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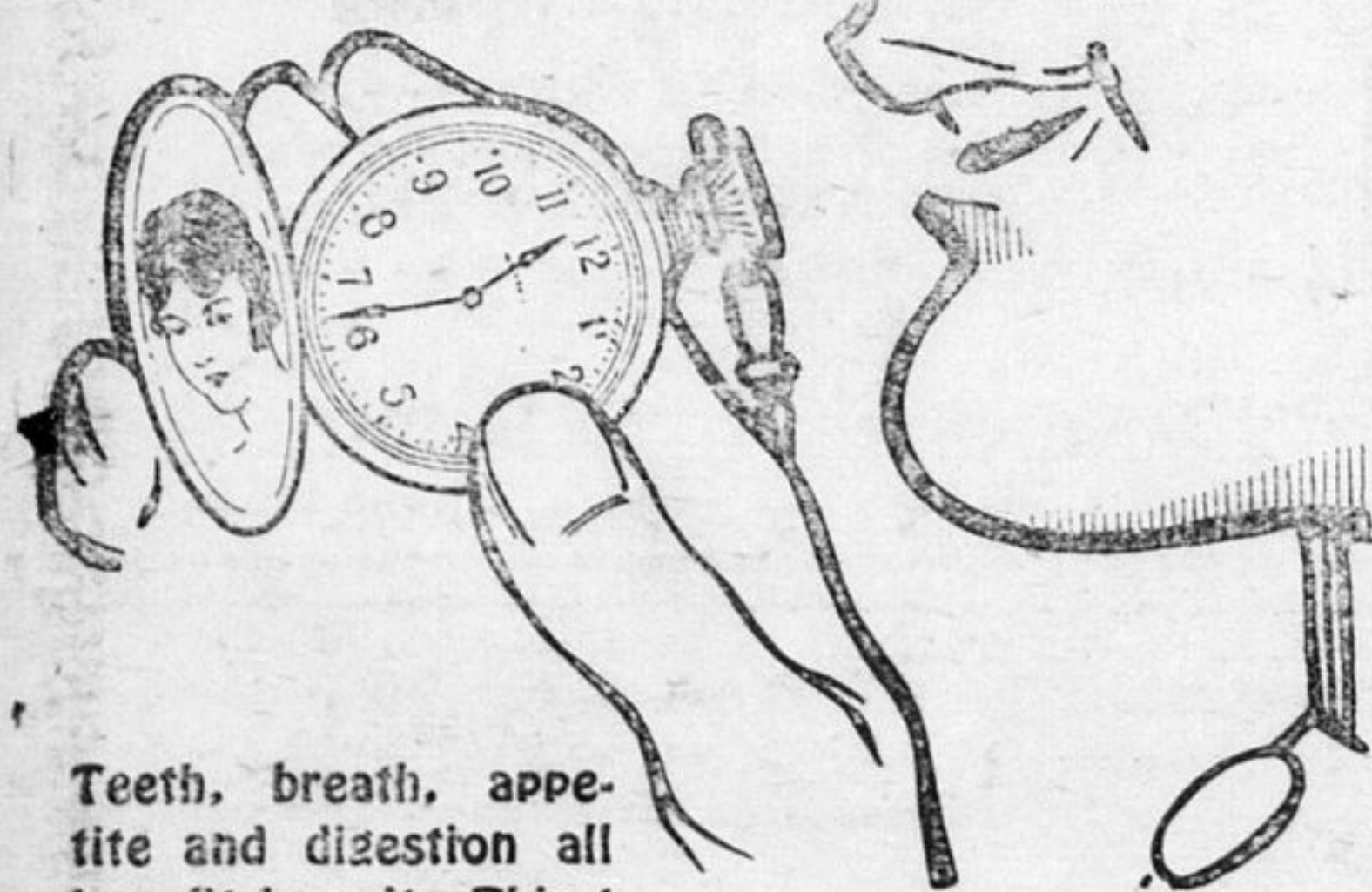
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CORPL. WIDDIFIELD WRITES ABOUT THE SOLDIERS' CHRISTMAS

The Boys from North Received Many Parcels and Had a Big Time.

France, December 27th., 1917. The following extracts from a bright letter from Corp. W. M. Widdifield will be read with interest by all his many friends in the Camp:—

Dear Geo.:—Received your letter just about Christmas and needless to say I was just tickled all over like a dog covered with fleas. If I ever land in Canada again, I will take up about two years of your time in conversation during the first month I am there. I should just like to have a chance at you now. Some funny experiences to relate, would sure interest you. The people in Canada were very good to me at Christmas. In fact, most of our boys were remembered very handsomely at Christmas. All received two or three boxes each, and some more, and we all shared up. There are a number of American boys encamped near us and we have some very good friends among them. They are young fellows, very well educated, and some very good musicians among them. We had them with us on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and shared our boxes with them. They certainly like to call on us, and we enjoy their company. Our officers arranged a concert on Christmas Eve. There were selections given by Imperial soldiers, American, and our own boys, and believe me it was as good as anything I have heard in Canada outside of a regular theatre. We borrowed a piano from some civilian family, also a violin. One of the American boys possessed a—(I don't know how to spell the name of the corrugated thing, but it sounded all right.) One of our boys had a mandolin. The Americans were in with our bunch and put on one part of the entertainment; then the Imperials; and then two boxing bouts. We gave them our old favorite, "Drunk Last Night and Drunk the Night Before," and it made a great hit. On Christmas Day our officers provided an excellent dinner,—turkey, plum pudding, nuts, oranges, dates, a bottle of beer each, pies and cakes, apples, etc. It was much better than anything we anticipated, and they helped wait on the tables while the privates sat down. So, you may judge for yourself what kind of officers we have. Then, on St. John's Night, we had a Masonic banquet, and as we could not get permission from Major Hart to hold it in an Hotel, our officers gave us their quarters to hold it in. They are all "on the Square" but one, and he should be. There were twenty-two at the banquet and there were only two in all who belonged to the same lodge. We had members present from nearly every part of Canada, U.S.A. and Great Britain, and a very good time was enjoyed by all.

Received a lovely box from Ralph Sullivan yesterday; am writing him also, to-night. Get The Advance regularly; many thanks. With best wishes, etc.,

"Widdy"

No. 2251123 Cpl. W. M. Widdifield, 71 Company, C.F.C., B.E.F., France.

BULGARIAN HAD BOOZE AND DYNAMITE

Constable McInnis Arrests Tudor Moeoff on Double Charge.

Constable C. McInnis is starting in to clean up several of the alien places in Moneta. As a result this week he will have a regular little police court of his own for the Magistrate to handle. This will include liquor charges and other cases.

Probably the most interesting case is the one of Tudor Moeoff, a Bulgarian. He faces two charges, one of having liquor illegally and the other of keeping in his possession explosives contrary to the law. Constable McInnis, in company with other local police officers, raided Moeoff's place on Sunday morning at an early hour. In addition to the liquor in the boarding house, a number of sticks of dynamite were also discovered, together with caps and fuse. The Bulgarian and twelve other Bulgarian inmates of the house were placed under arrest and marched down to the station. Later, the others were allowed out, but Moeoff will face the serious charge of having explosives in his possession, being an alien enemy, as well as the liquor charge to answer for.

Mr. E. H. Bridger last week received an interesting letter from Ken. Deacon, now overseas with a Forestry Draft. Ken spent a pleasant Christmas at Mr. Bridger's old home in Kent, England.

ANOTHER \$1000 FROM POLICE COURT

Thursday Was Another Unusually Busy Day.

Magistrate Atkinson had an unusually busy day at the police court here last week. Provincial Officer Ackroyd had a liquor case that gave the Province \$200 and a couple of drunk charges netting \$20 and costs each, while the town police also lined up five liquor cases and about a dozen drunks. Fred Tabarge, Donat Chasle, P. Mortenson, Victor Oklo, F. St. Denis, and J. Rymu were each fined \$10 and costs on drunk charges. C. Yrioo and B. Bruce were charged \$20 and costs each for the same offense. Steve Bourdin for having liquor illegally paid \$200 and costs. John Engstrom for selling liquor was fined \$200 and costs, as was also N. Sania for the same offense. H. Grimpi faced charges of both keeping and selling and paid therefor \$500 and costs.

Abraham Morrison charged M. Evanooff with using insulting language. "He called me a stool pigeon," said Morrison. "Go home the two of you and behave yourselves," said the Magistrate, "if I called up men for abuse no worse than that I would have a full court all the time."

M. Youik was charged with stealing some small articles from R. Pentescu. The trouble seemed to arise from a dispute as to the ownership of a locker at the Hollinger Mine. The case was adjourned to allow the police to investigate.

"Jim Crowe," alias "Bear Creek," was charged with making a nuisance of himself at the Hollinger Mine and Lodge. He was remanded a week for medical examination as to his sanity. A young man named Dumais charged with the seduction of a girl between the age of 14 and 16, was remanded until this week.

Bertha Henasaik, charged with keeping a disorderly house, was sentenced to not less than 3 months nor more than 2 years in the Reformatory. She blamed her condition on the man who gave the information to the police, who had no other complaints against her. This man, she claimed in her evidence, was prosecuting her because she had refused to go to Creighton Mines for immoral purposes for his profit. The matter is being investigated.

PORCUPINE CROWN ANNUAL REPORT

Earnings and Ore Reserves Both Decreased from 1916.

The annual report of the Porcupine Crown Mines, as at December 31st., 1917, does not compare altogether favorably with the showing for the previous year. During 1917 the output was \$364,703, with profits of \$109,421, as against profits of \$270,430 in 1916. Only \$120,000 in dividends, or just half the 1916 amount, was paid in 1917. The ore reserves are given as \$610,000, while at the end of 1916 the reserves were stated to be \$1,050,000. Some are puzzled to understand the ore reserve figure as either the 1916 or the 1917 estimates would seem to be wrong. If the 1916 estimate of \$1,050,000 were right then with \$364,703 mined in 1917, there should be at least a balance left of \$685,297, instead of \$610,000. In addition it was generally understood the the workings at the 1000-foot level had discovered more good ore. It may be, however, that the 1917 estimate simply errs on the conservative side. The general manager, Mr. S. W. Cohen, states that the cave-in at the mine last spring, labor difficulties, and the high costs of materials, had all combined to affect production and reduce dividends. The 1917 Board of Directors has been re-elected for this year.

"LUCKY" BALDWIN DIES IN TORONTO HOSPITAL.

After an illness of only a couple of days, Hugh J. Baldwin, "Lucky Baldwin," died at the Western Hospital, Toronto, last week. He was one of the North Land's best known prospectors, starting on the trail here in the early days of Cobalt. He and Dr. Pullis were partners and travelled the North Land trails together. They staked properties in the Gowganda and Elk Lake districts, and sold the claims for large sums. In 1912 they went up to the Ungava district after diamonds. In 1913 Baldwin headed towards Alaska. After returning from Alaska he and his partner entered the Kowkash district and staked some promising finds. The next spring Dr. Pullis lost his life in a rapids while canoeing. Baldwin and Pullis were typical partners,—the one jolly and free with his words and the other quiet and serious in his manner,—but

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NEW SONG OF HATE

(From an Exchange.)
My Tuesdays are meatless,

My Wednesdays are wheatless,
I'm getting so endless each day,
My house, it is endless,
My bed, it is endless,
They're all up to the Y.M.C.A.
The barrooms are endless,
My Coffee is endless,
Each day, I get poorer and wiser:
My stockings are endless,
My trousers are endless,
Oh h—, don't I hate the kaiser.