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CITY COUNCIL HELD A MOST STRENUOUS MEETING

The outstanding features of last night's meeting of the City Council were the killing of Ald. Young's Water Works Regulation Bylaw, and a wordy warfare between His Worship Mayor Planta, and Ald. Forrester over the latter's attitude on the Public Squares Purchase Bylaw introduced by Ald. Coburn.

All the aldermen were present with the exception of Ald. Shaw who is still confined to his home through illness.

A communication from Mr. C. H. Beevor Potts requesting the Council to forward him a cheque for \$25 being amount due for legal services in connection with the City's suit with Mr. Bland and was referred to the Finance Committee for investigation and report.

A communication was received from Mr. C. H. Beevor Potts stating the hundred dollars advanced by the city for expenses in connection with the suit of Yick Chong vs. Chief of Police Neen, had been nearly all expended and as the case was to come up for hearing on Sept. 10th, he requested a further advance for witness fees etc.

On motion of Ald. Cavallaky the communication was referred to the Finance Committee for report.

A communication was received from Mr. John Noble, secretary of the Vancouver Island Fire Underwriters Association acknowledging receipt of a letter from the City Clerk and stating reduced fire insurance rates had been put into force on the first of August.

Mr. Thomas Kitchen petitioned the Council to grade and construct a cement sidewalk in front of lots 1 and 2, Block 57 on Front street under the terms of the Local Improvement Bylaw and that the cost of the work be included in his share of the portion of the cost of paving Front street.

Ald. Forrester moved, seconded by

Ald. Young, that the request be granted.

Ald. McKenzie pointed out that the cost of the sidewalk could not be included in the street paving for which a bylaw had already been passed and moved in amendment the matter be referred to the Legislative Committee for investigation and report.

Ald. Ferguson seconded the amendment. After a short discussion on the question the Council decided to lay the petition on the table to the next meeting.

The Street Committee reported that the complaint of Mrs. Bamford on Haliburton Street in reference to her property being damaged by blasting operations during the grading of Haliburton street was being attended to by the Paving Company.

On motion of Ald. Ferguson, seconded by Ald. McKenzie, the report of the committee was adopted.

City Engineer Owen reported an expenditure in wages during the week of \$351 on streets and \$265.90 on Water Works.

The Special Committee appointed to investigate into the question of the ownership of parks and squares reported they had a bylaw prepared and asked permission to introduce it before the Council.

Ald. Coburn moved the bylaw be read the first time.

Ald. McKenzie seconded the motion. Ald. Forrester stated he had not signed the report of the committee. He had not had the pleasure of attending any of the meetings of the committee and he felt the matter was of sufficient importance to warrant a full attendance of the committee. That was the reason he did not sign the report.

Ald. Coburn explained there was nothing in the report which demanded a full meeting of the Committee. Ald. Shaw was ill and Ald. McKenzie was absent from the city and as

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GREECE MAY BREAK WITH TURKEY

Breaking Off of Diplomatic Relations and Possibly War Between Greece and Turkey Considered Inevitable.

Athens, Aug. 30.—The breaking off of diplomatic relations, and possibly war between Greece and Turkey, is considered almost inevitable in political circles here. The censor today permitted it to become known that the government, under the leadership of M. Venizelos, is preparing a sharp protest to Turkey, amounting to an ultimatum, it is said, as the result of fresh persecutions of Greek residents in Asia Minor.

Three hundred thousand Greek residents of Asia Minor have been compelled to leave their homes and congregated in the interior cities by the Turks, it is reliably reported today. The Greek government has kept this news from the public, fearing that public sentiment would force Greece into war before the present Balkan negotiations were concluded and before Greece had exhausted all efforts to bring about a peaceful settlement.

Earlier in the war the Turks carefully refrained from persecuting Christian Greeks because of the fear that Greece would declare war. The belief now exists in Constantinople that Germany soon will march to the aid of the Turks and the authorities, on this account, are becoming more arrogant, according to Athens newspapers.

Unconfirmed press despatches regarding Turkish outrages on Greeks have inflamed the people of Athens. These reports charge mistreatment of Greek women and say that a number of young Greek girls have been carried off to harems.

London, Aug. 30.—The Times' correspondent at Bucharest, Roumania, sends the following despatch:

"Germany and Austria are doing everything in their power to bring about war between Bulgaria and her neighbors."

"An attempt at a fresh invasion of Serbia, in the opinion of competent critics, will begin about ten days hence and possibly will be undertaken from the east, an effort being made to take enemy forces through the strip of Serbia near the Roumanian frontier into Bulgaria and thence towards Nish."

"In the meantime another menace has become known. A great massing of German troops is taking place in the district of Forgaris, on the north western frontier of Roumania. Two hundred thousand soldiers have arrived during the past week at Kronstadt (Transylvania), and all Hungarian customs officials have been withdrawn from the frontier station of Prefetal to Kronstadt and the immediate district has been handed over to the Hungarian military authorities."

THE SILVER CORNET BAND REORGANIZED

The Nanaimo Silver Cornet Band is again in existence. A number of musicians held a meeting Sunday and decided to reorganize the band under the old name. The meeting, it should be said, was well attended, and with quite a number of the old timers ready to jump in, it will not be long before the band is raised to the old standard of efficiency. Mr. T. R. Stockett has kindly provided a room for practice, and as it is the intention to start in right away, it should not be long before the band is heard on the street again. The following is the list of officers appointed at the meeting Sunday:

Hon. President—T. R. Stockett.
Hon. Vice-Presidents—A. S. Hamilton and J. Hunt.

President—B. Lythgoe.
Vice-President—J. Younghusband.
Leader—H. Allen.
Treasurer—H. Peters.
Librarian—G. Chapman.
Secretary—E. C. Gibson.

Management Committee—R. Wall, E. S. Hughes, M. Docherty.
Trustees—G. Chapman, H. Peters, and H. Docherty.

The Ladies Guild of St. Paul's Church will meet in the lecture room on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.



CAPTAIN "FOGGY" FINCH
Commander of the White Star Liner Arabic which was sunk near the grave of the Lusitania with a loss of over a score of lives, six of the victims being American citizens.

ITALY MAKING STEADY GAINS

Italy Has Secured an Enormous Advantage Over Austria in Securing Territory Along the Frontier.

London, Aug. 30.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph in the Adige Valley says: "During the last eight days I have visited many places on the northwestern line between Austria and Italy and about 100 miles of frontier mountain chains, shaggy by the Austrians."

"One is struck by the enormous advantage Italy has secured in this area. Italian artillery has won territory of inestimable worth to the Austrians and Italy's position is now measurably superior to what it was at the opening of the campaign."

"I have been a full ten kilometers into what was Austria before the end of May and in other districts the advance has been quite as great."

CLAIMS ARABIC WAS SUNK BY MINE

Berlin, Aug. 30.—Eleven days have now elapsed since the sinking of the liner Arabic but the admiralty has received no official word that it was destroyed by a German submarine.

The Arabic sank on Aug. 19. It usually requires no more than ten days to get a report from a submarine of its activities. In German official circles the absence of a direct report that a submarine sank the Arabic is taken as confirmation of the belief that the liner was destroyed by a mine.

OVER 200 GERMANS ARRESTED IN RUSSIA

Petrograd, Aug. 30.—The war office announced today that Germans, posing as patriotic Russians, have been traveling through the interior of Russia stirring up malcontents to demand that Russia make a separate peace. Over 200 agitators have been arrested.

Nanaimo Wolf Club will meet on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. As many as possible are requested to attend.
(Signed) Q.R. RHODES, Acting A. C. M.



"Your King and Country Need You"

Men wanted at once for Overseas Service. Enlist today at the Connaught Barracks.

RATEPAYERS WAIT UPON COUNCIL

Property Owners on Haliburton Street Want to be Relieved of Total Burden of Cost of Paving That Street.

A delegation representing ratepayers of Haliburton street waited upon the City Council last evening with the request that something be done to lessen the burden imposed upon them by the paving of the street. After the views of the ratepayers had been expressed by Mr. Charles Wilson and several of the aldermen had spoken on the question the matter was referred to the Legislative Committee who will make an investigation of the whole question and ascertain if it be at all possible to afford some relief to the ratepayers affected. In the meantime it is understood that the Court of Revision which meets today to hear appeals against the paving assessments will adjourn until such time as the Legislative Committee submits its report to the Council.

Ex-Ald. Charles Wilson who was spokesman for the delegation stated when it was first proposed to pave Haliburton street the property owners were informed the work would cost only \$3.85 a front foot but after the job was completed it was found the cost totalled up to \$6.00 which with the interest added amounted to \$10.41. This meant that a front lot would be called upon to pay \$45 a year or a total in 15 years of \$675. As the Council was aware Haliburton street constituted the connecting link through Nanaimo of the Victoria-Alberni Highway and while everybody was proud to see the street paved, 75 per cent of the ratepayers of that street were poor people who had taken 25 to 30 years to get the property they owned and would be unable to pay the charges placed upon them. The delegation did not come before the Council to growl but it wanted something done to help them out. Other streets had been fixed up out of the general revenue and the property owners on Haliburton street felt that at least the Council should pay some portion of the cost of grading Haliburton St preparatory to the paving of the street. When the residents of the street first petitioned for the pavement they were told the work would be done 'at a certain figure but they find now the cost was nearly trebled and they had not been given an opportunity to vote against it. The ratepayers had petitioned the Government in the matter and were told nothing could be done for them as it had its hands full. The paving of the street means that the property owners will be called upon to pay from eight to ten dollars a month in taxes, a ridiculous figure for property which cannot be considered a business street. He hoped the Council would take the matter into serious consideration and see if something could not be done to relieve the pressure on Haliburton street property owners.

Mayor Planta remarked he did not think anybody could have put the case clearer before the Council than had Mr. Wilson. He felt sure the Council would give the matter serious consideration and if at all possible give some relief. The paving was going to entail a serious burden on the property owners on Haliburton street and if at this late date some way could be found of charging a portion of the cost of the work up to the General Fund he had no doubt the Council would do so.

Ald. Ferguson remarked the residents of Haliburton street felt they should not pay the total cost of the grading inasmuch as the city as a whole benefited by the grading of the street, especially the streets adjacent to Haliburton street which were more or less graded by reason of the work done on Haliburton and when they were paved all that was required was the laying of the asphalt and concrete. He would like to see the cost of the grading taken out of the general revenue.

Ald. Young stated that he had known at first that the work would cost so much he would have voted against it but when the contract was let there was nothing to do but go ahead with the work. He could not see what could be done now as the Court of Revision was to sit Tuesday and it had no power to make any change whatever. As for the cost of grading coming out of the general revenue, he had to remind

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INVASION OF POLAND COST TEUTONS TERRIBLE TOLL

London, Aug. 30.—Assertions that the Germans and Austrians have lost more than 1,000,000 men in killed, wounded and missing in their great raid on Poland were made here today in ridiculing declarations from Berlin that the German gains in Russia outweighed the victories of Napoleon. It was pointed out that although the Russians have retreated steadily before the German attack, they have inflicted enormous losses on their foes and their own forces today still are aligned and in position to do much damage the instant chosen by Grand Duke Nicholas.

In several publications' reviews of the Russian situation are made, all of them tending to show that claims of great captures of Russian troops made by Berlin have proved in each case to be unfounded when the full facts of different encounters have become available. It is not contended by the critics that the Russians have escaped unscathed. Their losses in men are declared to have been considerable, and their losses in rifles and machine guns great. But the assertion is made that the principal object of the enemy's rush, the putting of the Russian force beyond the possibility of an offensive, by no means have been attained. The Germans and Austrians, these critics say must have had at least 4,000,000 men on the Russian front. They have made ceaseless frontal attacks against strong positions. Their losses since the Russians began to withdraw from Galicia, is estimated at 25 per cent. of their forces. Some critics say more, but all are agreed that unless some considerable portion of Russia's millions are cut off

and captured, Grand Duke Nicholas must be considered the real victor in the long struggle which still is not at an end.

Petrograd's announcement that the fortress of Grodno, the last great Polish stronghold retained by the Russians, was to be evacuated, has not been followed by accounts of German occupation as yet. This is expected soon, but military men here are agreed that it will be only a further development of the Russian tactics and that, like other fortresses left to the Germans, the stronghold will be left an empty shell.

Great interest was felt here in dispatches from Mitylene, via Athens, that the Italian expeditionary force which sailed from Taranto, Naples and other ports has arrived at Gallipoli peninsula. This is believed to foreshadow the inauguration of a great attack on the Dardanelles by land, and experts believe it will be a success. No details have been received of the point on the peninsula at which the Italians landed, and their operations for a time are likely to be shrouded in mystery.

In the western theatre, the week-end witnessed violent and almost continuous activity on the part of the artillery all the way from the North Sea to the Vosges. There are no indications, however, that this expenditure of big gun ammunition is being followed by infantry attacks as yet.

London again is awaiting official reports from the British or French authorities concerning the campaign at the Dardanelles, where, according to Constantinople, heavy fighting is under way.

Petrograd, Aug. 30.—Terrific storms are raging in western Russia. Rain has swollen the rivers and they are out of their banks and marshes along the Pripet river and tributaries of the Dniester and the Bug rivers are becoming impassable morasses. German troops will be greatly handicapped in their advance by the heavy rains, which are the beginning of the autumn storms. It is believed that the Austro-German armies will have to abandon attempts to get artillery across the marshes and that for several weeks the campaign will be waged with cavalry forces. This will be to the advantage of the Russian Cossacks who have proved their superiority over the Germans in every engagement which has occurred.

Petrograd, Aug. 30.—Early Fall storms are prevailing over most of the front east of Poland and the fighting between the opposing forces of Russians and Germans in confined largely to cavalry engagements. The Cossacks easily demonstrated their superiority over the Uhlans, according to today's statement from the war office.

The tributaries of the Bug, the Pripet and the Dniester rivers were overflowing their banks converting the regions drained by these rivers into vast morasses, across which the Germans found it impossible to transport their artillery.

All danger of the Russian forces

being enveloped now is believed to be past. The Germans, however resourceful, are finding it impossible to combat the elements successfully enough to move under present conditions with sufficient rapidity to embarrass the Russian retirement seriously.

London, Aug. 30.—Reports from the eastern front indicating that the Austrians and Germans are engaged in an effort to retake the corner of Galicia, still held by the Russians have excited great interest here. The Russian lines on the upper Bug and the Zlota Lipa have been pierced, but it is not clear yet how serious a resistance is being offered to the vast enveloping movement from the south. Having withdrawn from Brest Litovsk, Grand Duke Nicholas can not afford to hold the river positions in the south—in the face of an important movement, for to do so would endanger his armies. The opinion is ventured by some British critics that this latest move may conclude for the present the great offensive efforts against the Russians, which have been in progress since May, and if the enemy can retake or is allowed to occupy the Austrian territory still held by the Russians, a new campaign may be undertaken by the Teutonic forces, this time in the near east. In support of this theory is cited the report that the central powers are massing troops near the Roumanian border.

Miss Grace Isherwood, Milton St., returned Sunday evening from a several days' visit to friends in Vancouver.

MINE RESCUE WORK

Classes in instruction for mine rescue work, including a thorough training in the use of the Draeger apparatus, will be opened at the Provincial Government Mine Rescue Station at No. 1 Mine at the beginning of September. The latest type of helmet has just been received, and men who have already been granted certificates will be taken first and familiarised with the new helmet. Then the classes for new men will be started. Any miners wishing to take this course of instruction will get full particulars by calling at the Government Rescue Station and seeing instructor J.D. Stewart.

S. DIXON KILLED AT EXTENSION

S. Dixon, a miner residing at Ladysmith was killed by a fall of rock in Extension mine yesterday morning. The unfortunate man was coming off the night shift at 7 o'clock and had reached the level, when a fall occurred from the roof causing his death. He is survived by a widow and five children, residing on White street, Ladysmith. A coroner's jury viewed the remains yesterday afternoon preparatory to holding an inquiry later.

The funeral will take place in Ladysmith on Wednesday afternoon at 4:30, arrangements being in the hands of Mr. D. J. Jenkins.

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