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DEFINITE STATEMENTS ON LIGHT QUESTION NO BIG ACTIVITY BUT HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT THIS YEAR AT ALICE ARM

Utilities Dispute Settled with Decision of Council to Devote Future Surpluses to Extensions

The city council at a special meeting last night listened to a number of reports in regard to the electric light department surplus and, after being informed that the department owed general fund the sum of \$54,201.70 through bylaws 29 and 207, recommended that in order to take care of that amount, the future surpluses of the light department each year be used to carry out betterment and extension work to the system instead of capitalizing it by the issue of debentures. The recommendation passed the council with Ald. Montgomery and Ald. Kerr voting in the negative.

Prior to the voting Ald. Montgomery said he did not understand the report and that it was something thrown into the ring which he was not in a position to deal with. He wanted to know why it had been brought up at this time and said he would have to vote against it till he understood. He also took the stand that the finance committee was delving into matters to see how much could be charged against the

electric light department. Ald. Dybbavn thought that the Alderman's insinuations were made for a purpose. They were absolutely untrue and he appealed to the mayor to back him up and said that the committee had gone into the matter with a view of settling the controversy between the two departments. They had arrived at a conclusion backed by the auditor's report, the former city treasurer, now deputy minister of finance, and also the inspector of municipalities.

Clear Matter Up

Mayor Rochester backed Ald. Dybbavn up in his statements and said the reason the report had not been submitted sooner was that they were waiting confirmation of some of the reports. These had arrived only two days ago and were brought up at once in order to clear the matter up before the end of the year.

Ald. Montgomery—"Oh, yes. Ask my brother if I am a rogue." No reply was made by the Alderman and the matter was dropped.

During the discussion it was pointed out that before the net surplus could be arrived at, allowance must be made for the monies in lieu of taxation, building charges, lanes, streets and franchise charges the same as if the utility were owned by a private corporation. For the present, the council decided to put a charge of three per cent on the gross earnings of the utility until the over expenditure will be reconsidered and possibly increased. The idea of this was to allow the utility to carry on and make a profit without going into the hole. Under bylaw 59, the Hydro-Electric Bylaw, the amount authorized for the utility is \$550,000, and the council decided that this amount should be divided between the light and water departments in the ratio of, light, \$210,000; water, \$340,000. Each year the two departments will pay their proper proportion of the principal and interest on the redemption charges.

Figures Submitted

According to the figures submitted by G. Rorie, the city's accountant, the over expenditure under Bylaw 29 to the end of 1921 was \$63,432.19 and under Bylaw 207, the amount was \$12,319. Under Bylaw 207 the sum of \$14,088 was set aside to reimburse this amount leaving a total expenditure of \$61,713.19. The reserve on hand amounts to \$21,600.

Following the presentation of the auditor's report on the electric light department surplus a bill for \$125 for preparing the report was presented by G. Rorie. A number of the Aldermen took the stand that this was part of auditor's work and that no extra charge should be made. No final decision was made on the matter but it is understood that the council will not accept the bill.

UNSTABILITY OF RUSSIAN MONEY

Cigarettes and Street Car Rides
Cost Million Roubles Each

MOSCOW, Dec. 29.—American made cigarettes are on sale in the streets of Moscow for about one million soviet roubles each. The Bolshevik rouble has been fluctuating to such an extent lately that it is common for dealers to boost many articles a billion roubles over night. One day the rouble rose to thirty million for a dollar and two days later flopped back again to twenty-seven million for a dollar where it remained "stabilized" for several weeks. During this period street car fare on Moscow trams increased in one jump from half a million to one million for a single ride.

RECONSIDERING REPARATIONS

Another Conference on Question to Open at Paris Next Tuesday

PARIS, Dec. 29.—As a result of exchange of views since the London meeting of the Allied premiers, it has been decided to go over the entire question of reparations in detail at a conference to begin here next Tuesday. It is expected now in official circles that it will require at least a week and perhaps two to complete the discussion.

NAVY BACK TO TURKEY

As Precaution Against Possible Breakdown of Negotiations at Lausanne

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The hasty return of the British fleet to Constantinople from Malta attracts wide attention here. It is believed that it is due to the uncompromising attitude the Turks have taken at Lausanne. There are still many foreigners in Constantinople and the despatch of the warships is regarded as a necessary precaution in view of the possibility of a breakdown of the Lausanne Negotiations.

FUNERAL OF MRS. WOZNY HELD TODAY

Victim of Unfortunate Shooting Tragedy Laid to Rest in Fairview Cemetery

The funeral of the late Mrs. John Wozny took place this afternoon at 2.30 from the B.C. Undertakers' parlors to Fairview Cemetery. Archdeacon G. A. Rix officiating. The pallbearers were A. Kunka, J. Meron, C. Wallace, C. Michaloff, W. Wintonick and S. Steele.

There were floral tributes from Miss Mary Michaloff, Miss Ena Kikovsky, John Wozny, Miss Mary Meron, Mrs. C. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. P. Gangula, Stewart Steele, Mary Kunka, Andrew Kunka and Dokia Gernawski.

BIRTH

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Chambers, Empress Hotel, at the General Hospital on December 28.

BUILDING FOR YEAR

Permits to Number of 134
and to Value of \$314,412
Issued in 1922

Building permits numbering 134 and representing a total value of \$314,412 have been issued at the city building inspector's office in the course of the year 1922. This includes the ocean dock which was about \$130,000, but does not include the new station.

Last year's total was \$620,003, which included the permit for the \$400,000 court house. Although this year's total figure is smaller, general building in the city has been to about the same value as last year.

MRS. RIEL, OF ALICE ARM, BREAKS ARM

Slipped on Icy Porch While Throwing Out Basin of Water

ALICE ARM, Dec. 29.—On Sunday afternoon, Mrs. C. P. Riel sustained an unfortunate Christmas Eve accident, which left her with a broken arm. In throwing out a basin of water, while standing on an icy porch, her feet slipped from under her, and in falling backwards she fell upon her arm breaking it above the wrist. She was rushed to Anxox Hospital where the bone was set. She returned home the same evening.

ARRIVAL OF SCOTS TO BE CELEBRATED

Col. Cantley, of New Glasgow, Appointed Chairman of Honorary Committee by Premier Bonar Law

NEW GLASGOW, N.S., Dec. 28.—Premier Bonar Law has wired Col. Cantley that he will be chairman of the honorary committee for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the beginning of Scotch immigration into Canada.

SUPERANNUATION OF J. A. FRASER

Government Agent at Atlin, Who is 70 Years of Age, Will Receive \$82 a Month Pension

VICTORIA, Dec. 29.—Premier Oliver announced yesterday the superannuation of J. A. Fraser who has been government agent and gold commissioner at Atlin for the past 25 years. Mr. Fraser who is now 70 years of age, will receive a pension of \$82 a month. His successor at Atlin will be C. L. Monroe, of Prince Rupert, who is now here making arrangements for the taking over of his new duties.

CREW DROWNED WHEN LIQUOR LAUNCH BURNS

Gasoline Cruiser Fox Caught Fire and Was Run Ashore Off Sandy Hook

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The gasoline cruiser Fox, with 200 cases of liquor on board, caught fire off Sandy Hook. She was run ashore and destroyed and her crew are apparently dead.

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CURZON AND BONAR LAW WILL CONFER

LAUSANNE, Dec. 29.—Marquis Curzon, the British foreign secretary and head of the British delegation at the Near East conference, will leave on Sunday night for Paris where he will meet Premier Bonar Law to confer on the Near East situation.

DECREASE IN FISH CAUGHT

Neither Quantity Nor Value in November 1922 Comes up to That of Last Year

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—A decrease in the quantity and value of sea fish landed on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts is shown in the report of the department of fisheries for November. The total catch for both coasts was 451,192 hundredweights, a decrease of 36,000 hundredweights. The value was \$1,304,192, or a decrease of \$30,000.

On the Pacific Coast 161,850 hundredweight of salmon were caught, an increase of 10,000 over the same month last year. The catch of halibut on the Pacific was 23,818 hundredweight this November, a decrease of 8,000 from last.

LATE MIDDY FORTIER LAID TO REST TODAY

Funeral Took Place This Morning From Catholic Church to Fairview Cemetery

The funeral of the late Amadeo Fortier took place from the Catholic Church this morning at 10 o'clock. Following high mass which was conducted by Rev. Father Magrath. There were many present to pay their last respects to the deceased and several friends followed the cortege to Fairview Cemetery where interment was made. Hayner Bros. undertakers were in charge of the arrangements. Oliver Peloquin, P. Leclair, J. Portelance, L. Leclerc, S. Beaudin and Oliver Besne were the pallbearers.

Floral offerings were sent by L. Leroux, Mrs. Lulu Serimgeour, A. Friend, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McCutcheon, Miss M. Myers, Roi Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Duhamel.

NEW YORK BREWER COMMITTS SUICIDE

William J. Lemp, Third Member of Family to Take Own Life

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—William J. Lemp, 57 years, president of the Lemp Brewery Co., suicided today by shooting himself. This is the third suicide in the family of famous brewers, Lemp's father and sister having taken their own lives.

EXPLODING MINE DESTROYS SHOPS

More Business Houses Are Demolished in City of Dublin

DUBLIN, Dec. 29.—A music shop and surrounding business houses were demolished when a mine exploded in the music shop.

Real Development Work Done on Alice Arm Mining Properties in 1922 Proved Values of District

(Special to Daily News).

ALICE ARM, Dec. 29.—Were one to judge the mining situation of the Alice Arm district for the year just closing by the number of licenses issued or the number of new claims recorded, as compared with the year 1920 when the high total of 1100 claims were put on record, it might be hastily concluded that the camp could not sustain its boom years, or that it was lacking in mining tonnage and did not have an extensive mineral area. However, this would be the result of a superficial opinion, one that does not square with the facts. Looking beneath the surface of things it is found that the past season's slackness of mining activity was not from want of known tonnage or dearth of meritorious and accessible prospects. Several causes have made for the season's inactivity. Some of these are country wide and some are specially pertinent to the Alice Arm district.

While the activity of the past year does not come up to the high water mark of 1920 in so far as the number of licenses issued or claims recorded goes, yet along the line of real development the year's work does not compare unfavorably. The work done during the past season has been by real prospectors, and upon claims with real showings. The amount of work done taking into account the quietness of the mining situation points to the genuine prospector and to the faith he has in his ground.

Very little prospecting has been done during the past season in the way of looking over new ground or in recording new claims. Most of the work done has been along the lines of showing up the ore and proving the ground already held. A great deal more surface work has been done on claims this year than formerly. This is following out suggestions preached by Dr. Hanson, of the Dominion geological survey, as especially applicable to this district.

The Kitsault Valley

As usual, the majority of the work done this year has been in the Kitsault Valley, or in territory drained by it. This is attributable to the fact that it is the largest valley and is further tapped by a railway for seventeen miles thus making its upper reaches easy of access. Another reason is that the notoriety attained by the Dolly Varden mine made for the greater rush of prospectors.

Of the four properties of the Kitsault Valley that have shipped ore, three of them—namely the Dolly Varden, the North Star and the La Rose—were not worked during the past year. The fourth, the Esperanza, has been a continuous shipper in a small way. The North Star and the La Rose both have ore in sight, but did not find conditions favorable for shipping during the past season. The North Star is equipped with a standard oil burning compressor and should be able to mine economically when the railway is extended through to the Wolf Group. The Dolly Varden has been idle for the past year and a half. Controlling as it does the railway into the interior, it is really the key to the valley. It has been tied up by litigation for some time, and no one here knows the present status of the company.

More Than Prospects

Among other properties in the Valley that have been shown up and developed beyond the prospecting stage are the Torie, (continued on page six)

CIVIL RIGHTS FOR SOLDIERS

Mr. Justice Gregory Delivers Judgment in Favor of Members Work Point Garrison

VICTORIA, Dec. 29.—The permanent forces of Canada are in fact an integral part of the active militia and as such are entitled to all civil rights on a parity with members of other portions of the active militia of Canada as conferred in the Elections Act and the Militia Act according to a judgment delivered yesterday by Mr. Justice Gregory in finding in favor of 130 officers and men of the garrison at Work Point pleading for reinstatement on the voters' list of Esquimalt municipality from which their names had been struck off by the court of revision.

MINISTER IS RECOVERING

Hon. W. C. Kennedy Expresses Satisfaction With Appointment of Sir Henry Thornton

WINDSOR, Dec. 29.—Hon. W. C. Kennedy, minister of railways, is convalescing from his recent illness and is preparing to take a long holiday in the south. He will be absent when parliament opens. Mr. Kennedy expressed satisfaction with the appointment of Sir Henry Thornton as president of the Canadian National Railways.

AMERICAN LAUNCH WAS UP ON ROCKS

Confidence Safely Pulled Off by Pachena and Leaves For Kelchikan This Afternoon

The Pachena, Capt. Swanson, answered a distress call last night from the American launch Confidence which was on the rocks in Metlakatla Passage. The craft was safely towed off and arrived in port with the Pachena this morning. Early this afternoon she leaves for Ketchikan with Mr. and Mrs. William Balagno, who have been visiting here, as passengers.

BIG SEIZURE OF LIQUOR IS MADE CALGARY STATION

CALGARY, Dec. 29.—Two hundred cases of Scotch whiskey packed in trunks and labelled as baggage was seized at the Canadian Pacific Railway baggage room here and taken to police headquarters where it will be held until it is called for.

GERMANY WANTS INVESTIGATION OF HER AFFAIRS

Sends Invitation to United States to Send Over a Reparations Commission

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The United States chamber of commerce publishes correspondence with the German chamber of commerce in which German business men invite America to send a commission to inquire into Germany's ability to pay reparations. Every assistance is promised the government.

NEW YORK HAS BIG BLIZZARD

First Snow Storm of Season Causes Deaths and Injuries

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Thousands of volunteer snowshovelers were called to their shovels today to dig New York out of its first big snowstorm this season. A blizzard of snow and sleet overnight became an icy gale and many persons suffered broken arms, legs and cracked skulls in falls. At least two persons are reported killed.

EARTHQUAKE FELT IN ITALY TODAY

Population of Avezzano Were in Panic Fearing Repetition of 1915 Disaster

ROME, Dec. 29.—An earthquake was felt at Avezzano this afternoon but no damage was reported. The population were in a panic fearing a repetition of the disaster of 1915 when a violent quake razed the town killing eight thousand persons.

IRISHMEN EXECUTED

DUBLIN, Dec. 29.—Two men named Murphy and Whalen were executed at Kilbenny this morning.