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FORTY-FOURTH YEAR

BRANTFORD, CANADA, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1914

ONE CENT

CITY COUNCIL PUTS THROUGH IMPORTANT MATTERS, AT HEAVY BUSINESS SESSION LAST NIGHT

City Overseer Howie is Superannuated on an Allowance.

Changes in the Civic Service With a View to Economy.

The City Council Chamber was filled to capacity last night when the City Fathers met to transact the fortnightly business of the city. It was a meeting fraught with interest. The matter of retrenchment was to be dealt with and many anxious faces were to be noted, not around the bench, but in the hallway and entrance. Deep concern was manifested in the rigmarole of the council, and that concern was rightly manifested. The Council held a lengthy session and a goodly portion of business was dealt with. By-laws were passed, retrenchment action taken and Deputy Returning Officers appointed while sundry other items were included in the agenda of the evening. Many electricians were to be seen and the listened for the dermaic decision upon the matter of the big license fee petitioned for by the larger electrical firms, and many of them were pleased to note that the petition was simply filed.

Berlin is assured of a Brantford help in dealing with her municipal ownership problems. A full attendance of the council proved quite capable of dealing with the business and considering that it was foretold of a fiery session, it was quiet indeed. Alderman Bragg was the only one who raised a hair and it quietly turned over, and all was plain sailing. The alderman spoke his mind clearly in his brusque fashion, and revealed his hand to be one of economy. Others spoke definitely, too, but their remarks had no particular personal aim, and thus it was that the session of hostilities was never kindled upon the question of under discussion, and the business was conducted in a primly decorous manner.

COMMUNICATIONS. Messrs. P. H. Secord and Sons asked for a refund of \$240, paid as a building permit fee when they contracted to build the new Government building. The Department of Public Buildings notified the firm that for public buildings such a fee payment was exempt. Their application was referred to the Finance committee.

The Village of Jarvis in a letter said they were quite willing to cooperate with Brantford for to see if it was possible to obtain pure gas. The communication was filed. Mr. Frank Cockshtut wrote recommending that the Park drive Board pay half the cost of purchasing two lots in West Brantford. The cost of the lots was \$650, and the purchase was necessary for the completion of the Park Drive. Referred to Finance committee.

A poplar tree was cut down on Massey-Harris property for which they charged \$5. They also charged \$3.21 for timber damaged in the fall of the tree. Another job for the Finance committee.

An order in favor of Wilkes and Henderson for payment of witness fees in a recent city case was made. The communication of Wilkes and Henderson re salary was referred to a special committee and later dealt with. This was referred to City Solicitor's letter of protest against a reduction of his salary. Berlin will be aided to obtain legislation to overcome some difficulties which they have met in dealing with the problem of municipal ownership. The municipality complains with regard to the dispensation of the profits accruing from Municipally owned ventures. The commissioners would not hand over profits, preferring to employ them in extensions to plant, while the city thought that the surplus should go toward the reduction of taxes.

What the Council Did— A Heavy Session of Business Put Through

Superannuated City Overseer Hugh Howie, his allowance being \$300 per year for five years. Reduced the City Solicitor's salary to \$2,250 per annum, this being a reduction of \$250. Relieved two assessors of their duties from the first of the year until May 1st.

Retired Relief Officer Eddy and appointed Inspector Glover to do his work with no increase in salary. Decreed that Frank Benedict must for the major portion of the year hire his own help.

Appointed Fred Ungar as superintendent of construction work. Decreed that civic offices must be open at 9 a.m. prompt and close at 5 p.m., including Saturdays.

Appointed William Sutch overseer of sewers at \$1,000 per year. Made all officials responsible for house phones after the new year.

Deferred the matter of dealing with the Police Magistrate's salary until the turn of the year. Saved \$2,200 as a result of their retrenchment policy. Took a firm stand upon the question of the Gas Company, and will enforce the Brewster Act.

Appointed deputy returning officers for the forthcoming elections. Passed a by-law requiring gasoline owners to take out a license for safety purposes.

Highly commended the work of the Street Railway Commission and recommended that their re-election to office be unanimous and not go to the people. Recommended that the Board of Education be elected from present members of the Public School Board and Collegiate Board.

INTERESTING JOTTINGS GLEANED FROM BUSY SESSION OF THE CITY FATHERS WHEN BUSINESS WENT THRO' FLYING

THE ISLAND OWNERSHIP Does the Kerby Island belong to the Western Counties Electric Company, asked Ald Broadbent, and he was told by the Mayor that it did. This settles the ownership of the famous island. The Mayor explained that originally the Island had been connected with the mainland and had in the first place only been separated by a mill race which was cut years ago for industrial purposes.

That thought Ald. Broadbent, would make the land an island and being an island, it would be government property. To this, the Mayor replied that it was artificially so, and if the Alderman cared to look at the plans filed, he would find that this was so, and that really Kerby Island was not registered as an Island. GOOD SPECULATION. This interesting information was imparted when the question of passing payment of \$800 for gravel to be obtained from the Island was brought up. The City Engineer advocated the passing of payment as he was getting gravel and would be able to obtain it to a value of some \$4,000.

That was all right, thought Ald. Charlton, but the council should be sure that the Western Counties people were the bona-fide owners. He, at least, advocated closing the deal under their corporate seal, with conditional return of the city's cash if all did not turn out as figured. There was no reason why the city should not be secured on this point. \$500 was quite a large sum of money. ASSURANCE. He was completely reassured by Ald. Ward, who was certain that the L. E. and N. would not have purchased half of the Island, or supposed

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THIS GERMAN REALLY IS QUITE MODEST IN HIS REQUESTS?

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—A cable to The Tribune from London says: Prof. Ernest Haeckel of the University of Jena, who is a well known disciple of Darwin, has expressed to an interviewer the opinion that the following fruits of victory are necessary to insure Germany's future: "One—Freedom from the tyranny of England, secured forever. "Two—The invasion of the British piratical state by the German army and navy and the occupation of London. "Three—The partition of Belgium. The western portion as far as Ostend and Antwerp to become German fed-

BELGIAN SHARPSHOOTERS IN ACTION.



BELGIAN SHARPSHOOTERS FIRING FROM TREES. The tenacity with which the Belgian army is still hanging on to the banks of the German army is one of the satisfactory features of the war in Northern France and Belgium. As a writer recently stated:—"The battle on the Yser has shown once again that the Belgian infantry soldier fights with as much courage as any in the world. The perseverance with which the regiments have held trenches under the continual fire of an artillery more powerful than their own and against repeated infantry attacks has been really heroic."

HISTORY WILL EVER RECORD HEROISM OF THE BRITISH TROOPS

And Sir John French Who Took Enormous Risks With His Men—Hordes of the Enemy Were Held in Check by the Khaki Line.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A London cable to The Tribune says: It is felt in London that Field Marshal's despatch describing the movements of the British forces at the front from October 1 to Nov. 30, restrained and formal though its language is, will be regarded in time to come as one of the greatest prose epics that have ever been written on the deeds of Great Britain's army. This despatch requires no explanation. Every civilian will be able to appreciate the tremendous importance of those moments of vital urgency when Sir John French has come to instant decision, to carry out which imposed on the army under his command tasks which called for the putting forth of superhuman efforts or an extraordinary display of fortitude and endurance.

FATE OF EMPIRES OF AUSTRIA AND GERMANY DEPENDS ON THIS BATTLE

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Dec. 1.—The Times correspondent telegraphs from Petrograd: "That the Germans are fighting well between the Vistula and the Warta, is the candidly expressed opinion of their generous foe. The Russians ungrudgingly record the honors awarded to Field Marshal Von Hindenburg. The battle which he initiated is likely to be prolonged and deeply to affect the whole course of the war, but scarcely in the sense hoped for by the Germans. "The Germans were compelled to engage more and more troops in order to save their lost legions. The majority of their eastern forces is now involved and even if a portion returns they are bound to suffer enormous and irreparable losses in men and material. "The Retch critic considers the task of destroying the enemy's troops between the Vistula and the Warta bound up with the fate of their army and even of the German and Austrian empires."

WAS BULWARK VICTIM OF SPY?

Authorities Not Entirely Satisfied That Battleship's Loss Was Accident. [By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A cable to The Tribune from London says: The authorities, it is stated, are not absolutely satisfied that the disaster to the Battleship Bulwark was due to an accident. According to The Daily Express, just about the time the vessel was blown up a man of military bearing with his hair and moustache close cropped, was seen on the bank of Medway near the scene of the calamity. A description of this man, has been sent to the police headquarters at Weiden. "The third group to the west is in

BRITAIN PROTECTS ALL ALIEN ENEMIES BY SEVERE MEASURES

London Revels, Danger Over In War Zone

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—A London cable to the Herald this morning says: "The danger is over, but there is plenty of hard fighting still to be done."

This is the message from Field Marshal Sir John French, which British officers, who are here from the front on a few days' leave, brought to their families and friends. The officers are back for a glimpse at civilization, and society is alive and lionizing them. Dinner parties, with khaki-clad officers at many tables, enlivened the leading hotels and clubs in London yesterday. The officers look splendidly fit and have gained in weight. They say the best food London can provide is not so good as the fine bacon and other delicacies they receive daily.

The officers, almost without exception, say Lord Kitchener's strict censorship and no-war correspondent policy has saved thousands of lives, and they say the Russian method of announcing news after it is all over is the best plan. This also explains, they believe, why so little is said of the victorious Russian operations in Poland.

EIGHT TRACKS ON GERMAN RAILWAY LINE

Wonderful System is Built Up Between Berlin and Cologne.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Dec. 1.—Hugh Martin telegraphs to The Daily News from Rotterdam: "The Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant learns that no fewer than eight additional railway tracks have been laid between Berlin and Cologne. The enormous capacity of this octuple system renders it the most strategic railway in the world." W. N. Duckworth telegraphs to the same newspaper from Copenhagen: "The wires of a German hydro-aeroplane which started from Brunswick to fly over to Reigoland, accidentally broke near Ebsberg. They were interned. "Naval activity in the Atlantic may be preliminary to an engagement.

ARE SURROUNDED ON THREE SIDES, GERMANS STILL FIGHT FIERCELY

[By Special Wire to the Courier] PARIS, Dec. 1.—The present situation in Poland, according to Ludovic Naudeau, the special representative of The Journal de Paris, who is at the Russian headquarters in the field, is as follows: "General Mackensen's Eighth German army is separated into three groups. The first, between Gombin, to the north and Brzeziny to the south is being attacked on three sides. There remains an opening on the western road towards Kutno, which, however, will be threatened by Russian advancing from Lodz. Part of this first group at Glognow and Strykow is almost entirely surrounded. "The second group, to the south at Ragow and Tuszyn is trying to force its way through to the north, but is opposed by the Russians at Lodz and Brzeziny, and the western road is closed to it by the same Russian army which recently beat two German corps at Weiden. "The third group to the west is in

Flanders Battle Is Now Dead

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Dec. 1.—The Paris correspondent for The Times who has been allowed to inspect the battle front in Belgium, writes: "The battle of Flanders is dead. The German dash for the coast, made with four cavalry and fifteen infantry corps and opposed at first only by the war worn Belgian army and a thin line of allied troops, has worn itself to extinction."