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**"IF'S" AND "BUT'S"**

There was a man at Rockwood Hospital, near Kingston, who begged for a very large slice of toast. "What do you want with a large slice of toast?" the kindly doctor asked. "I want to lie on it," the man replied. "You know I am a poisoned egg," he whispered. That man had a wonderful imagination. His unusual gifts were wasted in an Asylum. He should have been outside writing the mining news for Toronto and Montreal newspapers. That man could take a piece of toast and make a queen of it. He did not even ask for butter.

For several weeks past certain outside newspapers have been evidencing the same sort of poached egg imagination. They seem to be determined that there shall be a strike in the Porcupine, whether or no. They do not even ask for bread to "lie" on. All they seek is a little dough for those who are "playing bears" on the stock market. They appear to think, also, that when they play the bear they have to throw the bull.

Following the persistent activity of these poached-egg poets, The Advance has received a large number of inquiries begging this paper to say whether a strike in the Porcupine is probable or possible. Let the truth be told, even at the risk of making these poached-eggs appear as if they had been laid by a sick hen. There have been all sorts of "strikes" here recently, and more are confidently expected. At the Hollinger recently they struck a \$15,000 pocket in a big body of \$100 ore. At Mr. McEunaney's mine last week there was another "strike"—a rich one. Prospectors and miners are "striking" something good here nearly every day. It is the land of rich "strikes"—if outsiders would only cease "knocking."

As to the labor "strike," it is all a matter of "if's" and "but's." It is far from probable, but it is possible, if a whole lot of things happen that have not happened and will not happen unless these senseless "strike" rumors prey on everyone's

nerves until anything is liable to happen.

Just to show how little grounds there are for the present talk of a strike, let the "if's" and "but's" be gathered together.

If the workers and the mines showed an unreasonable disposition, there would be a possibility of a strike.

BUT neither side has been showing any such disposition.

IF there was a possibility of a strike, it would be necessary for the men to make demands upon the mines before a strike would be probable.

BUT no such demands have yet been made.

IF such demands were made, there would be no grounds for a strike unless the mines refused to consider them.

BUT the mines give no justification for believing that they would refuse to consider anything.

IF the mines refused consideration of any requests from the men it would be then necessary for the men to vote as to whether they would strike or not.

BUT the men have not yet organized any such vote.

IF the men voted it would be necessary for a majority to favor a strike before that event would come.

BUT there is nothing to argue that even if demands were made, and if the demands were refused, and if the men voted, that there would necessarily be a strike.

Gathering the "if's" and "but's" together thus, a strike seems a long way off from the Porcupine.

BUT those who are suffering from stock-market panic ought surely to know on what a basis of "if's" and "but's" they are sacrificing golden shares, and on what a flimsy foundation the "bears" are frightening them away from investing in the rich treasure lands of the Porcupine.

**D.Y.B. CLUB TO HOLD KNITTING CONTEST**

Prizes Offered for Plain Knitting, Winding Wool, etc.

The members of the D.Y.B. Club held their regular weekly meeting at the Goldfields Hotel Monday evening with a large number present. After the usual work of the Club had been taken up, the remainder of the evening was spent in a social way, with a reading by Miss Muirhead, music, and later dancing in which all joined. At the close of the evening Mrs. Mulhern served lunch, after which the meeting adjourned to meet next Monday at the home of Mrs. McLaughlin. As this meeting will take the form of a knitting contest, with prizes offered for plain knitting, winding wool, casting on, etc., the meeting promises to be very interesting and the girls look forward to a very pleasant evening.

Work taken in:—16 prs. socks.  
Work given out:—Wool for socks and day shirts.

Councillor D. Mackie has called a meeting of the ratepayers of S.S. No. 2, Tisdale, in Moneta School House, at eight o'clock on Thursday, May 3, to consider what school accommodation is required for Moneta and Gillies Lake and to place the claims of these districts before the school trustees. Councillor Mackie's idea is to have a definite arrangement made for the school accommodation of Moneta and Gillies Lake before the final passing of the by-law providing for issuing money for Schumacher school.

**228TH BATTALION NOW IN FRANCE**

Known now as the 6th C.R.T. Batt. Quarantined Two Weeks for Mumps.

In a letter just to hand from Sergeant Frank Stockwell, under date of April 1st, the information is given that the 228th Battalion, now known as the 6th C.R.T. Battalion, was leaving that Sunday evening for active service in France. They had been quarantined in England for the previous two weeks for cases of mumps that had been in the Battalion, but this quarantine was lifted before April 1st. Since arrival in England the 228th were at Purfleet, busy getting their overseas equipment, mules, wagons, motor lorries and trucks. The 228th went across to France as a unit, and all the boys were very anxious to get there and get busy.

Sergt. Stockwell says that Lieut. Gallagher was transferred to another battalion from the 257th. The latter went overseas on the same boat as the 228th.

Sergt. Stockwell also says that The Advance will be looked upon as a treat when the men are over in France, and any copies will be gladly welcomed. Letters, of course, will also be delightfully received. All communications should be addressed to "6th C.R.T. Batt., care of Army Post Office, London, England."

**TIMMINS NEWS IN BRIEF**

In the casualty lists this week appears the name of Sergt. J. McLennan, Port Hood, Nova Scotia, as among the wounded from the battle of Vimy Ridge. Friends here recognize this as "Jack" McLennan who used to live in Timmins and who was well known in the Camp.

Wm. Ledue & Co. have moved to the stand formerly occupied by Graboski & Chervinka, Fourth Avenue, (next to The Advance office), and as their advertisement elsewhere says they are now all ready for business and desirous of meeting all their old customers and as many new ones as possible.

Mr. Dick Mullen, of the Hollinger staff, this week received word that his brother, Pte. Victor Mullen, had been wounded in the hip. Pte. Mullen enlisted with the American Legion but was transferred to one of the tunnelling corps. The official telegram sent here was signed by the Officer in charge of the Records Office, and read:—"Sincerely regret to inform you that 208,323, Pte. Victor Mullen, Infantry, officially reported admitted No. 3 General Hospital, Boulogne, France, April 11, gunshot wound, left buttock. Will send further information, fuller particulars, when received."

Mr. Barney McKee, who has been for some time in charge of the express service on the train from Porcupine Junction to Timmins, left here on Friday morning for his home in Pembroke. On account of the expected change in train service when the trains from the south will run in here instead of to Cochrane and a local service will be given Cochrane in place of No. 1, it is not likely that "Barney" will return to Timmins, his "run" more probably being on the local service between Cochrane and the Junction. "Barney" will be much missed for his unfailing good humor and courtesy by all here.

In the block near the Kink, and including approximately between First and Second avenues and between Birch and Maple streets, the water from the spring thaw threatened to cause much damage. Cellars were filled and long rubber boots promised to be the only wear, while rafts were a probability to get to the houses, and the possibility was that some of the houses would not be habitable if the water were not controlled. Accordingly the services of Fire Chief Borland and his staff were requisitioned. Thursday evening at about 10 o'clock the steam fire engine was run over to the scene of the trouble. About 600 feet of hose were attached to the engine and carried down over the hill. Then work began. The engine worked splendidly, for days pumping approximately 550 gallons of water a minute, a double shift of men being used. At first the water ran about as fast as it could be pumped out, but by Saturday a gain was made and thus much damage averted. Mr. Andy Seeds as engineer in charge, with Messrs. Sam McLeod running the engine and Charles Bernard firing, all did good work. The affair was an excellent test of the capabilities of the steam fire engine, which certainly "did itself proud" in the matter.

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