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The Herald Wishes its Readers A Bright and Prosperous New Year

CANADA TO SEND HALF MILLION

Premier Borden Has Authorized the Canadian Forces for Overseas Service to Be Increased From 250,000 to 500,000 Men.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 31.—As a fitting New Year's announcement to the Canadian people and to the British Empire, the Prime Minister gave out tonight in a statement which authorized Canadian forces for overseas service to be raised from a quarter of a million to half a million men.

The government has formally authorized a Canadian army of 500,000 or twice the number previously pledged to the Empire's fight. The message issued to the Canadian people by the Prime Minister from his sick room at his residence, is one of pride of what the men of Canada have done during the last year, sympathy to those who have bravely suffered from the tragedies of the war and have learned the full meaning of sacrifice and are resolute and confident in the belief in the willingness of all Canadians to redouble the efforts of the past.

STILEY HAMILTON PASSED AWAY

Just at The Herald was going to press this morning word was received of the death of Stiley Hamilton in the local hospital after a short illness.

The remains were removed to McArdie's Undertaking Parlors pending the completion of funeral arrangements.

This fellow Ted Lewis appears to be showing real class in his 10-round bouts. In beating Ritchie, he demonstrated that he is no slouch at the boxing game, as Ritchie ranks as one of the leading boys in the U.S.A.

PRIVATE TAIT WAS WOUNDED AT YPRES

Among the New Year visitors in Nanaimo, is Private Tait of the Seventh Battalion who went to the front with the First Canadian Expeditionary Force. Pte. Tait who is known to many in Nanaimo, was severely wounded at Ypres by shrapnel and while lying on the ground disabled received a bayonet thrust in the thigh by a German soldier.

ASKED ARMISTICE TO BURY DEAD

London, Dec. 31.—The following official communication was issued this evening:

"General Townshend reports on the 29th a village on the right bank of the Tigris river just opposite Kut-el-Amara which was held by us as a detached post, had been subjected to a heavy rifle fire on two previous nights. He also reports the enemy asked for a four hours armistice to bury their dead and remove their wounded who were lying in large numbers in front of the fort which they attacked at Christmas.

"Independent reports confirm very heavy losses suffered by the Turks at Ctesiphon during General Townshend's retreat and in recent attacks at Kut-el-Amara.

"Our total casualties during the Christmas fighting were 71 men killed, including three officers, 1 missing and 309 wounded. Reinforcements for a relieving column are being steadily pushed up to the lines."

NEW YEARS GREETINGS FROM NANAIMOITE

Mr. Walter Kilpatrick writes from "Somewhere in France" to friends in Nanaimo, as follows:

Dear Sir,—I am writing this in the hope you will receive it before the mail arrives too late for me to wish all Nanaimoites a Happy Christmas and Prosperous 1916. To the people of this country the latter desire must be a mockery for everything around here presents a picture of desolation and ruin. The few cats which one occasionally see run as though mad should you call them and seem fitting occupants of the ruins in which they live. The birds are our only messengers of Peace and Good Will, and many the time I have thanked God for them as they hovered about our trenches twittering above our heads as though to encourage us on. In front of me as I write is the village of ... For months past Fritz has bombarded it daily, not that he can do any more harm than he has done for surely it is a mass of ruins, but in the hope that he may catch some poor Tommies whose duty may take them that way, or some transport wagons taking stores to the front line a mile ahead, or some battery which may have taken cover behind a pile of bricks and mortar.

There was a large Church here once but now its debris stands ten or twelve feet above the ground, and, yet strange to say, one side which supported the belfry and clock tower refuses to fall. Why it should I do not know. Fritz has done his best. All the heavy machinery for winding up the clock and striking the hours is on the ground smashed and covered with rust, but up aloft supported by this one side remains the greater portion of the tower still showing two clock faces out of four, and one of these faces retains its hands.

Two miles away is a large town at one time of Belgium's greatest; but now similar in every respect to the one I have already described. And this is true of all Belgium and Northern France. Can you wonder that a Prosperous New Year seems out of the question here? May God in His grace, bring the war to a satisfactory and speedy end, and may we be able to offer them our Best Wishes for 1917.

All the boys of Nanaimo whose acquaintance I have made wish me to remember them to its people and say they also hope to have as good a time as possible during the Christmas season. Good-bye. Yours sincerely, WALTER H. KILPATRICK.

CITY'S PROGRESS DURING THE YEAR

Several Departments of Civic Administration Show Improvement Over Preceding Twelve Months—Customs And Inland Revenue Collections.

In common with other sections of the province as well as the Dominion, Nanaimo, during the past year experienced more or less a period of depression and the record of city developments does not warrant more than casual reference.

During the year 1915, sixty-two permits were issued by the engineering department of the City Hall of a total value of \$50,582. Plumbing permits totalled 128 and sewer connections totalled 134, an increase of 71 over the previous year, while 127 electrical permits were issued.

Building conditions generally having been very quiet throughout the year. The number of permits have been considerably less as against that of the engineering staff of the City Hall have completed more permanent work in construction than has been performed in the three previous years combined. The south end of the city has its sewerage system all but completed, also a large portion of Machinery street. Several streets in town have been paved this year, the total number of feet being 9365.

In all cases where the pavement was installed all piping systems were overhauled and put in good condition. Several streets have been resurfaced, the roadways crowned, and ditch and storm drains installed where previously there were none.

The construction in Waterworks has not been as much as was anticipated. The majority of the work done was required in connection with the paving, a limited amount of water main outside of the paving area having been laid where absolute necessity demanded it.

INLAND REVENUE RETURNS The Inland Revenue collections for Nanaimo during the past year totalled \$23,648.61, and Customs collections were \$91,499.75, the collections by sub-ports being as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Port Name and Amount. Includes Nanaimo, Alberni, Chemainus, Cumberland, Comox, Courtenay, Duncan, Ladysmith, Port Alberni, Union Bay, Total, Storage, Sale unclaimed goods, Seizures.

CONSIGNEES FRIDAY. J. T. Wood, T. Sakahito, G. S. Pearson, J. D. Stewart, J. H. Good, Dick Kee, J. Jenkins, E. Devlin, P. Burns, Mahler & Co, Morris Frackton, Nanaimo Builders Supply Co., City of Nanaimo, Ideal Heating and Plumbing Co., W. H. Morton, Western Fuel Co., P. Bennett, Stevens & Wright, F. W. Woolworth, Kwong Yick Lung, Mee Hing, H. N. Freeman, Bow On Tong.

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HONORED OZAR NICHOLAS

London, Dec. 31.—It is officially announced that King George has appointed Emperor Nicholas of Russia, Field Marshal in the British Army.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN LOCAL MINE

John Fanning, a young man most highly respected in the city, was fatally injured while at work in No. 1 mine yesterday morning being crushed between two cars while engaged in coupling.

The deceased, who was a native of Seaham, Durham, England, was 28 years of age. He lived in Nanaimo for the past ten years, and was a son-in-law of Mr. John Slavin. He leaves his wife and two children, a son aged five and a daughter aged three years. He worked in the mine as a boss driver up to the time of the strike, subsequently working at the face. He had just been taken off the face to work on the tracks when the accident occurred. Much sympathy is expressed with his family in their loss at this time.

Coroner Wallis and jury viewed the remains yesterday afternoon, and an inquiry will be held later. The jury were Fred. Ellison, D. Mottishaw, Ed. Hoskin, Geo. Frost, F. McRae and G. B. Bolster (foreman).

The funeral will take place on Monday morning at 8:30 from the family residence, Kennedy street, to St. Peter's R. C. Church at nine o'clock, funeral arrangements being in the hands of Mr. D. H. Jenkins.

SIX MEN WANTED FOR WESTERN SCOTS

Lance-Corporal Sumpton, who enlisted in the 67th Scots some months ago, is spending the holidays in Nanaimo with friends. He reports that there are vacancies in his company for six men, and any local men caring to join will be provided with transportation to Victoria, where the regiment is in camp. Lance Corporal Sumpton will be round the Herald office on Monday morning from 10 to 12, and will give all necessary information to any men wishing to join. It is expected that the 67th will get its orders for overseas in February.

NEW YEAR'S SERVICE AT ST. ANDREW'S

A special New Year's Service of song will be given on the first Sabbath evening of the New Year, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the order of the service being as follows:

- Organ Prelude. Doxology. Invocation. Hymn 474. Reading of Scriptures. Anthem, "The Heavens are Telling" (Haydn)—Mrs. Drysdale. Prayer. Solo, "The Light of the World," (Adams)—Mrs. Drysdale. Announcements and Offertory. Quintette, "Father Most Merciful" (Adams)—Mrs. Drysdale, Mrs. Greenshields, Miss MacLennan and Messrs. Williams and Johnson. Hymn 406. Sermon. Solo, "Abide With Me" (Price)—Mr. T. Lewis. Prayer. Anthem, "Hollest Breathe an Evening Blessing" (Sullivan). Hymn 607. Benediction.

ENEMY AIRSHIPS OVER SALONIKA

London, Dec. 31.—A despatch from Saloniki says: "A taube aeroplane which flew over Saloniki at midday was driven off by gunfire. Air raids this week constitute the first acts of the enemy since December 12 when the Entente Allies recrossed the frontier. Bombs were dropped this morning on the British lines and encampments but they did no damage. The Greek camp apparently was mistaken for Entente quarters. Bombs dropped there and exploded near the divisional general's headquarters, killing one shepherd and four sheep. Scenes during the raids have been reminiscent of Zeppelin visits to London, except that they have occurred in the day time. As the shells seemed to be getting nearer the aviators they swerved their machines or dodged or altered their directions. Throughout, air craft remained at high altitudes, some of them 9000 feet. Crowds gathered in the streets and cheered when shells burst close to the machines. It is reported two air craft were hit during the first raid."

NO PAPER SUNDAY.

Today being New Year's Day and a public holiday, there will be no issue of The Herald Sunday morning.

POLICE BOARD MET YESTERDAY

Granted Extended Leave of Absence to Constable Wallbank Who Has Decided to Join the Colors For Overseas Service.

The Board of Police Commissioners met yesterday afternoon, present Chairman A. E. Planta and Commissioners Ald. Busby and Mr. J. R. McKinnel.

The principal item of business before the Commissioners was the request of Constable Wallbank for extended absence in order that he might go to the front at once. In this connection the appended communications were read:

Gentlemen,—Enclosed you will find a communication from Senior Constable Harold Wallbank, in which he asks for extended leave of absence, he having joined the 88th Battalion for service overseas. Speaking on behalf of everyone connected with the Police Force, I may say that we are all very sorry to lose Constable Wallbank, and would recommend that his request be granted.

I remain, Yours obediently, JACOB NEEN, Chief of Police

Gentlemen,—I beg most respectfully to ask extended leave of absence from the City Police Force, having joined the 88th Overseas Battalion of Canada. Being an ex-soldier, I have had the desire to answer my Country's call for some time, but owing to the responsibility that I have, as a married man, with small family I hesitated. However I have at last taken a definite step. Knowing what my absence will mean to my family, I trust that Your Honourable Body will see that they will suffer no hardships. I sincerely hope that when I return, should I be spared to do so, that it will be with the consciousness, that I have faithfully served my Country.

I feel that I cannot say goodbye, without thanking Your Honourable Body, and your precedents, as well as the other members of the Force, for the splendid treatment that I have been accorded.

I remain, Sirs, Your obedient servant, HAROLD WALLBANK

In moving that Constable Wallbank's request be granted Ald. Busby remarked the Commissioners were sorry to lose the services of so faithful an officer as Constable Wallbank but would see to it that his family would not want in his absence.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner McKinnel who also spoke in complimentary terms of the services rendered by Constable Wallbank. Chairman Planta spoke in eulogistic terms of Constable Wallbank and expressed the hope the example set by him would be followed by others who had not the same obligations and ties binding them to home.

OPERA HOUSE.

Harry Morey and Betty Gray appear tonight in a three-part Broadway Star Feature, "The Girl Who Might Have Been." It is a modern detective story with innumerable thrills and was a positive success the first time it appeared in the Strand Theatre, New York. A Charlie Chaplin Comedy, "In the Park" which was shown here on a previous occasion in the Bijou Theatre, a Comedy Cartoon and other films will be shown tonight only from 6:30 to 11 p. m.

GREECE PROTESTS CONSULS ARREST

London, Dec. 31.—Greece has protested against the arrest of the consuls of the Central Powers and their Allies at Saloniki, which it terms a violation of Greece's sovereign right says Reuter's Athen's correspondent:

London, Dec. 31.—The arrest of German, Austrian, Turkish and Bulgarian consuls at Saloniki on orders given by General Sarrail, the French Commander, reported early today from that city, are the outgrowth of German aeroplane attack upon the city, which was considered the act of a belligerent according to a despatch to the Evening News from Saloniki today. British and French troops surrounded the consulates, arrested all members, and their staffs and seized the archives, the despatch states.

CITY CHURCHES SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Paul's Church. Rev. W. E. Cockshott, M.A. Rector. Holy Communion 8 a. m. Matins, short address and Holy Communion 11 a. m. Evensong and sermon 7 p. m.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Rev. A. K. McLennan, D.D. Pastor. Morning topic, "God's Hand in History." Evening topic, "The New Year Opportunities." Children's Sermonette at morning service. Sunday School at 2.30. Needham Street Sunday School at the same hour.

CELEBRATED THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Shakespeare Yesterday Held Family Reunion on Fiftieth Anniversary of Their Wedding Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Shakespeare, for the past 24 years residents of Nanaimo, last evening celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home on the corner of Franklin and Wesley Streets.

Mr. Shakespeare, whose maiden name was Margaret Griffiths, was united in marriage in the Sedgley Parish Church, Staffordshire, on Dec. 31st, 1866. Twenty-four years ago they came to Nanaimo and have resided in this city up to the present, being among the most highly respected members of the community. Last evening they celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding, only the immediate members of the family being present, some twenty-five children and grand children partaking of a sumptuous repast and joining in the festivities of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Shakespeare have one son and four daughters living, and all of them, with the exception of Mrs. Kielowski, who resides in New York, are at present visiting the old home. Those in attendance at the golden wedding celebration, were Mr. and Mrs. Noah Shakespeare, of Everett, Wn., Mr. and Mrs. Beckley, Nanaimo; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Piper, of Niles, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Raines, Nanaimo River, and Mr. and Mrs. Lea Davison, of Trail, B.C.

During the day telegrams were received from friends, extending congratulations and Mr. and Mrs. Shakespeare were the recipients of many presents appropriate to the occasion. Although attaining an advanced age in life, Mr. and Mrs. Shakespeare are both young in spirits, and enjoying fairly good health and feel like making a trip to their old home in England. They have a host of friends in Nanaimo with whom The Herald joins in extending congratulations and wishing them many more years of happiness together.

DOMINION THEATRE

Nothing but praise for Laura Hope Crews in "The Fighting Hope," which shows at the Dominion Theatre this afternoon and tonight. The thrilling interest of the play itself, one of Belasco's greatest and most recent successes is enhanced by the superlative acting of this famous emotional star. Her facial expression is extraordinary, one can trace the springs of her emotions as readily and truly as if she were using the spoken word.

And she is ably supported, every one in the long cast required in this great film, doing magnificently his or her part to perfection. As to the settings and mountings of the pictures the mere fact that the film is from the Famous Players Studios is sufficient warranty as to its excellence. The "Thanhauser comedy" shown is entitled "His Sister's Kids" You should all go and see how other people's children behave and incidentally have a good laugh.

The Topical Review shows some splendid military pictures and there is of course that peerless Dominion Orchestra dispensing appropriate music.

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Those who saw "The Defenders of Our Empire" in three reels yesterday and which will be repeated today, were very much pleased with them. Taken with the first British Expeditionary Forces and under the authority of the British Army Council are the best and most authentic pictures shown in the city. "The Adventures of J. Rufus Wallingford" a two-part comedy with Burr McIntosh and Max Figman is a delightful picture full of humorous situations. Col. Helza Liar Comedy Cartoon and Pathe's Weekly make up an excellent program which will be shown again today. Ten per cent of all receipts from this showing of "The Defenders of Our Empire" is donated to the Returned Soldiers' Fund.

A CARD.

Owing to the population of Nanaimo City and District having become of such a transient nature the last two or three years, I find it rather unsatisfactory to carry on an even limited credit business with new arrivals, and have decided to discontinue taking on any more new credit accounts. Those that have been given credit and have paid their accounts regularly will be given credit as usual, but I shall discontinue entering any more new credit accounts on my books from January 1, 1916. Thanking you one, and all for your very liberal patronage I have enjoyed in the past, and hope by fair dealing and strict attention to business to merit a continuance of your confidence in the future, wishing everybody a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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