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## CITY COUNCIL IN SESSION

### Fire Underwriters Will Make a Resurvey of the Fire Risks in Nanaimo in the Near Future.

The City Council met in regular session last evening, present, Ald. McInnery, Mayor, Crossan, Forrester, Cavalese, Crossan and Busby. His Worship, Mayor Planta, presiding.

A communication was received from Major Coote, commanding officer in charge of the local Garrison, thanking the Council for a donation of \$200 with which to complete a building for recreation purposes.

A communication was received from John C. Noble, the secretary of the Vancouver Island Fire Underwriters Association, as follows:

Dear Sir:—We have for acknowledgment your communication of the 26th inst., in which you refer to your letter of the 10th of March last, regarding rate reduction in the City of Nanaimo.

We would advise you that soon after the first of the year it is intended to have a resurvey made of the risks in the City of Nanaimo. It is hoped that we would have completed this work before this, but would advise you that the staff here has been engaged on the resurvey work of the City of Victoria for the past six months. However, the new ratings here are almost ready for printing and we shall endeavor to visit Nanaimo in the near future.

Yours truly,  
JOHN C. NOBLE,  
Secretary.

The communication was received and filed.

Mr. A. C. Wilson wrote the Council as follows:

Gentlemen,—I herewith beg leave to submit for your consideration the following proposal, viz: if your honorable body will give me the privilege to build a small conservatory on the northeast end of Dallas Square, say 12x24 feet, and to be a neat, well designed building which will be a credit to the situation, I will in consideration of the above privilege lay out the whole square with flower beds and walks, furnish everything required to beautify the same, and keep in permanent condition, and a credit to the city, at my sole expense.

Hoping that you will give this proposition your honorable consideration, I am, gentlemen,  
Yours respectfully,  
A. C. WILSON.

Ald. McInnery moved the matter be referred to the Parks Committee for investigation and report. The motion was seconded by Ald. Busby and adopted.

A special committee of the Council in reference to the unemployed situation submitted a report which was on motion of Ald. Ferguson, seconded by Ald. McInnery, received and recommendation adopted by the Council.

The special committee appointed to look into the question of new city jail premises reported it had not been able to locate any premises suitable.

Ald. McInnery remarked he had talked over the matter with the City Engineer who said he could get out plans for a new City Hall and jail premises costing about \$27,000.

Ald. Crossan remarked if the city had carried out its part of the agreement the jail premises would not be in the condition they are at present. Hardly a cent had been spent on repairs, and as a result nearly every room in the building leaks.

Mayor Planta stated the Council put itself in the peculiar position of law makers, becoming law breakers. The Council had condemned the buildings as unsafe and unsanitary and yet continued to use them. It would be to the Council's credit to insist on the building being vacated at once, even though the occupants had to go on the streets. The Council does not expect anybody else to live up to the law when it broke the law itself.

Ald. Busby suggested the Engineer get out plans for a new City Hall and jail premises on the site of the present City Hall. Owing to the nature of the ground it would cost too much to erect an imposing building on the present site whereas a fairly large building could be erected on the City Hall site for a modest sum.

The Water Works Committee reported that financial reasons prevented it from supplying water to

the Lambert sub-division.

City Engineer Owen reported an expenditure in wages during the past week of \$316 on streets and \$31.25 on waterworks. Fire Chief Parkin reported five fires during the month of December.

City Clerk Gough reported the petition of George Slater and others for an extension of Irwin street from Sebastian street to Needham street, was sufficient.

Ald. Forrester moved the report be received and the necessary steps taken to have the work carried out under Clause 9. Ald. McInnery seconded the motion.

Mayor Planta reminded the Council of an objection being raised to have the street opened, owing to the ownership of a piece of land being in dispute. He did not want to block the work, but he was in a position to know that the ownership of some property was in dispute and if the work was started an injunction would be entered. He would like to save the city the expense of starting the work and then having it stopped.

City Clerk Gough reminded the Council the work would cost quite a sum of money as it would be necessary to expropriate several lots, and as it would be necessary to provide the money before starting the work, this would be a hard matter at the present time.

Ald. McKenzie remarked there was no danger of this work being gone on with for some time owing to lack of funds. Other work in the city had been petitioned for and approved, which would take precedence over the Irwin street extension project.

After considerable discussion on the subject Ald. Forrester amended his motion eliminating the words "carried out under Clause 9," and with this alteration the original motion was adopted.

## \$10,000 FOR RELIEF WORK

City Council Will Extend the Sewerage System in the City and Thus Furnish Work to Many of Present Unemployed.

The Council of this city, at last night's meeting decided to expend the sum of \$10,000 on the extension of the Sewerage system of the city.

This amount is to be borrowed from the Provincial Government, the security being \$10,000 worth of sewerage debentures which will be placed with the Canadian Bank of Commerce to the order of the government.

The matter was brought up at last night's meeting by the special committee, which waited on the Premier and which reported as follows:

Gentlemen,—Your committee appointed to represent the Council in the delegation from the meeting of the unemployed, beg to report having interviewed the premier, who received us very courteously and very sympathetically. The unemployed situation was very fully discussed, and while the conclusions reached, and the measures proposed may not be entirely satisfactory, your committee is of the opinion that not much more could be reasonably expected, considering conditions. The government to attend to the unorganized districts, but the premier made it plain that the municipalities must themselves handle the problem within the corporate limits, but that, where necessary, the government will advance, as a loan, sufficient funds to permit of the inauguration of such public works as will provide some measure of relief.

For Nanaimo it is proposed that the city put up bonds or other collateral as security, and the government will advance \$10,000, which your committee urged was the minimum amount required to carry us through the winter.

It was explained that the supply of money was limited, considering the extensive field to be covered, and that it is problematical when more can be obtained, hence the necessity for the greatest economy in the distribution of what is on hand.

The government will not seek to control the Council in the work of relief or in the rate of wages to be paid, still, in view of the foregoing facts, it will be necessary to carefully consider the situation, and deal with the situation as its urgency and extraordinary nature demands. As a further measure of relief the government is prepared to arrange trans-

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## BERLIN ADMITS FRENCH GAIN

### Steinbach in Upper Alsace Now in the Hands of French Troops After Hard Fighting.

London, January 4.—The latest news from the battle front indicates but little activity, the full evidently being forced by the bad weather. Steinbach, a village in Upper Alsace is now in the hands of the French after a hard house fighting. This loss Berlin admits. The day was marked by artillery duels, with occasional reported night gains, but the line from Oise to the sea was almost completely calm.

German headquarters declare that the situation on the eastern front remains unchanged and nothing has reached London to contradict this statement.

Politically, the American note still occupies a prominent position, dividing attention with speculation as to what Roumania and Italy intend to do. The answer of the British government it is said will be sent to Washington late this week.

British officials declare that the relief of the American shipping from the present regulations depend largely on the assurance of neutral states bordering on belligerent countries that they will assist in supplying Germany, Austria, or Turkey with food products and munitions of war.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight:

"The only reports which have been received up to the present have reference to Upper Alsace, where engagements of a very violent nature continued in the region of Cernay. Last night our troops lost, then regained the territory around the church at Steinbach. This morning they occupied the entire village. The German works to the west of Cernay captured by us yesterday were lost for a brief period following a very violent counter-attack, but the Germans were not able to maintain it, and this position remains in our hands."



## CHRISTIAN OF DENMARK

This is a recent picture of Denmark's king, Christian X. Although Denmark is well outside the war-zone, King Christian and the King of Sweden and king of Norway are devising plans for a defensive alliance against the warring powers.

## MAWHINNEY-FLINN WEDDING NEW YEARS

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Flinn, Albert street, was the scene of a pretty and interesting event New Years Day, when their daughter Miss Jeannie was united in marriage to Mr. Arthur B. Mawhinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mawhinney, Victoria road.

The bride handsomely attired in white satin dress in lace, wearing the regulation veil and carrying a beautiful bouquet, was given away by her father, and was attended by her sister, who looked most charming in white silk draped with satin. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Bolton, pastor of Beaconsfield Methodist Church, Vancouver, a former pastor of the Halliburton Street Methodist Church in this city, and the groom supported by his brother, William C. Mawhinney.

At the close of the marriage ceremony some forty couples partook of a most elaborate spread during which the health of the bride and groom was toasted and a most enjoyable evening spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Mawhinney left Saturday morning on a honeymoon trip to the Mainland, the bride being attired in a travelling suit of Mid-night Blue and white hat. They returned to the city last evening and after Monday next will take up their residence on Strickland street.

Both bride and groom were the recipients of many beautiful wedding presents and have a host of friends in Nanaimo with whom The Herald joins in wishing them many happy returns of the day.

## BRITISH REPLY TO AMERICAN NOTE

London, Jan. 4.—The British Government's reply to the American note concerning contraband probably will be sent before the end of the week. An outline of the reply has been submitted to France, which is greatly interested because of the activity of French ships in searching Mediterranean cargoes. A statement probably will be issued shortly showing that Italy has arrived at an understanding with England and the other allies concerning contraband, satisfactory to all the countries affected.

It can be stated authentically that five cargoes destined for Italy have been stopped at Gibraltar since November 15. Two of these were released within three days and the others as soon as the alleged contraband could be removed. Since December 4 no cargoes destined for Italy have been intercepted by the allies.

Rubber cargoes destined for American firms and held in English ports probably will be released soon, or purchased by Great Britain who needs much rubber for the manufacture of tires, bed blankets and boots.

A loosening of the regulations applying to American cargoes, it is said by British officials, will depend largely upon the assurance received from neutral countries that they will not assist in supplying Germany, Turkey, or Austria with munitions of war.

## AUSTRALIA URGED TO SEND MORE MEN

London, Jan. 5.—The Times Sydney correspondent says the Liberal leaders and all sections of the press have begun an agitation calling upon the Commonwealth to follow the example of Canada by sending greatly increased contingents to Europe.

Canada, they say, is providing the Mother Country with 100,000 men.

## RUMANIA WILL COMPLETE DEBACLE

Paris, Jan. 4.—Roumania's entrance into the war on the side of the allies is certain, the only hindrances now are the diplomatic and military preparations. These statements are credited to M. Djameny, who has just arrived from Rome at the head of a mission of Zucharest government to Italy. They are printed in the Petit Parisien.

"Roumania will put five or six hundred thousand in the field whose entry into the western plains of Austria-Hungary will complete the debacle which the armies of that nation have suffered," are the words attributed to the Roumanian diplomat.

## LOSSES AT FRONT

London, Jan. 4.—Only two casualties were announced from the headquarters of the expeditionary force tonight. Lieutenant Meredith, of the North Staffordshire Regiment, having been wounded, and Captain R.W. Phillips, of the Welsh Fusiliers, having died of wounds.

## LOCKED GIRL'S FATHER

London, Jan. 4.—Jonathan McCarthy, attached to the first field ambulance of the Canadian contingent, was remanded at Marlborough police court today charged with causing grievous bodily harm to William Davia, the father of his fiancée.

## MINNESOTA IN SERVICE

Seattle, Jan. 4.—The Great Northern liner Minnesota, the largest carrier on the Pacific and the largest vessel flying the American flag on any ocean, will return to the Orient service immediately.

## LOCAL APPEAL FOR CLOTHING

### Board of Trade Relief Committee Send Out Urgent Appeal For Clothing—Clothes for Children Especially Wanted.

Urgently wanted—old clothing of any description.

The Board of Trade Relief Committee who have been working for the needy in the city for the past year or more send out this appeal for clothing. They state that it is most urgently required and those who can spare clothing of any kind will confer a real kindness on deserving people if they will leave it at the room in the provincial court house, provided for the purpose. Especially is clothing required for children of all ages.

The relief committee, composed of well known ladies of the city who have been devoting many hours weekly to charitable work, have come across many distressing cases where clothes are necessary and trust that this appeal will result in clothes being sent at once to the building. If there is no one in the room leave the bundles with the provincial police who will see that they reach their proper destination.

One lady with eight children came to the committee and stated with tears in her eyes that she had determined never to ask assistance but that for the sake of her children she had to ask for clothing. Other such cases have been met. There is plenty in the city to look after all such cases and all that is wanted is to have the matter made public, and everyone in a position to do so to give the matter a little attention. This being done there will be no occasion for any child or woman in Nanaimo to go round during these cold days thinly and insufficiently clad.

It does not matter if the clothes need mending, or not the committee will be glad to receive them and they will soon be made fit to wear. Especially, let it be remarked again, is clothing required for children.

## FORCED INTO GERMAN RANKS

### All Young Belgians Available For Two Years Levies Ordered to Enroll in the German Army.

Amsterdam, Jan. 4.—A remarkable telegram from Overpelt, in Belgium, states that all young Belgians available for 1914, 1915 and 1916 levies, have been ordered by the Germans to present themselves at the town hall today for enrollment in the German army.

Commenting on the foregoing, the Telegram says it has received the telegram from a reliable source, but as forced enrollment of Belgians in the German army is absolutely against precedent it publishes the statement with all reserve. A Reuter message adds that the Telegram supposes that it is a wrong interpretation by a junior German official at Overpelt of an order from the higher authorities.

## INQUIRY IN COAL GREEK EXPLOSION

Fernis, B. C., Jan. 4.—The inquest on the body of Mine Inspector Evans who perished in the Coal Creek mine explosion, Saturday, opened today but was adjourned until Wednesday after preliminary evidence had been taken pending the arrival of Chief Mine Inspector Graham from Victoria. An autopsy will also be held in the meantime although superficial examination indicates asphyxiation.

From the evidence adduced today it would seem that the explosion of the mine to discover whether the fire still existed therein was premature, although the exploring party was equipped with safety apparatus. The apparatus used by Evans was of the helmet type with a two hour efficiency, but at the time in question it contained oxygen for only one hour. The apparatus used by the others was of the mouth breathing type.

## GOOD CAR EQUIPMENT

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—Walter Pratt, superintendent of the Canadian Northern Railway Car Service, leaves in a few days for Toronto to take over the car equipment for the new Canadian Northern service throughout the west, which, he says, will be equal to any on the continent.

## TURKS RAVAGING WESTERN PERSIA

Petrograd, via London, Jan. 4.—Turkish troops whose defeat by Russian troops was announced on December 22, when they attempted to invade Russia from Persian territory, are now reported to be ravaging the region south of Lake Urmiah, in northwestern Persia. Hastily assembled Persian troops sent against the Turks were defeated.

A protest was made some time ago to Turkey by the Persian government. It is said that no reply has been received.

## VIENNA REPORTS SUCCESS

Vienna, Jan. 4, via Amsterdam and London.—The following official communication was issued this evening:

"In the severe battles in the district of South Galicia, which were fought under the worst weather conditions, our brave troops assured them selves, through securing possession of an important line of hills, of a favorable base for further operations. In the Carpathians there has been only small engagements.

"During the battles in the northern theatre Christmas time we captured thirty-seven officers and 12,693 men."

## WINE FOR SOLDIERS

Paris, Jan. 4.—So many presents for the soldiers at the front are being received that the transportation department of the army is virtually overwhelmed for the time being. The gifts of private persons include 1,400,000 gallons of wine from the department of Hérault alone, while the Angou region gave 180,000 gallons. The prefect of the Department of Hérault, in advising the minister of the interior of the presents, added that another gift of 1,400,000 gallons of wine probably would be made.

## DR. MAGGS IS DEAD

London, Jan. 4.—The death occurred last evening of Rev. Dr. Maggs, superintendent-minister of the Bootle Wesleyan circuit. Dr. Maggs, who was well known in Canadian Methodist circles, occupied the pulpit in the morning and was on the point of leaving the house for the evening service when he had an attack and died almost instantly.

## CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 4.—The Seminaire de Ste-Julie at Montreal made a noteworthy contribution of \$25,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, while the Toronto York County Associations sent in an additional \$10,000. Other contributions were \$1,407 from the Roman Catholic diocese of Ottawa.

## SHIP AND CREW LOST

London, Jan. 5.—According to advices received here from Stockholm the Swedish steamer Carma has been lost in the North Sea with her crew of twenty men. It is presumed that the Carma struck a mine.

## CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIANS

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—The following casualties in the Canadian force at Salisbury Plain, are reported by the militia department:

Seriously ill, Private F. W. McGuinness, 43rd Battalion at Bulford hospital ref. meningitis. Next of kin, Mrs. F. W. McGuinness, Montreal.

## DESPERATE FRONTAL ATTACKS

Berlin, Jan. 4, via London, Jan. 5.—The correspondent of the Zeitung am Mittag at Austrian headquarters reports that the Russians are conducting a series of violent frontal attacks on the Austrian positions along the Dunajec river, east of Cracow, and are bending every effort to push toward the fortress which has been their goal for two months.

All these attacks up to yesterday evening, the correspondent adds, had been repulsed with heavy losses, owing to the excellence of the Austrian positions.

## VIENNA SEIZED WITH PANIC

### Russian Armies Continue Victorious Career—Austrian Defeat Was Most Severe—Retreating in Disorder Whole Regiments Surrender.

London, Jan. 5.—It is five months today since war was declared between Great Britain and Germany and the most suggestive news comes from the eastern front. The Russian forces after defeating the Austrians have swarmed over the Carpathians and invaded the Hungarian plains.

Panic is said to have seized both Vienna and Budapest for it is believed that this invasion is the real thing and not a mere raid. Meanwhile it is clear from the Russian official messages that the Austrian defeat was very severe and that General Von Hindenburg's enemies in Poland have been disappointed.

A Meistrich dispatch reports that Emperor William has suffered a reverse as a result of exposure in a visit to a point on the Flanders battle front and that he is being rushed to Berlin on the Imperial train.

It is stated that all military trains were sidetracked to give the Emperor's special train the right of way and that all traffic between Liege and Aix-la-Chapelle was held up for ten hours.

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—It is learned authoritatively that the fighting of yesterday on the Bura river front resulted in important successes for the Russians. The Austrians in Galicia are retreating in disorder, whole regiments surrendering.

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—The following statement from the general staff of the Russian army, in the Caucasus was issued tonight:

"The battle of Sari Makysch (Trans Caucasia) is still proceeding to our advantage. At sunrise January 2nd, our troops attacked Ardahan and towards evening, after fierce fighting, the Turks were dislodged from their trenches, having sustained heavy casualties."

Berlin, Jan. 5.—Heavy Russian reinforcements from Kiev were responsible for the recent change in the situation in Galicia, according to Leonard Adelm, the correspondent of the Tagblatt, with the Austrian headquarters.

The Russians after their defeat at Lodz and their unsuccessful battle at Limanowa, the correspondent says, limped on the point of being ejected from Galicia and retiring behind the Vistula, but reinforcements were sufficient to turn the scale in favor of the Russians who launched a new offensive southward in the direction of Navy Sandee, in the hope of jamming in between the Galician and Carpathian armies. The Austrians, however, by a new disposition of their troops and reinforcements succeeded in arresting their advance.

A renewal of the southward movement, the correspondent continues, is improbable now, as a further advance would bring the Russians between two fires, instead of this, a heavy pressure westward in the direction of the fortress of Oracow is now noticeable. Simultaneously the Russians turned on the Carpathian army, but confined themselves to an attack on the southwestern passes, forcing their way into Hungary over the Usok pass, this move assuring them continuous control of their important petroleum fields south of Lemberg and Przemyel.

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—The official communication issued from general headquarters tonight is as follows:

"During January 3, no important change took place on the left bank of the Vistula. In many sections there have been the usual artillery engagements and secondary actions."

"On our extreme left our troops passing through the whole of Bukovina, have occupied the town of Smecawa with one verst (two thirds of a mile) distant from the Austro-Roumanian frontier."