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### HOLLINGER REPORT FOR MONTH OF APRIL

Production Decreased, but Grade of Ore Much Higher for Four-Week Period.

The statement of the Hollinger Consolidated for the four weeks ending April 22nd, as issued last week shows that 42,849 tons of ore were treated. For the previous four weeks the amount of ore treated totalled 47,672 tons, thus there is a noticeable break in the production. The drop is not due to any conditions in the mine underground, outside of the labor condition, for the condition of the mine is better than ever before in its history. The shortage of labor and the inefficiency of some of the labor affect the Hollinger more even than the other mines, because the Hollinger is conducting operations on a large scale, employing more men, etc., and so feels the shortage and the inefficiency to a more marked degree.

On the other hand, however, while the production is smaller in tonnage than for a considerable period, the grade of ore is much higher. For the period ending April 22nd the average grade of ore milled was \$9.20 per ton, while for the previous four weeks it was \$8.67.

The gross profits for the period totalled \$194,688.20, or about only \$16,000 less than for the previous period.

The mill ran only 72.6 of the possible running time as against a running time of 92.4 of the previous period.

Current assets are placed at \$396,302 and gold assets at \$426,148. For the period ending April 22nd, the following expenditures were made for plant:—On new mill, \$19,573; on central shaft plant, \$5,120; ore transportation system, \$4,205; sundries, \$523; total, \$29,422.70.

Taxes for the period were \$12,000. The Loyal Service Bonus amounted to \$3,471,800. The Special Bonus was \$820,85.

Mining costs were divided as follows:—Exploration, \$844,95; Development, \$28,363.23; Production, \$79,796.67; total \$104,004.85.

The amount of ore hoisted was 40,792 tons, with 795 tons of waste rock, bringing the ore and waste up to 41,587 tons.

The average grade of ore was \$9.20, and costs were \$4.25 per ton.

### INVESTIGATOR FOR POULTRY DISEASES

Expert Appointed at Ottawa to Help in Eliminating Diseases in Poultry.

The many in the district interested in the keeping of fowl, and particularly the large number who have taken up the keeping of poultry for profit, patriotism or pleasure this spring—or winter—or summer—whatever it may be—will be interested to learn that the Dominion Experimental Farm at Ottawa now has an expert who devotes all his time investigating the diseases of poultry. Dr. A. B. Wickware, Assistant Pathologist to the Health of Animals Branch, has been appointed to this work, and his knowledge and experience will be at the service of all poultry keepers in Canada.

Dr. Wickware has in the past devoted much time to the study of poultry diseases, particularly to Black Head. He will now give exclusive attention to this branch, and his investigations will include those relating to chick diseases, as well as to general diseases of poultry, including parasites of all kinds.

The annual losses occurring from poultry diseases and parasites are enormous. The exact amount is not known, but it runs into millions of dollars each year, according to the experts. Dr. Wickware's work will no doubt help in curtailing this loss, but the co-operation of all poultrymen who have any diseases in their flocks is particularly desired, for their own benefit and the general advantage.

As usual, communications to the Experimental Farm regarding diseases of poultry will be welcomed, and with Dr. Wickware now giving all his attention to the work even more information and assistance will be available to poultry-keepers. Specimens of sick birds (says the latest official memorandum from the Experimental Farm) should be sent when practicable, and may be expressed "collect" if addressed to Biological Laboratory, Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Sergt. P. J. Gibbons, of North Temiskaming, who enlisted in Haileybury on February, 1916, was killed in action on April 29th.

### HUNGRY HUNS TOLD TO "GO TO GRASS"

And it was One of Their Own Professors Who Gave the Advice.

The school children used to have a little rhyme of derision for singing sarcastically:—

"Go to grass, and eat clover,  
"And when you're through, roll over."

Practically speaking, this is the advice now given by Prof. Weldner, an agricultural expert at Passau, Bavaria, to the Germans who complain of the food shortage. Berlin is now feeling the potato shortage. The supply of pork is short and will be sold only on Thursdays. Another reduction in the present restricted meat ration is also being considered by the authorities for enforcement in the next few months. The people are naturally alarmed over the possibility of not getting enough to eat, and are making a general appeal to all high up to help. The answer that Prof. Weldner gives them is that they follow the example of Nebuchadnezzar and eat grass. He informs them that the red clover and alfalfa both may be used for the making of tasty dishes for human consumption.

### INVENTORS FIGHTING SUBMARINE MENACE

Hudson Maxium Prepares Device to Protect Ships and Simon Lake Suggests New Craft.

Ever since the war began inventors have been busy finding ways and means to counter the science of the enemy and overcome him with a better science. Recently the submarine menace has been in the thoughts of those of inventive turn of mind, even here in Timmins. One man here indeed, sent the Admiralty a plan for overcoming the Hun water activities to some extent, and at least the matter went so far as to draw a letter of thanks from the British authorities.

Now, however, along comes the noted inventor Hudson Maxium who announced in New York last week that he had perfected a device which will make ships using it immune from the dangers of the submarine. He says that torpedoes, even when fired at close range, will explode harmlessly against the hulls of their intended victims. He further said that the device is practical for every type of vessel, that it can be applied in a few months at comparatively small cost, the only alteration in ships being a slight enlargement in their beam. The device is of solid material, in no sense a net or screen, and encircles the hull from bow to stern, giving practical complete protection from torpedoes.

Simon Lake has another answer to the submarine menace. His plan is a submarine merchant fleet. He has invented a new type of about 8,000 tons, that can be submerged in half a minute. A company has been organized to build three or four a week, after the first which will be ready in three or four months. It will burn oil, and its parts will all be standardized and interchangeable. The Company, it is said, will operate under government control.

### World News in Brief

Beef is \$1.00 a pound in Paris.

Newfoundland is also talking of passing a Conscription law.

A lynx, five and a half feet in length, was shot in a park at Kitchener last week.

Food riots in Lisbon resulted in the death of ten persons and the serious wounding of fifty recently.

All the public buildings and 3,500 houses in Yonezawa, Japan, were destroyed last week by fire. The town was an important one with 35,000 inhabitants, many of whom lost their lives in the destruction of their town.

The United States naval guns have already done some killing in this great war, two nurses on their way to France being killed by being struck by pieces of a shell fired by a naval gun crew in practice.

General Pershing, whom some United States newspapers acclaim as the Hero of Mexico, but others more straightforwardly describe as having "been the Goat" of the foolish enterprise last year, is to be given the command of a division of United States troops to be sent to France as soon as possible.

In Brantford the assessors found two families, one with fourteen children and the other with twelve, all being "single" children as the little boy said, and not even one solitary twin among them. Families of twelve and fourteen children are rare enough in Ontario these days to make the fact a news item. Incidentally it may be mentioned that both families referred to are French-Canadians. This latter fact, however, has not so much the nature of news.

Ten thousand people gathered at an open-air anti-conscription meeting at Quebec last week, when more or less prominent French-Speaking Canadians cursed Conscription. One speaker said it was a "damned measure." Another said he would fight "even to the death" against it. More moderate speakers demanded a referendum on the question. The political flavor of the meeting was suggested by the fact that there were continued cries of "Down with Borden," and similar pleasantries.

Six hundred Jewish women of Toronto met last week and practically pledged themselves not to buy bread from bakers until the price is lowered. They intend to bake their own bread, and those without experience are to be taught by others who have the knowledge and skill. A few agreements organized after the manner adopted by these ladies would do more than hundreds of columns of newspaper talk to curb the greed of certain dealers in food-stuffs. Already the action of these Toronto women is having its effect, for the Jewish bakers are forward with urgent explanations and excuses. Publicity with a sting to it is what is required, and organization is necessary to secure this. In other words the people must co-operate or they will be paupers when the war ends, and the shameless profiteers, whoever they may be, will be rich enough not to pretend to care for the public scorn that will be visited upon them.

The Social Democratic Party of Kitchener, Ont., last week asked the member for Waterloo, Mr. Weichell, to oppose Conscription.

Talk of "Conscription" last week gave an immense boom to recruiting in Toronto, no less than 355 being examined on Monday, 137 on Tuesday, and so on.

The Dominion Government, it is said, will at once appoint a Food Controller for Canada. He will have the power to limit the amount of food products in cold storage and also the power to force the distribution and marketing of food products. No attempt will be made to regulate prices until it is evident that the unrestricted marketing of food stuffs fails to prevent abnormal prices.

After the return of the soldiers from the war, Great Britain expects at least 750,000 weddings, according to the Parliamentary Secretary of the London Government Board. He says that the country would not have housing accommodation for its people under the new conditions and that the Government Board intended to vest \$150,000,000 in building houses in various parts of the country, "just as a starter."

Mr. Archie McCoig, M.P. for West Kent, read a telegram in the House of Commons from one of his constituents, saying that the Wm. Davies Co. were trying to secure insurance on \$2,800,000 worth of food products held in cold storage in Toronto. The Government promised to look into the matter. The general manager of the Wm. Davies Co. says the whole statement and suggestion is a barefaced, malicious, corrugated old lie, by heck, or words to that effect.

Premier Hughes of Australia, declares that no peace is possible or acceptable to the Overseas Dominions that does not include the keeping of the German colonies in the Pacific, and the paying by Germany of indemnities for the loss caused to Belgium, France and Serbia. In speaking of the captured German colonies Premier Hughes says:—"The Commonwealth of Australia cannot contemplate a peace which gives Germany the opportunity at her very door to make onslaughts on Australia. Belgium and Serbia are entitled to reparation and it will be necessary for the Allies to take territorial safeguards for the future of civilization."

The British Government is calling a convention of Irishmen to frame a constitution for Ireland, and if Irishmen are able to agree upon any scheme for the administration of their country the Government will give all the necessary legislation. The matter of Home Rule, or any other kind of rule, is thus fairly and squarely put up to the Irishmen themselves. There is no use in arguing that there is any decent reason why Irishmen should not be able to come to some sensible conclusion from such a convention, for the Union of South Africa grew out of a similar conference between the British and Boer people of the country, and surely their enmity equalled, or ought to have equalled, that of the squabbling Irish factions.

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