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FRENCH STEAMER SUNK WITH LOSS OF LIFE; GERMANS PREPARING FOR ANOTHER RAID ON ENGLISH COAST TOWNS

CITY ASSESSMENT FIXED AT \$107,000

What It Will Cost to run the Civic Machine During 1915--Increase Over Last Year is \$6,000--Two Thousand Dollars for Publicity--Provisions Made for Sinking Fund--Decrease in Appropriations for Public Works, Roads and Streets.

The City Council in committee last night fixed the amount of the annual assessment at \$107,000. The amount is \$6,000 greater than the assessment for 1914. The assessment for 1915 is made up as follows:

Maintenance of schools, \$31,000.
Other fixed charges, \$19,749.32.
Sinking funds, \$2,381.
Departmental estimates, \$53,889.68.
The chief items of increase are: \$2,381 to provide for sinking funds. \$650 for maintenance of the Municipal Home and the support of poor. \$500 for the maintenance of the Fire Department. \$2,290 for contingencies.

Decreases in departmental estimates are as follows:
Roads and streets, \$2,500.
Public works, \$2,500.

The increase in the assessment over that of last year was smaller than had been estimated in some quarters, but as economy is the watchword for the year in civic affairs, estimates were made as close as possible.

SINKING FUNDS ESTABLISHED.

The outstanding feature of the assessment of 1915 is the establishment of sinking funds to retire bonds which have been issued by the city at various times. Ald. Reid, chairman of the Finance Committee, is responsible for this very necessary provision and last night produced before the other members of the council full and detailed statements of the city's finances, pointing out the great need for sinking funds to retire various bonds issues on maturity. His proposals were accepted by the City Council and adopted.

Ald. Reid showed that there were now outstanding city bonds to the amount of \$486,733. For part of that amount sinking funds had already been provided but unless further provision was made the city would have to meet a debt of \$467,000 on the maturity of the bonds. The dates of maturity were at various times up to 1947.

NEEDED BY DEPARTMENTS.

During the course of the meeting it was pointed out that the Street Lighting Department would have to instal a new boiler at the lighting plant this year and that the Fire Department would have to purchase 500 feet of hose and possibly a new ladder-truck.

THE PUBLICITY GRANT.

The application of the Publicity Committee for a grant totalling \$2,000 caused considerable discussion several members of the City Council expressing the opinion that the city was getting no results from the money expended in grants. Ald. Walker, treasurer of the Publicity Committee, stated that some of its members had wished to ask for a grant of \$2,500 but it had been finally decided to ask for \$2,000--\$1,000 for this year and the balance of the grant of 1914, which had not been spent.

Mayor Mitchell asked if there was

any proof of advantage from the expenditure of \$3,750 for publicity work during the past two years.

Ald. Reid replied that there was no way in which the advantage could be proven. Advertising was a peculiar thing. However, the Publicity Department had the machinery and it was no good unless used. He would give \$2,000 or nothing.

Ald. Burnett said the returns from the publicity work had not been sufficient to pay for the ink used.

Ald. Walker said the heavy taxpayers of the city supported the publicity work strongly.

Mayor Mitchell said there was a strong opposition to this department throughout the city.

Ald. Everett favored keeping open the office but was against conducting extensive advertising under present conditions.

Mayor Mitchell said that when the first grant was made for publicity, A. R. Slipp, a member of the committee which made the application, said that if there were no results in two years the matter would be dropped.

Ald. Lemont wanted a grant of \$1,000--just enough to keep the publicity office open.

Ald. Reid, seconded by Ald. Everett, moved for a grant of \$2,000.

Ald. Baxter, in amendment, moved for a grant of \$1,000 but got no second.

The motion was carried.
The assessment for 1915 was passed as follows:

FIXED AMOUNTS.

Maintenance of public schools	\$31,000.00
Principal and interest for school debt debentures ..	780.00
Principal and interest for City Hall improvement debentures	477.44
Principal and interest for exhibition debt debentures	293.72
Principal and interest for Shoe Factory debentures...	578.16
Principal, Interest and Sinking Fund for Street Lighting debentures	800.00
Principal, Interest and Sinking Fund for Water and Water Improvement debentures	8,440.00
Principal, Interest and Sinking Fund for City Debt debentures	3,600.00
Principal, Interest and Sinking Fund for Permanent Street debentures	2,900.00
Principal and interest for Fire and Queens Square	1,880.00
	\$19,749.32

SINKING FUNDS.

Water and Water Improvement	\$1,191.00
Street Lighting	200.00
Permanent Streets	400.00
Queen's Square Purchase	90.00
	\$1,881.88

ESTIMATED AMOUNTS.

	1914	1915
Aid to Victoria Hospital	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Maintenance Public Health	1,200.00	1,200.00
Maintenance Municipal Home & Support of poor ..	3,500.00	4,250.00
Maintenance Street Lighting	10,000.00	10,000.00
Maintenance Fire Department	6,500.00	7,000.00
Maintenance Roads, Streets and Bridges	7,500.00	5,000.00
Maintenance Public Works generally	7,500.00	5,000.00
Maintenance Administration of Justice	6,000.00	6,000.00
Maintenance City Government and Contingencies ..	12,128.96	14,412.68
Total assessment for 1915		\$107,000.00

Rome, April 1--A despatch to the Giornale Ditalia from its Basele correspondent quotes one of the American peace commissioners, who was formerly in Berlin as having stated that peace will be declared within two months.

London, April 1--Despatches from Petrograd and Constantinople tell of Russian warships bombarding several Turkish towns east of the Bosphorus. Eleven Turkish sailing-ships were sunk and coaling facilities were destroyed.

WILL ABANDON TRIESTE

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Rome, April 1--Orders have been received by the Austrian Commander at Trieste from Vienna that Trieste be abandoned at the first approach of Italian troops to the border according to advices to the Giornale Ditalia from Trieste. The troops at the first alarm will withdraw to Adelsborg in the province of Carniola to make their stand there abandoning the port.

TROOPS FOR DARDANELLES

London, April 1--Virtually the first admission that large bodies of troops are being sent to conduct the land operations which it is believed will be necessary in co-operation with the naval assaults, finally to reduce the forts came yesterday in the announcement in Paris that all liners of the French Company not in actual service at present have been requisitioned by the government and ordered to Marseilles to serve as transports. A despatch from Rome two weeks ago stated that transport squadrons have been sighted. Supposedly carrying troops from French Mediterranean ports to Turkey. England's quota will be troops which have been training in Egypt, whose place as defenders of the Canal will be taken by fresh regiments of territorials from Australia and weN Zealand.

BRITISH CRUISER MAKES CAPTURE

Buenos Aires, Mar. 31--The British cruiser Bristol has captured and taken to the Falkland Island the Norwegian steamer Bengor, which sailed from Baltimore Feb. 4, and arrived at Montevideo March 3, for Buenos Aires. It is charged that the Bengor has violated her neutrality by carrying coal and provisions destined for the German auxiliary cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm.

GERMAN MACHINE GUNS

London, Mar. 31--The official "eye-witness," in a summary of minor events occurring on the British front last week, sounds a note of warning against placing importance on the capture of machine guns from the Germans, reports of which so often appear in the official statements.

"It must be remembered," that he says, "that to the Germans the loss of one or several machine guns does not represent what at the beginning of the operations it would have meant to us, with our then vastly inferior total and proportional number of these weapons."

GOVERNMENT STUMP SLEEPERS CRITICIZED IN THE HOUSE

Dr. Morehouse Says There is no Protection of Game in His District--Thinks Wardens Should be Changed Each Year.

In the Legislature on Wednesday Acting Speaker Melanson honored Mr. Finner of York, by asking him to preside in his absence.

The House went into committee, with Mr. Young as chairman, and resumed consideration of supply.

On the item of \$30,000 for fish, forest and game protection, Mr. Tilley said the amount was \$3,000 less than last year's expenditure. He did not wish to find any fault with the amount, but he wanted some information as to what the wardens were doing to earn their pay. What did the men retained year after year do to show a return for their salaries. Would it not produce better results to have a smaller number of men and pay them larger salaries. It had been urged with him that better results

would thus be obtained. In the public markets in St. John, Moncton and other towns in the province game birds were being sold as fowl, the wardens not making any apparent effort to put a stop to this traffic. He also felt the law should be brought to bear on the pot hunters--those who went out and killed birds and game for the financial returns they would receive thereby.

NO PROTECTION.

Dr. Morehouse said that in the district in which he resided there was absolutely no protection for the game. On the other hand, he knew of all kinds of violations taking place at all times of the year right in this district. There was one place within a

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