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SHORT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**Hired Vehicles By-law Was
Given Third Reading—Anal-
yst Reported on Condition
of Cement Samples Taken
From the Millstream Bridge**

The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held last night, the full board being present, His Worship Mayor McKenzie presiding. A communication was received from Mr. Alfred King inclosing a report of Messrs. G. S. Eldridge & Co., of the Vancouver Assay Office, on the result of an analysis of samples of cement taken from the Millstream Bridge.

After giving the proportion of solids, calcium, magnesium, sulphates, chlorides, acidity, etc., found in the samples submitted the analyst stated: "There is nothing in the above analyses to indicate that the water surrounding the pier had a corrosive action on the cement. The results show that the water is sea water mixed with varying amounts of fresh water, depending on the state of the tide."

With a specified mix of one part by volume of cement to 2 parts of sand and 5 parts of gravel even the concrete taken above high water will not pass the above specification.

If, however, the specification should read 1:2:5 parts by weight of cement, sand and gravel, then the concrete above high water will just pass.

Of course, the concrete below high water is considerably below requirements.

To sum up, it is our opinion that the sea water did not have a corrosive action on the concrete; that the cement supplied by the Associated Cement Co. was sound when it left the works; and that the cause of disintegration of the concrete was either that the cement has become wet and partially set before using, or that the proper precautions were not observed in placing the concrete in mounds.

Yours faithfully,
G. S. ELDRIDGE & CO.
Per G. S. Eldridge.

On motion of Ald. Ferguson, seconded by Ald. Forrester, the communication was received and filed for future reference.

Fire Chief Parkin reported ten fires during the month of August.

Water Works Manager Shepherd reported as follows:

Gentlemen,—Referring to the fire hydrant installed on the corner of Selby and Wentworth streets:

It was decided by the Water Works and Fire Warden Committees in the early spring to purchase six Ludlow hydrants, and immediately upon arrival they were to be installed on the following streets:

Corner of Selby and Wentworth Streets.

Corner of Church and Chapel Streets.

Corner of Milton and Albert Streets.

Corner of Winfield Crescent and Crace Streets.

The two remaining hydrants to be on hand in case of an accident to other hydrants. I therefore installed the above hydrant with the understanding from the Water Works and Fire Warden Committees that it was to be installed immediately upon its arrival.

Committee—Ald. Forrester, Ferguson, Harding and Morton.

I am, your obedient servant,
J. H. SHEPHERD.

On motion of Ald. Morton, seconded by Ald. Sharp, the report was received and filed.

The Street Foreman reported an expenditure in wages during the week of \$103.85 on streets, and the Water Works Manager reported an expenditure of \$60.43.

The Pound Keeper reported 11 cows, 1 horse and 2 dogs impounded, and \$30 collected in dog tax during the past month.

The Hired Vehicles By-law was reported on by committee and given the third reading.

His Worship Mayor McKenzie drew the attention of the Legislative Committee to the fact that owing to the coming into force of prohibition on October 1st it would be necessary to amend the Liquor License By-law in order that hotel men be refunded the amount of license money overpaid.

Ald. Ferguson informed the Council that Ernest Rivers and Charles Green were returning home from overseas and were expected to arrive at Vancouver on Thursday morning. He suggested that some action be taken whereby the Council could be informed when returned soldiers

RIGA ABANDONED TO THE HUNS

Petrograd, Sept. 4.—Riga, Russia's principal Baltic port, has been abandoned to the Germans under the threat of an offensive by land and sea, in which the deciding stroke on the land side was delivered by the Germans last Saturday.

The fate of Riga was virtually sealed when German troops, powerfully initiated their offensive, forced a crossing of the Dyne, southeast of the city, and began to push northward after making good their foothold on the right bank of the stream.

Menaced also by the attack of a column of Teutonic forces moving from Mitau, southeast of Riga, and by the German naval forces recently reported hovering in the vicinity of the Gulf of Riga, the Russian authorities evidently considered the city no longer tenable and decided to evacuate it.

The possible ultimate military consequences of this development are difficult to estimate. The right flank of the entire Russian western front was anchored on the Gulf of Riga, at a point to the west of the city, and with the anchorage apparently lost, the possible strategical developments of the situation seem infinite.

Much depends on the purpose of the Germans and the size of the forces at their disposal for operations in this war theatre.

Riga, the capital of Livonia, had a population of more than 500,000 persons before the war, and aside from Petrograd was the most important Russian commercial and industrial town having access to the Baltic.

The text of the official statement dealing with the Riga retirement says:

"On the left bank of the river Dyne, to the west of Riga, our troops, towards the morning of Sunday, retired to the line of Bildehshof, Modem and Dahlen."

"In the direction of Uskull, on the north bank of the Dyne, in the course of Saturday and Sunday, the Germans continued stubborn attacks, chiefly on the front Shail-Melmugger-Skripto-Laustin and the confluence of the river Oger. Towards Sunday evening they succeeded in penetrating our positions on the river Jaegal, in the region of Melmugger and Skripto."

"Some of the detachments voluntarily left their positions and are retreating to the north of our positions and gave no definite reasons."

"On the remainder of the front there were fusillades which were more intense in the direction of Vilna."

German Attacks Fail

Rumanian front: In the direction of Fokshani the enemy attacked Rumanian positions near Guerile and Varnitza several times yesterday, but was repulsed with large losses. There were fusillades on the remainder of the front.

"Caucasian front: There is no change in the situation."

"Aviation: On the lower course of the river Zruec, Lieut. Lakman, a French aviator, burned an enemy observation kite balloon."

Germans Bridged Dyne

Petrograd, Sept. 4.—The German offensive on the Riga front began Saturday by an attack on the Russian Kull positions following artillery preparations which lasted several hours. The Russian troops defending the Dyne river withdrew, and the Germans succeeded in throwing two bridges across the Dyne and passing to the eastern bank.

The Russian infantry could not stop the German thrust and the enemy, taking advantage of this rapidly developed his success and began an advance northward. Russian counter attacks against him were unsuccessful.

Among the passengers from Vancouver last evening, on the "Pat" were Walter Machin, Fred Hart, J. Wheatley, Thos. Wheatley, Mrs. J. Piper, Miss Dalley, Mr. and Mrs. F. Campsall, James Hardy Mr. and Mrs. Addie McKenzie, Mrs. Andrew Tait, Mr. and Mrs. Victor McKenzie, Miss May, Mrs. C. Cornish and Miss Potts.

The Womens' Auxiliary of the Nanaimo Hospital wish to thank Messrs W. W. Gray, W. M. Langton, J. E. McKenzie, J. Freachy, W. E. Rummel, The Electric Light Company, the Silver Cornet Band, and all those who in any way helped to make the recent Garden Party a success.

Ever so that definite plans were made for their reception in Nanaimo. The Council then adjourned.

WAS BIG CROWD AT ELK'S PICNIC

Wives and Children of Nanaimo Soldiers Were Given a Splendid Outing by Local Elk Lodge on Monday.

The officers and members of Nanaimo Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, earned the undoubted praise of the wives and children of the soldier boys of Nanaimo on Monday last by reason of the manner in which they were entertained and treated at the big picnic held on Newcastle Island.

The crews, generously loaned by the W. F. Co. for the purpose of conveying the soldiers' wives and children to the picnic, were loaded to capacity, and with a steady launch service being well patronized, by mid-day there must have been fully 3000 persons of all ages on the Island.

Here all possible arrangements had been made for their convenience and the material needs of the kiddies were excellently looked after. Realizing that the appetites of these same kiddies would be of the keenest the committee in charge of the refreshments had made liberal arrangements and in the course of the day there were given away to the children 2,000 of both sandwiches and cakes, 1000 bananas and 1000 oranges, 75 gallons of ice cream, 1000 bags of candy and 500 bags of peanuts, 60 dozen aerated waters and tea, coffee and lemonade, ad lib.

Of sports for the children there were plenty, one event following hard upon another throughout the day; nor were the ladies forgotten, there being many events for them. Of these the most exciting and interesting was the ladies' tug-of-war, into which the participants entered with such spirit as to provoke many admiring comments from the onlookers.

The day's events:
Boys, 6 years—1. W. Shaw; 2. E. Kinsley.
Girls, 8 years—A. Solan; 2. M. Beard.
Boys, 8 years—1. C. Wallace; 2. D. Fielding.
Girls, 10 years—1. Fielding; 2. D. Copeland.

Boys, 10 years—1. W. Beard; 2. V. Robinson.
Girls, 12 years—1. M. Solan; 2. M. Simm.

Boys, 12 years—1. H. Watson; 2. A. Wallace.
Girls, 14 years—1. M. Donaldson; 2. M. Sharp.

Boys, 14 years—1. H. Wallis; 2. F. Watson.
Soldiers' Wives race—1. A. Gordon; 2. Mrs. Main.

Soldiers' wives tug of war, with returned soldiers as captain—1. Pte. Jones and team; 2. Pte. F. Fielding and team.

KELLER—HARDY

A wedding of considerable interest to Nanaimites was solemnized on Monday, when Miss Mary Ethel, second eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hardy, of Parkville, formerly of Nanaimo, became the bride of Captain Cornelius James Keller, of the 147th Battalion, who was wounded in action and returned to his home in North Vancouver, on a six months' furlough.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Hitchcock, of Parkville, the bride being attended by her sister, Miss Sadie Hardy, the groom being supported by his brother, Dr. Keller. A large number of relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony, which was performed at noon at the home of the bride's parents, after which the newly married couple left on a honeymoon trip prior to taking up their residence in North Vancouver.

While returning home from Newcastle Island Monday evening a canoe carrying Miss Bella Gray and Miss Ethel Little, was capsized by the wash from a launch in which the Reserve tug-of-war team was being conveyed to town. Three of the team jumped overboard and succeeded in rescuing the young ladies who were not much the worse for their submersion.

TAIT GETS DECISION

Winnipeg, Sept. 3.—Cibbie Tait, lightweight champion of Canada, earned the decision over Charlie Scully, of Chicago, in a twelve round open air bout this afternoon. Tait had the advantage in five rounds, while Scully took two, and five were even. The fight was at catch weights.

MUTINY ABOARD FLEET

Madrid, Sept. 4, via London.
—Mutinies have broken out aboard some of the Portuguese warships. Many arrests have been made.

RESERVE TEAM WON THE TUG OF WAR

The tug-of-war contest pulled off on Newcastle Island on Monday between teams representing the Reserve and the Regulars, was won by the Reserve eleven in two straight pulls, the first in 1 hour and 28 minutes, and the second in 7 minutes and 15 seconds.

The Reserve team came off victorious by reason of its superior staying qualities. The first pull was one of the hardest ever witnessed in these parts. In the first ten minutes Reserve gained a foot but for the next hour the rope did not deviate more than an inch or two either way. It was a case of main strength and staying qualities fighting for supremacy and in the end No. 1 gave way with the result that they were forced to concede two feet in less than ten minutes and the first pull went to the credit of the Reserve.

The strenuous 88 minutes had sapped No. 1 pullers of its staying powers with the result that it required only seven and a quarter minutes for the Reserve to walk away with the second pull and the match.

There was a big crowd in attendance and both teams had a large number of supporters. There was considerable betting on the result, with the Reserve the favorites in the betting. The two teams lined-up as follows:

No. 1 Mine—H. Killen, F. Killen, R. Charnock, J. Tognola, J. Patterson, J. Anderson, A. Newberry, R. Mercer, N. Tognola, W. Adderson and F. Tattery. Captain William Bradley.

Reserve Mine—James Duncan, Thomas Lewis, John Lewis, Barney Moree, W. Walker, Steve Markovich, Mike Liffish, Geo. Missirk, Dan Popovich, Thomas Mumberson, and John Linaki. Capt. Henry Custison.

DOMINION THEATRE

As a special feature for Friday night only, Manager Beattie announces Miss Jean Patterson in some of her song successes. She will appear at both performances on that evening. Adjust your engagements if you can so that you will not miss this.

BIJOU THEATRE

George Beban concededly the greatest character actor on the stage will be at the Bijou today in one of his latest successes "The Bond Between." In it he gives one of his noted Italian impersonations, a line in which he has absolutely no equal. With this will also be screened a very amusing comedy.

The thirteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Towers was left behind on Newcastle Island Monday evening, at the conclusion of the Elk's picnic, having missed the last scow. The shock unnerved her to such an extent that she fainted, but luckily her cries had been heard and two young men in a launch picked her up and brought her to the city. She was immediately taken to the hospital where she is reported to be doing well.

I. W. W.'S HAVING HARD TIME IN AUSTRALIA
Sydney, N. S. W., Sept. 4.—The authorities here are continuing vigorously their attempt to put an end to the activities of the I. W. W. Three more members of the society here and 34 at Broken Hill have been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for belonging to unlawful association.

OFFSETTING LOSSES

CAUSED BY U BOATS
London, Sept. 4.—Commenting on the rapid increase in shipbuilding to offset losses from the submarine campaign, the Cardiff correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says that two supplements published by Lloyds Shipping Register show that between June 1 and July 17 more than 180 steamships, of which 63 are British, were added to the register. Most of these vessels are of larger tonnage.

Lloyd Jones returned yesterday to Port Moody after spending Labor Day with his parents, "Rosedale," this city.

NANAIMO BOYS IN CASUALTY LIST

Sergt. Reginald Bryant Killed in Action, and Other Volunteers from This City Wounded or Gassed on Western Front.

The week-end brought sad news to a number of Nanaimo homes, official information having been received by relatives, from the War Office, of the death or wounding of a son or brother. On Monday morning Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bryant, of Albert street, were officially informed that their son Sergt. Reginald W. Bryant, had been killed in action on the western front. "Reg." as he was familiarly known to his fellow employees of the Geo. S. Pearson & Co., and to numerous residents of the city, was a native of Nanaimo, 26 years old. He enlisted with the Signal Corps and had been at the front two years, for some time on scout duty, but recently transferred to the infantry.

Besides his sorrowing parents, he is survived by four brothers, William, who is also at the front, Charles, Henry and Herbert, all of this city, and one sister, Mrs. J. A. Campbell of Livingston, Montana, with all of whom the very deepest sympathy will be felt.

Corporal William George Martin, was admitted to the Lord Derby hospital at Warrington, Eng., on Aug. 28th, suffering from a gunshot wound in the abdomen, according to official word received from the War Office by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Martin, Newcastle Townsite.

Mr. F. S. Whiteside has received official intimation that his son Lee, Corp. Frederick B. Whiteside, was admitted into No. 22 general hospital in France, on August 23, suffering from a gunshot wound in the back and elbow. Corporal Whiteside would have completed two full years of service in the trenches on the 21st of this month.

Mrs. S. Fisher of Dixon street has been notified that her husband, Lee, Corporal J. L. Fisher, of the Royal Engineers, is in No. 16 general hospital at Le Treport, France, suffering from severe gas poisoning.

Mr. Robert Brown, of Albert St., received official notification that his son Pte. John Brown has been admitted into the 22nd general hospital on August 23rd, suffering from a gunshot wound in the leg, which he received at the front in Flanders.

Mrs. A. R. Eastwood, manageress of the Imperial Laundry, has heard, through a private source that her husband was killed by shell fire on the French front on August 11. Her information is to the effect that the dugout in which her husband was sleeping, three miles behind the front line, was hit by a German shell, and that three occupants, her husband being one, were all killed.

Mr. John Jones of this city, has received word that his brother, Pte. George Jones has been blinded in action, but regained the sight of one eye in hospital at St. Ibridge, Worcestershire, Eng. Pte. Jones went overseas with the 62nd and was recently with the First Pioneers. He has been overseas for ten months.

Mr. John Lewis, Halliburton St., is in receipt of the appended telegram from the Director of Records, Ottawa: "Sincerely regret to inform you \$08,922, Lance Corporal Thos. McGuffie Lewis, Infantry, officially reported admitted to 22nd general hospital, Camiers, August 23rd, 1917, gas poisoning. Will send further particulars as received."

Private George Ritchie was admitted to No. 4 General Hospital, Damies Canniers, France, on Aug. 22nd, suffering with gunshot wounds in feet. Pte. Ritchie is a son of Mr. Walter Ritchie, Vancouver and nephew of Mr. William Ritchie, Mrs. W. McKinney and Mrs. T. Horne of this city. He enlisted with the 103rd Battalion at which time he was employed in the local law office of Messrs. Leighton and Elder.

Mrs. Monks, of "The Chalet," Cameron Lake, has received news that her husband, Lieut. A. M. Monks, was killed in action on August 21. He left Victoria as a sergeant with the 88th Battalion on May 23, 1916.

Miss Johnson of the Nanaimo hospital nursing staff, is in receipt of

MADE AIR RAID UPON CHATHAM

Upwards of One Hundred Navy Men Killed and Eighty-Six Wounded at British Naval Station.

London, Sept. 4.—In last night's air raid 107 navy men were killed and 86 were wounded at Chatham, it is announced officially.

Six aeroplanes took part in the raid.

In addition to the naval casualties one civilian was killed and six were injured.

The announcement follows: "Lord French, Commander of the British Home Forces, reports that last night's air raid was carried out by about six enemy aeroplanes which proceeded up the south bank of the Thames estuary to Chatham. Bombs were dropped on the Island of Thanet and in the Sheerness-Chatham area between 10:40 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. There were no army casualties.

"Civilian casualties reported so far are: Killed 1; injured 6. The material damage was slight. Our machines went up and anti-craft guns came into action, but without result."

"The Secretary of the Admiralty reports that in the course of the air raid last night the following casualties were caused among naval ratings: Killed, 107; wounded, 86."

London, Sept. 4.—Reports received here from southeast coast towns say that during Monday night's raid the air along the coast for several miles inland resounded with the noise of aircraft engines. One of the raiders passed over a coast town headed seaward, its engine making the loudest noise ever heard there from an aircraft. The sound resembled the noise of a zeppelin and came from a great height.

The raids over the southeast coast on Sunday and Monday nights seem to have been more for the purpose of testing the possibility of attack by moonlight than in the hope of doing any considerable damage. Like the single aviator who dropped bombs on Dover Sunday night, those who came last night kept at a great altitude, and while their machines could be heard they could not be seen. Nevertheless, British aeroplanes went up in pursuit.

After dropping bombs over a wide area, many of them falling into fields or the sea, the raiders departed as quickly as they had come. Dispatches thus far received say little damage was done.

London, Sept. 4.—A dispatch to the London Star from Chatham says part of the naval barracks there was struck by a bomb during last night's raid, this causing serious loss of life. The Chatham dockyard, the message states, entirely escaped damage.

JONES—COUNDELY

Mr. Cecil Jones, second eldest son of Mrs. Williams, Wallaco's ave., was united in marriage yesterday to Miss Gladia Coundley, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Coundley, Esplanade.

The marriage was performed by the Rev. Dr. Fea, at the home of Mrs. (Capt.) Rowe, Vancouver, the bride being attended by her sister, Miss Marguerite, the groom being supported by Mr. Cecil Horne, of this city.

The newly married couple arrived from Vancouver on the Patricia last evening and were tendered a reception at the home of the bride's parents where a number of friends spending a most pleasant evening in general merrymaking.

The bride is a native daughter of Nanaimo and has a host of friends in the city with whom The Herald joins in wishing herself and husband many years of happy and prosperous married life.

WINNIPEG PRICES RAISED

Winnipeg, Sept. 4.—Coal is up 50c a ton here. The price for domestic coal is now \$12.50. A shortage of supply, due to coal mines trouble is given as the reason for the increase.

WAR PROFITEER FINED

Spalding, Eng., Sept. 4.—George Thompson, a Lincolnshire farmer, was fined 5,500 pounds today for selling potatoes above the maximum prices set by Food Controllers.

Information to the effect that her brother, Gunner Alfred H. Johnson, was admitted to the first general hospital, Takerley, Liverpool, on Aug. 24th, suffering with gas poisoning. Gunner Johnson, who is a grandson of Mr. Herbert Charman, of this city, was well known in Nanaimo, and has many friends here, who will wish him a speedy recovery.

ELIMINATION AND NOT CONSCRIPTION

Proposed Conscription Measure Will be Process of Eliminating Those Who Can be Spared from Vital Industries for Services at Front.

Ottawa, Sept. 4.—The Evening Citizen says today:

"It is the intention of the Government to apply to the even more generous extent than included in the Military Service as a bill itself, and emphasis is to be laid on the fact that the bill is not conscription in the broad acceptance of the term, taking everybody of military age, but a process of elimination of those that can be spared as distinguished from those whose services are vital to the country at home. Men who are bona fide who are engaged in vital industries and who cannot be replaced, will, according to the regulations be entitled to examination. In this class are those engaged in agriculture, mining, fishing and other lines of production connected with the prosecution of the war."

Preliminary commissions for examinations are likely this week to act with exemption boards and judges.

W. HOGGAN HIGH GUN IN "A" CLASS

At the last regular shoot of the Gun Club, W. Hoggan was high man in "A" class with 24, while, for second place R. Hoggan, W. Harrison, and C. Martin, tied with 20. In the "B" Class F. Evans carried off the honors with 21, T. Wallis being second with 19.

In the handicap series for the Hercules Powder Company's trophy the six highest scores to date are: W. Hoggan 167, F. Evans 164, J. Thompson 150, C. Martin sen. 156, D. Little 155 and F. Tattler 152.

The big event of the season, the shoot for the cup emblematic of the championship of the district, will take place next Sunday, and for this event it is expected that quite a number of Vancouver's experts will come over.

MRS. CHAS. ROWBOTTOM LOST INFANT SON

The death occurred Monday evening of Donald, the six months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rowbottom, of 520 Kennedy street. The event is rendered doubly sad by reason of the fact that the infant's father is at present in hospital in England, he having enlisted and gone overseas with the 11th C.M.R. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:30, from the family residence, the Rev. W. E. Cockshott officiating.

NOTICE

Take notice that the use of water for all sprinkling purposes is prohibited until further notice, except during the hours stated herewith, namely from 7 p.m. till 8 p.m.

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Nanaimo, August 18th.

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