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CITY BUSINESS LOOKING UP.

By reason of the fact that the City secured a payment of something over $1,700 in back taxes during the week, there was a general cleaning up in the various departments of the civic business at the last session of the Council.

The balance of the last year's loan from the Bank was ordered paid. The same with the interest to the Water Debenture holders, and the $200 owing as Liquidator's fees.

An amount of routine business was attended to, and sundry accounts were ordered paid. The result was that the City is now caught up to the year current, and has a clean slate.

The City Clerk, having explained that he has a very important, and pressing, business engagement to attend to, was granted a vacation of two weeks, to begin on June 9th.

The tax notices will all be out this week. The rates will be the same, in the bulk, as last year, but there are some minor changes in the details.

The date of July 31 is set for the day previous to which a discount of one sixth will be allowed.

The assessment is fixed at twenty mills, divided as follows: ten for general purposes, two and one half for school, one half for hospital, and seven for debt rate.

Casualties.

Ottawa, June 1.—The total Canadian casualties are now estimated as 1,004 with 4,218 wounded and 1,365 missing, making a total of 6,587.

Zeppelin Raid.

London, June 1.—Ninety bombs were dropped during a Zeppelin raid on London last night. Four persons were killed and several injured. No public buildings were damaged.

Starting Early.

Seattle, June 1.—It is reported from Port Townsend that spies have damaged the breech blocks of some of the big guns of the forts in that neighborhood.

Notice.

Alberni Conservative Association.

A meeting will be held in the Association room on Saturday evening next, June 5, at 8 p. m.

King's Birthday.

George Frederick Ernest Albert, King of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, was born at Marlborough House, London, on the third of June, 1865. In May, 1910, he succeeded to the Crown as George V.

Yesterday he passed the half century mark, and while no special public ceremonies marked the event, there is no doubt but that the hearts of his loyal subjects all over the world turned to the ruler whose birthday is marked by the very summit of the greatest conflict that the world has known, and who finds his people at death grips with a foe who must be crushed in order that Liberty and Justice may live. The most fitting manner in which to mark the passing of such a birthday is to join in a heartfelt wish for the passing of the present clouds, and that King George may long be spared to rule over a united and greater Empire than has been.

Rifle Club.

A special meeting of the members of the Rifle Club and Home Guard will be held in the Court House on Monday night at 8.30 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of shooting over a miniature range, as it is impossible to get ammunition for the service rifles.

UNITED STATES SITUATION TENSE

Washington, June 1.—President Wilson intends to so shape the course of the United States Government in the international crisis which has arisen as to leave no doubt abroad as to the country's purpose both to speak and, if necessary to act, for the cause of humanity.

Two things were virtually determined by the President today in the solemn atmosphere with which Memorial Day enveloped the national capital.

First, that Germany's avoidance of the larger questions of humanity and the spirit of international law by a technical argument on a hitherto undisputed point in the statutes of nations—the exercise of the right of visit and search by war craft when encountering merchantmen whether carying contraband on not—must be met promptly with a note briefly setting forth the facts as found by investigation of officials here as to the cargo and peaceful equipment of the Lusitania, and reiterating the earnest intention of the United States to hold the German Government to a "strict accountability" for all violations of American rights on the high seas.

In the event of a deadlock over facts in the Lusitania case the suggestion of reference of the dispute to The Hague for arbitration has been mentioned in German circles, but that such a course would be unacceptable to the United States has been asserted by some of the advisers of President Wilson. In the event of another unfavorable answer from Germany the severance of diplomatic relations by the United States is regarded by many as the natural step.

President Wilson.

At the present moment President Wilson, of the United States, faces the biggest problem of his life. It is more than likly that his hesitation is due to a lack of that proper nourishment which brings strong nerves, and a determined mind. If he would absorb into his system a few of those great big tender and juicy steaks that are furnished by Mr. Rochester, the family butcher, no doubt Mr. Wilson would hand the Kaiser one that would jar him right down to his heels. Good meat makes red blood, and red blood makes fighters.

Auxiliary Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Alberni branch of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary, will be held in the Presbyterian Church Hall, on Friday, June 11, at 2.30 p.m.

Grace J. Cox, Sec.

Two Months.

For assisting sundry Siwashes to surround a supply of firewater, against the statutes therein made and provided, one man Knudson, from the vacinity of Uchucklesit, will repose as a guest of the Government for the period of two months.

COME ON IN WATER'S FINE

London, June 2.—It is reported that Bulgaria and Roumania have reached a complete understanding. Roumania will cede territory in Bobrudja, and the two countries will enter the war at the same time, Roumania against Austria, and Bulgaria against Turkey. Negotiations between Roumania and Russia over the lines of Pruth River, and Danal, are virtually complete. If Russia accepts Roumanian proposals, Roumania will enter the war without delay.

GERMAN LINE GIVES WAY

London, June 1.—The "Daily Mail's" Rotterdam correspondent in a dispatch sent this morning says the British troops are advancing on St. Julien. He adds:

"The German line is said to be greatly weakened and giving ground northeast of Ypres before vigorous attacks which have been preceeded by an effective bombardment on their trenches.

"They have made desperate efforts to hold their positions, and are said to have been ordered by the German headquarters staff to hold their ground at any cost."

The ground which the Germans won a month ago is gradually being pierced according to correspondents at various points.

The resistance has been of a desperate character, every cottage, clump of trees and every wall being held onto until the last with grim determination.

The irregular line is no longer the regular one that it was following the advance in this region, but is now an irregular line of hastily improvised forts practically all the way between Ypres and Dixmude.

Militia Reserve.

According to a report from Ottawa a militia reserve in Canada is to be organized. Major General Hughes has appointed a committee to do the work and expects to have the business in shape in a short time.

Those who formerly belonged to the militia will be organized so as to be available for duty in Canada.

Wounded.

According to a telegram received this week by Mr. D. Clarke, his son Jack has been wounded, and is now in a hospital. The report gives no details but promises that a written statement will follow in a few days. The many friends of young Clarke will join us in hoping that this splendid young soldier will be spared to return to his Alberni home, and that there is nothing serious in his present condition.

To the list of the wounded must be added the names of Pte. Wes. Heaslip, of the 16th Battalion, and Sgt. F. H. Stevens, of the 7th Battalion, both of whom were injured in the recent heavy fighting along the Western battle front. There are no details as to how seriously these boys are hurt.

Missing.

Among the boys who are reported "missing" this week we note the name of William Stewart, who was well known at Alberni, where he lived for some time, carrying on his business as a carpenter. No details as to his fate were given in the report.

Alberni Volunteers.

It is understood that arrangements have been made to have a recruiting office opened at Alberni. There will be a medical officer in connection with the business, and those who are taken on will not have to submit to any further examination.

In the meantime if the officer does not hurry up there will be nothing for him to do when he arrives. This week another batch of the boys went to try their fortunes in an effort to get to the front. Among them were J. Mathison, of the Port, W. Clarke, G. Blandy, and E. Woodward, of Alberni. Recently C. Fawcett, and F. Street, of Port Alberni joined, the first going to the 88th, and the latter to the B. C. Horse. Mr. Bidlake the local vet. has joined, and left this week for Montreal.

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Alberni, B. C., Canada - June 4, 1915

GERMAN REPLY.

THE German reply to the American note has been received. As was expected, it was of the most unsatisfactory nature and the despatches carry such heads as "Washington aroused over German reply," but at the same time no immediate steps are expected on the part of President Wilson. Cabinet meetings are now in order, and the usual diplomatic "flub-dub" will be indulged in, but there appears to be a rapidly growing sentiment in the States to the effect that the German bluff has been carried about far enough.

The note states clearly that Germany has no intention of submitting neutral ships in the war zone, which are guilty of no hostile acts, to attacks by submarines, or aviators. It declares that the German forces have repeatedly been instructed most specifically to avoid such ships.

Taking this as a foundation, the note proceeds to clear away the remainder of the American protests. The acts complained of were either "mistakes" or "justified" in one way and another.

The suspicion of "Culpable behavior" on the part of masters of ships appears to be sufficient justification for the sinking of the ship and the murder of the passengers, but at the same time if any "mistakes" are made, the German Government is willing to "express regret," and offer indemnification—if justified by conditions.

The sinking of the Lusitania was, of course, a case of "culpable behavior" on the part of the ship owners. The note repeats the fiction that the Lusitania was armed, in fact a floating fortress, and carried great stores of ammunition, "Intended for the destruction of the brave German soldiers who are fulfilling their duty with self-sacrafice and devotion to the Fatherland's service."

The German Government is kind enough to "withhold a final decision," pending the receipt of further answers from the American Government, and winds up by throwing the entire blame on the hated British Government.

Meantime Wilson meditates. Let us hope that it will be something short, sharp and bitter, when it comes.

LABOR SITUATION.

THE problem of the unemployed is still with us. Within the last few years it appears that over sixty-five per cent. of those who came to Canada remained in the cities, and have since in a great measure only served to swell the overcrowded ranks of the unemployed.

In this connection the Victoria Times remarks:

Fortunately, as far as Europe is concerned, immigration at present is at a standstill, but according to a recent despatch from Ottawa the immigration department is going to try to encourage an influx of American farmers. Until economic conditions generally in Canada are improved, the best thing the immigration authorities can do is to discontinue their activities. Canada does not want any more immigration until she absorbs the immigrants she has. For years a population of less than eight million people has been endeavoring to assimilate an annual immigration, one third of it speaking foreign languages, larger than that which flowed to the United States when that country had a population of thirty million, and even that big melting pot has been only moderately successful.

There are tens of thousands of farmers now in the Canadian cities, and until they can be induced to go on the land we do not want any more. But then people cannot be expected to embark in agricultural pursuits in the face of obstacles deliberately placed in their path. Restricting the markets, increasing the cost of farming implements by running up a protective tariff encouraging speculation in farm lands, are not successful features of any agricultural policy. One reactionary member of parliament not long ago offered the unique suggestion that the export of Canadian agricultural produce to any point outside the empire be prohibited during the war. Governments should assist people to go on the land not put barriers in their way.

That there may be something in the way of relief in sight is indicated by the fact that there is a demand for skilled labor in the Old Country that will have the effect of drawing some of the surplus from Cananda. It appears that 80,000 more men are needed to work in the production of war munitions, and there is no good reason why Canada should not be able to supply those men. This would relieve the situation to a great extent. Men who can operate lathes of all kinds, and assist in metal work, are to be found in numbers all over the coast, and some of these could not do better than to respond to the call from the Old Country. In this way they would be doing just as good work as if they were in the fighting line. In fact it has been shown that there is not enough of this spirit of service. The desire to get to the front has somewhat overshadowed the fact that the man at the front is handicapped by the lack of war munitions, and the man who can assist in the production of these is just as necessary to our final success as the man in trenches, or the man who assists in feeding the troops.

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.

Land prices as to acreage varies from $20 to $100 per acre for bush land and from $100 to $400 for land that has been cleared and brought under cultivation. Prices are governed by quality and location, and land can be had in any quantity.

It has been found that mixed farming pays best. On plots of from ten to twenty acres fruit growing, dairying, poultry raising, hogs and cattle will all pay well.

In Alberni will be found the usual advantages of a progressive Western Community that has faith, and the courage of its convictions. There are a number of good stores carrying a wide range of goods, schools, churches, the Alberni Advocate, newspaper, and a number of athletic and social clubs.

The climate is as fine as can be found on the Pacific Coast, taken the year round. The rainfall is less than that of the City of Vancouver, the frosts are light. There is seldom frost enough for skating or snow enough for sleighing, and when either of these comes it only lasts a few days. For the summer and autumn months there is nothing in the world to excel the Alberni weather.

Alberni is the outlet of one of the largest and most fertile valleys on Vancouver Island. In the District will be found a vast wealth of timber of the finest kind, coal, iron, copper, marble and other commercial stones, brick clays and other materials.

There are numerous attractive opportunities for the manufacturer and investor. The Editor of the Alberni Advocate, Alberni, B. C., will be glad to take these matters up with you. Write to him for particulars.

It will be a good thing if this fact becomes more in evidence, and a body of men secured who will take their places in the production line, thus leaving more room for those who are not able to fill either of these positions, but who can also do their "little bit" by keeping things going at home, and producing the full dinner pail for those who are with the colors.

Limited Catch.

There is a limit to the number of fish that can be legally caught in one day.

Fishermen will do well to note that special fisheries regulations promulgated by Dominion order-in-council and gazetted in February last, are now in force. They contain the following clause:

"No one shall take in one day by angling or trolling or by both means, more than 25 cutthroat, rainbow, or Dolly Varden trout, salmon trout or Rocky Mountain white fish, or of the different species named than in the aggregate will amount to more than twenty-five fish."

The penalty for the infringement of this order is a fine up to $1,000 or twelve months imprisonment, or both.

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The All Saints Church Guild will hold their Summer Sale of Work in Parish Hall on Wednesday, June 16th beginning at 3 p. m.

Afternoon tea, strawberries and ice cream will be served, also a light supper at 6 p. m. There will be fun in the children's corner as usual.

All are welcome.

Dr. Kerr Coming.

We have a note from Dr. Kerr stating that he is about to resume his regular visits to Alberni for the purpose of looking after his dental practice in the two towns.

Greene's Home-Bake Bread at The Alberni Trading Stores and Thomson's General Store.

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Until further notice any person desiring employment, and those who wish to hire help of any kind, will find the columns of the Alberni Advocate open to make known their wants to the public without charge.

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Mr. Cathcart has been a resident of Alberni for several years and is well known to the general public. He will no doubt make a capable and obliging official, as soon as he masters the routine of his new position.

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New Fish.

Just now the trout fishing at Central Lake is of the best, and some good baskets have been taken by the local fisherman. Last Sunday a new visitor to those waters was taken in the shape of a "Dolly Vardon," or char, trout. It is a well marked specimen and there is no doubt as to the variety. This special trout is not common in local waters, though found in great numbers further up the coast of the Island, and all along the Mainland.

Men who have been fishing in local waters for the past twenty years state that they have never taken a fish of this variety around Alberni.

Lumber Trade.

The appointment of a Canadian customs officer in the city of New York is one of the first steps toward bettering conditions for the export lumber trade of this province, and incidentally to bring about a much needed improvement in the other export industries.

Correspondence

The Advocate does not hold itself responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

The full name must be furnished for publication with all matter of a political nature.

ALBERNI CREAMERY

Editor Advocate,
Dear Sir:-

Your editorial of May 21 interested me so much that I am inclosing a little screed, hoping you will kindly publish the same.

No Creamery you say? Wrong. Sure we have a creamery, and machinery too, all bought and paid for, also a board of directors that has given such splendid satisfaction that they have been elected and re-elected with as little change as our own City Fathers.

No Sir, we are giving the machinery time to cool off while the boys are hunting the cows. But just as soon as they find the cows, and the farmers decide that a little money once a month would come in handy or that they prefer the cash to bartering farm produce for tea and tobacco, and the merchants decide that cash is preferable to truck and trade, and all make up our minds to pull together on the grade as well as on the level, then Sir, you will see buttermilk instead of soap suds flowing from the old stand, and feel some of the prosperity we felt the little while our plant was running.

The trouble was we started with too few cows, making our operating expenses high, discouraging the faint-hearted who quit with victory in sight as conditions were improving and our output increasing.

The last year we ran we shipped over $2,000 worth of butter, beside supplying the home demand. Then we got our little cheques every month and some fair sized ones too. I used to sign all cheques and I have signed a few with three figures and there were no large herds then. And now you say we are sending out about $700 every month for this one item. Think how just that little sum above would ease the present stringency, yet every pound of that butter could and should be produced right here. What are we going to do about it? Mope around and cry hard times or buckle to and improve matters. As you say there is enough good improved land loafing to support quite a number of cows, much which could no doubt be had for a low rent, possibly for the improvements increasing the value of the land, and enabling some family to make a decent living.

Yes, the whole idea is worth considering seriously and now, so as to be ready next spring if possible. But we must have not less than 100 cows or it would only mean another failure. I should like to know how many cows are available so as to see what the chances are for resurrecting what we all know was the best working partner the Alberni farmer ever had, and would be today a still greater success, as we should have a better home market, saving freight, haulage and commision charges, items that mean several cents a pound.

I shall feel glad to get in touch with any parties who may be interested in this, to my mind, important question. I am not writing as a director but thought your editorial too important to go unnoticed.

Yours very truly,
A. W. Heath.

Sad Accident.

The funeral took place this week of Winnifred May, two year old child of Mr. and Mrs. T. Plaunt, of Beaver Creek. It appears that a few days ago the little girl got possession of some matches, and swallowed the phosphorus from several of them. No special alarm was felt as the child appeared to recover from the slight sickness that followed. Several days later alarming symptoms developed, and the doctor was called, but the poison had struck too deep, and the child died.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. James Carruthers, on Monday of this week.

The sympathy of the entire community will go out to the sorrowing parents over this untimely death of their little child.

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