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Fire Estimates $15,663 Higher

Mostly Due To Raise Pay Last Year

MORE ABOUT GRANTS

Free Public Library to Get $6,500 —Nothing For Diet Kitchen at Present—Extra $5 a Month For Permanent Firemen

The estimates for the fire department for the current year are $15,663 greater than the estimates adopted at the beginning of 1918. More than $11,000 of this increase is due, however, to increases granted to the firemen last year after the estimates had been prepared, so the portion for which the present commissioner is responsible is only about $4,000, this being due chiefly to an additional raise of $5 a month for the permanent men.

The commissioners increased the grant to the Free Public Library by $1,000, making the total $6,500, and also agreed to provide $500 to eliminate the more dangerous features of the present electric wiring system in the library.

After brief consideration the application for a grant of $1,800 for a community kitchen was refused. A suggestion that the playgrounds grant be increased also was not supported.

Mayor Hayes presided and Commissioners Fisher, Bullock, Jones and Thornton were present.

When the meeting opened, Richard O'Brien and D. C. Lingley appeared on behalf of the commissioners of the Free Public Library to give desired information regarding expenditures.

Mr. Thornton explained that the city electrician had condemned the present electric wiring system in the library. He estimated that it would cost $2,000 or $3,000 to make a proper installation, but it might be possible to make it safe, temporarily, for about $370.

Mr. O'Brien explained that the commissioners had no money to pay for the changes needed. There was nothing in these expenditures which could be reduced. The salaries paid were much too low and the amount left for books and magazines was entirely inadequate. The electric lighting was not the only thing that required attention. More shelves were needed to accommodate the books in the stock room, the reference room and the children's room; the magazine room should be fitted up and the paper room should be made available and the interior needed painting and cleaning. Another $1,000 a year or a total of $6,500, was required for ordinary expenses on the most economical scale. The electrical expenditure would be in addition to this.

Mr. Fisher thought the salaries too low, lower than the staff should be asked to accept.

The mayor remarked that, in view of the explanation given, the extra grant of $1,000 would be a very modest one, and the city would have to provide for the electric work.

On motion of Mr. Bullock the grant was fixed at $6,500.

The North End library grant was fixed at the same amount as last year, $650.

An amount not exceeding $500 was voted for the electric wiring work in the Free Public Library.

Diet Kitchen.

The application for a grant of $1,800 for the expenses of the proposed diet kitchen, was taken up.

Mr. Bullock said that a community kitchen could not be operated economically unless it served at lease 200 families. He approved of the idea but did not think the city was ready for it or that the plan was such as to ensure success.

Mr. Jones said it had not been shown to him that the need was pressing and, in view of the pressing demands on the city, he felt it should stand over.

Mr. Thornton recognized the good work done during the epidemic but was not prepared to vote for a permanent arrangement.

It was agreed to let the matter stand for the present.

Mr. Fisher reported that the Ladies' Auxiliary of the S. P. C. spent $250 last year and had a deficit of $65. He moved that their grant be increased from $75 to $100.

Regarding the Playgrounds Association, Mr. Fisher said there was no doubt but that $2,500 was insufficient. He moved that it be increased to $3,000.

No action was taken.

Fire Appropriations.

Mr. Thornton then presented his fire department appropriations as follows:

	1918.	1919.
Chief	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00
Engineer	1,140.00	1,320.00
Engineers	6,120.00	7,200.00
Engineer	900.00	1,080.00
Drivers	17,400.00	21,420.00
Motor Driver.	900.00	1,140.00
Chief's Driver	900.00	1,080.00
Tailmen	5,040.00	6,120.00
Pipemen	3,360.00	4,080.00
Lineman	960.00	1,140.00
Extra Commissioner's Driver	60.00	60.00
Extra Motor Driver	900.00	1,080.00
Call Men	18,500.00	26,075.00
Commissioner's Salary ...	1,000.00	1,000.00
Pro. Chief Clerk's Salary	550.00	600.00
Pro. Chief Clerk's Salary.	450.00	.....
	$60,180.00	$ 75,395.00
Fire Alarm Supplies .....$	500.00	$ 400.00
Shoeing	700.00	900.00
Harness and Repairs	200.00	200.00
Ground Rent .	81.00	81.00
Repairing and Painting Apparatus	750.00	1,000.00

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LUKEWARM ABOUT PLAN FOR RUSSIA

London Papers Doubtful About The Conference

SOME STRAIGHT OPPOSITION

Declaration That Some Russian Governments Will Refuse to Participate — Former Official Says Way to Overcome Bolsheviki is by Force

London, Jan. 24—Newspapers here comment lukewarmly on the plan for a conference between an Allied commission and representatives of the various governments in Russia. The Post sarcastically condemns the proposal, saying that among other things that "it displays more than Christian weakness." The Telegraph, admitting the plan to be inspired by the best motives, condemns it as being "politically hazardous and ethically wrong." The Times, while not enthusiastically in favor of the proposal, hopes it will work and says that even if it does not, the hands of the Allies will have been strengthened by failure.

J. Dillon, foreign political expert of the Telegraph, writing from Paris, says the Prince's Islands plan caused consternation in Russian circles in Paris, and adds that he is authorized to declare that the governments of Omsk, Archangel, Crimea and Yekaterinodar will absolutely refuse to send representatives to the conference.

The Plan Criticized.

Paris, Jan. 24—(By the Associated Press)—Russian leaders here think that the decision of the supreme council of the peace congress to invite Bolshevist leaders to a conference constitutes the greatest victory that Bolshevism could ever hope to attain. It would not be surprising, however, if the Bolshevists would refuse to participate in the meeting, they say, using the same "impertinent language" which they have already adopted in their communication with President Wilson.

Sergius Sazonoff, former Russian foreign minister, and Prince Lvoff, former premier, are united in their opposition to the plan, insisting that the non-Bolshevist element of Russia, which is largely in the majority there, will be adversely influenced by the decision.

Declares it a Mistake.

London, Jan. 24—Paul N. Milukoff, former foreign minister of Russia, who is in London, was surprised when told today that the Allies had invited the Bolshevists of Russia to a conference. He said:—

"The Bolshevists are in no wise representative of the Russian people. They are robbers and cut throats; mad dogs who wish to bite others so that all may be mad." He said the only way to settle the Russian problem was to overthrow the Bolshevist rule there, which he declared was simply terrorism and "hateful to the majority of Russians." He also said that if the Allies would supply guns and munitions, patriotic Russians would overthrow "Bolshevist tyranny."

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows:

St. John County.

Simon Black to A. E. Black, property in St. Martins.

F. W. Crawford to W. H. Sands et al, property at Loch Lomond.

J. R. Davies to Marguerite Smith, property in Simonds.

Julia A. Johnston to Thomas Dean, property in George street.

Annie I. Kierstead to Angelus E. Morrison, property in Cliff street.

Kings County.

Herbert Montgomery-Campbell to H. S. Jones, property in Sussex.

G. W. Secord to G. H. Adair, property in Sussex.

AUNT OF PRESIDENT IS DEAD IN DENVER

Denver, Colo., Jan. 24—Mrs. Helen Hill Woodrow, aunt of President Wilson, died last night at the home of her sister. She was seventy-seven years old.

BASEBALL PLANS.

New York, Jan. 24—Manager Robinson, of the Brooklyn National League baseball club, announced today that his team would start south on March 20, and commence practice at Jacksonville, Fla., on March 23. The New York Americans will be neighbors of the Dodgers for most of the training period and the clubs will play several exhibition games.

LOOK FOR COLAPSE OF NORWEGIAN CABINET

Copenhagen, Jan. 24—The resignation of the Norwegian cabinet is imminent, according to reports received here from apparently trustworthy sources.

The present Norwegian cabinet is headed by Gunnar Knudsen as premier and minister of agriculture. It was formed on January 29, 1913, but has undergone numerous changes among its personnel.

TRADE ENTENTE WITHIN EMPIRE

Long Desired Opportunity Declared Close at Hand

CANADIANS TAKING LEAD

British Board of Trade Journal Devotes Lot of Space to Question of Openings For British Trade in This Dominion

London, Jan. 24—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuter's Limited)—The board of trade journal devotes much space to the question of openings for British trade in Canada. In some notes by the empire division of the department of overseas trade it is pointed out that throughout the war there has been a steady stream of inquiries from Canada to United Kingdom manufacturers but, owing to the necessity of vigorously prosecuting the war, almost a deaf ear had to be turned to trade inquiries not only from Canada but from all the self-governing dominions and colonies. A long desired opportunity for a great inter-imperial trade entente is at last close at hand and enquiries published in the journal show that Canadian merchants are taking the lead in an endeavor to re-establish and strengthen their trade relations with manufacturers in the mother country.

Manufacturers of the United Kingdom are well aware of certain difficulties which characterize the Canadian market, nevertheless the Canadian commercial community keenly desire to favor British goods over others which gain entry through the enjoyment of geographical advantages. It is therefore worth studying from the Canadian view point in relation to trade with the United Kingdom.

Proceeding to outline this viewpoint the department emphasizes that Canadian merchants, when asked how British manufacturers could secure the greater portion of trade, have almost invariably replied that British manufacturers and exporters should have representatives calling on the trade and, where their lines permitted it, showing samples and —more important—studying the requirements of the local market.

The department advises British manufacturers also to send catalogues to prospective buyers, to advertise in trade papers suggested by competent advisers, to take steps to ensure an adequate supply of samples suitable to the Canadian market and also to study the geographical features of the dominion, the distance between various towns and also the time occupied and expense incurred by agents traveling between the various distributing centres.

NEW IRISH PARTY

Platform Includes Home Rule Such as Enjoyed by British Dominions

Dublin, Jan. 24—A new political association called the Irish Centre party, was formally constituted yesterday. Stephen Gwynn, former member of parliament, was appointed chairman of the provisional executive committee of the new party, which embraces the constitutional Nationalists and the southern Unionists.

Its platform includes home rule for Ireland within the British Empire on similar lines to those followed by the British dominions.

TROTZKY SAID TO BE PRISONER

Basel, Jan. 24—Leon Trotzky, Bolshevist minister of war, did not escape from Narva after the defeat of the Bolshevists by the Esthonians, but was taken prisoner, according to despatches received here from Libau. Advices from the same source state that owing to the intervention of Finnish troops in Northern Esthonia and Livonia, the country has been completely cleared of Bolshevist forces.

Phenix and Ferdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—The shallow low area which was over Lake Huron yesterday developed rapidly into an important storm which is now centered near Portland, Maine, while high pressure with a moderate cold wave has come into Ontario from the north. The weather continues quite mild in the west.

Fair and Colder.

Maritime—Southeast, shifting to westerly gales with rain; Saturday, decreasing westerly winds, fair and colder.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Northeast gales with snow; Saturday, fair and much colder.

New England—Fair and much colder, with cold wave tonight; Saturday, fair and cold; northwest gales, diminishing late tonight.

THE UNDERHAND

REDUCE TARIFFS; ACCEPT RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT WITH STATES

Conservatives Join Liberals in Saskatchewan House in United Demand To Federal Government

Regina, Sask., Jan. 24—Demands for immediate substantial reduction in preferential and customs tariffs, including acceptance of the reciprocity pact with the United States, will be made upon the federal government by the unanimous vote of the Saskatchewan assembly. The Conservatives of the province for the first time on record yesterday threw in their lot with the government on the tariff issue.

ZEEBRUGGE HERO GIVEN OVATION

Captain Carpenter Warmly Greeted at St. George's Society Dinner in New York

New York, Jan. 24—An informal dinner attended by 250 members and guests, following the semi-anual meeting of the St. George Society at the Hotel Astor last night, was the occasion for an enthusiastic demonstration in honor of Capt. Carpenter, V. C., commander of H. M. S. Vindictive, and hero of the Zeebrugge raid.

As Captain Carpenter rose to speak, the audience arose and sang "Rule Britannia." So soon as he could make himself heard he declared that the success of the Zeebrugge raid was due to absolute co-operation between officers and men. The speaker modestly said that the incident was necessary, but was nevertheless of the spectacular sort that in a measure took attention away from other deeds just as valorous and equally effective. He alluded to other attempts at blocking Zeebrugge and paid tribute to those who participated in these attempts.

DOUBLE INDEMNITY FOR QUEBEC MEMBERS

Quebec, Jan. 24—A bill will be introduced at the present session of the legislature, providing for an increase in the indemnity of the members from $1,500 to $2,000 a year.

ANOTHER TURN IN THE B. C. LIQUOR CASE

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 24—Walter C. Findlay, former prohibition commissioner for British Columbia, was released yesterday afternoon on a writ of habeas corpus but was immediately re-arrested, charged with the theft of seventy-four cases of whiskey.

At a preliminary hearing of the same charge Findlay was acquitted, but on instructions from the attorney-general's department, a new information has been laid to ensure a re-hearing of the evidence.

HALIFAX WAIL ABOUT EMPRESS PARCEL POST

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 24—The board of trade has complained to the postmaster-general at Ottawa that the parcel post brought to Canada from England by the Empress of Britain was landed at St. John instead of Halifax.

SISTER LIVES HERE.

Edward Moore died in Fredericton today in his seventy-fourth year. Mrs. Isabella Niles, of Douglas avenue, St. John, is a sister. About thirty years ago the family through the death of relatives in Ireland became heirs to a substantial property in that country from which a large income has been derived since.

The body of Rosa Luxembourg, a Spartacan leader, was found yesterday in the Landwehr Canal, Berlin.

SWEEPING WITHDRAWAL OF TRADE RESTRICTIONS

Ottawa Order to Speed Return o Canadian Foreign Trade to Normal Channels

Ottawa, Jan. 24—To enable Canadian foreign trade to return to normal channels as readily as possible, a sweeping withdrawal of restrictions has been made through the war trade board and the Canada food board.

Henceforth the commissioner of customs will issue a general license to shippers and importers covering all commodities except the foodstuffs detailed here and gold and silver, in place of the specific permit for each shipment which was in force until now. The foodstuffs which still require export permits from the food board are:

Wheat flour, farin, fresh milk and cream, butter, cheese, condensed, evaporated and powdered milk, bran,shorts, middlings, pollard, gluten meal, brewers' and distillers' grains, cottonseed cake, meal and oil, calf meal, patent and proprietory cattle foods, eggs, sugars, syrups and molasses, sugar beets, clover seed, mill screenings and screenings of grain, and canned salmon. Export and import permits for wheat and oats must still be obtained from the board of grain supervisors at Winnipeg.

Foodstuffs which still require import permits from the food board are: Macaroni, vermicelli, spaghetti, wheat flour, candy and confectionery, cocoa and chocolate, prepared or manufactured, and sugars.

LIEUT. R. L. DANIEL BANK MANAGER HERE

Appointed to Charge of Charlotte Street Branch of Bank of Nova Scotia

Lieut. Roy L. Daniel of the Princess Patricias has been appointed manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Charlotte street, and has entered upon his new duties. Mr. Daniel has seen arduous service at the front, which terminated when he was wounded in last August. He was sent to England to recover and returned to Canada in December. He had been with the Bank of Nova Scotia for fifteen years, for the last year before going overseas, as manager of the branch in Annapolis Royal and for the five years previous in charge of the branch at Arnprior, Ont. Mr. Daniel is a native of this city, his father, George W. Daniel, formerly being a prominent resident. He is receiving a warm welcome from former friends.

QUEBEC HAS A TERRIFIC STORM

Quebec, Jan. 24—Quebec last night had a storm with a 62-mile wind and seven inches of snow. Some trains are stalled. The steamer Montcalm and Canarder Voyageur are somewhere out in the storm.

The severe sentences imposed on Charles W. Watson and Harry Cheeseman in Toronto for having banned literature in their possession, has been materially reduced.

Another Defeat For Bolsheviki Forces

INDEMNITIES IN ADDITION TO REPARATION

Wilson Reported as Agreeing To This

GENERAL DISARMAMENT

Discussion on This and on Abolition of Conscription Begun in Paris—Open Session of the Congress on Sunday

Paris, Jan. 24—During consideration of the question of reparation at the meeting of the supreme war council yesterday, the Paris edition of the London Daily Mail says, President Wilson agreed to the principle that Germany must be made to pay indemnities in addition to the full cost of reparation.

At the instance of the British representatives, the paper adds, discussion was also begun on the questions of the abolition of conscription and general disarmament.

Paris, Jan. 24—(By the Associated Press)—The second session of the peace congress, to be held tomorrow, will, like the first, be open to the press. The first subject on the order of business will be international legislation on labor. Various national delegations have been preparing written statements of their views and it is understood that these will be received by the congress and referred to a committee which will give careful study to the various reports and endeavor to amalgamate them into a general project to be recommended to the congress for approval.

British and American views are believed to harmonize in many respects. There is reason to believe that generally the principles enunciated will be found acceptable to most of the Entente Powers.

Data is being prepared to demonstrate a simultaneous movement in the principles of international protection of labor by governmental agencies in the United States, Great Britain and France.

Other provisions are said to relate to child and female labor, the prohibition of night work for minors, a basic eight-hour day, and the prohibition of international trade in products made by minors.

Competition for the world's freight business is to be avoided, it is understood, and a spirit of mutual co-operation is to govern as the best guarantee of avoiding wars resulting from such competition.

Post for Hardinge.

Paris, Jan. 24—Baron Hardinge, former viceroy of India, has been selected to have charge of the administrative machinery of the British secretariat at the peace congress. Final arrangements in connection with the secretariat have been approved by Premier Lloyd George.

Paris, Jan. 24—Delegations of Poles from Lithuania and White Russia, including representatives from the cities of Vilna and Warsaw, have arrived here. They will defend the interests of the Polish populations in Lithuania and White Russia, and wish to obtain, first of all, assurance that a Bolshevist invasion of those regions will be prevented.

DYING CABMAN ACCUSES SUSPECTS

Ottawa, Jan. 24—Armand Gravelle and Arthur Ferland have been positively identified as the men who used firearms on Tuesday night in the Aylmer road which resulted in H. N. Veilleux, an Ottawa cabman, being so seriously wounded that he died early this morning. Yesterday afternoon High Constable Chevalier and Turnkey Laurin of the Hull jail took Gravelle and Ferland to the Water street hospital and confronted them with Veilleux. Upon being asked if he could identify them, Veilleux, pointing to Gravelle, said: "That is the man who shot me." He said that Ferland also fired a shot from a revolver but that the bullet went into the snow.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST JEWS IN S. AMERICA.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 24—A campaign against Jewish residents is in progress in several South American cities. Billboards in Buenos Aires have been covered with the inscription: "Down with the Jews."

PROBATE COURT.

In the matter of the estate of Estelle Blanche Macdonald, letters of administration have been granted to Robert R. Macdonald. H. A. Porter is proctor.

In the matter of the estate of Matthew Morrison, letters of administration have been granted to Rebecca Morrison. J. Starr Tait is proctor.

NOT GOING SO SOON.

Rev. F. H. Wentworth yesterday received word that the new Baptist church being constructed in the Grand Allee, Quebec city, to the pastorate of which he has been called, will not be finished before the first week in April. Rev. D. Spencer, LL. D., acting pastor, writes that he expects the new building to be opened free of debt, and probably with a balance in hand. Mr. Wentworth intended leaving St. John the last of February, but, as the new Quebec church will not be opened before April, the deacons of Waterloo street church have asked him to continue in his present charge until the end of March.

Lithuanians Inflict Heavy Losses

BANNED IN SWEDEN

Bolsheviki Legation Ordered Out —Plot to Start Bolshevist Movement in South Africa is Discovered

Stockholm, Jan. 24—(Havas Agency)—The Politiken said that the Swedish government hs sent an ultimatum to the Bolshevik legation here demanding its departure from Sweden by January 25, at the latest.

Paris, Jan. 24—(Havas Agency)—Lithuanian troops have inflicted a defeat upon the Bolsheviki near Keszedary, about midway between Kovno and Vilna, according to reports from Kovno. The losses of the Bolsheviki were heavy and they are reported to have lost 6,500 men in prisoners. The Lithuanians are said to be advancing towrd Vilna.

The losses of the Lithuanians are declared to have been slight.

Stockholm, Jan. 24—(Havas Agency)—The Russian Bolshevik government threatens to keep in jail Swiss citizens in Russia until the Swiss government ratifies the appointment of an official representative of the Russian Soviet in Switzerland.

Johannesburg, Jan. 24—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuter's Limited)—A plan by certain persons to establish a Bolshevist movement on the Rand has been unmasked. The principals themselves international Socialists and the movement was inaugurated at the time of the armistice celebrations. A circular was issued announcing that progress in pratical arrangements was complete with "brothers in Russia." Investigations show that the natives will have nothing to do with this Bolshevism, the native strike fiasco last June having discounted the International Socialists in the native mind. While not interfering with free speech steps are being taken to ensure adequate public protection.

REPORT MONARCHY IS PROCLAIMED IN LISBON

Manuel Still Was In London Today

Foothold Close To Capital and Greater Part of Garrison Said to Have Joined Royalists

Madrid, Jan. 24—The monarchy has been proclaimed in Lisbon, the Portuguese capital, according to a telegram received here from Valencia, on the Portuguese border.

The widely circulated rumor that former King Manuel of Portugal was about to land on Portuguese territory is at least premature. Former King Manuel was still in London today.

Vigo, Spain, Jan. 24—The monarchist movement in Portugal has a foothold at Santaren, forty-five miles northeast of Lisbon, according to advices received here. They report that troops under Colonel Silveramos, which the Lisbon government had sent to aid in suppressing the monarchist rebellion, joined the Royalists at Santaren.

The greater part of the Lisbon garrison has gone over to the monarchists, according to reports from Coimbra, in northern Portugal, and other localities. The wireless station near Lisbon is said to be in Royalist hands.

Badajose, Spain, Jan. 24—The monarchist movement is apparently making no headway in South Portugal, contrary to the expectations of the Royalists.

STOLEN PELTS RECOVERED

Moncton, Jan. 24—Chief of Police Rideout was informed today that fifteen black fox pelts valued at $4,500 which were stolen from the ranch of the Salisbury Fox & Fur Company last evening were found this morning in a field at Salisbury.

SAYS GREAT BRITAIN EXPLOITING LUMBER RESOURCES OF STATES

New Orleans, La., Jan. 24—Charges that Great Britain, through the Allied purchasing commission, is exploiting the lumber resources of the United States were made in resolutions adopted here yesterday by the National Hardwood Lumber Exporters Association.

PLEASANT LUNCHEON PARTY.

On invitation of Mayor Hayes, Lieut.-Governor Pugsley, Rev. G. A. Kuhring, F. B. Ellis, H. V. McKinnon and A. M. Belding met at lunch at the Union Club today with A. G. Racey, famous cartoonist. It was a very pleasant affair and the diners lingered for an hour indulging in reminiscences of newspaper asd political experiences. Mr. Racey will leave tonight for Montreal.

RAID BY VILLA.

Juarez, Mexico, Jan. 24—Francisco Villa led 150 followers into Santa Eulalia, early on Wednesday, killed four soldiers of the small federal garrison, hanged a civilian, detained the Americans connected with the American owned mines in the Santa Eulalia district and looted the stores and houses. The Americans were released later.