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## Japanese Troops Rushed to Siberia to Aid Admiral Kolchak

### Reinforcements at Irkutsk for Anti-Bolshevik Commander. Denikine Loses Four Thousand Square Miles Territory.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., January 6.—Heavy Japanese forces have been rushed across Siberia to Irkutsk to aid the forces of Admiral Kolchak there, according to a cable from Tokio to a Japanese newspaper at Honolulu. Recent dispatches indicated that several local social revolutionary insurrections had broken out in the Irkutsk district and that all was not as smooth as it might be between the All Russian government and the Czecho-Slovak armies, who are still in Siberia, employed in guarding the railway lines. Apparently the desposition of Admiral Kolchak as commander in chief in favor of General Semenov is not finding favor with the admiral himself, but neither the general nor the admiral are on good terms with General Syroev, commanding the Czecho-Slovak armies, which fought their way from southern Russia through the Bolshevik armies, on their way home to their own countries via Vladivostok.

The forces of Admiral Kolchak are pocketed between the advancing anti-Kolchak armies, and although asked to escort the admiral through the anti-government territory, the Czecho-Slovaks refused such assistance to Kolchak as Supreme Ruler of the Russian people, but would protect and escort him safely to Vladivostok, if he requested protection as a private citizen.

**Denikine Loses Ground.**

LONDON, January 6.—More than six thousand square miles of territory were lost recently by General Denikine's troops in their forced retreat before the army of the Ukrainian peoples in southwestern Russia, according to advices received at Ukrainian headquarters here.

## ONE MILLION POUNDS FISH IN DECEMBER

Despite Holiday Season and Wild Weather Returns Were Good Last Month.

ANNUAL RETURNS ARE NOT YET MADE PUBLIC

The following fish returns issued by the local office of the Dominion Fisheries show an increase for the month of December over last year and also over November this year:—

Canadian Bottoms.	
Black Cod	3,500 lbs.
Gray Cod	1,000 "
Ling Cod	500 "
Red Cod	800 "
Halibut	172,700 "
Total	178,500
American Bottoms.	
Black Cod	2,034 lbs.
Halibut	962,619 "
Total	964,653 "

Total fish landed 1,143,153 lbs. The annual returns are not issued from the local office but will be forthcoming from the Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa in the near future.

## HURRICANE WRECKS PASSENGER TRAIN

MADRID, Jan. 6.—A passenger train was overturned by a hurricane at Valencia, causing serious injury to many of the passengers.

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Ladysmith Coal. The best. Prince Rupert Coal Company. Phone 15.

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Tonight Only  
**CONSTANCE TALMAGE**  
in "A LADY'S NAME"  
Two Reel Keystone Comedy  
"WRONGED BY MISTAKE"  
British Government Gazette.

## AMENDMENTS TO BUILDING BY-LAWS

Were Passed by City Fathers Last Night—Ratified Next Monday.

At last night's council meeting several amendments to the city building bylaws were put through their various readings and passed. It was decided to rush them through as next Monday night will see the last meeting of the present council and it is the desire of the board that no unfinished business should unnecessarily be left over. On Monday night the amendments will come up for final ratification.

The new amendments will govern the building of garages, hot air furnace installation and fences. In future the height of fences shall not be over four feet above the surface of the lot.

## ACCIDENTAL DEATH WAS JURY VERDICT

William Selig Struck by Engine 63 While Crossing Railroad Track.

The inquest into the death of William Selig was held in the Court House last night and after about two hours sitting, the coroner's jury brought in a verdict of accidental death.

The witnesses examined were Dr. L. W. Kergin, attending physician; Frank V. Foster, engineer of Engine 63 that ran down deceased; Lazzeuth, fireman; R. Parks, switchman; A. T. O'Neill, conductor; Police Sergeant Adams, who was called to the scene of the accident; Chief of Police Vickers, an old friend of deceased, who testified to his deafness, and J. Day Bell, who was one of the last to see deceased before the accident occurred.

Coroner McMullin presided and the following comprised the jury panel:—

George J. Frizzell (foreman), W. W. Wright, Frank Clapp, Oliver Besner, J. Bulkley and W. B. Harper.

## LABOR CRISIS IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Jan. 6.—There is every indication in England that a new labor crisis is developing. Numerous meetings are being held throughout the country.

## WILLIAM SLOAN STATES FAITH IN NEW MINES

Says That Prince Rupert Will Become Important Center for Whole District.

MINISTER OF MINES SHOWN ALICE ARM ORE

(Special by G. T. P. Telegraphs.)  
VICTORIA, Jan. 6.—Interviewed by a representative of the Daily News shortly after having received some samples of the rich Dolly Varden silver ore, Hon. Wm. Sloan, minister of mines, stated that Prince Rupert was bound to become a rich mining centre as a result of the development of the many rich properties in its vicinity at Alice Arm, Stewart, Hazelton and other points.

The minister is most enthusiastic about the many phenomenal mining developments in the north during the past year and has unbounded confidence that the next few years will see great activity and stir in the north as a result of the many rich discoveries and the findings of subsequent exploration work.

## BOLSHEVIKS ATTACKED BY LETTS & POLES

Intend Freeing East Lettland From Grip of Red Army Operations Show Success.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)  
COPENHAGEN, Jan. 6.—According to the Lettish press bureau, the Letts are attacking in the direction of Dvinsk, and their forces are supported by the right wing of the Polish Army. This attack on the Bolsheviks aims to liberate East Lettland from the Bolsheviks, who are terrorising the district.

The initial operations have been successful and further movements against the common enemy are developing favorably.

## SNOWFALL UP RIVER DURING LAST NIGHT

Reports received in town from up-river points speak of a heavy fall of snow yesterday afternoon and evening. This morning the snow plough went out to break the way for No. 2 train which is due in tonight from the east. The train is reported to be on time and should pull into the depot at 7 o'clock as usual. There have been one or two little slides at various places up the line but nothing to cause any obstruction to the regular traffic.

## FORTY MEN WALKED OUT AT DRYDOCK

At eleven o'clock this morning a section of the men employed at the local drydock quit work. They are the dock men who are engaged in preparing the pontoons for lifting vessels and generally keeping them in order.

They were being paid 55c per hour and asked for 65c.

Launch "Alice B." Phone 41.  
Ask for Atkins' Sausages. tf

## SOLICITOR REPORTS ON EMERSON CONTRACT

Says That Cancellation at This Late Date Would be Inadvisable.

The Emerson power contract received another airing at last night's council meeting when the report of the city solicitor on the question was received. The solicitor said that if the Prince Rupert Spruce Mills were carrying on the work for Emerson on a percentage basis then there was no breach of the contract, but, on the other hand, if the contract had been assigned to the Spruce Mills there was a breach.

The solicitor did not advise cancellation of the contract now. That should have been done last May when the mayor had written to the Spruce Mills Co. on the matter. The matter could easily have been fixed then but it has gone so far now that the company would probably have a comeback if cancellation were attempted.

The report was referred to the Utilities Committee on motion of Alderman Perry, seconded by Alderman McMeekin.

## CITY'S BORROWING POWER QUESTION

Council Will Seek Advice From Provincial Authorities on the Matter.

The report from the special committee regarding the proposed amendment to the Municipal and Local Improvement Act was brought in at last night's council meeting and it, together with the city solicitor's and the city engineer's report, is now referred to the provincial authorities for further advice on the matter.

The main point which it is desired to eliminate is the limitation of the city's borrowing capacity to 20 per cent of the assessment in connection with local improvements. It was the desire of the council that there should be an extension of this by an act of the legislature if the point could not be overcome otherwise. This limitation is holding up improvements in the city at the present time.

## OFFICIAL LIST OF VOTERS OUT

Shows an Increase of 230 Over Last Year—Many New Household.

The 1920 voters' list appeared at last night's council meeting. It is in complete book form, having been passed on by the Court of Revision and signed by the acting mayor and city clerk. On this list will be found the names of all those entitled to vote at the forthcoming municipal elections coming on January 15.

The last number on the list is 2,330, which shows an increase of 230 over last year's list. It had been estimated that the list might reach a higher figure, but registrations were rather slow during the month of November.

The names of a number of new householders appear.

## SOLDIERS GET GRANTS

On the recommendation of the Soldiers' Housing Committee, \$2,000 grants are to be made to Hugh McMillan, John Munroe, G. Doughty, R. A. Rice and W. J. Lynham, who enlisted here, and William Brass and W. J. Sloan who enlisted in Punichy, Sask., and Winnipeg respectively.

All these men are returned soldiers and are married, some with families.

## NOTICE

Installation of officers I. O. O. F. will take place on Tuesday evening, January 6, in the K. of P. Hall. All members and visiting brethren are requested to attend.

H. M. HALE, N. G.  
J. E. HILLIARD, R. S.

## Chicago Company Will Test Taylor Hold on Big Mine

### Notice of Latest Action in Dolly Varden Affairs has Been Sent to Premier Oliver.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)  
VICTORIA, January 6.—Another turn in the famous Dolly Varden Mine case developed today when Premier Oliver received a notice from the original owners, the Dolly Varden Mining Co. of Chicago, that the legislation handing the rich property over to the Taylor Engineering Co. was to be tested.

At the legislative decision given last spring, the Dolly Varden Company accepted the ruling with little protest. It was generally believed then that the company was in none too good financial shape. Previously the Dolly Varden people were supposed to have unlimited capital behind them and at first their letting the mine go for the few hundred thousand dollars that would have covered the Taylor claim for contract work was most surprising in mining circles. The protest comes now as no great surprise, especially on the mine having proved rich beyond all expectations during the last year, when the actual work of taking out ore commenced.

**Checked History.**

The history of the Dolly Varden Company has been both long, varied and troubled. The mine was discovered ten years ago under most romantic conditions by a party of five, among whom were Ole Evindsen, who conducts the Alice Arm Hotel now, and the late Ernest Carlson and Charles Swanson.

It was later bonded to R. B. McGinnis, representing the Dolly Varden Mining Co., of Chicago, and subsequently bought for the sum of \$50,000. The work of taking out ore commenced on a small scale and the first contract for the construction of a railroad was let to Sol Cameron, of Victoria.

In 1916 R. B. McGinnis attempted to go on with the railroad construction himself, but soon found that this could not be successfully carried out as he was almost immediately confronted with a strike and desperate things were threatened.

**Taylor Engineering Co.**

In 1917 the work was given on a force account basis to the Taylor Engineering Company, of Vancouver. Under their management the railroad began to take on its first semblance of real construction and about 8 miles was completed. This suffered somewhat from floods during the winter, but in the spring the work was again resumed by the same company.

From the beginning of 1918 misfortune seemed to look on the operations. The Taylor Company failed to come to satisfactory financial arrangements with the Dolly Varden Company but finally agreed to carry on the work with their own capital as it seemed the Dolly Varden people were having trouble in getting capital across the line.

The outcome was that the Taylor Engineering Company went to the limit of their resources and capital and early in October with nearly all of the 18 miles complete, their funds at the bank ran out and payment on wage checks was refused bringing matters to a crisis. Before a week had elapsed the company was in liquidation and then came a long wait for the creditors.

The matter was taken up at the last session of the legislature and a special committee appointed by the Government to bring in a finding. The decision was to give the Dolly Varden Mining Company a certain time to meet the claims and reimburse the Taylor Engineering Company. Failing this the mine and property went to the Taylor Engineering Company providing wage claims and certain percentage of the

## ROUGH WEATHER KEEPS BOATS IN

Fish Arrivals Practically Nil at Both Seattle and Rupert for Last Ten Days.

Comparatively speaking, there has been no halibut arriving from the fishing banks during the last ten days. One or two small catches have been landed, which have amounted to hundreds, instead of thousands of pounds. The scarcity of fish in Prince Rupert has given rise to rumors that the fishing boats have been going to Seattle, where comparatively, on account of the present exchange situation, a higher price per pound would be realized. That this is not the case is shown that in the last ten days 1,200 pounds of halibut have arrived in Seattle. In a similar period last month over two million pounds arrived. Fishermen say that the Seattle price would require to be at least 3c per lb. higher to pay them to go there and spend six days on the voyage there and back. At the present moment, with no fish offering, the price in Prince Rupert for halibut is higher than the Seattle price, even with the adverse exchange.

Weather conditions have been against successful fishing for some time past, and the boats now north will be taking shelter in Yakutat harbor, waiting for a chance to slip out to the banks. There are ten or twelve of the big boats north now and when the blow is over, they will all be arriving in close order, with whatever catches they have secured.

## RATIFICATION OF TREATY SOON

Agreement Reached with Germans About Reparation for Sinking Their Fleet at Scapa Flow.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)  
PARIS, Jan. 6.—The Supreme Council has tentatively set January 10 for the ratification of the Treaty of Versailles. The Council's basis for a settlement on the Scapa Flow sinking was handed to the German delegation yesterday and it was announced that an agreement had been reached with them. Baron von Lersner, the chief of the German delegates, has been confined to his room indisposed for the last day or two, but this has not prevented the continuance of the arrangements for ratifying the treaty.

common credit be met. A new company named the Taylor Mining Company was formed and on the Dolly Varden defaulting, they took the property over and the wage claims were finally paid in June and operations commenced.