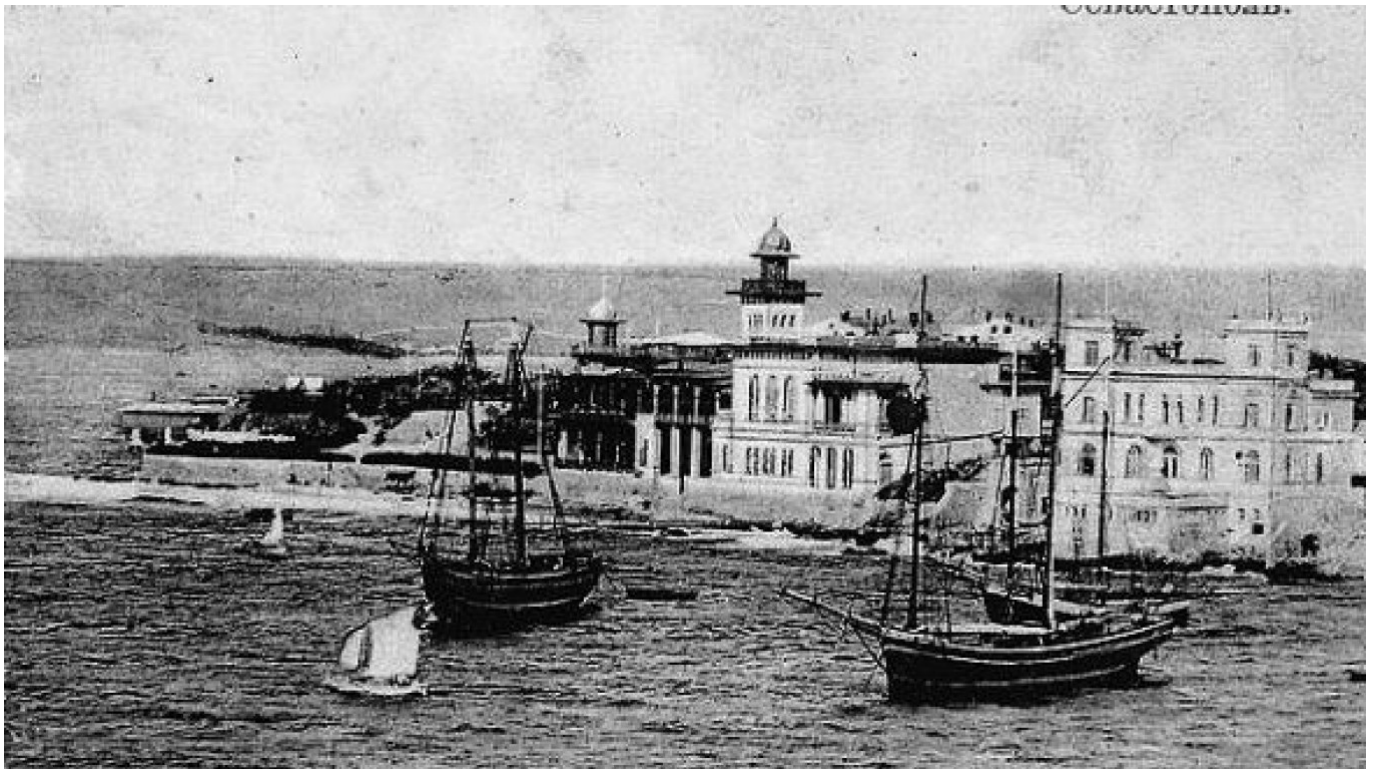


## Today in History, Feb. 21

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A pre-1917 postcard of the Sevastopol seafront. **paukrus**

230 years ago today, on Feb. 21, 1784, Catherine the Great changed the name of the small Crimean seashore fortress Ak-Yar to Sevastopol. The name, which means "Venerable City," was chosen to reflect the ancient Greek origins of the Crimea.

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