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## BRITISH AIRMEN BOMB CITY OF MANNHEIM

### WESTERN FRONT REMAINS QUIET. GERMANS DELAY PEACE TERMS ONE DAY.

#### VICTORY CROWNS ITALIANS' EFFORTS ON MONTE ASOLONE

**FURTHER DETAILS OF DARING ATTACK ON ENEMY GARRISON ON MOUNTAIN TOP—STRATEGIC POINTS CAPTURED AND ENEMY DRIVEN BACK—HUNS USE ASPHYXIATING GAS—ENORMOUS LOSSES**

Rome, Dec. 27.—The gigantic efforts of the Italian soldiers have been crowned with success in driving the Hun back from the positions which he occupied, threatening the San Lorenzo valley. The menace of the Austro-Germans breaking through on to the plains was too great to be permitted to continue.

A determined effort was made therefore to redeem the position. The first attack was in darkness at two o'clock in the morning, when a small detachment of the seventh infantry climbed Monte Asolone and made a furious charge on the sleeping garrison. For a time the little band was beyond the summit but was finally driven back by superior numbers.

**Executed Turning Movement.**  
The day attack began at 10 o'clock in the morning when the Alpini and Seventh regiments advanced on a three-mile front, having Asolone as its centre. The left and Asolone moved straight ahead while the right executed a turning movement which partially enveloped the enemy position on Asolone. The fighting was furious all through the day and into the darkness of the night, when the Italians had again mastered the strategic points of Asolone, and the enemy was pushed back for nearly a mile.

The enemy's efforts to cross the old Piave at the nearest point to Venice has been thrown back by Italian soldiers and marines. The enemy used armed flat boats carrying a storming party. The Italians landed a party from the fleet and engaged the enemy, driving him back and sinking one of his armed boats.

**Glorious Page.**  
Washington, Dec. 26.—Official despatches from Rome today give a detailed story of the fighting on Monte Asolone. They say:

"With the recapture of the positions on Monte Asolone the Italian soldiers have written a glorious page in the annals of this war. Their bravery has prevented the enemy from spreading his forces to the south and complete the surrounding of Monte Grappa. Our soldiers fought for several days under terrific artillery fire and against the deadly effects of asphyxiating gases. The enemy suffered enormous losses. It is calculated that in the actions at Beretta and Monte Asolone the

On account of the increase in the cost of provisions, laundry, etc., we are compelled to advance our prices on some articles.

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enemy has lost three divisions from the 26th of November to date. General Pfeffer, commander of the 4th enemy division, and the commanders of the 7th and 8th Austrian brigades have been seriously wounded."

A strong Teuton attack launched in the western sector of the Asiago plateau, especially at Buzo and Monte Valbella, resulted in the penetration of the Italian lines by a portion of the enemy, the war office also announced.

"Our artillery raked their advance, making heavy inroads upon them and they were forced to stop at our rear positions. Our troops counter attack is continuing satisfactorily."

Along the Piave at Vecchia, south of Gradenigo, detachments of Bersaglieri executed a surprise attack upon and drove back large parties of the enemy who had succeeded in passing the right bank of the river and who made a desperate attempt to retain their positions.

#### WEDDING BELLS

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in the Methodist Church last evening, when Miss Ethel Eason and the Rev. Mr. Nuttall of Anyox were united in matrimony. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. W. S. A. Crux, minister of the church. The bride was supported by her mother, Mrs. Eason of Victoria, looked charming in a fawn silk suit, with a pink picture hat and brown suede slippers. Her bouquet was of white carnations and chrysanthemums. The bride's sisters, Mrs. E. V. Ling, and Miss Josephine Eason, acted as bridesmaids and looked very pretty in blue suits and hats to match. They also carried bouquets of white carnations.

The bride's brother, Mr. John Eason, presided at the organ, and the wedding march was Mendelssohn's. The goodly number which gathered at the church testified to the popularity of the bride.

After the ceremony, a reception was held in the church parlors, where about fifty intimate friends were entertained. The decorations were tastefully arranged by Miss Hayes. A very pleasant time was spent. During supper, which was most appetizing, toasts of the bride's health were given. Mr. E. V. Ling, the Rev. Mr. Crux and Dr. Kergin were the speakers, and their remarks the Rev. Mr. Nuttall very wittily expressed words of appreciation.

There were many musical items given by the girls of the Morning Choir, of which the bride was the former leader. Mr. Ling, Miss Thelma Knight, Mr. Lancaster and Miss King, while a reading by Mr. Roberts was splendidly given.

The evening terminated with the singing of Auld Lang Syne, after which the bride and bridegroom took their departure for Anyox, where they will make their home.

Furniture wanted. Any quantity. Good prices paid for complete household furnishings and all kinds of tools, men's suits, boots, etc. Phone Red 243 or call on F. M. Crosby, 745 Third Ave.

No Reserve—All Toys to be cleaned out today and on Monday—Wallace's.

#### COAL SITUATION IN VANCOUVER IS SAME AS IN PRINCE RUPERT

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—Regarding the agitation that is going on and allegations to the effect that since the top price was placed on coal by Fuel Controller McGrath more screenings, or slack, than usual appears in the average coal delivery, coal men say "lump" coal is coal that has been screened and the slack taken from it, but, in screening, there always is a percentage of slack caused by breakage.

This is confirmed by N. Thompson, fuel controller for British Columbia, who is disposed to take little stock in the present agitation which accuses dealers of selling for "lump" coal, a coal that has a considerable percentage of slack.

"No consumer has made any complaints to me, and, until they do, I do not intend to bother about the matter," yesterday said Mr. Thompson.

#### No "Mine Run" Here.

Regarding the suggestion that some dealers might be selling mine run coal for lump, Mr. Thompson says no "mine run" coal comes here. It is all screened at the mine, and the coal which is being sold here now is screened once when taken off the scows. The difference between "nut" and "lump" coal which dealers used to advertise, says Mr. Thompson, is a myth so far as the fuel value is concerned. It is the same coal with the lump picked out, the smaller lump, or "nut" sacked.

Coal men are disposed to believe that the present agitation originated in the city hall and is for the purpose of giving Mayor McBeath another "war-cry" for his third-term aspirations. The subject of a civic coal yard was discussed some months ago by the mayor and others, but upon Fuel Controller McGrath coming here and establishing a maximum price the agitation for a civic coal plant died out.

#### "THE END OF THE TOUR"

A romance of the "one night stands" is the play to be shown at the Westholme Theatre tonight. This is a five-act photoplay, starring Lionel Barrymore. The story is of a barnstorming troupe which comes to grief on the road. The play depicts graphically the life of travelling players who are not overburdened with success. The company is playing through the west, and the receipts dwindle at each performance. Finally irate sheriffs pounce upon the poor players demanding cash for overdue board bills, for even actors, like other people, must eat. How the enterprising manager turns his misfortunes into profits is wonderful, and the full advantage is taken on the possibilities for humor in this play. Don't miss it.

#### GERMAN SPY CAPTURED ON THE MEXICAN BORDER

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 26.—Chas. H. Feige was shot and killed by United States army patrols when he attempted to cross the river to Mexico here late today. Feige was believed to have been a German spy and when his papers were examined a notebook, drawings and ground plans of troop camps, Fort Bliss and other fortifications near here, were found. He also carried a camera with him and was believed to have been obtaining military information for the use of enemy countries.

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#### NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

On account of Monday evening being Christmas Eve, and the attention of the members of the city council being taken up with the affairs of that date, there was no meeting on Monday night, so the deferred meeting took place last evening. All the councillors were in their accustomed places but one.

The first business was the opening of tenders for the printing of the voters' list for the coming municipal election, which went to A. O. Franks for \$145. Then a report was read regarding the delay in the delivery of the long-expected valve for the hydro-electric department. The delay in getting this forward is accounted for by the difficulty in securing labor. Pattern makers have been scarce, scarcer than love or money, hence the delay.

#### Fall River Power.

Then came on a discussion of the securing for the city of the Falls River power, which meantime is in the possession of the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Co. His worship the mayor had drafted a letter to the Company offering again consideration of the sum of \$34,000 for the value of the improvements done on the property by the company, which would be of any use to the city, should they take it over. This \$34,000 payment was to be in the shape of city bonds. It was moved and seconded that the letter as written be sent. Several aldermen had some criticism to offer upon the wording of the letter. Ald. McRae pointed out that the interest on the bonds would amount to \$3,100 per year, which along with \$5,000 rent for the lease to the provincial government would make too great a charge upon the city, should such be paid before the power was developed. This charge would amount to 3.4 of a mill on the present assessment, which was quite a consideration.

Ald. Neilson was not in favor of paying the company anything for their rights. He was of the opinion that these rights would lapse anyway. The city should forget about this company when considering the proposition. He thought that there was very little risk of anyone else taking over this power.

Ald. McClymont, however, had heard that there was a pulp mill likely to start up should the Hydro-Electric Company quit. However, it was finally agreed that the letter be sent to the company, as this council did not see fit to have the negotiations broken off with the company.

A letter was then read from Halifax thanking the city for its contribution towards the relief of the citizens there in their recent trials.

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture also sent a letter to the city regarding the raising of pigs, or more politely, hogs, which was referred to the health committee, and the city solicitor for report. The finance committee then presented the warrant book for signature, when Ald. Casey took exception to the large amount debited against the police department, which was \$1,080.20.

The city clerk then intimated that the date for nomination day for the candidates for the new council would be on the 14th of January, and the election on the 17th.

Ald. Nelson then brought up a resolution of which he had given notice, regarding Cow Bay, which he read. The mayor, however, informed him that the city council had no more to do with Cow Bay and the filling of it, or otherwise.

#### THE LODGE VALHALLA CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

There was a large gathering in the St. Andrew's Hall last evening, of the Scandinavian Fraternity in a celebration of the Christmas season. There was only comfortable moving room in the large hall and everyone seemed to be happy. With smiling faces and twinkling feet making their mazy way through the dances, the scene was a most animated one, and the Lodge Valhalla have every reason to be proud of the way they do things.

Last evening there was a Christmas tree set in the middle of the great hall and the "piece de resistance" of the evening was a dance of the children around the tree. This was entered into with great zest by the little ones in the true spirit of the worship of Thor and Odin. The ancient mythology of Scandinavia certainly had some justification in the gambols of the younger ones last evening.

Principal Brady, of the high school, was there too, and was greatly appreciated in his recitative delivery. Wherever he goes Mr. Brady creates the impression that one would want to hear him go on for a little longer.

After these opening ceremonies the evening was devoted to dancing. There must have been about a hundred couples on the floor at midnight. The scene was magnificent at that hour when everything was at its height.

Everyone seemed both happy and merry and the occasion was most joyous.

than had any other number of men assembled anywhere else. It was a matter which belonged to the provincial government entirely. Regarding Ald. Neilson's concern for the small boatmen, Ald. Montgomery informed him that when the minister of lands was here last week, he had visited the ground with a committee of fishermen, and the provincial engineer was busy with plans for the proper provision for them.

#### Council of Five.

The bylaw for the reduction of the number of aldermen from eight to four was the next business. The council went into committee to consider this bylaw. Ald. Montgomery in the chair. The bylaw was read clause by clause, but Ald. Casey did not think that a reduction to four was right and proper. He thought that six would be a small enough number. It was a piece of legislation ill becoming to a democratic city. "Where is the city in B. C. that has only four aldermen," he asked. "You can't find one." Then there was a deathly stillness for a minute. The question was put, and Alderman McClymont was the only supporter of Ald. Casey's motion. When the referendum is taken on this question on election day, therefore, the electors will have to choose between a council of eight, or a council of four.

The next matter was the tenders for the printing of the telephone directory. McRae Bros. tendered for \$127; A. O. Franks, \$127, and the News Job Press, \$125. It was awarded to the lowest tenderer.

The council then went into committee to consider the light and power rates bylaw.

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#### QUIET PREVAILS ON THE WESTERN FRONT

London, Dec. 27.—(British official). There is nothing of special interest to report. The German town of Mannheim on the Rhine has been bombed by British airmen.

#### French Official.

Paris, Dec. 27.—On the Verdun front, the enemy batteries were smothered by our artillery fire and silenced.

#### Per Berlin Wireless.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—The Italian counter attacks on the northern front have been broken down. The German peace offer has been delayed for one day.

#### ECLIPSE OF THE MOON

It is not very often in these northern latitudes that a good eclipse of the moon is to be witnessed. Usually if this does not happen through the day, when the moon is usually invisible, the weather is cloudy, or else it occurs when the moon has waned. Tonight, however, there is every chance that the earth's shadow, thrown on its satellite will be apparent to anyone who gazes upward. The moon is near to full and the weather is clear, too clear as some think, and at 10:50 tonight our old earth will interpose its bulk between the direct rays of the sun upon the moon.

The hour being early, this phenomenon will be watched by many, both alone and in company. As an excuse, the eclipse of the moon has been used before by young folks for staying out late. It is not original, should it be used tonight. All the same, such is a stimulus to scientific observation.

#### MEDALS FOR BRAVERY

In one of the English newspapers recently received in the city, an interesting account is contained of honor done to Pte. Arthur Davey, and Pte. Joseph Davey, of the K. O. Y. L. I. These soldiers are both brothers of Mr. John Davey of Prince Rupert. In their home town of Denaby Main, near Sheffield, the two brothers were presented with gold watches and illuminated addresses in recognition of their gallantry in the field. Pte. Arthur Davey rescued a wounded comrade at great risk of his own life near Thiepval, while Pte. Joseph Davey also won the Military Medal for holding an advanced position for three hours against heavy odds during a counter attack at Fontaine.

#### Boat Building and Repairing.

T. M. Orwig, of Seal Cove, Prince Rupert, B. C., who was formerly builder of vessels for the Norwegian Government, and a delegate from Norway to the Fisheries Exhibition in London, England, will repair your boat, or build one for you.

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