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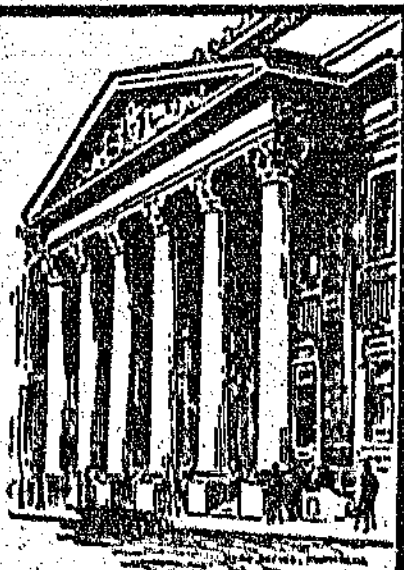
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ALLIED NATIONS MUST CONTINUE

The signs of fatigue with the war shown by the German Socialists are being followed here with interest but without hope that they will have any real influence. The Roman press says: "There is no doubt that the Germans are disappointed at the length and monotony of the war, as they expected to rush to Paris and then overcome England, while the Austrians intended to walk into Serbia. Thus they are depressed, and would perhaps be ready to return to the antebellum state but the newspaper warns Italians not to have any illusions as there will never be a German revolution as the Germans will not revolt even when dying of hunger, but will obey, and the Austrians also will grumble but will obey. Both nations, in the opinion of the papers, will bow only to one argument viz., the force of arms. "Until the day comes concludes the press, when they are both stricken to their knees no diplomats, no party tactics, no mediation by neutrals, no pacific intervention clerical or civil, no agitation among a people tired and hungry will induce the central empires to ask for peace, so the allied nations must make up their minds to go on until their fore is sufficient to make even the Germans concede that they have met their masters."

Who's a Liar?

The Germans deny that a battleship was blown up by the Russians, on the word of a "reliable authority." This is taken to confirm the loss of the battleship.

Fire brigade.

The recent movement to increase the membership of the Alberni Volunteer Fire Brigade has proven a success in many ways. At the practice run on Friday evening there were 17 members lined up for the run. Three new members were signed on in addition to the ones who joined at the time of the recent meeting.

The matter of new material for the Brigade is now well in hand, and there is every reason to think that the needed 550 feet of hose will be along in a short time.

Home Guard.

There will be a meeting at the City Hall at 7:30, Saturday, July 10 to select officers and to enroll new members. The public are invited to attend and it is hoped that there will be a large number of new recruits. There are many who are unable to offer their services to the country at the present time, but all can prepare themselves to take part in the defense of the Empire should their services be required. All the young men are enlisting or have enlisted and it is up to those who are left behind to prepare themselves to defend their country should the occasion arise.

Canadians Celebrate.

Dominion Day was celebrated among the Canadian soldiers at Schornell. In the early morning the 11, 12, 42, 43 and 49th battalions, and the Princess Patricia's reserves paraded through Falkstone with their bands, receiving hearty cheers. There was a military tattoo last night, when massed bands performed.

There was no formal celebration of the day in London, business proceeding as usual in the military and Red Cross offices.

A Bear Trap.

Though the Russian centre is falling back, both wings are holding firmly and it is believed that they are leading the Germans into a trap.

DRIVING AHEAD FOR WARSAW

London, July 4.—At a rate estimated at five miles a day, General von Mackensen's army is swinging northward in Galicia and Poland in a colossal and daring endeavor to drive a wedge into the Russian centre and dislodge the Russians from the Vistula river and force them back over the Bug, thus splitting the Grand Dukes' forces into two sections, with thousands of acres of swamp and marsh land between them.

If the Austro-Germans can continue their progress another week, even the British press admits that the Russians will have to give up Warsaw and with it the whole line.

On their two extreme wings the Russians appear to be firm, and where they are retreating, it is still claimed, their retreatment is orderly and accompanied by vigorous rear-guard operations. The Austro-Germans who are advancing in the centre, are, moreover, getting deeper into a country covered with forests and streams and barren of railways, between the middle Vistula and the Bug—natural advantages to the Russians, which military writers here repeatedly emphasize. They point out, too, the dully lengthening chain of Austro-German communications, which brings an added burden to the Teutonic allies.

Some sections of the British public think that the time has come for Great Britain and France to begin a general offensive in the west and thus force a transfer of troops from the eastern theatre, but the more conservative military writers think that the best old England can lend is to pour into Russia every ounce of ammunition that can be spared.

As an explanation of the continued retirement of the Russian centre, a Petrograd despatch says:

"The Russians will refuse to accept serious battle in a country devoid of railways."

Prize Winners.

Thanks to the various donations which were secured by the committee on Dominion Day Sports, the young people had a good programme, and put a fine line of competitions.

It is not necessary to give the entire programme, as it was practically the same as last year, but the first prize winners were as follows:

15 years, boys, J. Milligan, girls J. Wilkinson; 12 years, boys, R. Burke, girls, M. Phillips; 10 years, boys, A. Hills, girls, B. Redford; 8 years, boys, Bud Frost, girls, B. Redford; 7 years, girls, L. Wattle; 6 years, girls, E. Clegg; Consolation handicap, girls, N. Burke, boys, H. Wescomber swimming, girls, 15 years, F. Meagher, 8 years, N. Meagher; boys 15 years, G. Spencer; high diving, boys, J. Harling; diving, E. Hayter. Other winners of firsts: E. Hayter, G. Spencer, N. Burke, D. Riddell, F. Clegg, M. Redford, N. Blackman, M. Wattle, L. Gill, A. Hills.

Some of these were winners in more than one event. The Committee desire to thank all those who contributed to the fund for the children's sports, and those who helped in the work of the day.

Lord Fisher Placed.

London, July 4.—The plea of British scientists that Great Britain organize the country's best scientific brains to combat German ingenuity in warfare, found expression today in the official statement that Lord Fisher who recently resigned as first sea lord, owing to difficulties with Winston Churchill, then first lord of the admiralty, has been appointed chairman of the "Inventions board," which is being formed to assist the admiralty in relation to naval requirements.

MAY ASSIST FIRE BRIGADE

The session of the City Council this week was not a very exciting affair, but quite an amount of routine business was handled, and a number of matters attended to that are engaging the public attention at the present time.

In the first place the matter of granting a sum of money for the Fire Brigade tournament was discussed. There was a motion that the sum of \$150 be granted for this purpose. The sum of \$125 was also mentioned, but both of these failed to get a second. Later it was decided to let the matter stand until the end of the month, and then if it was found that 40 per cent. of the taxes come in, the \$150 will be granted to the Firemen to make the trip.

It was pointed out that the training for the tournament was just the thing the boys needed, and it would not be so wasteful money even if the boys failed to win. On the other hand it would give a strong lift to the practices, and bring in good material, if it was known that a trip to the outside was in sight.

The Brigade is turning out in fine shape these days, and it is evident that men can be selected that will give a good account of themselves in any company. On Tuesday evening 22 members turned out to practice, and some good time was made.

The matter of some sidewalk building was referred to the Public Works Committee.

Sundry accounts were ordered paid and some amendments to the Fire Protection By-Law considered. These passed a first and second reading and went into the committee of the whole who reported progress and asked leave to sit again, as some of the clauses required further consideration.

The Council then adjourned.

Join Colors.

The visit of Capt. Roaf, of the Corps of Guides, to Alberni on recruiting service, turned out as much of a success as could be expected under the circumstances. The short notice and difficulty in getting the word passed around the valley left Capt. Roaf with rather scant material to work on.

However the present list of 100 men who have left the Alberni west section had the following names added on Wednesday: A. P. Hills, A. P. Walker, P. H. Soule, F. J. Stevens and L. Jaques. These men went out to Nanaimo Thursday morning, and from that point they will be sent where required.

In addition to these there is to be recorded the name of J. R. Thompson, the principal of the Port school, who recently joined the 88th.

Notice.

There will be a congregational meeting at the English Church Hall on Friday, July 9, at 7:30 p. m. to meet the Archdeacon and discuss plans for the future services etc.

Not Dead.

Two letters have been received at Alberni dealing with the doings of our old friend "Happy" Andrews, and mentioning dates both of which are much later than the published list which contained the notice of his death. There is therefore a strong hope that "Happy" is still in the land of the living.

Canadian Forces.

Ottawa, July 5.—The Canadian casualties to date are: killed 1658, wounded 6405, missing 1768. The Mississauga has reached Plymouth with the following: one company each of the 38th Ottawa and 47th Vancouver battalions, the whole of the 39th and the Canadian Dental Corps. The men of the 38th and 47th will act as reinforcements for the Princess Pats.

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It is recognized that the farmer has had difficulty in meeting his commercial competitor on an equal footing. This has been due partly to lack of organization and partly through his inability to keep himself informed as current trade movements in the livestock market.

He has consequently never been able fully and successfully to develop his business as the great principles governing local and foreign trade would appear to dictate. Agriculture is the most important industry in the country and it has as yet, only in isolated instances, been influenced, developed and directed by the dictates of a comprehensive commercial policy.

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MR. DUNCAN ROSS

Touching on the death of the late Mr. Duncan Ross, the Vancouver Sun states that in the sudden death at Victoria of Mr. Duncan Ross, the province of British Columbia loses one of its foremost citizens. Mr. Ross came here first in 1890 and for twenty-five years had taken an active interest in conditions, leading a useful public life almost from the start. In 1904 he entered the political arena as an advocate of Liberal principles and was elected to represent the Yale-Cariboo constituency in the federal house, where he remained until 1908. During his life in British Columbia, Mr. Ross endeavored himself to all with whom he came in contact. Endowed with sterling ability, he soon became a leader among his fellows and the party owed much to the unsparing efforts he gave to the cause of Liberalism. His death has caused widespread grief among those fortunate enough to know him well and has made a gap in the ranks of the old-time Liberals of British Columbia who have given their best to the party and to the nation.

EDITORIAL NOTES

We are now in a position to state that there is no truth in the report that the two submarines will be sent to the Eastern border of the Province to welcome the Premier on his return home. Military men will understand what Sir Richard had in mind when he said, "Never mind the Guard."

The other day the citizens of the city of Vancouver turned down a batch of money by-laws presented to them by the Council; whereupon the Sun remarks: "A sane business spirit has at last taken possession of the people, and they are no longer in a mood to listen to the loud optimism of the profligate wasters whose sole idea of government seems to have been to partition out our resources among speculators, charter mongers and a vast horde of partisan retainers. British Columbia's better day has dawned."

Some language. What?

All claims of China and Japan

to be considered "civilized" have gone glimmering. The signing of a peace treaty put them out of the count.

When the reporter called to interview the Harvard professor who recently stated that "women would make just as good soldiers as men," the scribe observed a "Life of Mrs. Pankhurst" and a volume by William Jennings Bryan on one of the professor's shelves. Whereupon a great light burst on the reporter.

Sir Richard McBride is reported to have acquired quite a new vocabulary since his visit to Great Britain. Amongst the new words which he has added to his "official list" are to be found such as "har," "rotten," "damnable," etc., etc., especially etc., etc.

Can it be that the gentle Sir Richard is getting in shape for his first conversation with the acting Premier?

Those Toronto Methodists who are trying to deprive "Tommy" of his little whiff of the "weed" have accomplished a good work. They have called attention anew to the fact that "Tommy" needs his "lancey," and the various funds for this purpose have now swelled greatly since the Toronto crusade.

Whatever opinions the British soldier may have regarding his chances of smoke in the next world, he is certain, and very emphatic, in his desires along those lines in the present state.

Those who have to stay behind will not forget this fact.

There is a report that the Kaiser would like a holiday.

To which the "Courier" remarks:

"Unfortunately the Allies do not seem disposed to let him. There is only one place to which we can conscientiously recommend the Kaiser to go, but there are no return tickets, and the name of the place can't be used in polite conversation"

Well, there is a chance that before long things will be made so hot for him that he will not be able to tell the difference between his present location and the other place, so why worry.

The German denial of the loss of a battleship at the hands of the Russians is taken to "confirm the loss." And it was an official denial, no less. What do you know about that?

Let's see. Was it a week, or a month or a year ago that the U. S. demanded an undertaking from Germany, and an immediate answer? Oh well. Forget it, as the Germans appear to have done.

Russia has apologized to Sweden because a stray shell from one of the Russian warships accidentally fell in Swedish waters while a fight was on with a German vessel. Germany sent an apology to the United States because—Nil.

PRACTICAL POINTERS ABOUT ALBERNI

Alberni is reached by train from Victoria. Connections are made with Victoria, running through to Alberni on every other day. Passengers from Vancouver City can connect with this train at Nanaimo.

Alberni is also reached by steamer from Victoria, and in the summer months there is no more delightful trip than this up the west coast of Vancouver Island and along the picturesque Alberni canal.

The Island trunk line of the C. N. R. is now building from Victoria to Alberni.

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Look Into the record of the past few years carefully, and without prejudice. Size up the present situation and the outlook for the future, if these methods are to be continued.

Listen To the voice of reason. Think of what must be behind the scenes when life-long Conservatives are deserting McBride. Study the Liberal platform and make up your mind to have a change of Government.

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2. The appointment of a non-partisan civil service commission to make all appointments to both outside and inside services.
3. The abolition of patronage in every form, all purchases to be made in the open market and on regular business terms.
4. The publication of a regular quarterly bulletin, giving full details of all monies expended by the government.
5. We agree to ask for a commission to investigate the affairs of the province that the real facts may be known and the hands of the government left free to restore the credit of the province and develop its great resources for the benefit of the people.
6. Wherever the findings of this commission show that the resources of the province have been alienated by fraud, to take such steps as shall restore them to the people while protecting the innocent investor.
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