



EASTERN FACTORIES CLOSE TO SAVE FUEL

ALLIED WAR COUNCIL FIND NO BASIS FOR PEACE—RUSSIANS INVADE ROUMANIA

WILL CONTINUE PROSECUTION OF WAR WITH VIGOR

Supreme War Council can find no basis in Teuton Ministers' Speeches for Peace Discussions.

(Special to The Daily News.) London, February 5.—The Supreme War Council of the Allies, which met at Versailles, can find no approximation in German channels, nor in the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister's speeches to the terms of the allies, and the council has decided to continue the vigorous prosecution of the war until peace can be obtained based upon the principles of freedom, justice and respect for international law.

KILBURN DEAL HAS BEEN DECLARED OFF

Victoria, Feb. 4.—That the deal for the purchase of the steamer F. A. Kilburn by the G. T. P. has been declared off, was the statement yesterday by R. Beaumont, assistant to Capt. C. H. Nicholson, manager of the G. T. P. coast steamships, who passed through here for Seattle aboard the steamship Prince Rupert.

Negotiations that were expected to lead to the acquirement of the Kilburn by the G. T. P. for the Alaska cannery trade, were opened recently at San Francisco by Capt. Nicholson. It is assumed that the frequent disablement of the Kilburn, which since Christmas has been forced to put back to port on no less than four occasions with defective machinery, had something to do with the calling off of the deal.

Lorne Ready for Service.

Officers of the Prince Rupert state that the tug Lorne, which was purchased by the G. T. P. a short time ago, and has been rebuilt at Vancouver, is now ready for service. The Lorne was given her initial test out on Saturday and was declared to be satisfactory. She will be used by the company in towing barges between the Queen Charlotte Islands and Prince Rupert.

PREDICTS OVERTHROW OF THE HOHENZOLLERN

(Special to The Daily News.) Kingstown, St. Vincent, Feb. 5.—The Rev. Aloysius Daniels on his arrival here from Germany predicts that unless the war ends this year, the overthrow of the Hohenzollerns by the people of Germany is certain. He says that starvation is the rule throughout the country and that few of the people over fifty years of age have survived, owing to lack of nutrition.

FACTORIES TO CLOSE THRO' FUEL SHORTAGE

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—An order-in-council has been passed suspending the operation of manufacturing plants in Ontario and Quebec from February 9 to February 14 for the purpose of conserving fuel supplies.

SOLDIERS' VOTE TO BE COUNTED IN EUROPE

(Special to The Daily News.) Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Naturally there is considerable interest here as to the date of the opening of parliament. This will be affected by the counting of the soldiers' vote. There is no foundation for the story that the overseas ballots are to reach Ottawa this week. It arises out of a misconception of the military voters act. The ballots cast overseas are all being counted in London and Paris, and the results only will be cabled to Canada.

ANOTHER PRINCE RUPERT OLD TIMER GETS D. S. O.

Lieutenant-Colonel Kenneth A. Ramsay, assistant director of the light railways in France, is another one of the old timers of Prince Rupert to receive decoration. Colonel Ramsay has many friends in this city, who remember him since the old construction days, when he was engaged on the Foley, Welch & Stewart work along the line of the G. T. P. Colonel Ramsay enlisted here in January, 1915, and left for France in the Railway Construction Corps a few months later. Owing to the fact that he had had some years previously two years at the Royal Military College at Kingston, he was at once given a commission as lieutenant. After three months training in England, he has been somewhere in France ever since and has performed distinguished service for the Empire.

BOLSHEVIKI OVERRUN ROUMANIA AND UKRAINA

London, Feb. 5.—The Roumanians are having severe fighting with the Russians, who are overrunning the province of Moldavia in Roumania, and Bessarabia, of the Ukraina, while the Bolshevik troops are concentrating in the Bukovina.

Zeebrugge has been bombarded again by several British aeroplanes.

TO COMMAND LORNE

Victoria, Feb. 4.—Capt. Frank Johnson has been given command of the tug Lorne, which was acquired by the G.T.P. some months ago for the Queen Charlotte-Prince Rupert towing service. The chief business of the Lorne for some time to come will be hauling barges loaded with spruce from the Islands to the northern terminal. The Lorne has been rebuilt and fitted with a towing machine, and she will go into commission early next month. Capt. Johnson was formerly with the tug Commodore.

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OLD ITALIAN CITIES BOMBED BY HUN PLANES

Venice, Padua, Treviso and Mestre Attacked by Hun Aeroplanes and Greatly Damaged—No Casualties.

(Special to The Daily News.) Rome, February 5.—The cities of Venice, Padua, Treviso and Mestre were attacked and bombed repeatedly yesterday by enemy aeroplanes, it was officially announced today. Great damage was done to the buildings in these various cities. The heaviest destructiveness was felt by private houses. There was no damage done to Venice, and no casualties at all have been reported.

Some of the older houses, which were marvels of architecture and sculpture, being the palaces of the nobles of a bygone age, are ruined beyond repair, and many of the world's masterpieces in decoration have been destroyed. The civilian population in the towns referred to have been largely evacuated to a safer region, which possibly explains the lack of casualties.

On the Piave.

Fourteen aeroplanes and a captive balloon were brought down yesterday on the Italian front. Heavy artillery fighting is in progress along the line of the lower Piave river.

OMINECA NOTES

The lakes district between Hazelton and Prince George has now a population of about three hundred.

Francois Lake is still open and the ferry has not yet been interrupted because of the ice.

The Smithers "Interior News" on Saturday said: "The bear saw this shadow today sure enough, so we needn't look for an early spring."

There'll be a whale of a time with fun galore at Telkwa on the 27th of February, when the farmers hold their big annual dance.

In the Francois Lake district last fall, it was estimated that there was about double the amount of land ploughed than in any year since the settlers went into the lake district. Every farmer is planning to increase his efforts this year and it is expected that this district will have a quantity of produce to ship next fall. Wheat has been successfully grown, but local consumption will use it all. Oats and barley are the main grain crops, which are consumed locally by cattle and hogs, so that the surplus of these two important meat animals should be considerable next fall.

The Indians are bringing in lots of fur into Telkwa these days.

John Short of Round Lake, is quite proud of his horse, which carried him on a chase after a coyote. He ran the coyote down and Johnny killed it with a club. The skin was exhibited in Telkwa.

The Women's Liberal Association will hold an open meeting in the Liberal committee rooms in the Stork Block, Second Ave., on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Fred Stork will give an address on the subject, "Why I am a Liberal." All ladies are cordially invited to attend. 31

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TO CONTROL FUEL SUPPLIES

Washington, Feb. 5.—The government, on account of transportation difficulties, are controlling and licencing the manufacture and distribution of fuel oils.

NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

There was a full turnout of the aldermen at the meeting of the City Council last evening in the city hall, his worship the mayor presiding. The first business dealt with was a communication from the Nanaimo city council enclosing copy of a resolution they had passed requesting that the Dominion government have a Fire Insurance Commission appointed, similar to the railway commission. This resolution was endorsed.

The Curfew Bell.

The city solicitor then read a report re the ringing of the curfew bell for the benefit of the children. There are too many of the youngsters out late at night, and some of them are inclined to get into trouble now and again. The city already has a bylaw to the effect that all children under fourteen must go home when the bell rings at 8:30 p. m. in winter time, and at 10 p. m. in summer. The School Board have passed a resolution that this bylaw be enforced, and it was recommended that the council do the same. It was moved and seconded by Ald. Casey and Dybhavn that this be done. In reply to questions, the solicitor explained that the police had the power to take the children home, if they would not go themselves, and warn their parents, who were liable to a fine, if they did not control the actions of their offspring properly in this direction. Ald. Casey pointed out that some years ago he had recommended this very thing, but at that time it was not considered necessary and he was pleased to see the matter being brought up now. Indemnities.

A report from the finance committee was then brought up, which recommended that the mayor be paid \$1,500 and each alderman \$300 annual indemnity, with a deduction of \$2.50 for each committee or council meeting not attended during the year, above the number of ten. The adoption of this report was moved by Alderman McRae, seconded by Alderman Dybhavn.

Ald. Casey dissented strongly from this penalty clause. He spoke at some considerable length. "I do not hold that the worth of an alderman is determined by his attendance at the meetings," said Ald. Casey. "An alderman who gives his time, personal investigation and serious consideration to civic matters is worth more than one who attends meetings only, which are really a minor portion of the real responsibility. It is only fair and reasonable that the indemnity should be paid on the basis of an annual indemnity, unless any alderman is out of the city for a period of more than thirty days." Taking into consideration the position of the other aldermen, he thought this penalty clause was unjust to him. They were in business and masters of their own time, whereas he was not. This penalty clause was introduced last year, "with animosity against myself," he said. "My usefulness to this city does not consist merely in the time I spend in this council chamber and I ask you, not in fairness to my-

HUN CENSOR HAS TIGHT HAND WITH STRIKE NEWS

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 5.—Opinion here confirms the Berlin announcement that the strike of workers throughout Germany is dying out. Vorwaerts makes the interesting and significant announcement that through force of circumstances it is unable to give news of certain events of special interest. This is taken as a proof that the German government is keeping a tight hand upon the dissemination of strike news.

The drastic action of the authorities has had its due effect. "Death by court martial within twenty-four hours" is what the Brandenburg provincial workers are threatened with by General von Kessel. They are ordered to return to their work at seven o'clock this morning.

Besides this, the majority of the Socialists have been but half hearted in the movement, and the Roman Catholic trades unions and the largest non-Socialist union is opposed to the strike.

self only, but in fairness to a general principle, to repudiate this clause."

His worship explained the grounds for the finding of the finance committee, and said that all special meetings were not included under this penalty. "But the duty as regards special meetings remains," interposed Alderman Casey.

Ald. Casey then moved that the mayor and aldermen serve this year without any indemnity at all. There was an instant of silence. His worship put the previous question. "Can I not get a second for my amendment, Mr. Mayor." Ald. Casey rose belligerently. "I don't hear any," returned his worship, and the motion passed. The indemnities will, therefore be paid as usual.

Tax Sale Lots.

The question of evolving a policy for the dealing with lots purchased by the city at the tax sales was brought up by a letter received from Messrs. Patmore & Fulton. It was also agreed to permit several lots to be returned to Messrs. F. M. Dockrill and S. L. Chamberlain, which had been sold at the last tax sale. The money to redeem these had been dispatched in plenty of time by the delinquents, but through a series of mistakes, had not arrived here in time.

The school estimates were then passed, including estimates for extraordinary expenditure. The estimates are something like \$1,300 less than last year.

The public utilities committee recommended the relaying of the track between tide water and Shawatlans lake, and also the clearing of the log jam, which was agreed.

Tenders for Printing.

Tenders having been called for the supplying of 20,000 No. 8 window envelopes, the News Job Press submitted two samples, and tendered \$73 and \$81 respectively; Messrs. McRae Bros. Ltd., \$77, and the Raik Press, \$62, according to sample. While it was being pointed out that a difference in quality might be the cause of the difference in price, Ald. Smith moved that the lowest tender be accepted, seconded by Ald. Kirkpatrick. After the motion was passed, and it was too late, consideration of the quality came up.

Casey on the Warpath.

Alderman Casey, noticing that agenda was about completed, thereupon rose. "I would like to know what prompted your worship," he asked, "to hold in secrecy and keep the facts away from the members of the council (Continued on Page four.)

JUDGMENT GIVEN IN THE HALIFAX COLLISION CASE

French Ship Iro Found Liable—Her Captain and Pilot Arrested and are Charged With Manslaughter.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Halifax, Feb. 5.—The Drysdale commission, which has been investigating the circumstances attending the collision between the steamers Mont Blanc and Iro, in Halifax harbor, as a result of which the cargo of the former vessel exploded, and a large part of the city of Halifax was destroyed, rendered judgment this morning. Pilot MacKay and Captain Lamodec of the French steamer are blamed. The judgment announced that the French steamer had violated the rules of the road. Both the captain and the pilot have been arrested and are charged with manslaughter.

The commission recommends that the licence of Pilot MacKay be cancelled, and that the evidence regarding him should be referred to the Crown authorities with a view of his being criminally prosecuted. The Commission also recommends to the French authorities the cancellation of the licence of Captain Lamodec, and that he be dealt with according to the law of his country."

SIR EDWARD CARSON IN PROTESTANT IRELAND

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 5.—The series of receptions and ovations that Sir Edward Carson is receiving in Belfast does not appear to promise well for the harmonious solution of the Irish question in the near future. Sir Edward made speeches there on Saturday and Sunday, declaring that he holds fast to his old pledge made to his constituents.

REVELSTOKE HAS AN EARTHQUAKE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Revelstoke, Feb. 5.—Several earthquake shocks were experienced here yesterday afternoon. The seismological instruments at Victoria registered pronounced disturbances.

"ME AND MY PAL"

Tonight at the Westholme there will be shown a fine Irish play entitled "Me and My Pal," featuring Edna Flugarth as the star artiste. This is a play of distinct merit and one which will please. Edna Flugarth is well worth seeing if for herself only. There will also be a comedy of the most laughable kind, which will produce screams of merriment, time and time again. The programme offered tonight is a good one all through. The overture, Rossini's Semiramide which was played by request last evening, will be repeated tonight. The Westholme Orchestra have increased their repertoire very largely and from now on will be putting on some very fine music.

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