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Dramatic Presentation Given By North Bay Amateurs

PROCEEDS WERE IN AID OF SOLDIERS FUNDS—APPROPRIATE STAGE SETTINGS NOT AVAILABLE IN CAMP—PLAYERS MAKE GOOD IMPRESSION IN SPITE OF HANDICAP—RECRUITING SPEECHES FOLLOW THE SHOW AND MEETING IS PROLONGED UNTIL AFTER MIDNIGHT.

A company of amateur Thespians from North Bay held sway at the Empire Theatre on Easter Monday night, when they presented a three-act play entitled 'A Mother's Curse' and the proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to patriotic purposes.

A good sized audience greeted the company, but the first act was somewhat disturbed by tardy arrivals who kept drifting in as late as 9 o'clock.

The story of the play was centred in Ireland during the troublous times when rebellion was rampant against oppression in the Green Isle and at a period when Irish patriots were being hunted and exiled by the unpopular government existing at that time.

No doubt an overflow house would have resulted had it been known earlier last week that this special attraction was forthcoming, but Father Bourgeois of North Bay is to be congratulated on his initiative in bringing this troupe to Timmins. The players were billed as amateurs, but they have attained a position in their adopted art which might well be envied by some of the so-called legitimate actors who have been "barnstorming" the north country in the past. It would be unfair to them if we were to attempt a comparison with some of the high-salaried artists who appear in the larger cities. If any special mention is to be made it must go to Mr. Louis Cousineau, who essayed the role of Bartle Brannigan. He showed dramatic style and finish in the difficult part assigned to him; but to a certain extent this also applies to the other members of the company.

Cast of Characters.

Squire Donnelly J. Donnegan
Margret, his daughter, Monica Quinn
Jas. O'Brien, convict. Jack Murphy

Bartle Brannigan.. Louis Cousineau
Terry Jack Murphy
Alice, housekeeper.... Myrtle Casey
Phil, Canadian soldier, Percy McCool
Blanche, Margaret's friend.

Evelyn Hayes
Nancy, the witch Irene Quinn

Between the first and second acts Major Lowe of the Northern Fusiliers announced that Col. Earehman was unable to be present, but would visit Timmins in about a week when he would have with him Trooper Mulloy who lost both eyes during the South Africa campaign, and who is now devoting his energies towards recruiting in Canada. The band of the Northern Fusiliers will also accompany them on their visit to Timmins.

It was impossible to secure appropriate settings for the mountain and forest scenery which should accompany the following acts, and owing to the hurried trip and the expense which it would have entailed they were unable to bring these accessories from North Bay, but a camp fire was improvised, the red glow of which added a touch of realism to the scene.

It was 10.30 p.m. when the curtain was rung down on the last act, and a great many who had little children with them were obliged to leave the theatre before the recruiting meeting commenced. However, a fair sized audience remained and the meeting was opened by everyone rising to sing the national anthem, at the request of the Chairwoman, Mrs. Dr. J. A. McInnis, who officiated in lieu of Mrs. W. H. Wilson, who found it necessary to remain with her husband, the Mayor, who was taken suddenly ill.

A number of excellent recruiting speeches followed, which were interspersed with songs by Mrs. J. K. Moore, Mr. Jack Cade and Mr. Geils.

RAIN HINDERS WORK ON THE OUTLYING DISTRICTS OF CAMP

WET WEATHER HAS ALMOST STOPPED SURFACE WORK—GREAT ACTIVITY EXPECTED DURING SUMMER—ALL SECTIONS WILL BE AFFECTED.

Development work in the outlying districts of Porcupine has been greatly handicapped during the last few weeks by the continued wet weather. It is now almost impossible to take supplies into the bush, as roads are practically impassable.

But from indications there will be a greater activity this summer around Porcupine than last. Where it would be impossible to take in supplies in summer they were hauled in last winter. For instance the Tommy Burns Company has taken in sufficient equipment to its properties in Shaw Township to carry on operations during the summer months. The Lally, in Kamiskotia, got all its supplies in before the break-up. Where the Chisholm Corporation Limited is operating in Kamiskotia on the Jamieson and Navarre claims there is a good water route.

The Porcupine Independence Mining Co. will soon start taking in supplies to resume operations on its properties in Jamieson Township on the Kamiskotia river. It is said that a strong syndicate is being formed to develop other Kamiskotia properties. Deloro Township will be given a thorough trial this summer. Two Cobalt companies, the LaRose and the Coniagas are developing the Maiden-McDonald and Ancherite properties respectively. Big diamond drill contracts have been let and extensive surface work will also be carried on. Adjoining the Ancherite, The Premier Mining Co., controlled by Boston interests is developing the Standard. Steam power is being used and development work is now being carried on at a depth of 100 feet.

It is likely that more diamond drilling will be done on the Porcupine Imperial property in Deloro. The no announcement has been made by the management, it is understood that the plans for this summer's operations will include diamond drilling. The work carried on last year was satisfactory and several veins were tapped.

Near The Porcupine Imperial, Chisholm's Corporation Limited has let large diamond drilling contracts and now six drills are in operation. It is supposed to shortly test out the Chisholm Vet in this way.

All the mines in Porcupine are busily engaged in producing or developing and if all the work in contemplation is carried out this summer there will be a scarcity of men.

SLOW DELIVERY OF SUPPLIES HANDICAP PORCUPINE MINES

Like every other mine in Porcupine the Dome Mine is being handicapped by poor delivery of supplies.

Two hoists that have been on order for some time have not been delivered yet and consequently the starting of hoisting ore from the new central shaft has been delayed indefinitely. The central shaft has been finished to the 700 foot level and the erection of the steel headframe is being rushed.

Several changes are being made in the mill. A water tank has been added to the plant to allow the use of a thickener.

The installation of the second tube mill will be rushed, and ten stamps have been removed to make room for it.

When the new central shaft is in operation the capacity of the Dome mill will be increased. The grinding capacity is ahead of sliming and more sliming equipment will be installed. The first Hardinge mill is running a little under four hundred tons a day.

EXCELSIOR PROPERTY MAY CHANGE HANDS CYANIDE PLANT NEEDED

It is understood that a deal of some kind is about completed for the sale of the Excelsior Mining Company of the Tommy Burns properties in Shaw Township to United States interests.

The Excelsior Co. had a two stamp amalgamation mill in operation on the property but it proved unsatisfactory on the ore, not getting more than a twenty per cent extraction.

If the property is taken over the new owners will probably install a cyanide plant.

RETURNED SOLDIERS DESCRIBE CONDITIONS IN THE TRENCHES

A VERY SUCCESSFUL MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT IN EMPIRE THEATRE—SONGS AND WAR PICTURES DELIGHT AND INTEREST CROWD.

After the regular show at the Empire last night the theatre was devoted to a recruiting meeting in behalf of the 159th Battalion. Two soldiers—Sergt. Martin and Sergt. Durant—who have been at the front, and are going back when medically fit, were the chief drawing card.

The audience sang the National Anthem, and then Pte. Ted White of the 159th, gave a couple of grotesque character songs which brought down the house. Pte. White is an excellent entertainer and will no doubt help greatly in relieving the monotony of camp life when the boys get to the front.

The visitors brought their own movie machine and war pictures and they proved to be both interesting and educative, being actual scenes from the front, taken by authority of the government.

Sergt. Martin spoke at some length, enumerating his many experiences and giving a descriptive account of the now famous stand made by the Canadians in France, just one year ago. He threw considerable light on the way in which soldiers go into battle in modern warfare and also described the four days fight at St. Julien, in which he was wounded three times and was also "gassed."

Another reel of pictures and two more songs by Pte. Ted White followed Martin's discourse and then Sergt. Durant of the Canadian Highlanders, who was also in the memorable fight, took the platform. He began by relating a few humorous incidents to get his audience in good humor, as the length of the program might be inclined to make his hearers restless. But his free and easy style kept up interest in what he had to say in regard to the urgent need of men.

Good results should obtain from last night's meeting as apparently both speakers made a good impression upon their hearers.

BOWMAN TOWNSHIP IS NOW ATTRACTING THE PROSPECTORS

Gold discoveries are now becoming an almost everyday occurrence in Northern Ontario. Little attention is paid the finding of the precious metal outside the defined gold areas.

The latest section is about six miles southwest of Matheson, in Bowman Township. Some spectacular fine gold samples have been brought out to Matheson recently from the War Eagle claims. Several claims have been staked there in the last few days and a small rush started.

THE WAR NEWS

(Kiely, Smith & Amos private wire)

Troops promptly suppress the rising in Dublin. 200,000 recruits or conscription. Premier Asquith's ultimatum to Britain's slackers. Official announcement regarding its deliberations specifies number of recruits, lacking which will bring general conscription.

Rioting is confined to Dublin; Government troops in control. About a dozen are killed during disturbances in Irish capital. Telegraphic lines are interrupted. No trouble in Cork, Tralee or ridings of Tipperary. German fleet forced to run. A remarkable engagement fought off Lowestoft. Enemy's stay is brief. Engaged by local naval forces and return to Germany in about 20 minutes—two British light cruisers and destroyer hit but not sunk.

Berlin.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg made known to Emperor William at army headquarters conditions on which United States will be willing to maintain diplomatic relations with Germany. Chancellor received this information in recent conferences with Ambassador Gerard.

Dr. Von Bethmann Hollweg also took to the Emperor a preliminary draft of reply to latest American note on submarine warfare. It is expected several changes will be made in this before final draft is completed. To-day's conference between Emperor William and Chancellor on submarine issue is expected to be their last before German reply goes forward.

U. S. Mining Man Writes Favorably on Northern Ont.

HE SAYS: "IN THIS SWIRLING STREAM OF MINE MAKING IT IS EASY TO SEE THAT MANY SUBSTANTIAL MINES OF EXCEEDING VALUE WILL DEVELOP"—ALSO REFERS TO NORTHERN ONTARIO AS COUNTRY OF WONDERMENT—COBALT COMPANIES GOING INTO THE GOLD DISTRICTS.

In an article published in the Mining and Engineering World, Samuel W. Osgood, a well known American mining man, has the following to say about the gold camps of Northern Ontario:

The great find at the Dobie property last summer, where quartz vein 10 to 12 inches wide was frequently filled with great splashes or pellets of free gold, created great excitement all through Munro township. The splashes came every ten or more feet, and when the quartz was broken into they looked just like a splash of golden whitewash that might be made with a wet whitewash brush swung at arm's length and suddenly stopped so as to throw a "splash" on the wall. The Dobie, or Croesus mine as it is now called, was what the Tennessee negro would have liked to be familiar with. The judge had asked the colored lady who was up for "ejection" for not paying her rent, where her husband worked and she answered: "Why, judge, ah dunno, but I do think it's in a calamine."

The Croesus was so rich that \$100,000 was taken out in sinking 100 feet, and is being developed by parties identified with the Dominion Reduction Co., of Cobalt and New York. Chunky gold quartz has been shipped amounting to a couple of hundred thousand dollars or more, and only ore from shaft sinking and drifting has been taken out. It is so rich that to prevent high grading the rich parts of the vein are closed in by great timbers and sealed up as if it was all gold dollars instead of being about only half solid gold in spots, until the mine is equipped with a mill and the ore can be safely treated.

The great finds of the fall of the season of 1915 were at Boston creek first and later three to six miles south in Peaced township. The rapidity with which this wonderful district grows is impressive to a new comer, and only will illustrate the way man will build for the rich plummy gold of the "finds" in this country of wonderment.

People may ask what chance any of these small syndicates or new mining crowds have of developing a paying gold mine, but really it is difficult to see why they do not have just as much chance as the big Cobalt mine managements who are themselves going into the gold district. An illustration of the great successes that are being made in this district at this very time is shown not only by the mines cited above, but take the Tough-Oakes Mine at Kirkland Lake. Two years ago the government an-

nual report cited that the claims had been taken up by Clement Foster and the Tough-Oakes Mining Co. formed. To-day they are paying good dividends on \$5,000,000 capitalization. I met several in various towns within 100 miles of the mine who owned stock which they valued at from a few cents below to a few cents above the par value. I went into the mine, went all through it, saw the vein that produced these values in the deepest development of 480 feet. I wanted to rub against this vein until I became thoroughly acquainted, so I stayed a few days at this mine, that had grown so fast that in two years it had grown from a claim into a mine, paying so well that the public was willing to pay more than par for its shares. This is proof of the rapidity with which a new mine will grow, in cases of successfully developing these rich prospects or so called "finds."

Is it any wonder that such rich finds that the earmarks for an approaching mining boom are sticking out like a sore thumb everywhere? The great gold mines at Porcupine are not more than 50 miles further north, and the great silver mines of Cobalt about the same distance to the south. Cobalt is an older mining community, having started about 1904, and its wonderful production has given its mines a substantial footing. In the opinion of the well-informed mining men the mines of Cobalt stand for a steady production of dividends amounting to \$57,411,787.36, and with 9 mines that have paid over 100 per cent of their capital stocks in dividends; one mine that has paid over 75 per cent and three that have paid over 50 per cent in dividends. You will note this percentage is on the total par value of stock capitalization. Where else can you find a mining district with such a record? And Porcupine, which is the baby of six years ago, is just getting into its stride now with its huge bodies of \$10 and \$15 gold ore; it actually produced \$18,000,000 last year; the Hollinger will pay 58 per cent per annum on the par value of its capital stock this year. Add the McIntyre and many others, including the Dome, etc. The rich ores of the Kirkland Lake, Boston Creek, Swastika and other districts have a good start at Tough-Oakes Mines and others. In this swirling stream of mine making it is easy to see that many substantial mines of exceeding value will develop from the present state of teaming activity that pervades the entire North Ontario mining communities.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT EXPECTED TO-DAY AT MCKINLEY MEETING

(Kiely, Smith & Amos private wire)

The McKinley-Darragh meeting is to be held to-day and in well-informed quarters an important announcement is anticipated. They are now cross-cutting at the 400-foot level east of the now famous "Cobalt Lake fault" where such fabulous riches have been mined by the Nipissing and Cobalt Lake Mines adjoining. The conglomerate formation on the McKinley in this locality is a pleasant surprise in that it was at no point expected to be deeper than 350 feet, but recent developments have illustrated that at some point yet to be determined the Keewatin takes a sharp dip and they are now down 400 feet and still in the conglomerate. It is well to remember that eighty per cent of the silver mined in the camp comes from this formation. It is therefore safe to assume that McKinley has a new life and a conservative estimate places the possible ore below the 200-foot level as being equal to that produced above. Another fact worthy of note is that they are installing the new oil flotation principle which will give them an extraction to be envied and result in a net saving of about \$150.00 per day based upon their mill feed for the past year.

It is readily conceded in camp that this property is efficiently run and conservatively managed. By careful enquiries made possible through our close connections in the Cobalt camp we learn the report is even more conservative than ever. The stock based on the annual report and the advanced price of silver, about book value of 80 cents per share and is on a regular dividend basis of 12 per cent paid quarterly.

Underground Work Delayed at Jupiter

The surface tramway from the Jupiter-McIntyre to McIntyre No. 5 shaft is being rushed. Owing to delays in shipments of some of the surface equipment for the 1B shaft, underground operations at the Jupiter-McIntyre have been delayed in starting. It is hoped, however, that this will be remedied shortly and a start made on the milling of McIntyre-Jupiter ore.

ANOTHER SHIPMENT MADE BY THE CROESUS MINE

The Croesus Gold Mine, which is located in Munro Township, near Matheson, made another shipment of bullion on Monday last, altho the amount of same was not forthcoming it is presumed to be considerable.

This mine is intending to build a mill in the coming summer, but this will depend entirely on the outcome of the proposed war tax, as this company is capitalized at too low a figure to warrant the building of a mill until the tax question is settled.

HOLLINGER PROFITS FOR FOUR-WEEKLY SOMEWHAT LOWER

GROSS PROFITS FOR PERIOD ENDING MARCH 24th OVER \$18,000 LOWER THAN PRECEDING PERIOD AND \$59,000 BELOW DECEMBER FIGURES.

A falling off of \$18,603.08 is noted in the gross profits of the Hollinger Mines for the four-weekly period ending March 24th, and a still greater falling off as compared with the production for period ending December last of \$59,255.89. According to the monthly statement mailed to stockholders by General Manager P. A. Robbins, the Hollinger Mines for the period ending March 24th, the gross profits were \$151,302.63, as compared with \$169,905.71 for the previous period. The mill ran 92.3 per cent of the possible running time, treating 41,493 tons, of which 28,712 tons were Hollinger ore and 12,731 were treated for the Aeme Gold Mines. This compares with 43,679 tons treated during the previous period, of which 30,658 tons were from the Hollinger. The average value of the ore treated was \$9.04, compared with \$9.01 for the previous period. The milling costs were \$0.921 per ton, compared with \$0.815 for the previous period. The greater part of the ore came from the 1,250-foot level, the deepest point in the mine. The tonnage of waste rock hoisted was 1,950 compared with 1,756 the previous period.

SHAFT AT TRIUMPH PROPERTY WILL BE CONTINUED TO 300 FT.

The shaft on the Success property, being sunk by the Triumph Mining Co. Limited, is now down 200 feet. The limit to the vein, which dipped out of the shaft has been started and it is expected that the vein will be tapped in another fifteen feet.

Malcolm MacLaren, M.E., F.S.S., is consulting engineer on the property and expressed himself as well pleased with developments.

The shaft will be continued to 300 feet and a crosscut of about 200 feet run to tap the known vein to the south.

OPERATIONS SUSPENDED ON JAMIESON AND NAVARRE CLAIMS

Duncan Chisholm and his associates have been forced to suspend operations on the Chisholm and Navarre claims in Robb Township, Kamiskotia district, because of water.

One shaft has been sunk forty feet and about thirty feet of drifting done. Two other test pits were sunk on the vein which carried spectacular values in gold with good results.

It is thought that the main vein has not been encountered and surface trenching was started some time ago, owing to the wet condition of the ground this work was stopped, but will be continued when conditions improve.

There are now two men on the property looking after the free gold showings.

NECESSARY TO INSTAL NEW SURFACE PLANT AT THE WEST DOME

It is altogether likely that the West Dome will be forced to install a new surface plant when the incline shaft reaches the 300 foot level. It is considered that this will be necessary to carry on development work as the present plant was left in very bad repair and it took considerable time to fix it up before operations could be resumed.

The incline shaft follows a vein. Two other veins have been located one north and one south of the shaft. As little or no record of the value of these veins were left by the old management they will have to be sampled thoroughly before any idea of their value can be had.

Diamond drilling has been started. It is proposed to tap below the present shaft at a depth of 700 feet and the hole has been accordingly started on an angle.

There has been little work done by the Dome Mines in the vicinity of the West Dome line, operations being steadily carried on towards the Dome Extension. Consequently the West Dome will have to carry on an extensive exploration program independent of any great assistance from its neighbor.

Oddfellows Church Parade May 7th

The annual Church Parade of Porcupine Lodge, No. 453, I.O.O.F., will be held on Sunday morning, May 7th, at the hour of 11 a.m., to the Anglican Church. All brothers are requested to make this a record turnout and to meet at the Lodge rooms not later than 10.30 a.m.