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Two Russians Convicted of Brutal Assault

MIKE VOLNI AND JOHN PETRIC, TWO RUSSIANS, CHARGED WITH WILFULLY ASSAULTING JOHN McCORMICK, SHIFT BOSS AT THE HOLLINGER—LIQUOR CASE TO BE DECIDED ON ITS MERITS.

John Petric and Mike Volni, two Russians were charged with unlawfully assaulting and beating Daniel McCormick a mucker shift boss at the Hollinger Mine on Thursday afternoon, November 9th.

Daniel McCormick stated in his evidence that he had an occasion to discharge Mike Volni on that day, and asked him for his time that he might make out his slip. When the slip was made out and handed to the defendant he said there was a slight mistake in the time, and the boss told him that he would make it right if he would give back the paper. But the defendant's anger arose with the result he used abusive language and defied the mucker boss, saying he was going back to work.

When Petric heard of Volni being discharged he in sympathy asked for his time, which was given him, and thereupon ordered out of the mine.

TROUBLE BEGAN.

About three-quarters of an hour afterwards the shift boss was coming through the drift and he met the two Russians, instead of going toward the shaft they were coming in the opposite direction. When asked by the boss what they were doing they said had lost their time slip and came back to look for it. Being in this locality made the mucker boss suspicious that they were laying wait for him. The two men set upon the boss to beat him up, with the consequence they inflicted some nasty wounds in his head by striking him with their lamps and the throwing of rock.

H. E. Slipp, electrician at the mine, was called to give evidence as to what he saw of the fracas. He stated that he was about a 100 feet away and heard some wrangling going, but did not take much notice as he thought it might be some foreigners passing angry words to one another, until he removed the lamp he was carrying in front of him and saw two men tussling in the darkness, then he noticed a lamp swinging in the air, and immediately came to the conclusion there was a fight going on. He looked again to make sure and saw a man hurl a rock through the darkness and heard it strike some dead substance as though it had struck a man, and the thrower turned and ran away. Then McCormick came staggering out with his head bleeding and his shirt and clothes covered with blood.

DOCTOR CALLED TO TESTIFY.

Dr. Otton was then called to testify as to the condition of the patient when he attended and dressed his wounds.

The doctor stated that when he arrived at the emergency hospital or shaft house McCormick was bleeding profusely and that a young man had administered first aid. The cut on the scalp was of a double triangle shape, administered by some blunt instrument and required several stitches; also a cut over the ear and several bruises about the shoulders, but were not serious enough to cause any fracture to the skull.

The battered lamps were then produced and the doctor was asked if an instrument of that kind would make the cuts which he found, to which he replied in the affirmative.

VOLNI'S DEFENCE.

Mike Volni was next to give evidence and claimed the mucker boss had used abusive language to him and grabbed him by the throat in the act of choking him, and he became afraid and ran away and McCormick ran after him throwing rocks as he ran.

Magistrate Atkinson asked the defendant how they came to be in the mine when they were discharged, and if he ran away from the boss how came the wounds to be inflicted in the back of McCormick's head? and why their lamps were battered beyond recognition?

The defendants had no excuse to offer.

The only defence John Petric had to offer was that he became scared and ran away towards the cage.

The magistrate summed up the evidence and was convinced that the two men were guilty of wilfully assaulting the plaintiff, and with the expression of "You fellows think you can run this country, but I am going to show you that you are not. You can both go to the Ontario Reformatory for two years less one day."

FRIDAY'S SITTING.

A young man was charged with attempting to commit an assault on a Jewish woman in Selchmacher and was fined \$15, but the money was not forthcoming, so he went to jail.

A PECULIAR CASE.

A rather peculiar case to distinguish the finer points of law concerned in the Ontario Temperance Act was that of a man who jointly contracted with a second party to purchase a case of liquor for their own specific use.

These two parties agreed to send for the said case of "booze" to be divided between them, for which they were each to pay \$6.25. The defendant undertook to send for the liquor and received payment from the second party as his share of the purchase. The liquor arrived in the defendant's name and was split, each taking their allotted share.

AGENT AND RECEIVER.

Inspector Blackwall contended that the defendant having received the money, sent for the liquor, received and distributed the same, was acting as an "agent and receiver" within the meaning of the Ontario Temperance Act, which states that no person shall canvass as an agent, receiver or barter in the sale of liquor for beverage purposes." By so doing he was liable to the penalty provided for this offence, which is a fine not less than \$50 nor more than \$200.

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SCHOOL BOARD HELD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

The Public School Board held a meeting on Wednesday afternoon, November 8th, in the Council Chambers. Members present were:—D. Ostrosser, A. Sancton, H. Marshall and L. Dorway.

The minutes of the last meeting which was held on September 23rd were read by the secretary and adopted on motion of H. Marshall, seconded by A. Sancton.

ACCOUNTS PASSED.

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid on motion of L. Dorway, seconded by A. Sancton.

Ford & Featherstone ..	\$ 25.00
H. E. Montgomery ..	.70
Chas. A. See ..	1.00
Porcupine Advance ..	2.25
The Brolier Society ..	4.50
Globe Printing Co.	2.16
Porcupine Miners' Un. ..	80.00
Marshall-Ecclestone ..	7.67
Nor. Can. Supply Co. ...	2.45
J. A. Walsh ..	34.55
The Grolier Society ..	42.90

Total .. \$203.18

It was proposed by L. Dorway, seconded by A. Sancton, "That H. E. Montgomery be allowed the sums of \$10 and \$15 for to cover payments made by him, in order to get the books written up to the time he was appointed secretary-treasurer." Carried.

It was moved by H. Marshall, seconded by A. Sancton, "That the secretary pay St. Matthew's Church rent due to date." Carried.

APPOINT TRUANT OFFICER.

On motion of A. Sancton, seconded by H. Marshall, the secretary was appointed to ask the Council to have a truant officer appointed to investigate the reasons of so many delinquents from the school. Carried.

It was moved by A. Sancton, seconded by H. Marshall, "That estimate No. 1 of P. H. Secord & Sons for new school be accepted and passed for payment providing it is approved by the Board's Inspector." Carried.

On motion of H. Marshall, seconded by A. Sancton, the secretary was authorized to pay W. Johnston \$10 per month extra for looking after the Miners' Union Hall School, dating from November 1st, 1916. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned on motion of H. Marshall, seconded by A. Sancton.

TOMMY BURNS MINING COMPANY SINKING SHAFT

Preferred Stock Active and Strong During the Last Week—Good Showing on Property.

The preferred stock of the Tommy Burns Gold Mining Co. has been active and strong on the New York, Boston and Toronto markets the past week, selling around 74 cents.

The Tommy Burns is located in the heart of the Porcupine district—which undoubtedly is the richest gold district on this Continent—in close proximity to the Hollinger, which have a record of producing millions in gold, and of having paid enormous dividends to its stockholders. The ground and ore from the Tommy Burns is similar in character to the above.

Ore sampled on the quartz vein for a distance of 610 feet showed an average in gold values of \$22.30 per ton and on the sulphide vein sampled for a distance of 1,464 feet gold values of \$6.06 per ton, or a general average on both veins of \$11.70 per ton.

The contract for the sinking of a shaft one hundred feet on the quartz gold vein was let last week and should be completed in about sixty days. The results from the sinking of this shaft should have a favorable influence on the price of this stock.

BOWLING LEAGUE.

The captains of the six team that have been chosen to form a ten-pin league for the coming winter are requested to be on hand Thursday evening at 8 p.m. sharp in King and Fitzpatrick's Bowling Academy for the purpose of getting teams together to start the schedule by the first of December at the latest. It is very urgent that you come that the management may know just the number of teams will be available to form the schedule. The captains are as follows:—Messrs. Cook, Oddfellows; Carntichael, Hollinger Mill; Wixon, Timmins; McGuire, Hollinger Office; Brazear, All French; and Undercheck, Leftovers.

"Birth of a Nation" Thrilling Romance

THREE HOURS' PERFORMANCE—12,000 FEET OF FILM—18,000 ACTORS—3,000 HORSES—DRAMA COST HALF A MILLION DOLLARS—THE STORY IS A THRILLING ROMANCE OF WAR BETWEEN STATES AND RECONSTRUCTION OF SOUTHLAND

"The Birth of a Nation," D. W. Griffith's massive spectacle, coming to the Empire Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, November 20th and 21st, is the largest and most important production of a decade, yet not a word is spoken throughout the performance of nearly three hours. Music supplies the absence of speech, mechanical effects and realism, whilst the wizard of the screen, David W. Griffith, unfolds in 12,000 feet of film the thrilling romance of the War between the States and the Reconstruction of the Southland. Some idea of its magnitude may be had from the facts that 18,000 actors and 3,000 horses took part and that the staging of this great "outdoor" drama cost half a million dollars.

WELL-KNOWN ACTORS.

Several of the actors are of Southern lineage. Henry Walthall, who plays the heroic role of the little Confederate colonel, is a member of the well-known Walthall family of Alabama. Miriam Cooper, who appears as Margaret Cameron, is a direct descendant of Charles Carroll, the Maryland signer of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Griffith is the son of a Brigadier-General of the Confederate Army.

For every character, however small, Mr. Griffith has found just the personality needed. After that his masterly direction made each one give a perfect characterization of the widely varying roles. The result was not acting, but life itself. Such realism is never seen on the old-fashioned stage.

RECORD PERFORMANCES.

The limitations of the theatre were swept away for Nature was Mr. Griffith's stage. Panorama after panorama is revealed to the astonished eyes of the spectator. The most inventive imagination could hardly picture to itself such scenes of splendor. This mighty spectacle has turned

DEWATERING SHAFT AND CROSS-CUTTING ON NEWRAY PROPERTY

Diamond Drill Reached a depth of 1,000 Feet—Cores 12 Feet Wide in Quartz.

Diamond drilling on hole No. 4 on Newray property has reached a depth of 1,000 feet. The cores show 12 feet wide in quartz with lots of free gold, averaging \$23.90. This drill hole cuts the find between the Anchor and Hanson veins. This is the largest find on this property.

John Baker, who has had wide experience in diamond drilling for 18 years, including the Nickel mines of Sudbury, silver mines in Cobalt, and various other parts of the north country, and probably one of the best diamond drill experts in the Porcupine states that the 12 foot of quartz cut on the Newray property was the finest he had ever seen.

This means that a proven mine of large dimensions is being developed. With the present data to work on the management can now go ahead with its winter work in full confidence that in a reasonable length of time a large ore body can be blocked out with which to start a mill and greatly add to its capacity.

Operations are now in progress on the dewatering of the old shaft, and work on this will be completed within a week. This shaft is down to a depth of 425 feet, and cross-cutting to the new vein will start almost immediately.

VISIT OF MINING EXPERT.

Mr. W. H. Petre, M.E., C.E., of Baltimore, Md., who has had a wide experience in many mines in Mexico and the United States, and holds an interest in the American Oil and Refining Company, made a special trip to this property on Monday to look over the property and its development, and was very favorably impressed with the results obtained. This is the first time Mr. Petre has visited the Porcupine and was very much surprised to see such a prosperous mining country. On Tuesday he paid a visit to the Dome Mines and left later for South America in the interests of Baltimore financial men.

Tisdale Township Council Left Favorable Impression

MEMBERS OF TISDALE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL VISITED RATEPAYERS OF MONETA, GILLIES' LAKE AND ROCHESTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING AND AIRING THEIR GRIEVANCES REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS, ETC., ON TOWNSITES.

The visit of the members of Tisdale in Moneta last Friday evening for the purpose of hearing and adjusting the grievances of the ratepayers of Moneta, Gillies Lake and Rochester left a more favorable impression with these citizens as to what the Council were doing to provide them with the necessary requirements for the improvement of their Townsites.

In another column of this issue is a report of a meeting held by the ratepayers of these Townsites for the purpose of showing their hand against the present Council, but Friday's meeting somewhat changed the situation. Now it is proposed to put up a candidate to represent these Townsites independent of the slate.

A large attendance of ratepayers turned out to welcome the Council. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wainwright, who asked Councillors Black, Boyle, Thompson and Reeve Dickson to take seats in front of the audience, also stating to the audience that the Councillors were here to hear and answer any questions they might ask.

QUESTION OF LIGHTS.

One gentleman asked the Reeve why the Council had not put in the lights where they were promised? Reeve Dickson explained that they had experienced considerable trouble in getting lights installed not only here but all over the Township due to the inability of the Northern Ontario Light & Power Co. not being able to procure wire.

MATTER OF SIDEWALKS.

"What about the main sidewalk in the Townsite. It is too narrow for two to pass. It is only a four-foot walk when it should be at least six feet?" said the former gentleman. Reeve Dickson—"We know that the sidewalk is not wide enough, but it was the best we could give you at the time."

A second gentleman asked how much money the Council had expended in the prosecution of the J. E. Cook case?

To which Reeve Dickson stated it cost the Township \$1,567.38, and verified his statement by submitting the following provincial and municipal auditor's report:—

MONEY EXPENDED BY COUNCIL

Re. Tisdale vs. Cook.	
Slaght & Slaght consultations.	\$50.00
Day & Chabot, attendance ..	50.00
C. E. Hammond & Co., attendance ..	81.79
E. A. Roy, expenses ..	30.05
J. T. McGregor, witness' conduct money ..	22.70
E. A. Roy, witness' conduct money ..	1.50
Miss Smith, conduct money ..	10.00
J. W. Mallon, expenses ..	25.00
J. A. Hutcheson, fees ..	630.28
G. L. Chabot, attendance ..	125.00
Miss Smith, stenographer ..	77.70
J. T. White (Com'r) conduct money ..	25.00
J. T. White, fees ..	428.46
J. A. Hutcheson, expenses ..	20.00

Total .. \$1,567.38
All further expenses are borne by the Crown.

I hereby certify the above to be correct.

GEORGE L. CHABOT,

South Porcupine, Auditor.
Nov. 8th, 1916.

It was also stated by the Reeve that Mr. Torrance, former Magistrate of Elk Lake, and who was implicated with J. E. Cook, had paid back to the Township \$438.50.

EXCESSIVE TAXATION.

The question of excessive taxing was the next order on the programme. There were several complaints on this score.

Coun. Thompson in answer to the questions claimed it was due to Assessor Gibbons' faulty work that caused high assessments. "Mr. Gibbons is crooked," continued the Councillor. "He has robbed the taxpayers and the Township in tax collecting by receiving money and crediting the taxpayers on the roll with being in arrears, and his work in assessing looks to have been conducted on the same principles. If there are any of you here, or if you know of anyone who has paid their taxes and have received a receipt for the same, we ask you to turn the receipt over to us that we may be able to make a correct

statement of those not having received credit for the paying of their taxes and submit it to the bond company for payment.

SHOULD BE IN CUSTODY.

A voice in the audience bellowed forth: "Is he under arrest? If he is not he should be. I would be in favor of the Council spending another \$1,800 or more to have him sent to jail."

Coun. Thompson told the owner of the voice that Mr. Gibbons was not under arrest, but was working at the Dome Lake Mine with the object of paying back what he had stolen.

Reeve Dickson—"It is not our place to arrest the man. It is the bond company's case. We have nothing to do with it unless we get instructions from the company to arrest him, then in that case we are forced to do so. Neither you or the township will be the loser. The bond company are the losers, because Mr. Gibbons is bonded to the amount of \$3,000 and it is up to the company to make good the money stolen."

WATERWORKS.

Someone asked what had the Council done toward providing a waterworks and fire protection system for the Townsite.

Reeve Dickson replied that it was impossible to give these facilities owing to lack of money and the inability to sell the debentures. We have asked the banks to lend us money but they refused stating they could not do it. I even went so far as Toronto to try and sell debentures and borrow the money, but it was of no avail. I then went to Mr. Kirby, who owned the Townsite and asked him if he would take some of the debentures. He having made considerable amount of money selling lots in the Townsite, I thought the least he could do was to help the purchasers of this property by taking debentures to cover the expense of constructing the waterworks and facilities for fire protection. He promised that he would take up the matter with the directors of the Porcupine Crown and see what could be done, and we are awaiting his reply.

FIRE PROTECTION.

In the matter of fire protection I have here plans for the construction of a tank similar to those used by the T. & N. O. Railway, which can be constructed at a small cost, and will be serviceable for winter weather, and as soon as we can get the money the work will be proceeded with, said the Reeve. The money market is improving every day. We have experienced difficulty in trying to sell debentures for our schools, but through negotiations with the government we have at last received their guarantee at the back of our bonds which will enable us to quickly dispose of them.

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MET HIS DEATH FALLING INTO STOPE AT HOLLINGER MINE

A sad accident occurred at the Hollinger Mine on Monday, November 6th, when E. Trembly, a young man of 18, who had been working but a day or two in the mine, fell into a stope from the 100-foot level to the 200-foot level, causing instant death.

Coroner Dr. MacNeil held an inquest on the remains on Wednesday afternoon. At the inquest it was shown that the Hollinger have taken every precaution to safeguard the lives of their employees.

This young man was employed on a dump car, which carried the rock to the stope and dumped. His truck was found a considerable distance from the stope, half loaded, as though he had been working on the truck and left it to walk back to the stope curious to know what was going on in or around it. It was thought that he must have climbed under the railing around the stope and fell to his death.

The coroner's jury under Foreman Geo. Preston, brought in the verdict of accidental death, caused by the young man's own carelessness.