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FIERCE FIGHTS AT POELCAPELLE BREWERY

KAISER WANTS A KING OVER ALSACE-LORRAINE -- HUNS DRIVEN OFF DAGOE IS.

ENEMY ADVANCE CAUSES EXODUS EX PETROGRAD

German Forces on Dagoe Island Had to Withdraw—On Oesel Island Russian Position is Precarious.

Petrograd, October 16.—The exodus from Petrograd which has been in progress since the fall of Riga has been accelerated by the Germans landing on Oesel and Dagoe Islands. It has been announced here that the German troops which landed on Dagoe Island, which is equidistant from the gulfs of Riga and Finland, could not maintain themselves in face of the opposition put up by the Russian troops and shore batteries. They were compelled to withdraw. Fighting continues on Oesel Island. The German forces which landed at the latter place are pushing forward east and south, and have placed in a difficult position the Russian troops and batteries in the district of Arensburg at the southern end of the island, and especially those in the southern peninsula. Military critics here predict that these actions in the Gulf of Riga will be followed by the development of the invasion of the mainland on the coast of Estonia, rather than an attempt towards the Gulf of Finland, which is protected by mine fields. These the Germans would have to sweep under the menace of the Russian fleet. The Germans will thus threaten Petrograd direct by land and escape forcing Kronstadt.

Naval Fight.
Stockholm, Oct. 16.—Steamers arriving here today report hearing the sound of violent cannonading in the Baltic, presumably a naval engagement between the Russian and the German fleets.

Berlin Report.
Berlin, Oct. 16.—Rapid progress has been made by the German troops which landed on the Russian island of Oesel, German warships silenced the Russian batteries. The Sverd peninsula has been cut off from the northern part of the island.

Trip Abandoned.
Rome, October 16.—The Emperor Karl of Austria has abandoned his plan to visit Sofia, owing to the serious internal situation there arising out of the food shortage.

The Swedish Cabinet.
Stockholm, Oct. 16.—M. Widen, who was charged by King Gustav with the formation of a coalition government, has been unable to accomplish his task.

The appeal is urgent. The cause worthy. The object money. Get ready to give on October 20th.

For New Wellington Coal and Lumber of all dimensions, phone 116.

NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

The regular meeting of the city council was held last evening, Ald. McClymont being acting mayor in the absence of Mayor McCaffery in the south.

The first matter brought up was a letter from Mr. Nicol Thompson, Fuel Controller in B. C., to the council stating what he had arranged during his recent visit to Prince Rupert. The council knew it already, of course, and the letter was filed.

Electric Power.
A recommendation was read from the utilities committee regarding the construction of a new transmission line from Shawatians to carry the extra load required by the Emerson sawmill at Seal Cove. The total cost of this improvement was estimated at \$14,255, including both material and labor.

This was the subject of quite a discussion. Ald. Montgomery objected to such a sum being expended, as the late superintendent had led the committee to understand that little or no extra expense would be necessary in order to carry this extra load. He wanted the matter put up to Mr. Anderson, the city's consulting engineer, seeing that the opinions of the present and the late superintendents of utilities did not agree. The discussion was electrical and "transformers" and "voltage" were mentioned glibly. No one, however, seemed anxious to spend so much money unless absolutely necessary either on a new line or new transformers, so it was decided to get Mr. Anderson's opinion.

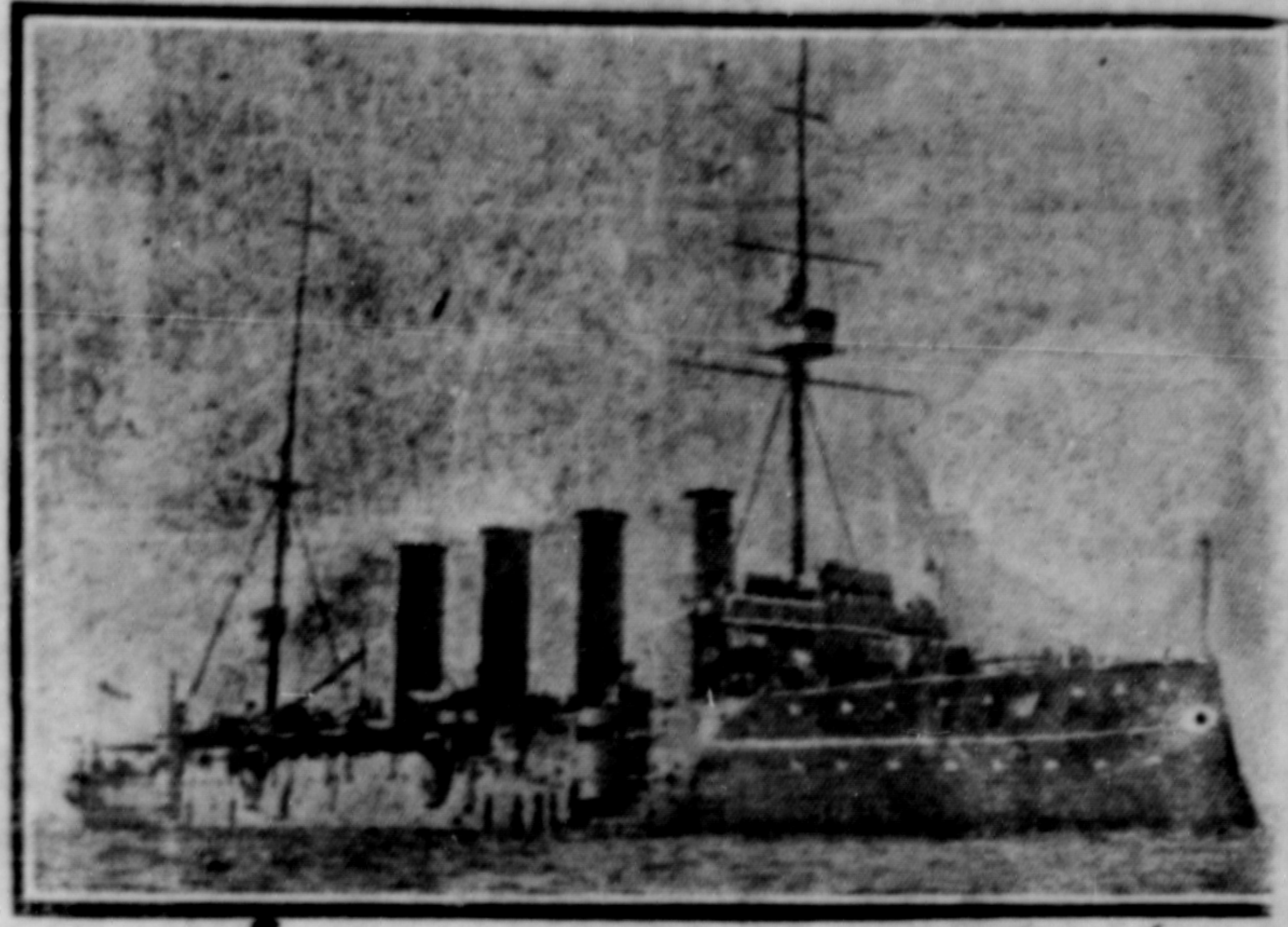
Street Lamps.
The purchase of 5.5 ampere arc lamps for street lighting in circuit No. 2 to replace the 7.5 ampere lamps now in use was also recommended by the utilities committee. This was to safeguard the transformers which would not heat up so during the long winter nights with the smaller lamps and the recommendation was adopted.

The City's Tools.
A recommendation was also brought in from the utilities committee regarding the hire of the tools and appliances belonging to the city to outside persons, and a scale fixing the rates for such hire was submitted. That no tools or materials belonging to the city be sold without the order of the council was also recommended. This latter raised some indignation among certain members of the council. This apparently was a rule of old standing, which evidently had been honored in the breach. It was decided that the heads of the departments report as to what material and tools, if any, had been sold, to whom and for what amount, and by whose authority, during this year.

Then a recommendation was adopted that the city purchase five drums of gasoline as protection against a probable shortage.

The Garage.
The board of works reported upon an application from Messrs. Lynch Bros. for a garage on Lot 4, Block 33, Section 1. The board had reports from the city engineer, the fire chief, also protests from Messrs. M. M. Stephens and J. Lorne McLaren, and they decided unfavorably on the application. It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted. In taking the minutes, the city clerk asked innocently, "You seconded that, Alderman McMeekin?" "I never did," retorted Ald. McMeekin. "I should say not. Its next the fire hall, too. Huh."

A recommendation was received from the board of works having regard to the possible shortage of coal. It was thought that tenders



H. M. S. "DRAKE" SUNK BY SUBMARINES

The cruiser, a sister ship of the Good Hope, sunk off Chile in 1914, was torpedoed off the north coast of Ireland. She has often visited Canadian and United States ports.

GERMAN MUTINY AND SUBMARINE WARFARE

New York, Oct. 15.—Arthur Pollen, the famous British writer on naval affairs, says:

"Two significant facts about the mutiny in the German fleet are, first, that the mutiny was in the fleet and not in the army, and next that it took place six weeks ago. It was something less than six weeks ago that there occurred a turn in the tide of the German submarine warfare. One is immediately faced with the question, what is the connection, if any, between the mutiny and the decline in the submarine successes?"

"To answer this question we have to go back to the spring of 1915. When the submarine war against trading ships first was proclaimed, the undersea service in the German navy was made extremely popular, first, by the promise of success and the prospect of honors and decorations to those who distinguished themselves; second, by a very high rate of pay offered to those who volunteered for the service; third, by the promise of prize money for every ship sunk.

"From February, 1915, to Sept. of the same year there was no lack of volunteers, but in August and September the measures taken by the British Admiralty began to be effective and the losses in German submarines were very formidable. Just how many submarines were sunk has never been published, but it was a very high percentage, probably 50 per cent. of those at the disposal of the German authorities in that period and the fact of these losses could not be concealed from the German personnel. The result was that volunteering fell off and it became necessary to draft men from the High Sea Fleet at Kiel into the submarine service."

GERMAN RAILWAYS NOW SHORT OF COAL

London, Oct. 15.—The German state railways are faced with a great shortage of fuel and drastic limitation of traffic has begun, according to reports reaching here. The railways propose to levy heavy excess fares on express trains, so as to discourage all except unavoidable journeys.

HALIBUT REACHES THE HIGHEST PRICE YET

Today the Guildford brought in 10,000 lbs. halibut; Ed, 3,000 lbs.; Alliance, 4,000; Corona, 7,000; Adeline, 5,000; Hegert, 8,000; and Saturn, 6,000 lbs. The price realized was 18 1/2 cents per lb., which is the highest price ever paid in Prince Rupert. The Chief Zibassa also arrived for the Cold Storage Company.

The favorite household coal is Ladysmith Wellington. Phone 15, Prince Rupert Coal Co.

GERMAN PLOTS LAID IN CELESTIAL EMPIRE

San Francisco, Oct. 15.—Documents of importance bearing on German plots to influence China's sympathies towards the Teutonic empires in the world's war are on their way to Washington, federal officials admitted today. They were taken from the Dutch steamer Oranje, which arrived yesterday, bringing a party of Austrian and German officials, who left China when that country joined the Allies.

It is said particular importance attached to papers found in the possession of Anton Arnold, former German financial adviser to the Chinese Government.

New York, Oct. 15.—Indictments charging conspiracy to place incendiary bombs aboard ships carrying munitions of war from this port to the Entente Allies in 1915, have been returned by a federal grand jury here against Eugene Reisler, Joseph Zeffert, Walter Uhde and Bonford Boniface. Three of the men were taken into custody Wednesday by the police "bomb squad" and the fourth yesterday. In default of bail they were sent to jail.

Others involved in the conspiracy and previously indicted included Franz von Rintelen, a captain in the German navy; Dr. Walter T. Scheele, alleged to have operated a "bomb factory" in Hoboken; Capt. Otto Welpert and Karl Schimmel.

Evidence that Schimmel had knowledge of the placing of bombs aboard the Lusitania prior to her last voyage is being investigated. The indictments returned today charged that Schimmel carried through the streets of New York three packages containing bombs intended to be placed aboard ships.

UNFOUNDED RUMOR RE PRINCE RUPERT OLD TIMER

Definite news received regarding the whereabouts and condition of two well known railway men of this province, now serving with the colors in France, refutes the rumor circulated throughout the northern part of the province that one of them had died of wounds in France. This was the rumor circulated regarding Dan Dempsey, star tracklayer of the G. T. P., and regarded as one of the best all-round railwaymen in the west. Word has just been received that Dempsey was in hospital, but he is again on duty, and is now holding the rank of captain. He is serving in the Railway Battalion. Another well-known officer of the Railway Battalion, Major Angus Stewart, is recovering from the effects of an operation which took place recently in England.

Delivery boy wanted—McRae Bros. 241.



BRITAIN'S GENERAL

Sir Douglas Haig, who has gained the greatest British victory of the war, and has not suffered a single reverse since he assumed command, with the solitary exception of the minor loss near Neuport early in the summer. Sir Douglas is a Scotsman.

CANADIAN MINISTER TO BE AT WASHINGTON

(Special to The Daily News.)
Ottawa, Oct. 16.—Canada will henceforth be represented at Washington, and the Canadian diplomatic business will be handled directly by the Dominion in future. At Washington the Canadian commissioner will be associated with the British Ambassador, but will have the initiative. The Hon. J. D. Hazen will remain Minister of Naval Service, Marine and Fisheries.

The New Government.
The new Union Government is in favor of a whirlwind campaign, and wishes the election to be over by the time of the Christmas vacation. Their first move will be to form a War Cabinet. The new party is likely to be known as Unionists.

IN THE LETTER BOX

Prince Rupert, Oct. 16, 1917.
Editor, Daily News.

Dear Sir:—In your issue of Friday last, you have an article on the high cost of eating, in which you mention my name as the owner of a certain goose. I should like to point out that you were in error, as the noble bird of which I was the proud possessor was not a goose, but a gander.

Now I am not "grousing" over spoilt goose, or rather gander, but I should like to warn those of your readers who would go hunting, to first study the game laws and the law game, as the "game" comes high at \$5 the study. As I remarked before, I am not "grousing," the "game" was good while it lasted, and judging by the last I saw (and smelled) of it, it was likely to last a long time, as it was going "strong."

Yours, etc.,
GEO. HILL.

ANNOUNCEMENT—for the famous La Camille Corset, phone for appointment. Mrs. Demers, Stephens Block, phone Red 548.

THE BREWERY AT POELCAPELLE IS LOST AND WON

Fair Weather Again Permits the Resumption of Attack on Plain of Mud—Take Many Prisoners.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Oct. 16.—The weather has cleared up again today, renewing the opportunities for greater aerial activity. Nevertheless, the battlefield is one vast weltering panorama of mud, with a few islets of firmer ground, and covered with countless green shell holes filled with water. Any soldier falling into these holes has little chance to get out unassisted. Desultory fighting is being continued today under horrible conditions.

The Brewery.
The brewery in Poelcapelle is still the centre of the fiercest fighting. British and German troops have repeatedly captured the position, but neither yet have been able to hold it, although the town of Poelcapelle remains in British possession. The British main position on the main ridge south of Broodseinde was heavily bombarded during the night by the Germans. Up to date, the British have captured 934 prisoners since the last advance, including forty-one officers. Although the bombardment of the Broodseinde position was heavy, there was no successful infantry attack as usual. Successful raids were made by the British at two points.

Peace.
London, Oct. 16.—Officialdom in Germany is striving desperately to create a peace atmosphere by bringing up again the question of Alsace-Lorraine. The Kaiser now proposes to convert these two provinces into a separate monarchy, independent of either France or Germany, to be ruled over by a Catholic King.

Silence From France.
Paris, Oct. 15.—No information has been made public regarding the progress of the French arms at the front.

Difference With Holland.
London, October 16.—Following upon the cutting off of cable communication with Holland, Amsterdam papers say that all shipping between Holland and Great Britain has been stopped. This pressure is being placed upon Holland until she stops the transit of sand and gravel, also food stuffs, from Germany into Belgium through Dutch territory.

Ships Sunk.
The British armed merchant cruiser Champagne has been sunk, and the mine sweeping sloop Begonia is also regarded as lost.

Foodstuffs.
From a reliable source, it has been learned that the German crop this season is far below normal. Great Britain has a potato surplus. The British food controller is taking active steps to save the surplus.

Lloyd George Coming.
Toronto, Oct. 16.—The Globe here says that Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain may visit America shortly.

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