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PRICE FIVE CENTS

City Council Endorses Action of Mayor Rochester in Having Suspended Heads of Departments

At the final meeting of the 1922 city council last night, the action of the mayor in suspending the heads of departments, W. D. Vance, city treasurer; T. C. Duncan, superintendent of Utilities; and F. J. Whitaker, city engineer, was confirmed, and Mr. Vance is to be asked to turn over his books to the auditor to check up prior to being given a release from his bond.

In opening the matter the city clerk read several letters. One from the heads who had been suspended was as follows:

"We hereby acknowledge receipt of a letter from Mayor Rochester suspending us on the ground that we failed to carry out instructions contained in his letter of Dec. 26, 1922, and in reply wish to say that we are unable to carry out said instructions for the reason that they were contrary to law. We did, however, hand the letter to the employees and they for the same reason voted to abide by the terms of their contracts and work from nine to five o'clock each day except Saturday when the office closes at one o'clock.

FRENCH READY FOR ADVANCE

Preparing to Occupy Further German Territory From Dusseldorf

COBLENZ, Jan. 9.—Four trainloads of French and Colonial troops passed through Mayence last evening to the concentration camp near Dusseldorf where the French commander DeGouttes has taken up staff headquarters preparatory to completing the French plan to occupy German territory by the fifteenth if Germany does not pay in the meantime.

Several more troop trains are due to pass from Coblenz. Germany is resigned but anxious, according to despatches from Berlin.

BLEW HEAD OFF WITH DYNAMITE

Rejected Suitor Put Explosive Between Teeth and Went to Eternity

VANCOUVER, Jan. 9.—When his former landlady rejected his proposal of marriage, Emil Fillman yesterday put a stick of dynamite between his teeth, lighted the fuse and blew his head off.

The explosion rocked the house and brought the neighbors for objects around running into the street fearing an earthquake. Fillman came here from Sweden some time ago and had no relatives. He was about forty and formerly roomed at the home of Mrs. Lulla Andrea, a widow. When Mrs. Andrea rejected his advances he went up country logging for several months. He returned yesterday and made Mrs. Andrea a proposal of marriage and when she rejected him he went to the basement of the house and blew his head off.

NO SETTLEMENT POSSIBLE NOW

U.S. Administration Convinced That Present Law Will Not Allow for Clearing up British Debt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Preliminary negotiations with the British debt commission over the payment of the British war debt to the United States has convinced the administration that no settlement of the problem can be made under the terms of the law as it now exists. President Harding is convinced, it is declared, that the American commissioners in dealing with the situation must recommend tentative plans for settlement with each debtor among the nations of Europe without regard to what may later be presented for approval of congress.

John Currie
CANDIDATE FOR ALDERMAN, 1923.

Your vote and influence solicited.

GERMANY IS IN DEFAULT

Reparations Commission Three to One Against Her on Coal Question

PARIS, Jan. 9.—The reparations commission today voted Germany in wilful default in her coal deliveries. The vote was three to one, the negative vote being cast by Sir John Bradbury, the British member.

CITY UTILITIES ARE COMPARED

T. C. Duncan Replies to Mayor McHardy of Nelson Regarding Situation Here

T. C. Duncan, superintendent of utilities at this city, gives the following reply to Mayor McHardy of Nelson whose communication was published in this paper yesterday:

In your issue of yesterday you publish a letter from Mayor McHardy of Nelson in which your headline states he writes to refute some statements published here. However, I should like the ratepayers of this city, who, no doubt are interested in Prince Rupert's Utilities, to have some enlightenment regarding this comparison between the utilities of the two cities.

Mr. McHardy states that in 1921, Nelson's operation and maintenance costs were \$32,997.72, while Prince Rupert's costs for the same year were \$41,057.79. This is quite true, but the scale of wages paid in Nelson is 23% below the scale paid by our city council. The year 1921, owing to considerable reconstruction being done in this town, was by far the most expensive year we have ever had, and yet if Nelson were paying the same scale of wages as we are their operating expenses for 1921 would have been \$32,779.68. When we were paying the scale that is prevailing in Nelson at present, and operating under normal conditions, in 1919, our operation and maintenance costs were \$32,997.72.

WOMAN IS EXECUTED IN ENGLAND TODAY

Collapsed Four Hours Before and Had to be Carried to Scaffold

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Edith Thompson and Fredrick Bywaters were executed Tuesday for the murder of the woman's husband on October 4.

Mrs. Thompson collapsed several hours before the time of execution and had to be carried to the scaffold. She protested her innocence to the last. Bywaters met his death calmly.

BRITISH READY FOR TURKISH

Air and Artillery Reinforcements Seen Arriving for Days

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 9.—British air and artillery reinforcements have been arriving for two days and it is estimated 20,000 Kemalists soldiers dressed in multi have been drifting in during the past few weeks and have been equipped for military service after arrival.

LEAGUE HOCKEY
VANCOUVER, Jan. 9.—Seattle beat Victoria on Vancouver ice last night, the score being 2 to 0 in favor of the Americans.
Western Canada
Calgary, 6; Edmonton, 1.
Interleague Game
Vancouver, 3; Saskatoon, 0.



Hon. John Oliver and his aged father, who died yesterday at the age of 90.

Belgium Announces She Will Stand by France Preparing for Advance

BRUSSELS, Jan. 9.—Premier Thonnis formally announced the government's determination to stand beside France in the occupation of the Ruhr district. He regretted the allies were moving without England but said neither anger nor vengeance actuated Belgium.

BERLIN, Jan. 9.—Thirty-eight trains carrying French troops left Mayence yesterday with Essen as the destination of the forces, says an Essen telegram. Today the arrival of heavy artillery and sappers was reported from the neighborhood of Neuss, 3½ miles southwest of Dusseldorf.

PARIS, Jan. 9.—Reports from Dusseldorf today said all troops necessary for the expected co-ordinated movement of France in the Ruhr will be assembled at a point of concentration near that city by noon. Reinforcements are being sent to take the place of advancing units.

ESSEN, Jan. 9.—Advanced troops of the French army, largely with technical equipment has already reached the neighborhood of Kettwig, seven miles from here and the section between Dusseldorf and Essen is half covered by the French artillery forces.

MAYORS ELECTED AT PROVINCIAL POINTS

Despatches this morning show the following mayors elected by proclamation:

Kamloops—Alderman J. R. Volney.
Kaslo—James Anderson.
Vernon—Mayor Costerton.

THE MAYORALTY CONTEST

To the Electors:
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Friendly co-operation with the Management of the Canadian Railways is probably the most important issue before you at the present time, and is worthy of your serious and careful consideration.

The question of whether our City IS or IS NOT going to become a prominent terminal Port of this great railway system will likely be decided this year, and it is of utmost importance that you at this election select an administration that will be in a position to deal with these important matters in a proper way. We are now in a very favorable position in this matter, but our Citizens must do their part.

I ask for your support and influence in the best interests of our City and its Citizens, and if elected will endeavor to give you an efficient and economical administration.

Is Newton in favor of reducing the indemnities of the Mayor and Aldermen in order to economize? No! If I am elected, retrenchment will begin "at the top."

"A GOOD ALDERMAN WILL MAKE A GOOD MAYOR."

JOHN DYBHAYN.

Westholme Theatre - Tonight at 8 p.m.

Public Meeting

in the interests of

Ald. Montgomery for Mayor

All Mayoralty and Other Candidates Invited

T. Ross McKay, Chairman

Mayorality and Other Candidates Address Crowded Meeting at the Empress Under the Labor Party

The three mayorality candidates and twelve of the aspirants for the city council were heard at the civic election meeting held in the Empress Theatre last night under the auspices of the United Labor Party of Prince Rupert. The attendance was large and taxed the seating capacity of the hall. Each speaker was given a fair hearing and there was little disturbance outside of a little good-natured interruption which might be expected to characterize any gathering of the kind. It was 11:30 before the last speaker was through, but interest was sustained throughout the proceedings and very few left before the end, this being due not have been made an issue in no doubt to the fact that the campaign. It was a matter of addresses of the mayorality candidates that a good council could be elected was held over until the straightened out in a few days.

George W. Rudderham, Labor carefully handled during 1923 nominee for alderman, was the one and he believed that all the work first speaker. He reviewed the could be carried out in the year Labor Party's program at length, that had already been planned. He said "All the mayorality candidates would be his principal that no have complemented the Labor money would be spent before it Party on its program," he said, had been provided and the cost of "I would ask you who would be doing work should not exceed the the most likely to put it into effect, estimates. The taking care of feel—those who drew it up or the fishing industry of the port those who simply approve of it was an important consideration and tell you there is no harm in and, if he was elected, he would it? I would say the people who look after that to the best of prepared it can effect it the best his ability.

At the same time meet the J. Arthur Smith said that his other problems of the city as policy would be one of economy well as those who have submit and retrenchment with fair play ted nothing." Speaking of civic to all. Administration costs reorganization. Mr. Rudderham were too high and the tax rate expressed the view that the present council had taken a poor it almost meant confiscation. means to a desired end. If he were elected he would make it his use of city rock instead of business to delve into the whole Smith Island and the elimination question and cut out what was in favor of rough grading in the necessary. If a man was kept on the payroll he should be given enough to live on. If he were not needed he should not stay.

Use Best Judgment
John Currie, candidate for alderman, said that if he were elected he would use his best judgment in dealing with every question that came up. Ernest Maynard, for alderman, referred to the condition of roads in the outlying sections. The ball grounds urgently needed repairs and there should be a thorough investigation in the Booth School affair. He also advocated the giving of preference to residents of the city in the matter of unemployment and the elimination of overtime.

F. J. Fuller, said that building bylaws should not be made too stringent and there should be no hard and fast rules. He favored the building of the Hays Creek bridge and the encouragement of sports. Outside advice should be obtained in connection with city hall reorganization and all roads should be built under the local improvement plan. He would favor a full Booth School investigation and the continuation of grants to the general hospital.

Vote and Influence
R. F. Perry briefly solicited the vote and influence of the citizens. Alex. McKenzie urged the building of a permanent road from one end of the city to the other and strongly opposed the importation of Smith Island rock. There should be a thorough investigation of the Booth School affair. Lots reverting to the city at tax sales should be sold for whatever they will bring. Efficient men giving good service should not be laid off and there should be a fair living wage for all. Industries, however small, should be encouraged and he would advocate the bringing in of local wood for fuel. Terminal requirements such as coal bunkers and elevators should be laid before the authorities at Ottawa and the matter should be fully pressed as was being done at Vancouver. The Hays Creek bridge bylaw should be voted for but he would favor reconstruction if it could be done economically. Mr. McKenzie emphatically refuted the rumor that he had attempted to break away from the Labor Party. "I am proud of their endorsement," he continued.

Could Straighten Out
G. H. Munro referred to the difficulty of getting business men to run for the council. He said the civic reorganization should

AGED FATHER PREMIER DIES

John Oliver Leaves Tuesday and Will Stop Off at Edmonton En Route

VICTORIA, Jan. 9.—On the eve of his departure for Ottawa to appear before the privy council in a fight for lower freight rates, Premier John Oliver yesterday received word of the death of his father, aged ninety years.

The premier leaves on Tuesday afternoon and will stop over at Edmonton to confer with Premier Greenfield on the rates problem and will address the board of trade. He will then go direct to Toronto, to the old home at Fiesherston and then to Ottawa. The freight rates case opens in Ottawa on January 15.

VICTORIA TAX MEN RESIDENTS

Five Dollars Poll Tax and Two Dollars Road Tax to be Collected

VICTORIA, Jan. 9.—The city council with only one dissident adopted a recommendation of the finance department for a levy on all male residents of Victoria not liable to other taxes. The new levy will be five dollars poll tax and two dollars road tax.

The chairman of the finance committee said that the city must have money and adopted the poll tax reluctantly as a last resort.

TO THE ELECTORS.

On a policy of cutting down expenses for the relief of our ratepayers, your vote and influence for

J. ARTHUR SMITH

FOR ALDERMAN
is respectfully solicited.