from Folkestone. Count De Lechtelve, one of the former Belgian ministers at Washington, accompanied the commission as secretary.

HERALDGRAMS

Philadelphia, Aug. 31—One of the largest cargoes of wheat and flour to leave this port since the outbreak of the war in Europe was shipped in the British steamship Myra Fell today for Leigh, Scotland.

London, Sept. 1 (1:50 a.m.)—Premier Asquith and Arthur J. Falfour, one of the leaders of the opposition in the House of Commons, are to speak in the historic Guildhall in the city of London this week in an effort to encourage recruiting. Guildhall will be used as a recruiting station.

Washington, Aug. 31—Both Germany and Great Britain have accepted the first of two alternative proposals suggested by the United States in a recent note to the belligerent powers of Europe regarding censorship of wireless communications with Europe.

Capetown, via London, Aug. 31—The process of rounding up Austrian and German reservists from the different parts of the union of South Africa and holding them as prisoners of war has been proceeding for a fortnight. Some 8000 are now detained in a special camp at Johannesburg.

Winnipeg, Aug. 31—The medical men of Winnipeg at a meeting tonight decided to give free medical attendance to the dependents of volunteers and reservists with the Allied Armies and to extend a generous offer to all those in destitute circumstances owing to war conditions.

Winnipeg, Aug. 31—The locomotive engineers of the G. T. P. and C. P. (Continued on Page 4)

French Successes Along Frontier

London Sept. 1—No news has been received in London up to midnight as to any definite information of the battle which is undoubtedly being waged along the Allies' front to the north and east of Paris and probably along the whole 250-mile line of resistance to the invading Germans. It is likely that the chief German attack is being delivered in the neighborhood of Laferre, northeast of Paris and about 58 miles away from that city.

Laferre is a strongly fortified position on the river Oise. The retrograde movement of the allies in this particular district as suggested by the Chronicle's military critic, may have strategic significance, particularly in view of the French war of Louville.

Fighting All Along An Extended Line

Paris, Aug. 31—The following official statement was issued by the war office this afternoon: "The situation in general is actually as follows: "First, in Vosges and in Lorraine, it must be remembered our forces, which had taken the offensive at the beginning of the operations and driven the enemy outward of our frontiers, afterwards underwent serious checks. Before Sarraburg and in the region of Morhagne, where they encountered very solid defensive work our forces were obliged to fall back and to re-form, one part on Courtenay De Nancy and the other on the French Vosges.

"The Germans then assumed the offensive, but our troops after having thrown them back on their positions, resumed the offensive two days ago. This attack continued to make progress, although slowly. It is a veritable war of sieges as each position occupied is immediately fortified.

"This explains the slowness of our advance, which is, nevertheless, characterized each day by French local successes.

"Second, the region of Nancy and Southern Woivre, since the beginning of the campaign in this section between Metz on the German side and Verdun on the French side, has not been the theatre of important operations.

Third, in the direction of the Meuse, between Verdun and Mezieres, will be remembered the French forces took the offensive in the beginning towards Longwy, Neufchateau and Paliseul. The troops operating in the region of Spincourt and Longuevigne have been able to check the enemy's army under the command of the German Crown Prince.

"In the regions of Neuchateau and Paliseul on the other hand, certain of our troops have received partial checks which obliged them to retire.

INQUIRY INTO MINE ACCIDENT

An inquest was held yesterday afternoon touching the deaths of Ritchie Munro and Jas. McIntosh, who were killed in Protection mine on the morning of August 27.

The first witness, Mr. John Rowan, described how, failing to meet Munro and McIntosh on the morning in question, he proceeded to the tunnel where they were employed. There at the face he found McIntosh lying dead and Munro still breathing, but unconscious. He had asked the men to drill a round of holes but not to fire.

Mr. Thomas Mills, fireboss, spoke to visiting the place at 1 o'clock in the morning and, again at 5:30. At this time they were busy with their last hole. They stated that they were almost ready to leave, but nothing was said about firing the holes. He would not have allowed them to do that.

In reply to questions, witness stated he did not see them with powder and detonators, and could give no explanation of the shots being fired. It was against the rules and the men knew it was strictly prohibited.

Wm. Neave, fireboss, also spoke to being called to the scene of the accident. He knew both men and considered them practical miners. He Board of Trade today 4 o'clock.

TURKEY PREPARES FOR ACTION

Should Turkey Declare War on Greece if it is Believed Will Declare War On Turkey.

London, Aug. 31—European statesmen are awaiting with the keenest anxiety the possible actions of Turkey. There are renewed indications that Turkey is preparing for action, taking the side of Germany. Foremost among the evidence sighted is the report that great numbers of German officers and men are passing into Turkey. If Turkey is engaged it is wholly probable that Greece too will participate as there is no doubt that Turkey's warlike operations will quickly turn against Greece in an effort to recover again the islands which were formerly Turkish but are now Greek. At the Ottoman embassy today it was declared that Turkey had no intention whatever of going to war. The embassy has already denied the reports that German officers are entering Turkey, as well as making a general statement that the Porte had no intention of participating. Assurance, it is stated, have been given to Great Britain.

OFFERS ACCEPTED

London, Sept. 1 (1 a.m.)—The official Press bureau in an announcement this morning says the government has gratefully accepted an offer from the government of Quebec for four million pounds of cheese and from the people of Alberta a half million bushels of oats, for the use of the army.

FEW OVER PARIS

Paris, Aug. 31 (6:20 a.m.)—A German biplane passed over Paris at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon and dropped a projectile, which, however, did not explode.

VERA CRUZ CLOSED

Washington, D. C., Aug. 31—Provisional President Carranza has ordered the port of Vera Cruz closed, according to official advices today to the American government. General Funston transmitted a long report on the complications which resulted but the state department officials were not inclined to regard it as an unfriendly action.

BOARD OF TRADE TO MEET TODAY

The regular meeting of the Nanaimo Board of Trade will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock. A number of questions will be brought up for discussion and President Jno. Shaw will report as to the proceedings at the conference in Victoria on Tuesday last at which economic conditions in the province, arising out of the war, was discussed.

COL. TAYLOR ON INSPECTION TOUR

Col. J. P. Taylor, M. P., of New Westminster, commanding officer of the 104th regiment now doing garrison duty at the various Island coal centres, was in the city yesterday on a tour of inspection. He states that his regiment is now at full strength and all the men keen to go to the front. Col. Taylor is one of the best known newspapermen in Canada. He is the proprietor of the New Westminster Columbian and a newspaperman of many years standing. For a number of years he represented a big Eastern daily in the press gallery at Ottawa. He was for some time editor of the Military Gazette and is a veteran of the Riel Rebellion.

Col. Taylor was the guest yesterday of the local member, Mr. F. H. Shepherd.

SUNK BY GERMANS

Washington, D.C., Aug. 31—An official despatch to the state department today reported the sinking of a steamship off the Brazilian coast by the German cruiser Dresden. The despatch did not give the name of the steamship nor says when she was sunk.