

## THE RUSSIAN BLACK SEA FLEET SUCCESSFUL

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Russian Black Sea Fleet Sinks Nine Turkish Ships and Smashes Land Forte—Huns to Attack Kiev.

(Special to The Daily News.)  
London, Feb. 15.—Petrograd reports successes by the Russian Black Sea fleet. It has razed four Turkish batteries and has sunk nine Turkish ships which were carrying supplies for the enemy. The Russians have captured the outer fort of Erzerum with guns, prisoners and supplies.

**Offensive Against Kiev.**  
There is positive information from the eastern front that the Germans are preparing for an offensive against Kiev.

**Italians Busy.**  
The Italian army is engaged in its first battle in the Balkans today.

The Italians are also engaging the Austrians on the heights of Durazzo and Tirano.

**Germans on Defensive.**  
Baron Von Busch, the Rumanian minister, states that the Germans will not attack Saloniki, but will remain on the defensive.

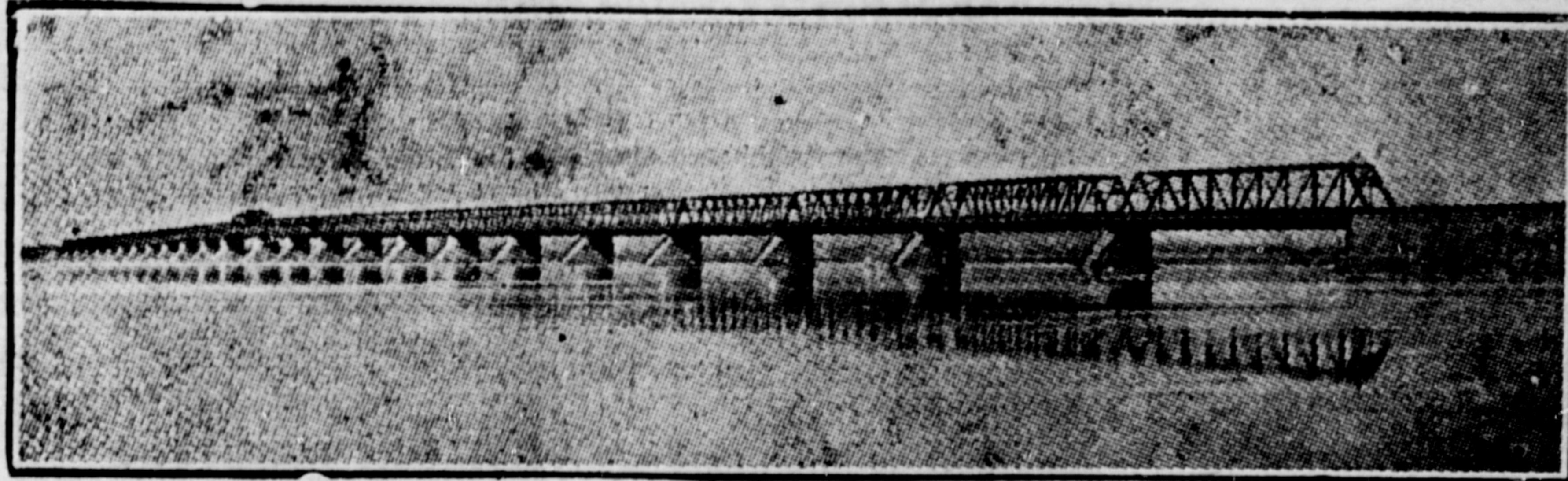
#### THIRD GERMAN OFFENSIVE IN UPPER ALSACE

Artillery Battle Progresses for Two Days—Paris States Actions are Purely local and Costly.

(Special to The Daily News.)  
London, Feb. 15.—With offensives under way in the Champagne and Artois districts, the Germans have now commenced their third aggressive movement in Upper Alsace. An artillery battle has been in progress in this region for the past two days.

**Only Local Actions.**  
Paris, Feb. 15.—Official statements of frequent German attacks, while intended to give the impression of great German activity on the western front, are in reality only local actions without any consequence or value and involve a useless sacrifice of life.

The French could easily undertake similar operations but their policy is to avoid useless sacrifice of men.



VICTORIA BRIDGE THREATENED WITH DESTRUCTION

Picture shows the famous Victoria Bridge which spans the St. Lawrence at Montreal, on which it is believed an attempt was made to wreck the structure. After several shots were fired at the suspect, he finally made his escape.

#### PUBLICATION OF MINING REPORT IS DISCUSSED

Ald. Casey, representing a committee of Ald. McClymont and himself, reported that he had gone carefully into a report of the mineral resources of northern B. C. drawn up by Mr. A. C. Garde and recommended that the council have the report published and that a grant of \$400 be made for that purpose.

He said that the report was minute and exhaustive and would prove to be of great use to the city in placing the mineral resources of this district before the world. Though originally drawn up with the object of having a copper refinery placed at Prince Rupert, he felt that the publication of the report would do much to advertise this district.

Ald. McClymont said he had read the report carefully and he was satisfied that it was a valuable and interesting document. He had not had a meeting with Ald. Casey, but had remarked to him on the street that the publication of the report would do little towards bringing the refinery here. He thought it would be wiser to spend money to bring the matter before the politicians. He advised the other members of the council to read the report as it was well worth study.

The mayor said that the publication of the report might do much in the way of stirring up public opinion towards the securing of the refinery for Prince Rupert.

Ald. Montgomery thought that the ideas brought forward by both Ald. Casey and Ald. McClymont had merit. He thought that the politicians should be approached first and the report published afterwards.

Ald. Casey said that the chief object in printing the report was to bring it before development companies. These companies in considering a proposition wanted an engineer's report.

Ald. Dybhavn said he believed the report was a good one and that \$400 would be well spent in bringing it before the public.

Ald. Montgomery, seconded by Ald. McClymont, moved that the matter be referred to the finance committee.

D. C. McRae said that he understood that the report really belonged to the board of trade. He suggested that if the council thought of a publicity scheme, some definite policy should be adopted.

Ald. Casey remarked that the mayor, in future, had better not

#### MAYOR WILSON WILL OPPOSE LORNE CAMPBELL

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Vancouver, Feb. 15.—Mayor Wilson has received the Liberal nomination in Rossland and will oppose the Hon. Lorne Campbell in the by-election on Feb. 25th. No date has yet been fixed for the election in Victoria. The prohibition executive refuses to accept the recommendations of the sub-committees and decides to take no active part in the by-elections.

#### AN EDMONTON MAN SUICIDES IN VANCOUVER

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Vancouver, Feb. 15.—Herbert C. T. Kemp, aged 53, of Edmonton, committed suicide this morning by leaping from an upper window of the Castle Hotel in Vancouver. He was suffering from religious mania. Deceased was accountant with an Edmonton insurance firm and was a Sunday school superintendent.

#### NEWS OF RUPERT BOYS IN ENGLAND

Senior Platoon Sergeant John Clapperton writes to his father, Mr. A. Clapperton, stating that he has been transferred from platoon 4 to No. 4 as musketry instructor at Shorncliffe.

Sergt. Clapperton was delighted to find that his new company included many Prince Rupert boys, including "Scotty" Dennis, George Abbott, Robert Davie, Tom Silver-sides, R. Robertson, "Jimmie" Brown and "Billie" Kerr. The boys are all anxious to get over to France.

"Sam" Massey, "Bob" Wiggins and Fred. Macleod are still in the trenches and were lucky enough to meet together on Christmas Day. Neither of these boys has had a scratch yet. The sergeant says Folkstone has Prince Rupert beaten for rain.

#### SIMPLY EXPLAINED

When the warrant book for the month was passed last night, Ald. Dybhavn asked about an item of \$8,000.

Ald. Nelson explained that this was for three months' interest.

Ald. Casey said that, with a finance committee of six, it was strange that only one man knew anything as to what was being done.

The mayor reminded Ald. Casey that only one man could speak at once.

For the benefit of Ald. Casey, Ald. Dybhavn explained that the reason he asked the question was that he had been unable to attend the meeting of the finance committee that morning.

consider him with regard to special reports.

Ald. Montgomery said that his object in making the motion was because the committee of two was divided and he felt that the council was justified in referring the matter to the committee.

#### PRIVATE BILL

The finance committee recommended to the council last night that City Solicitor Peters proceed to Victoria in regard to the passing of the private bill covering the serial bond issue, and that Mr. Peters call in outside counsel if necessary.

The mayor explained that there was a difference of opinion between the solicitor and the provincial government with regard to the bill. He also stated that the cost of extra counsel would be submitted to the council before action was taken. On the motion of Ald. McClymont, seconded by Ald. Dybhavn, the report was adopted.

It was also decided that the voting in connection with the by-law be not proceeded with, pending a report from the city solicitor and that a notice to this effect be published in The Daily News.

#### ABSENT ALDERMEN

Ald. McClymont, during the discussion of the bylaw covering the indemnity for mayor and aldermen at the council last night, raised the question of the drawing of salary by an alderman while absent from the city. He moved an amendment that in such an event, the member be not paid during his absence. In the event of sickness he felt that a man should draw his pay.

Ald. Casey said he expected to go on night duty pretty soon, and, though he might be able to attend committee meetings, he might miss several council meetings.

Ald. McClymont said his reason for raising the point was that there had been a good deal of discussion over the matter in the past.

Ald. Montgomery said that the act covered the matter and he thought the public would voice its opinion when it got an opportunity. Ald. McClymont withdrew his amendment.

#### CONSPIRACY OF DEATH BY GANG OF ANARCHISTS

Chicago Anarchists have Scheme of Wholesale Destruction—Death List Includes Forty Bankers.

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Chicago, Feb. 15.—Jean Cronos, a cook, who attempted to poison two hundred guests at a banquet at the University Club last week, has been arrested.

After partaking of soup, the guests at the banquet were taken sick and doctors who were present diagnosed the sickness as ptomaine poisoning. A bishop and a judge who refused the soup, escaped the sickness. Mustard and water was administered to the poisoned guests and the prompt action of the doctors enabled them to proceed with the dinner.

An investigation reveals the fact that the poisoning was part of an anarchist conspiracy of death. Fifteen Chicago anarchists had planned to destroy the Holy Name Cathedral; the Federal Building; the People's Gas Company building and the Union League Club. The death list of the gang included the names of forty leading bankers in the United States.

#### "THE VENGEANCE OF RANNAH" AT THE MAJESTIC

"The Vengeance of Rannah," at the Majestic Theatre, is a stirring tale of Indian life, which is recounted by a retired major to a young captain. It is a tale of the robbing of an idol of a quantity of priceless jewels and the terrible fate which is met by the thief. The staging and acting are splendid.

"Broncho Billy's Protege" is a particularly pleasing drama of the west, featuring G. M. Anderson the star of cowboy movie artists. "Bud and Ham" are in their element amongst the Redskins, and provide the usual fun. This couple simply cannot help being funny. Sidney Drew as a supposedly confirmed invalid is comical in the refined Drew fashion. "A Trick of Fate" is an interesting drama, while "Snap Shots" is a bright reel of laughter.

#### FOR SALE

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#### JACK ENSCH LEAVES PROPERTY TO THE CITY

A letter from J. H. McMullin was read at the council meeting last night, stating that J. P. Ensche, who was killed at the front on November 16th, had left a will with Mr. G. R. Naden by which, in the event of his death, he bequeathed his city property to the city to be used as playgrounds or public parks. He also left a second will, which was not witnessed, bequeathing ten lots in South Bellingham, Wash., to Mr. G. R. Naden.

The city solicitor reported that the council had power to accept the property. With regard to the property in South Bellingham, which had been willed without a witness, he thought the council could do nothing. It was abundantly clear that the testator meant Mr. Naden to have this property. On the motion of Ald. Casey, seconded by Ald. Montgomery, the report was adopted.

#### FIRE PROTECTION

On the recommendation of the finance committee and the board of works, the council last night decided to lay an 8-inch iron main and a 5-inch wooden water pipe to connect with hydrants at 5th and Agnew; 5th and Emerson, and 4th and Emerson. The material is on hand and the estimated cost of labor is \$978.70. The report was adopted.

#### THE WEATHER

By F. W. Dowling.  
For 24 hours ending 5 a. m. February 15th.  
Barometer ..... 29.795  
Highest temperature ..... 51.0  
Lowest temperature ..... 40.0  
Rainfall ..... .96

#### In the Letter Box

Prince Rupert, Feb. 15, 1916.  
To the Editor, Daily News,

Dear Sir:—Referring to recent articles published in the Evening Empire concerning myself and the city market, I wish it to be distinctly understood by the public that it has not been at my instigation or wish that same have been published, and can safely say that no one has heard me criticize the action of the present council in the matter.

If the articles are published with the intention of helping me, on behalf of myself, wife or family, I thank the Empire, but instead of attaining any such object it is only tearing open a wound which, although it will never heal, is gradually becoming less painful. Yours truly,  
(Signed) F. B. HOLLAND.

#### "DIAMOND" NIGHT AT WESTHOLME THEATRE

"The Diamond from the Sky" continues its adventurous career at the Westholme, and Esther, the Stanleys, Marmaduke and the others still hold the interest of large audiences. The droll Marmaduke has now obtained a box for his deer's head and is just as funny as possible. There is still the old thrill in the story.

"Bianca Forgets" is a two-act drama of a young lady who plays a trick on her lover and suffers accordingly. It all works out happily in the long run, however. One of the chief features in a good show is the Gaumont Graphic which shows views of Lord Kitchener reviewing soldiers; General Joffre; Hon. A. J. Balfour and other notables. "Love and Business" is a most amusing comedy, while "The Artist's Wife" is a pleasing little drama.