

DEFICIT OF \$5,660 FROM OPERATION OF CIVIC FUEL YARD

P. U. C. Will Request City Council To Close Unprofitable Utility.

Probably the outstanding feature of public interest at the regular monthly meeting of the public utilities commission yesterday afternoon was the report of General Manager E. Y. Buchanan of the three years' operations of the civic fuel yard and the consequent deficit of \$5,660.

Mr. Buchanan reviewed the causes of the opening of the yard in 1917 as a result of the great shortage of coal in the winter of that year. The inability of the local dealers to secure supplies for their customers, and the subsequent suffering which developed among the poorer citizens. During the winter the public utilities used, at the request of the city council, some of the available hydro funds to purchase coal from the reserve supplier of local factories and other sources, but the price paid for it by the people to whom it was supplied did not cover the cost of collecting and delivering it to their homes. The large majority of which were on the outskirts of the city.

Later Cut Down Trees.

Later it was decided to buy wood and to cut down surplus trees on the boulevards. This wood was cut into cord wood and delivered to the city. This cost was especially high because of the scattered area from which the trees were gathered, the great care that had to be used to avoid interference with power, light and telephone wires, and the removal of the trees.

In reporting the deficit of \$5,660, Mr. Buchanan expressed the opinion that London had cause to congratulate itself that the deficit was not much greater. In Brantford the civic fuel yard

In operation for a much shorter time showed a deficit of \$20,000.

Close Fuel Yard.

The commissioners decided to request the city council that the civic fuel yard be closed, and that the deficit be refunded to the hydro department.

The waterworks committee recommended that a request be presented by a deputization of residents from the Base Line for a supply of water for domestic use be granted. The petitioners claimed that owing to the boring of wells by the public utilities commission in their neighborhood the general water level had been lowered to such an extent that it was no longer possible to secure water from the local household wells. The supply was granted on the understanding that the usual costs connected with the extension of the service be paid by the people supplied.

Wanted Interest Paid.

A resident of Waterloo street, who along with a number of others in that section, who supply funds for the extension of water services to their homes pending the issue of debentures by the city to cover the cost of the work, wrote demanding that he be paid interest on his money, which was refunded to him as soon as money provided by city debentures was available. As none of the other residents had received such interest or even of the principal, the letter was ordered to be filed.

It was decided not to proceed with the proposed water leakage survey at the present time.

Rebate Recommended.

A claim by Silverwoods, Limited, for the cancelling of an account for \$200 on account of alleged delay in supplying the water to their factory was discussed at some length. The company claimed that iron in the water was originally supplied them discolored but later washed in it. Complaint was made and it was decided to make a rebate on account of \$100.

A recommendation of the playgrounds committee that Mel. Brook be appointed director of the civic playgrounds was confirmed.

Construction of an elevator at the old Hutt's Mill now used as a P. U. C. storehouse and workshops, was authorized and the managers was given power to proceed with the work, the cost not to exceed \$1,300.

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New York, Feb. 25.—Enrico Caruso, descendant and namesake, it is said, of a long ago emperor named Carus, felt "like a king" when he awakened today, the 45th anniversary of his birth.

The famous opera singer's illness, which reached an acute stage ten days ago, when he suffered a heart attack, is so much improved that attending physicians have relaxed their constant vigil at his bedside.



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Semi-brogue effect, with stitched wing toe-cap, military heels. Former value \$8.00.



Sabot Pump, the Newest

Now showing at our down-town store in BLACK SUITE ONLY. Note the new strap, the new cut. Fits like a glove. Priced at **\$12.50**

These Gunmetal Boots, \$2.98

An 8-inch pattern, with single McKay sewn sole and Louis heel; plain pointed toe. Women's sizes, 3 to 6 only.

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You're justified in wondering, but remember one very important thing; that is, that cost of production must and will stabilize at a price which will permit people to live. Business cannot continue below that figure.

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Lightweight Turn-Sole, Dressy Oxfords, with wood-covered Louis heels. Widths AA to E.

Black Kid Oxfords, Louis Heels, \$3.98

Fine soft uppers, single McKay sewn soles, pointed plain toes.

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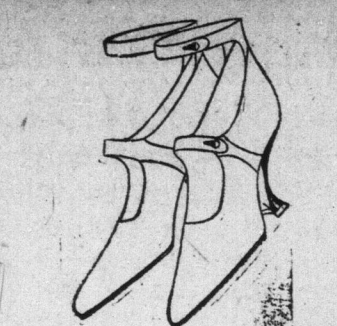
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SOUTH AFRICAN VETS. WILL TROOP COLORS

With Royal Canadian Regiment Monday Morning At Armories.

The ceremony of trooping the King's colors won by the Royal Canadian Regiment for faithful service will take place at the armories on Monday, February 23.

Col. Claude Hill, D. S. O., will be in command of that regiment, which will parade at the armories at 11 o'clock on Monday forenoon.

There will be a special rally of the members of B Company, which was organized for special service in South Africa during the war of 1899-1900. The members of this company are to meet Pte. Charles R. Scott at 388 Clarence street, at 10 a.m. on Monday, when they will form and march in a body to the armories.

The trooping of the colors is a most interesting and picturesque ceremony, and a strong muster is expected, not only of the regiment, and the South African veterans, but of the citizens in general.

STOP FIGHTING IN NEAR EAST

Solution Said To Provide For Inquiry Into Turk-Greek Claims.

London, Feb. 24.—The solution of the Near East problem relating to Turkey, which will be reached by the allied supreme council, will be to send an allied commission of inquiry to the Near East to examine on the spot the population claims of Greece and Turkey in the disputed provinces of Smyrna and Thrace, it was forecast in well-informed circles here today. Meantime a cessation of hostilities between the Turks and Greeks will be declared.

TURK FACTIONS AGREE.

London, Feb. 24.—Rehadi Pasha, delegate of the Constantinople government to the Near East conference here, speaking in the name of both his group and that of the Nationalists, told the allied conference at today's session that both factions of the Turks would accept the decisions of the Allies.

The attitude of the Turks made an excellent impression upon the conference. Premier Briand of France declared after the sitting that the conference had gone a long way toward a settlement.

INTERESTING TALKS ON IRISES AND GLADIOLI

William Hartley of Seaford Addresses Meeting of Horticultural Society.

A very instructive meeting of the London Horticultural Society was held in the London public library on Thursday evening, when a number of the members expressed impromptu pieces of information regarding the successful culture of different flowers in their gardens, principally Irises and gladioli.

William Hartley of Seaford was the only out-of-town speaker, who gave a very interesting account of his method of raising gladioli. Mr. Hartley found that by planting the bulbs in trenches with good stable manure at the bottom, and covering the bulbs gradually, they thrived very well. Sometimes he planted them as late as May and early in June. Cultivation was responsible for good blooms, Mr. Hartley claimed.

Edgar Jeffery outlined the rearing of Irises. Too many people had the idea, he said, that they should be planted in a damp spot, whereas a dry, sunny spot was much better, and they should not be planted at all deep. A general discussion followed Mr. Jeffery's talk on the Iris. W. E. Saunders gave a detailed and interesting report of a meeting of the Ontario Horticultural Association. Talks on early spring flowers and ferns were to have been given Thursday evening, but were postponed to a subsequent meeting.

LOW WATER IN BOILER CAUSE OF EXPLOSION

Jersey City, Feb. 25.—Investigators of the explosion which wrecked a Lehigh Valley Railroad switch engine here last night, killing four members of its crew, expressed belief today that low water in the boiler was the cause. Railroad officials said there was no indication that the blast was due to dynamite thrown into the coal.

TARIFF CHANGES NOW COMPLETE

Differences Between Senate and House Ironed Out in Conference.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Differences in the Fordney emergency bill, as it passed the House and the Senate, were smoothed out today by conference committees of the two branches of Congress, and the battle-scarred measure was sent back to the House for final action.

Schedules which were changed in conference and the rates agreed on are:

Wheat, 35 cents per bushel; rice (cleaned), 2 cents per pound; 1 cent per pound on other; olive oil (in bulk), 40 cents per gallon in less than five-gallon lots, 50 cents a gallon on other; cotton (staple of 1 1/4 inches or longer), 7 cents per pound; sugar, 2 cents per pound; butter and substitutes, 5 cents per pound; wrapper and filler toacco, the product of two or more countries, when mixed, \$2.35 per pound if unstemmed, and \$3 per pound if stemmed; filler tobacco, unstemmed, 35 cents per pound; stemmed, 50 cents per pound; cherries, 3 cents per pound; olives, in solution, 25 cents per gallon; not in solution, 5 cents per pound.

PANAMANS THREATEN WAR ON COSTA RICA

Demonstrations Are Due to Occupation of Cato Under Award.

Panama, Feb. 25.—An angry crowd of Panamanians tore the Costa Rican coat of arms from that nation's consulate here last night and trampled it underfoot. This incident followed a demonstration against Costa Rica which came as a sequel to the invasion of Panamanian territory by Costa Rican forces, reports of which were confirmed at the presidential offices, which gave out telegrams stating that Coto, in the province of Chiriqui, had been occupied by Costa Rican forces.

The demonstrations began early in the evening, and a short time later a cheering crowd appeared before the national palace and called upon the president for a speech. The president made a patriotic address, calling upon "loyal Panamanians" to present themselves today for the formation of military forces, in case such a step should be necessary.

Tomas Jorcome, Costa Rican consul, who is a native Panamanian, has resigned his post, while two brothers-in-law of President Porras, who have been holding offices in the Panamanian administration, also have resigned, leaving Costa Rican birth. "Costa Rica has occupied by force the district of Coto, on the Pacific boundary, which we have possessed under the status quo," said an official statement issued last night. "She claims this territory in accordance with the award handed down in 1914 by Chief Justice White, of the supreme court of the United States,

who was named arbitrator. Panama has declined to accept his decision."

FORMER EMPRESS OF GERMANY UNCONSCIOUS; EARLY DEATH EXPECTED

Potsdam, Germany, Feb. 25.—Former Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany is reported to be unconscious at Doorn, Holland, in private treatment received here last night. It is said there is no hope of her recovery, and her early demise is indicated.

Visitors at the new palace here report that preparations for the interment of the former empress are going on, and that a burial plot for her and the former emperor is being made ready. It is in close proximity to the palace, which was the former monarch's domicile in this city.

RAISES INTERESTING POINT.

London, Feb. 25.—(Canadian Associated Press.) An interesting point was made by the privy council today in an application of an appeal in form a pauper on behalf of a woman litigant named Sheehan of Hamilton, against the Mercantile Trust Company. Lord Buckmaster, interrupting counsel, said that their lordships were already familiar with the merits of the case. The applicant had elected to appeal from the supreme court of Canada, and it was not the practice of the privy council to allow appeals from the supreme court save under very exceptional circumstances. Lord Dunsen added that an appeal to the council under such conditions was only allowable when matters of general importance in law were concerned or when the opinion of the supreme court judges was very evenly balanced.

PAY IN U. S. CURRENCY.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Canadian Press.—George Boyce (Carleton) has given notice that he will inquire of the Government in the House of Commons if the representatives of Arthur Young & Co., or Griffiths and associates, request the civil service commission to pay them in American currency so that they could benefit by the exchange situation. Further, Mr. Boyce asks, was the request granted?

DECLINES TO DISCUSS CHANGES

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 25.—Harry M. Daugherty, who is to be attorney-general in the Harding cabinet, today refused to discuss proposed changes in the federal prohibition enforcement machinery. Although admitting that some changes have been talked over among Republican leaders, he said Republican leaders had not decided upon any difference in program.

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Boneless Pot Roasts, per lb.	22c	Pork Liver, per lb.	8c	Shoulders Veal, per lb.	25c
Chuck Roasts Beef, per lb.	20c	Pork Hearts, 2 lbs. for	25c	Veal Chops, per lb.	30c
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Mild-Cured Pickled Shoulders, while they last, per lb.	22c	Clover Brand Creamery, per lb.	55c	5-lb. Pails Pure Lard	\$1.20
		Country Sausage, extra quality, per lb.	20c	Pork and Beans with Chili Sauce, small size, extra quality, per dozn	\$1
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