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THE POST OFFICE AND THE PEOPLE.

Complaining about conditions and accommodations at the local post office has become a chronic disorder in Timmins, and it must be admitted by all that there are many good reasons for the complaints continually made about the service rendered the public. Post offices are supposed to be maintained for the accommodation and convenience of the people in general, but it would be a lively imagination indeed that could conclude that these purposes were generally accomplished by the local post office.

Neither the service given nor the hours during which that service is available are to the general public convenience. Business men and others lose valuable time during the busy hours of the day through the fact that the staff seems insufficient to handle affairs with accuracy and speed enough to accommodate the public demands. The late-running of the trains during recent weeks has emphasized the handicaps under which the business interests of the town must operate in regard to mail matter, but even the delayed trains do not account for all the inconvenience. When a mail arrives late, the public should not bear all the inconvenience, when they can be blamed for none of the delay. Some weeks ago a mail arrived a little time before eight o'clock, and the post office closed as usual at eight o'clock. This sort of thing seems neither fair nor expedient. Surely, box-holders, at least, might be allowed the privilege of getting their mail even after the sacred hour of eight—as some little return for the good money paid in box rent.

The proposed changes in the T. & N.O. timetable expected to go into effect during the coming week will largely increase the general difficulties and inconveniences regarding the post office service. With the mail arriving late at night, business men will labor under great disadvantages in the matter of correspondence with outside firms, and something should be done at once to make the disadvantages as small as possible. In other towns the post office is available until nine o'clock for box-holders, and in many places box-holders have the privilege of securing their mail as usual on Sundays. In view of the late train service here from the south this latter privilege seems to be absolutely necessary now for the convenience of the business interests of the town.

The Advance believes that the Board of Trade and the Town Council should earnestly take up the whole question, considering only the public advantage and convenience.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE WAR.

It was reported in town last night that a telegram had been received here announcing that the United States had actually declared war upon Germany, but the despatches this morning to the brokers flatly contradict this rumor. The United States is not at war, except with Mexico—more or less.

The average Canadian neither expects nor desires the entrance of the United States into the world war at this late date. It is felt that the military position of the United States is such that they could do little to help further the winning of the war, while their literary disposition is such that they might claim credit for the whole victory if they entered now.

For these viewpoints the United States people can thank the position of the President during the war, while the President on his part can thank the people for re-electing him to a position where he could take a position on the war.

CHINATOWN SECRETS AT THE NEW EMPIRE

Violet Mersereau Starring in Stirring Production Here on Friday and Saturday.

The secrets of Chinatown are disclosed in the Bluebird photoplay, "Broken Fetters," to be the special attraction at the New Empire Theatre on Friday and Saturday, March 2nd and 3rd, with Violet Mersereau, the gifted photoplay actress, enacting the role of Mignon, a girl-slave who has been led away and enslaved by a Chinatown trafficker in opium and humans. The rescue of this girl is effected by an artist, who has arranged for Mignon to pose for him at his studio. The scenes are laid both in China and America, and there are many scenes of wonderful Oriental beauty. The Chinatown revelations are pictorially authentic, having been photographed in the famous colony, and they include both outside and inside scenes of great interest. Thrilling episodes abound, and a series of adventures follow each other in logical but thrilling sequence. The picture will have a special interest, following as it does, the recent films regarding China and the opium traffic, with, perhaps, a special touch of interest locally on account of recent prosecutions for the traffic in opium in Timmins.

SULPHITE PLANT MAY BE BUILT AT HAILEYBURY

Despatches from Haileybury say:— "It is understood that the Riordon Pulp and Paper Co. are planning to erect a large sulphite plant here. An engineering party is already on the ground making a survey of possible sites for its location, and Mr. Horne, general manager of the company, is expected to arrive here this afternoon. So far as can be learned it is proposed to have the first unit of 100 tons in operation early in 1918, and other units will be gradually added until the plant ultimately attains a capacity of 500 tons. This would easily be the largest mill of its kind in Canada and would furnish employment to a very large number of men."

THE LATE COL. HAY THE KIND OF MAN NEEDED

Speaking to the Canadian Mining News of the late Col. Hay, president of the McIntyre Mines, and interested in many mining ventures in the North Land before his death, an old prospector said: "I admired the Colonel for his ability and general knowledge of mining. He was a courtly, manly fellow who inspired respect in the community and in his immediate business circle. All mining camps of importance need men like him to hold the little fellows to their work. Investors pay a great deal of attention to what men like Col. Hay say about the merits of a district and particularly when their words are backed up by the solid metal their own mines produce. It would be a great deal more difficult to get outside money into a mining camp if it were not for men like Col. Hay."

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BLOW UP CONSULATE

Attempts to Destroy British Offices at Groningen Fail and Plotters Arrested.

Amsterdam, Feb. 23, via London, Feb. 24.—The Nieuwe Vandaag says that a plot against the British Consulate at Groningen, 92 miles northeast of Amsterdam, has been discovered. A bag of explosives, to which fuses were attached, the paper adds, were found in the hotel where the consulate is housed. The newspaper reports that five arrests have been made.

London, Feb. 23.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Rotterdam says that the persons who were arrested in connection with an alleged plot against the British consulate at Groningen admitted that they tried several times to blow up the consulate, for which they received 2,000 florins.

At the time that Columbus made his voyage of discovery, the North American continent had only one domesticated animal, the dog. There were in the old world domesticated cattle, horses, pigs, sheep, goats and cats; but none of these existed in the new world until brought there by settlers from Europe.

PRESENTATION TO MR. G. A. D. MURRAY

South Porcupine Oddfellows Honor Retiring Division Court Clerk.

At the regular meeting of the South Porcupine Oddfellows on Monday evening notice was given to the early departure from the district of Mr. G. A. D. Murray, Division Court Clerk. Reference was made to his good qualities as a man, a citizen, and an Oddfellow, and many were the expressions of good will to him and to Mrs. Murray in their new home in the West. After the regular meeting of the Lodge there was a banquet tendered Mr. Murray and he was presented with an address and a handsome gold tie pin emblematic of the Order. He made suitable reply, expressing his appreciation of the good wishes and the kindly words.

Mr. Murray expects to leave for his new home in Winnipeg on Wednesday next. So far there is no official notice as to his successor as Division Court Clerk in this district.

The D.Y.B. Club Weekly Report

The members of the D.Y.B. Club spent a most enjoyable evening at the home of Mrs. Meyers on Monday, the 26th, with a good attendance, Miss Demers presiding. After the business meeting adjourned Mrs. Meyers served a delicious lunch. Having received an invitation from Mrs. Darling, Sr., of the Dome Lake Mine, to hold their next meeting at her home, the girls will form a sleighing party next Monday evening and proceed to the Dome Lake Mine. All members are requested to meet at the Goldfields Hotel at the hour of seven o'clock sharp, Monday, March 5th.

The Secretary of the Club has received a very pleasant letter from Capt. Mary Plummer, of the Canadian Field Comforts Commission, Moore Barracks, England, stating that our box shipped in September last arrived safely to its destination some little time ago, also that the supplies sent were most welcome.

Work taken in:—8 pairs socks, 6 shirts.

Work given out:—Wool for 10 pairs socks, 2 shirts.

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J. W. FAITHFUL, W. M. **O. KABEL, R. S.**

TIMMINS LODGE, I.O.O.F. No. 459
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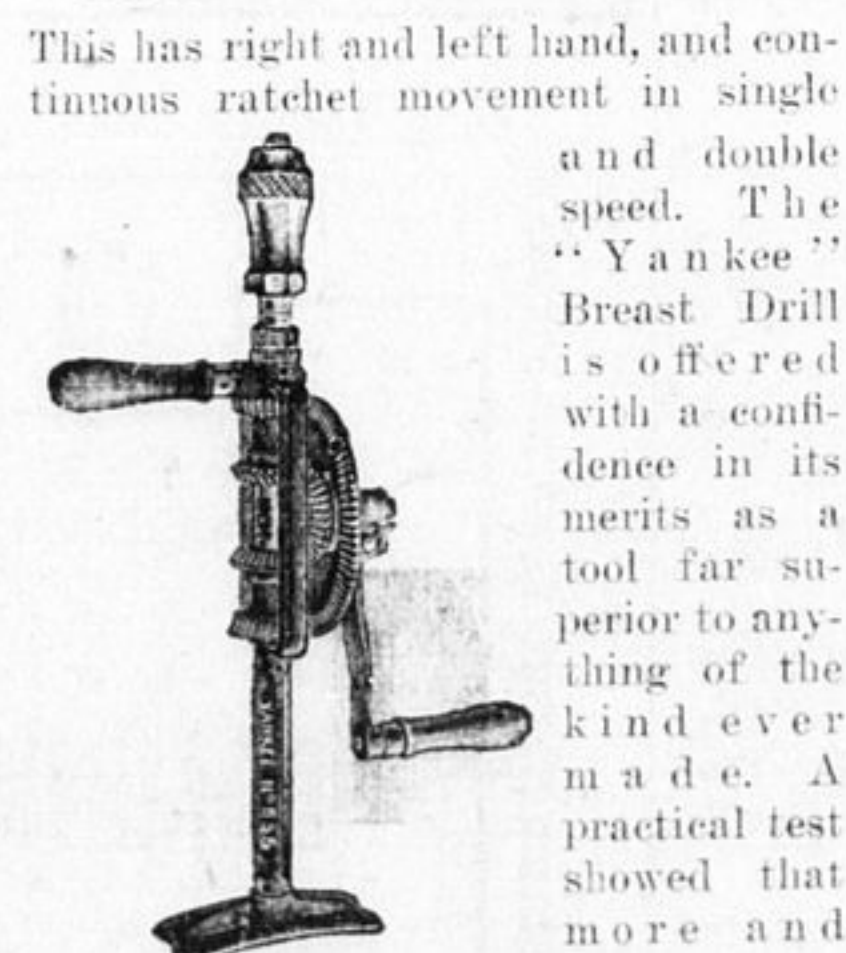
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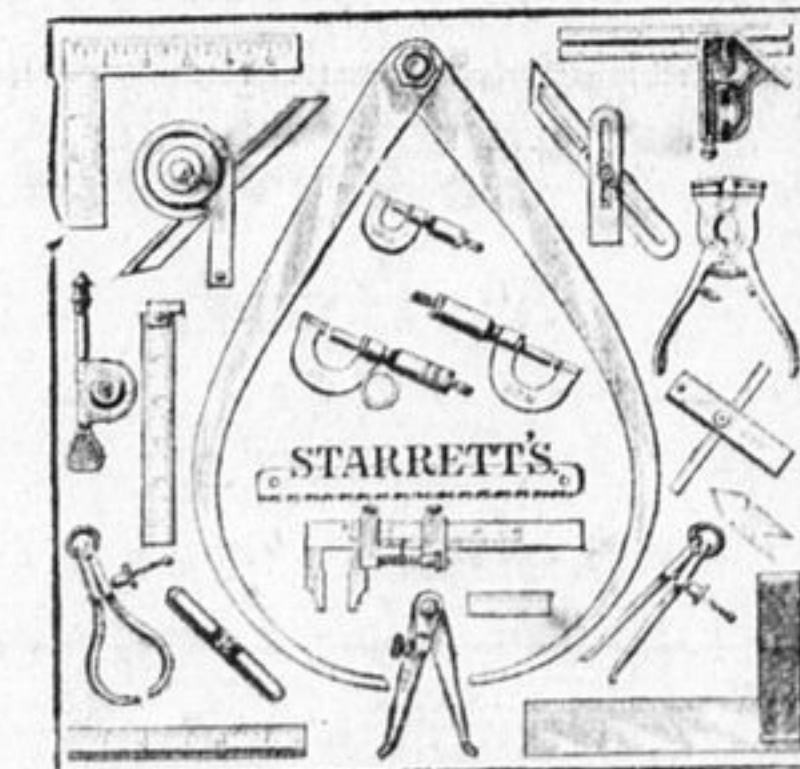
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