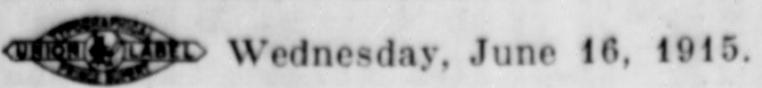
#### THE DAILY NEWS

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#### CIVIC INVESTIGATION.

For weeks past, the City Council has met several times a week, in private, to discuss the latest move of the bank in regard to city finances. In spite of the reiterated demands of Alderman Montgomery, the public has not been informed as to what is being done, nor how it is being done. Until Monday night, the members of the Council, with one exception, were thoroughly satisfied that they were pursuing a proper course, and that the public should be kept in the dark, until such time as the Council is able to make a final statement. So far as we are aware, that time has not yet come, but, like a bolt from the blue, the Mayor suggests that a citizens' committee be appointed to go through the correspondence which has passed between the bank and the city, in order that outside critics may be satisfied that the Council has done its work nobly. Why this sudden request for an investigation? Alderman Montgomery's repeated requests for information, in public Council, have been deliberately refused. The new move is equivalent to saying, "We still refuse to tell you anything, but whatever you can find out for yourselves, you are welcome to."

The citizens' committee is also requested to go fully into the question of City Hall expense, with a view to furnishing a report, coupled with suggestions. Was there ever anything so ridiciulous? The RUSSIAN TEA BUYERS ACTIVE. Mayor and aldermen were elected by the ratepayers to been, and probably never will ing up the price of the product. be a city council which is free from criticism. Had there member of the Council, there committee.

would have been reason for an enquiry, but most people are satisfied that the present Council is doing the best it is capable of doing. The second request is equivalent to saying, "We have fired all the men we could; if you are not satisfied, you must shoulder the responsibility of any further cut."

The forming of a citizens' committee of enquiry, when- \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* ever there is criticism of the Council's doings, would be setting up an absurd precedent. The committee habit is like the royal commission habit, it grows. Today the Council sugquired the taste for investiga- Creek trail. tion, may demand one, and, in time to come, enquiry commis- A packtrain carrying supplies Hall, with each member draw- earlier than ever before. ing a salary.. If the suggestion is carried out there is a dog's life ahead for some poor mayor of the future.

fearlessly, and to the best of its ability, to the end of its term, telling the people in open Council exactly what the people ought to be told. The Council must shoulder full responsibility for its year's work, record their opinion. Meantime, the suggestion of the a "cry from Macedonia."

Now that vodka has been abolconduct the city's business for ished, the Russians are taking to the space of one year, and it is tea with great favor. Russian their clear duty to go ahead agents are buying great quantiand do it. There never has ties of tea in the East, thus forc-

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Bert Schooling, in charge of a gests an enquiry, and tomor- road crew, started out on Wedrow, the citizens, having ac- nesday to repair the Manson

sions and conferences may be for telegraph cabins north of Hacamped all around the City zelton left on Monday, much

constable here, and now chief of the remittance of £391 1s. 5d., beprovincial police at Prince Ru- ing a contribution from the Farm-Let the Council do its duty pert, was in town on Saturday.

Fisheries Department.

end of the year the people will lead ore from the Deben vein.

Rod McCrimmon is back from Mayor sounds suspiciously like Owen Lake, where he was engaged Treasurer to His Royal Highness. in work on a group of claims owned by local men. He thinks well of that section of the Omineca not cruelty to animals. District .- Omineca Miner.

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#### PRINCE OF WALES THANKS BRITISH COLUMBIA FARMERS

bine hatchery staff, arrived from The following is a copy of a his Bulkley Valley home on Sun-letter from the Prince of Wales to L. Harcourt, Under Secretary of State, acknowledging receipt of £391 1s. 5d. sent by the Farmers and Women's Institutes of British Columbia to the National Relief Fund:

> Buckingham Palace, April 6, 1915.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office, London, S. W.

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