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THIRD CALL ISSUED FOR CANADIAN VOLUNTEERS

COUNCIL HAS WORK CUT OUT

Financing of City During the Present Year Stupendous Task.

NO TAX REDUCTION Deficit Left Over From Last Year Precludes Any Lower- ing of Rate.

Mayor H. A. Stevenson and the 1915 council are up against one of the stiffest financial problems that ever faced a London city council. Despite the increased assessment of \$5,000,000—put through last year, and which should increase the city taxes about \$125,000 a year—it will be impossible to secure the slightest reduction of the tax rate, and only astute financing will permit the same rate to be struck as last year, namely 2 1/2 per cent.

With the deficit of \$50,000 already known, and indications that this figure will be exceeded before the final pages of the Graham regime ledger are closed, the increased assessment revenue is practically wiped out of existence in paying old council's debts.

Economy in municipal affairs was the platform on which many of the city fathers-elect won their way to the council seats, and it would seem that everyone of them will have to practice what they preach in order to get through the year in anything like good shape.

GENERAL HODGINS GOES TO OTTAWA

Divisional Commander Transferred to Office at the Capital.

COLONEL WINTER COMING Sam Hughes' Acting Secretary Will Succeed To Local Command.

Brigadier-General W. E. Hodgins, who has been in command of the first militia division for several years, and who has made many friends in London, received orders today to report at once for duty at Ottawa. It is understood that he is to take the position of acting adjutant-general at the capital, a place made vacant by Col. Williams, who is now on the staff of General French in France.

The order came as a surprise, and while the staff was sorry to see General Hodgins leave the city they congratulated him on his promotion.

Lieut.-Col. Charles Francis Winter, who has been acting-secretary to the Minister of Militia and Defence, has been appointed temporarily as officer commanding the first divisional area, the change to take place at once. Col. Winter has seen active service in the Boer War, and has considerable reputation as a lecturer and author. He was born in Montreal.

ITALIAN LOAN EASY

[Canadian Press.]
Rome, Jan. 3.—The loan of \$200,000,000 arranged for by the Government for use in connection with its military preparations, has been fully subscribed, according to reports. The subscriptions are to be opened today. The loan is to run for 25 years, and will bear interest at 8 1/2 per cent.

IS CANADA TRADING SOME TERRITORY WITH STATES?

Rumors in Winnipeg Say She Is Giving Up Strip From the Lakes To Pacific For a Part of Maine.

[Canadian Press.]
Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—The Free Press this morning says it has received several inquiries from Saskatchewan readers regarding rumors of proposed changes in the boundary line between Western Canada and the United States. One inquiry says the proposed changes have been the subject of much talk all along the southern boundary of Saskatchewan, and the opinion on the Canadian side was that a 20-mile strip from the great lakes to the Pacific was to be exchanged by Canada for territory in Maine.

The Free Press quotes from the Scotch Mount, Sentinel, which states that the boundary has been moved 25 miles to the north from the Pacific to the great lakes.

GERMANS PROBABLY MINING ALL ANTWERP APPROACHES

In Opinion of Workmen Employed To Dig Apparently Useless Trenches.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Jan. 4.—A London Daily Express dispatch dated "On the Belgian Frontier, Sunday," to the New York Herald, says: "The growing custom of arresting persons promiscuously in Brussels, Antwerp and elsewhere on suspicion of spying for the British, shows that a fear of espionage on behalf of Great Britain has become a mania with the German staff. There are such a number of stations and forts of the Antwerp defenses have been turned into temporary jails.

The constant and mysterious activity of the German authorities in the Antwerp fortifications is a cause of much secret speculation and foreboding among the population. Thousands of men who are able to dig are employed at 5 cents an hour from 8 o'clock in the morning to 8 o'clock at night, making trenches in specified places west and south of the city and around the forts which were damaged by shells during the siege.

"The excavations are described as being erratic in design, and when the laborers return to work in the morning they frequently find the trench of the day before wholly obliterated, and are not allowed to approach the sites. They declare the trenches they have made contain explosives, and form part of an extensive scheme to mine all the approaches to Antwerp in every direction for the purpose of delaying its capture by the Allies.

"The Belgian zone are said to have been removed from the forts and replaced by new Krupp."

Third Contingent Is Ordered Mobilized

First Division Is To Supply 3,000 Men—Camps Are To Be Established at Guelph and London.

Militia headquarters today received orders to mobilize the men needed for the third contingent in this division and recruiting officers will be opened at once in London, Sarnia, Windsor, Woodstock, Chatham, St. Thomas, Stratford, Galt, Guelph, Walkerton, Goderich and probably Berlin.

About 3,000 men will be raised in this division under these new orders. One battalion of infantry, about 1,200 men will be trained at the Winter Fair Buildings in Guelph, and one battalion of infantry and one regiment of mounted rifles, less one squadron, will be concentrated in this city. Furmace will be installed in the main building at Queen's Park to take care of the volunteers who will be enlisted.

Will Stay at Home.

The orders to recruit state that men enlisted in points outside of London can be maintained there until everything is in readiness for them at the concentration camps.

While no official announcement of the recruiting officers was made today, it is understood that the same officers who acted before will be chosen. Capt. Arthur Little had charge at the armories here.

Volunteers will probably be accepted tomorrow morning.

Col. Oliver Appointed.

It was announced at headquarters today that Lieut.-Col. A. J. Oliver of the Twenty-ninth Regiment, of Galt, had accepted the appointment as commander of the Second Infantry Battalion, to be raised for the third division. This battalion will doubtless be known as the Thirty-fourth Battalion, and will be mobilized in Guelph. Lieut.-Col. Oliver, of Seaforth, has already accepted the command of the other battalion which is to be formed here.

L. AND P. S. HAS ALREADY GOT \$250,000 FROM THE CITY

Despite Promises That Citizens' Money Would Be Unnecessary, London Is Now Footing the Electrification Bill.

Although the promise was made that not one dollar of the citizens' money would be spent on the electrification of the London and Port Stanley Railway, loans of more than \$250,000 have been paid in specie by the city of London to the commission operating the road, and the said commission has what is tantamount to a prior claim on \$250,000 more of the loan put through by London with the Bank of Montreal.

In arranging for a bond issue to cover the \$700,000 estimates to be the cost of electrification, special provision was made to have the bonds dated from the day of their issue, and not from the time the bill was in force. This means that no interest or sinking fund charge will have to be met by the commission until the debentures have actually been sold.

Costs \$7,000 a Year.

However, rather than sell bonds the commission has been borrowing from the city coffers at a rate of one per cent more than the interest and sinking fund charges provide. The bonds are 5 per cent. The interest six, this means that if the whole \$700,000 is expended this year and no bonds issued there will be a deficit of \$7,000, and the \$2,000 in interest charges already existing.

If, as is promised, the road starts operating as a municipal electric line in June there will be but half a year's revenue to meet the entire charges. Thus the deficit will be still further increased.

Needs \$10,000 More.

Under present conditions it would seem that the Port Stanley commission would have to provide about \$10,000 in its expenditures for the first year of the pre-electrication election promises would indicate.

It—and there seems little likelihood that such a possibility exists—the bonds were sold immediately, there would be \$250,000 discount charges at the most conservative estimate. The bonds were to be issued at par, said the promises, but this is a seeming impossibility. Therefore, the city of London will have to go down in its pocket once more and make up the \$250,000 loss.

Loss of \$25,000.

There is no possibility of the electrification work costing less than the estimate—the possibility is all the other way—hence the \$250,000 will have to be made up in construction charges.

The most glowing promises of the pro-electricationists did not include the surplus of the road at \$35,000 a year, hence if it does pay expenses it will be years before this deficit is wiped off and the L. and P. S. placed in the revenue-producing class.

DETROIT CONGRATULATES CITY ON REDUCTION VICTORY

Dr. Fikes Hopes London Will Still Go On in the Temperance Cause.

"To be a new man,
To give God a chance,
To make 1915 the best year of your life."

These were three New Year's resolutions, which Rev. Dr. Fikes, of Detroit, speaking to men in the Majestic Theatre Sunday afternoon, told his audience to make and to keep.

"The poorest man in London," said the subject of Dr. Fikes' address. "That man, the speaker, said, was he who was bound by habits, and wished to break them; a man who had a craving in his soul for something he did not have.

"When a man possesses money, he is rich. When money possesses the man he is a pauper."

These were the speaker's definitions of the poor man and the millionaire. He pointed out that while the wealthy men may have too much pride, and he asserted the poor man is greedy of riches, and the wealthy man, and covetous. So the two balance.

"Peace and contentment are just halfway between poverty and plenty," Dr. Fikes said.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 19; lowest, 6 below.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 14; lowest, 5.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—3 a.m. Forecast:—

Today—Becoming milder; light local snowfalls.

Thursday—Southerly winds; mostly fair.

Weather.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Victoria 39 24 Snow
Winnipeg 24 10 Snow
Calgary 20 6 Cloudy
Edmonton 18 2 Cloudy
Port Arthur 22 18 Cloudy
Perry Sound 16 12 Cloudy
Ottawa 28 8 Cloudy
Montreal 30 10 Cloudy
Quebec 32 12 Cloudy
Father Point 32 12 Clear

Minus 6—means below zero.

Weather Notes.

A storm developed off the Atlantic coast during Saturday, and moving rapidly northward, caused heavy gales with snow from Eastern Nova Scotia to the Grand Banks.

The temperature continues fairly low from the Ottawa Valley to the Maritime Provinces, while in the Western Provinces the weather is mild.

G. T. R. PROPOSES TO REDUCE WAGES

Fourteen Thousand Employees Notified of Cut Effective January 1.

MEN REFUSE TO ACCEDE International Presidents Advise Them To Fight to Last Ditch.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, Jan. 4.—Over 14,000 employees of the Grand Trunk have been notified by Howard G. Kelley, first vice-president of the road, that on account of the falling off in business, owing to the war, they will be asked to accept a reduction in wages dating from April 1 next.

Thousands of employees on the Grand Trunk Pacific have likewise been informed by Morley Donaldson, the general manager, that they will receive a cut in pay dating from the first of the year. In both cases the reduction is to be based on the results of operation for the half year ending December 31 last.

These notices have been forwarded to the men through the chief officers of the respective labor unions to which they belong. The men, through their representatives have notified Mr. Kelley and Mr. Donaldson that on no account will they accept a cut in pay. They have been advised by their international presidents to oppose the proposed action of the companies to the last ditch. Failing a satisfactory agreement through conciliation, a strike or lockout will probably follow.

Mr. Kelley's letter reads:

"In view of the serious contraction in business, and the consequent alarming decrease in earnings this company is confronted with a situation which must be relieved as quickly as possible."

"The general downward tendency of rates, both passenger and freight, without any compensating reduction in the cost of operation, has narrowed the margin of receipts over expenses to such an extent that with any further continuation of the present conditions this company will be confronted with a deficit."

Reduction Asked.

"It, therefore, becomes necessary, much to the regret of the management to notify you that the company will ask for a reduction in the rates of pay beginning with April 1, 1915."

"The extent of the reduction required will be determined by the result of operation for the half year ending December 31, 1914, and will be communicated to you after January 1, 1915."

The G. T. P. letter is the same, save that the date of cut is the beginning of the year. On the Grand Trunk there are approximately 1,500 engineers; 1,500 firemen; 1,500 conductors; 1,500 brakemen and baggage men; 1,500 telegraphers and 1,500 sectionmen, making a total of 14,000, all of which are members of the international unions.

On the Grand Trunk Pacific, it is understood, only the engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen are embraced in the proposed reduction.

NEPHEWS GET \$47,874; SON ONLY \$100 A YEAR

Major Beattie's Estate Goes to Relatives — Housekeeper Gets Income On \$25,000—Late Member Left \$128,125.

Probate of the will of the late Major Thomas Beattie, London's member in the Dominion Parliament, was granted Saturday.

Of his estate, valued at \$128,125, his son, Hingley Beattie, receives an income of \$100 per year.

Two nephews, J. H. A. Beattie, of this city, who is executor of the estate, and Thomas Beattie Oliver, each receive \$47,874.12.

Mrs. Agnes Oliver, a sister, residing in New Haven, Conn., receives an income for life from half of the personal estate, which amounted to \$38,125.

Emily Whyte, niece, receives \$4,375. Edith Sligh, Annie Beattie, and Magdalen Beattie, all nieces of the deceased, each receive \$1,000.

Major Beattie's housekeeper, Louisa Barwell, gets the income from \$25,000. The estate was composed of \$88,125, personal estate and effects, and \$40,000 in real estate.

The will was made on August 12, 1912.

CITY EMPLOYED FOREIGNERS WHILE CITIZENS WERE ASKING WORK ON L. & P. S. R. TRACKS

Scotsman Says He Sought Work in Vain On Railway Contract—Was Turned Down, While Austrians Worked.

It is understood that at the next meeting of the Trades and Labor Council the question will be asked as to why laymen on the London and Port Stanley Railway were done by foreign workmen while Londoners were out of work.

All of the work done on the line was done by foreign workmen from Detroit and other outside points. At the same time London's unemployed were besieging the office of the mayor asking for work.

Walked Miles to Ask Job.

"I walked several miles to try and get work on the city's line and was turned down," said a Scotsman to The Advertiser today. "There were several hundred foreigners, some of them Austrians, on the job but I was told there was nothing for me, although I have worked at track-laying. I have work now outside the city. No thanks to the city of London, that imports men to do its work, while its citizens can go hungry."

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The city also allowed labor to be brought from Toronto for the wrecking of the McCormick building. It is said that not more than two or three out-of-work got labor on this job.

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Magistrate Judd had ordered Kennedy to jail for a week when the excitement in the court was aroused by the prisoner's break for the door. He was stopped by Towle, who had to be assisted by Detective Harry Down in forcing Kennedy toward the door leading to the cells.

RESTRICTING LAUNDRIES

The first official act of Mayor H. A. Stevenson was to give License Inspector J. W. McCallum orders not to issue licenses to any new laundries until such requests had first passed the city council.

Mayor Stevenson is of the opinion that the residential districts should be protected from the noxious being made by these little hand laundries.

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Three-Year-Old Tot Usset Bolling Water With Fatal Result.

Little Peter Boll, the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Boll, 419 Nelson street, died early this morning from injuries received on Saturday, when the little fellow pulled a pail of boiling-hot water off the kitchen table on himself.

Dr. Homer Black was immediately called, and did his best to alleviate the child's suffering, but the burns were of too serious a nature.

The funeral will be held Tuesday morning to St. Peter's Cemetery.

BRITISH MAIL

The best British mail closes tomorrow at 10 a.m.

Canadians Honored By King



SIR CLIFFORD SIFTON, Ottawa, a member of the Dominion Parliament, who has been made a knight commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

SIR HAMAR GREENWOOD, M.P. for Sunderland, England, who was made a knight in the King's New Year's honor list. He is a native of Wrexham, Ontario, and a brother of W. H. Green, formerly a London newspaperman.

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GERMAN POINTS OF SUPPORT CAPTURED BY ALLIED TROOPS

In Upper Alsace an Important Height Was Taken. But the Allies' Attempt To Occupy Boureuilles Did Not Succeed—Progress at Steinbach.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, Jan. 4.—2:45 p.m.—The French war office gave out an official statement in Paris this afternoon as follows:

"From the sea to the Oise the day passed in almost complete calm. The weather was rainy. There were artillery exchanges some points of support held by the Germans in the region of Perthes and of Menilles-Hurlus.

"On the Aisne and in Champagne the cannonading was particularly violent. Our batteries showed their superiority and brought the reserve forces of the enemy. We became possessed of several points of support held by the Germans in the region of Perthes and of Menilles-Hurlus.

"Between the Argonne and the Meuse, as well as on the heights of the Meuse there was intermittent cannonading. An effort made yesterday morning by our troops to occupy Boureuilles did not succeed.

"Our advance continued in the forest of Le Pretre, which is to the northwest of Pont-a-Mousson.

"In Upper Alsace we occupied an important height to the west of Cernay. A counter-attack by the enemy was repulsed.

"In Steinbach we have taken possession of the vicinity of the church and of the cemetery."

BOARD APPOINTS SPECIAL ATTORNEY

Will Be Defended at Special Investigation Into Beck Charges.

E. T. ESSERY IS NAMED

Will Be Solicitor For Health Department During the Probe.

The board of health held a meeting this morning to appoint a solicitor to represent the board in the investigation which opens at the city hall tomorrow morning to the charges filed against Dr. Hutchinson, medical officer of health.

Mayor Stevenson attended the meeting, and it was moved that E. T. Essery be engaged to represent the board, but it was suggested that City Solicitor Meredith's opinion be first obtained, so the matter was held in abeyance.

Friends of Sir E. Beck say he has laid no charge against the board, but only against Dr. Hutchinson, and the board needs no solicitor to defend it. The board is said to have been told by Dr. McCullough, tomorrow in the medical officer of health's case.

"COWARDICE CULT" SAYS ROOSEVELT

Outspoken Condemnation of Wilson-Bryan Policy Towards Germany.

FAILED IN OBLIGATIONS

Colonel Says They Evidently Consider Treaties as "Pious Wishes."

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Jan. 4.—In an article written for the current issue of the Independent, Col. Roosevelt says: "To violate these conventions, to violate neutrality treaties, as Germany has done in the case of Belgium, is a dreadful thing. It represents the gravest kind of international wrongdoing, but it is really not quite so contemptible, it does not show so short-sighted and timid inefficiency, and, above all, such selfish indifference to the peace, as has been shown by the United States (thanks to President Wilson and Secretary Bryan) in refusing to fulfill its solemn obligations by taking whatever action was necessary in order to clear our skirts from the guilt of the United States assumes obligations, in order to secure small and unimportant neutral nations against hidden weapons."

GERMAN STATEMENT

Berlin, 3:35 p.m.—The official communication issued today by the German army headquarters says:

"In the western theatre of the war, except for a more or less heavy artillery combat along the front, it was generally quiet."

"Only near Charn (Alsace) did the enemy show great activity. After an overwhelming bombardment of the heights at the west of Sommerlin, enemy succeeded during the evening in capturing our demolished trenches on these heights, and in connection therewith, which any power was at liberty to disregard with impunity. In accordance with the dictation of self-interest, I would certainly not have permitted the United States to be a party to such a mischievous farce. President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, however, take the view that when the United States assumes obligations, in order to secure small and unimportant neutral nations against hidden weapons."

BRAVE WORDS FROM AUSTRIAN MINISTER

Expresses Belief That Monarchy Can Weather Storm—People United.

[Canadian Press.]
Washington, Jan. 4.—The Austrian Hungarian minister for foreign affairs sent the following dispatch to the embassy here today:

"The whole press, in taking a retrospective view of the five months' armistice, expresses a firm conviction that the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, united with Germany, is adequate to brave every storm. The confidence in the country, the courage and perseverance of the troops, have given the country confidence in the victory of our army. The people, who are united in making the greatest sacrifices in this just cause, are firm in their belief in final victory in the struggle which has been forced upon them."

Zeppelin Shed Hit

French Aviator Reported To Have Dropped Bombs and Damaged One Near Brussels.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Jan. 4.—10:30 a.m.—According to the Exchange Telegraph Company, French aviators dropped several bombs in the vicinity of Brussels Saturday, partly destroying a Zeppelin shed under construction and killing several German soldiers.