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RELIEF WORK ON A NEW BASIS

Nanaimo Central Relief Committee Formed At Representative Meeting In Board of Trade Rooms Last Night

Held in the Board of Trade rooms last night largely attended by representatives from the Board of Trade and every church in the city the Nanaimo Central Relief Committee was formed.

Briefly the objects of the committee is to arrive at some systematic method of dealing with relief work in the city for deserving people affected by the present conditions. The executive of the committee is: Mayor Planta, chairman; vice-chairman, Mrs. Martindale; treasurer, Mrs. Irvine; secretary, City Clerk Gough; Board of Trade Relief Committee representatives, Mrs. Priestley, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Irvine, Mrs. Martindale, Messrs. C. A. Sutherland, H. Shepherd, A. E. Planta; church representatives, Mr. M. W. Garman, Mr. J. W. Coburn, Mrs. Cockshot, Rev. Mr. Green, Mrs. Bradford, and one from St. Peter's R. C. Church.

The meeting was called by the Board of Trade Relief Committee formed about two years ago. As a result of the experience of that committee the members considered that the whole question of relief could be handled in the city and immediate district more expeditiously and efficiently by a central working body. Mrs. Martindale, who has taken a prominent part in the work of the committee, laid the details of the plans before the meeting. She stated the idea was to have the committee composed of representatives from the Board of Trade and every church in the city, the numbers to be augmented, if necessary, by representatives from other societies or organizations in the city. The objects of the committee were:

1. To deal effectively with all destitute and deserving cases in the city and immediate district.
2. To make it easier for the deserving poor to be discriminated from the undeserving. To render it more difficult for the idle and undeserving to abuse the generosity of the public.
3. To have all cases reported to one centre.
4. To have a competent committee of at least two persons to investigate each case reported in their respective ward or section of the district assigned to them.
5. Each investigating committee to carefully fill in an information card and turn some into the secretary without delay.
6. To open an employment bureau for women and girls deserving of work.

All these suggestions were adopted by the meeting and the executive will get to work at once. The Board of Trade will be asked for the use of a room for carrying on the work and members will be in attendance at stated days of the work to give out clothing and attend to relief cases. Investigating committees will commence work at once and as little delay as possible will occur before all deserving cases are attended to. Mrs. Leighton will attend to the employment bureau, the details of which will be announced later.

The general committee of the organization consists of the Board of Trade Relief Committee and committees of five from each of the churches. Mayor Planta occupied the chair and general satisfaction was expressed by all those present that the whole question of relief was to be handled in so effective a manner.

THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS
San Diego, Cal., Jan. 8.—Predictions were made tonight that 50,000 persons will see the exposition road race of 305 miles on the Point Loma course tomorrow morning. The prize list totals \$10,000. The race will be 64 laps.

Attention of residents and ratepayers of the Five Acre Lot district is called to the advertisement in this paper, of notice of meeting Sunday afternoon, Jan. 10th, at Harewood School House. The report of the members who interviewed the premier in regard to work for unemployed will be received; also the question of road work in the district for this year will be taken up. A representative meeting of the district is asked for by the committee.

PERSIA INVADDED BY THE TURKS

Rome, Jan. 8.—The Giornale d'Italia has published an interview with the Persian minister to Rome in the course of which the diplomat said Persia desired to remain neutral throughout the war, but that its territory was being invaded by Kurds and Turks.

Persia has sent an ultimatum to Constantinople, the minister said, the result of which was unknown as yet.

Telegraphic communication is interrupted and it takes several weeks to travel from Tehran to Rome.

MORE GERMAN TRICKS

London, Jan. 8.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Copenhagen says that owing to a report that Danish identification papers are being sold to Germans in the United States by means of which the Germans are able to reach home, the Danish government decided to take some action. It consequently has issued instructions to its consuls in America to prepare these identification papers in such a manner that the chances of improper use be reduced to a minimum.

RUSSIAN VICTORY OVER THE TURKS

Turkish Army Met Overwhelming Defeat at the Hands of Russian Forces—Ottoman Forces in Dire Straits.

Petrograd, Jan. 8.—There was given out in this city today an official communication from the headquarters staff of the Russian army in the Caucasus region, as follows:

In the combat of Ardahan, in Trans-Caucasia, forty miles northwest of Kars, we defeated and dispersed the component parts of the Turkish army which formed part of the first army corps. This corps has been stationed at Constantinople. A number of Bashibazouks brought from European Turkey, as well as bands of Adjir tribesmen who have taken up the cause of Turkey, fought against us at Ardahan.

We captured a large quantity of war booty. The cannon made a vast pile, with their trucks and caissons, etc. We captured also the officer in command of the Turkish artillery. Other prisoners included several dozen officers and we captured also a large number of soldiers.

We buried more than 1,500 bodies of the enemy's dead. A Regiment of Siberian Cossacks delivered a brilliant charge. These men captured several companies of the enemy and captured the flag of the eighth infantry regiment.

It has been established that the ninth Ottoman army corps, 30,000 men strong has been completely destroyed. These detachments were completely annihilated at Sari Kamysh.

We took possession of all their artillery belonging to this corps, all the generals, more than 300 officers, several thousand Astaris tribesmen, who composed the reserves of this corps.

We still continue to pick up enormous quantities of arms and other trophies thrown down in heaps in the mountains, in the forests and in the ravines, and covered up with snow.

Our energetic pursuit of what is left of the tenth army corps of the enemy is constantly augmenting our trophies of war. It is at the present time difficult to give any valuation of the booty we have taken.

REPRESENTS NEW BRUNSWICK

Frederickton, Jan. 8.—Announcement is made of the appointment of Fred Sumner, of Moncton, as agent general of New Brunswick in Great Britain. Mr. Sumner will go to London the latter part of this month and take up his duties and residence there.

AUSTRIA SENDS PROTEST

Milan, via London, Jan. 9.—The Secolo asserts that Count Leopold Von Berchtold, Austrian minister of foreign affairs, has sent a note to Italy protesting against the Italian occupation of Avlona, Albania. Baron Sidney Sonnino, Italian minister of foreign affairs, has sent a firm reply, the paper adds.

WILL MAKE DYING EFFORT

Germany Will Call Upon All the Manhood of the Country In An Attempt To Check Its Enemies.

London, Jan. 8.—Information recently to hand points to a fresh development of German military power. It is apparently the intention, since the trained armies have failed to make a decision, to call up the whole manhood of the country, to set every available industry at work upon the manufacture of arms, ammunition and equipment, and to prepare in the spring to crush the allied armies or to perish in the attempt.

The situation is briefly as follows: "The German Kerontuppe—namely the active army and its youngest reserves on whom the highest German hopes were set, failed in its mission. The remainder of the trained reservists came up into line in the form of drafts, and of the reserve, landwehr and landsturm formations. Germany was saved from invasion, but there was still no decision, and the armies of the allies were still unbroken and defiant. There remains nothing but to fall back upon the untrained men, and this apparently is what Germany is doing."

"Germany began the war with 872,000 all ranks of the peace establishment, with 1,180,000 men of the reserve, 970,000 landwehr of the first Ban, one million landwehr of the second Ban, or men up to 39½ years of age. These were all fully trained men and the total in round numbers came up to 4,940,000 men."

"Germany has approximately two million men in line in the west and one million in the east, excluding the communication troops. Her losses cannot be estimated with precision, but excluding slightly wounded, who have returned to the ranks, they are certainly not less than one million men. Considering also that the sick must be numerous on account of the strain imposed upon the troops at the opening of the war, considering the waste due to climatic causes, especially in the east, and considering also the stappen duties and garrisons, there is good reason to suppose that the supply of fully trained men is practically used up, in the sense that there are but few more left for drafting. In order to find future drafts, and to increase the numbers and the larger units of the front, it is necessary for Germany to make heavy calls upon the people."

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HOUSE OF LORDS CLOSES SESSION

London, Jan. 8.—After a two days session, during which its members heard comments from Earl Kitchener, secretary for war; Viscount Haldane, Lord High Chancellor; the Marquis of Crewe, government leader in the House; and Baron Lucas on behalf of the government, on the progress of the war and Great Britain's preparations to carry it on, the House of Lords this evening adjourned until February 2, when parliament will re-assemble.

The Opposition was not very successful in securing from the government information of the growth of the army, or on the operations of the navy, on which its members questioned the ministers, but generally speaking the government expressed satisfaction at the rate at which recruiting was proceeding, and Viscount Haldane declared that the necessity for compulsory service had not risen. The Lord Chancellor also announced that experts in England were producing a gun which at least was the equal of the German 42-centimetre gun.

The Unionist press, which criticized Ireland's reply to the call to arms, were told that Ireland was doing her full share in the war.

A lighter vein was introduced into the discussion by some of the Scottish members, who complained of the kits supplied to the Scottish regiments. Baron Moncreiff described the kits as "abbreviated ladies' hobbie skirts."

Baron Lucas replied that the war office had been unable to get a sufficient stock of the usual material used in the making of kits.

PUBLIC MEETING

A Public Meeting to discuss Municipal Matters will be held in the Athletic Club on Tuesday Evening the 12th inst. at 8 P. M.

All Candidates for the Civic Offices are invited.

A. E. PLANTA
Candidate for Mayor

ATTORNEY GENERAL DEFENDS POSITION

Kerrisdale, B. C., Jan. 8.—The outstanding feature of an hour and a half address delivered by Hon. W. J. Bowser, to a large meeting held under the auspices of the Kerrisdale Conservative Association this evening were his reply to the recent remark made by Chief Justice Hunter that a case before him was tainted at the fountain head, and his statement appealing for fair play in regard to his connection with the Dominion Trust Company. In regard to the latter he promised that when the right time came he would issue a statement completely exonerating himself from any blame in connection therewith. He declared that during his term in office he had done as much to raise the moral standard of the province as either Chief Justice Hunter or Mr. Jos. Martin. He said he had every respect for the men on the bench, but only so long as they did not abuse their positions and acted in a manner to return the confidence of the general public.

Mr. Bowser was given an excellent hearing and during his address he dealt at length with the two subjects mentioned above, the establishment of a moratorium relating only to real estate payments, relief and unemployment, and the land problem. He stated that a new land act would be presented at the next session which would incorporate the best features contained in the report of the agricultural commission, and he indicated that it would contain provision for giving financial assistance to the settler. He quoted figures to repudiate the Liberal cry that the public land had all been squandered and showed that 4,000 pre-emptions had been issued during the first eleven months of the past year.

In discussing the failure of the Dominion Trust Company he said that no one regretted it more than the government. He believed that his former statement would satisfy all but the most prejudiced. He made the assertion that the closing up of the concern appeared to be carried on in the interest of a few law firms, and if no action was taken to offset this that there would not be much left for the creditors. If the estate were handled properly there should be a fair dividend. The government intended to do all it could. He repudiated the charge that he knew for two years that the company was in a bankrupt position and he emphasized the fact that as late as July last the bonding companies who were very wide awake thought the company was in an excellent position. He demanded fair treatment in this connection and he questioned whether any depositor had been led to invest his money with the government just because the attorney-general's law firm was the solicitors for the company.

In opening his address Mr. Bowser read a statement in regard to Chief Justice Hunter.

SEARCHING FOR DEFEATED TURKS

Hardy Siberian Troops Are Routing Out Remnants of Defeated Turkish Forces in the Caucasus.

London Jan. 8.—The winter storms and floods, while they have put an end to any military operations on a large scale, have not been able to prevent the armies in the east, and west from pursuing the offensive at isolated points along the two extended fronts.

In the snow-covered hills of the Caucasus the hardy Siberians are searching out the routed Turks, who are reported to be surrendering by thousands, while in Flanders, which is virtually all under water, the allies assert that they have found it possible to make some headway.

Only in Poland, where Field Marshal Von Hindenberg's offensive is held upon the banks of the rivers which flow between him and Warsaw, and in Galicia, where the Russians have been compelled to call a halt in their advance, does there seem to be an almost entire lull in the fighting.

The Russians continue their forward movement in the Carpathians and in Bukovina, while in France infantry attacks have been made at many points, followed by artillery engagements sapping and mining operations.

The French had advanced a few yards in the vicinity of Rheims, but were compelled to give ground in the Argonne as a result of the Germans having mined some of the first line trenches.

With the reports of progress by the French in Alsace, where they are being strenuously opposed by the Germans, the names of some German places are beginning to appear in the official communications which would indicate that the advance, although slow, is being continued.

Viscount Haldane, the British Lord High Chancellor, in the House of Lords today made the interesting announcement that British experts were busy producing a satisfactory equivalent to the German 42-centimeter gun which did such execution against the Belgian fortresses at the beginning of the war and that recruiting was so satisfactory that the necessity had not arisen for conscription. The Chancellor would not disclose the strength of the British army, but military experts estimate that it cannot be less than 3,000,000 men, counting the regulars, reservists, the territorials and Lord Kitchener's new army.

From Paris comes a report that Roumania, and Italy have reached an agreement to enter the war simultaneously.

The reported arrest of Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, continues to attract widespread attention.

HAVE COMMISSIONS IN REGULAR ARMY

Fifty-seven members of the Canadian First Contingent, privates and non-commissioned officers have applied for and been granted commissions in Kitchener's first army. The full list was given out yesterday, and among the names are quite a few men who were stationed in Nanaimo last winter and summer with the Civil Aid Force. Barrington Foot, has gone to the 7th Royal Fusiliers; R. C. Carthew to the 3rd East Kents; R. E. Harford to the 6th Beds; C. H. Trendell to the 6th Beds; R. E. Holday and V. M. Holday to R. F. A. From private correspondence others of the boys have received commissions and their many friends here will rejoice in their promotion.

AUSTRIA REPORTS VICTORY

Vienna, Jan. 8.—Via London—The following official communication was issued here tonight:

"The situation is unchanged. An attack by strong Russian forces across the heights east of Osernisch was repulsed by our counter attack. We captured 400 prisoners and three machine guns."

"In the southern theatre a Serbian night attack on our advanced post near Artonvao completely failed."

WAS GIVEN A SURPRISE VISIT

Mr. C. Smith, of Victoria Park was given a surprise visit on Thursday night by a number of his fellow employees in the Co-operative Society. There were a dozen in the party, and a very merry evening was spent, the proceedings continuing until an early hour in the morning. There was no lack of performers in the invading force as the following program will show:

Comic Song—Wm. Burnip.
Song—"You Taught Me How to Love You" Mr. Robinson.
Stump speech—L. McLeod.
Song—"If I Were a Bird". (b)
"If I Had the Wings of a Dove." Miss Graham.
Recitation—"The Blacksheep," T. Connor.
Song—"A Laughing Song" Mr. A. Greenwell.
Recitation—"Hunting for Pork" S. Smith.
Song—"Tipperary" Miss Jones.
Song—"Be Careful" Mrs. Smith.
Song—"Shall I Be an Angel Daddy?" Mr. Teaman.
Duet—"Beautiful Bells" Messrs. Smith and Harrison.
Recitation—"Maple Compound" Mr. Stewart.
Song—"The Song That Reached My Heart." Miss Beck.

SOCIALISTS ENTER LOCAL CONTEST

Nanaimo Socialist Party Last Night Decided To Contest Every Ward In City In the Forthcoming Elections.

Nanaimo Local No. 11 Social Democratic Party of Canada, otherwise Socialists, met last night and decided to run a candidate in each ward in the forthcoming Municipal Elections, their nominees being as follows:

South Ward—William Newton.
Middle Ward—Joseph Thompson.
North Ward—James Hodgkinson.

With the decision of the Socialists to run a ticket, next Thursday's election will take on added interest. Mayor Planta has opened committee rooms in the Windsor Block where he will be pleased to welcome all friends and supporters and the various aldermanic candidates are busy canvassing for votes. There will be a contest in each of the three wards of the city, those who have already announced their candidacy or who it is reported will be in the contest on election day being as follows:

North Ward—Ald. Crossan, Ald. Forrester, Ald. McKinnell, D. G. Dalley, James Knight, Walter Thompson, Jno. Shaw, John W. Coburn, G. Bevilockway and James Hodgkinson.

PERSONNEL OF MINERS' BOARD

Current Issue of B. C. Gazette Contains Official Announcement of Miners Examining Board For Island Collieries.

In this week's issue of the B. C. Gazette appears the personnel of the Board of Examiners for the Vancouver Island Collieries for the year 1915. The several Boards are constituted as follows:

COAL-MINES REGULATION ACT

Board of Examiners. NOTICE is hereby given that the following constitutes the Board of Examiners for the undermentioned collieries during the year 1915:

Nanaimo Collieries

Appointed by the Owners—John Hunt.

Alternates—Thos. R. Jackson, Geo. B. Bradshaw.

Appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council—R. R. Hindmarch.

Elected by the Miners—Jas. Miller.

Alternates—Richard Battey, Joshua Norris.

All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the Secretary of the Board, R. R. Hindmarch, Nanaimo, B. C.

East Wellington Colliery

Appointed by the Owners—James Dixon.

Alternates—W. Moore, H. Hower.

Appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council—Thos. Budge.

Elected by the Miners—Robert N. Hamilton.

Alternates—James Beattie, James Cairns.

All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the Secretary of the Board, Mr. Thomas Budge, Nanaimo, B. C.

South Wellington Colliery

Appointed by the Owners—Jos. Foy.

Alternates—Arthur K. Wilson, Luther Saville.

Appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council—Albert Manfold.

Elected by the Miners—James E. Parrott.

Alternates—John Allen, Joseph W. Dykes.

All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the Secretary of the Board, Mr. Albert Manfold, Nanaimo, B. C.

NOTE—Alternates act as Members of the Board, in the absence of those regularly appointed or elected to sit thereon.

RICHARD MCBRIDE,

Minister of Mines.

Dated the 31st. December, 1914. 11.

Middle Ward—Ald. Busby, Ald. Killen, Ald. McKinnell, J. McKinnell, Edward Hoskins and J. Thompson.

South Ward—Ald. Cavaleky, Ald. Ferguson, Ald. Young, John Sharp, Charles Wilson, John Rowan and William Newton.

For School Trustees the three retiring trustees viz, Mrs. Skinner, A. Dalley, James Knight, Walter Thompson, Jno. Shaw, John W. Coburn, G. Bevilockway and James Hodgkinson.

E. Planta and Jno. Shaw are candidates for re-election.

For MAYOR

As a Candidate for the office of Mayor for 1915, I solicit the support of all those who feel that my re-election will be in the best interests of Nanaimo.

A. E. PLANTA

Mayor