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### WILL ASSISTANCE BE GIVEN GOLD MINING?

The Secretary of State in the United States recently classed gold mining as one of the most necessary of war-time industries, and there has been general agreement in high places in Canada and Great Britain with this view. Practically all who have studied the question are agreed that the continued production of gold is imperative for the stability of the finances of the civilized nations. Yet agreement seems to go no further than this point. The production of gold is declining because gold, being the standard, commands no more in price today than before the war, while wages and other costs have risen to unusual heights. Low-grade ore can only be mined to-day at an actual loss, while the mining of high-grade ore means the taking out of the gold at a time of high costs and labor scarcity, with consequent diminished profits. A committee was appointed by the United States Government to go into the question and see if some method could not be adopted to give assistance to the gold mines. The committee, however, has as yet announced no definite plans and time runs along with more mines forced to close down. In Canada representations were made to the Government, but up to date nothing has been done. The latest report is that the Canadian Government can see its way clear to do nothing more than act in co-operation with the U.S. in anything the latter may decide. Another report is to the effect that the British Government is about to deal with the question as the production of gold is considered an absolute necessity. The fact remains that the production of gold is a prime necessity for the nation's financial and commercial welfare and that decrease of production is not desirable. As The Ad-

vance has pointed out before any measure of relief would almost necessarily run along one or all of three lines. First, some assistance could be given by the adjustment of taxation imposed on gold mines. This taxation was popular previously chiefly because of the large amounts earned by producing gold mines, but at present such a reason or excuse for heavy taxation does not hold good. Secondly, adequate control of the alien labor making up so large a proportion of the workers in the gold mines would be of assistance. But perhaps anything so reasonable and sensible should not be expected from a Government, especially in a time of war. The third suggested form of help to the gold mining industry would be in the form of a bounty on gold produced or a guarantee to offset the high costs of labor and materials. In the U.S. such a bounty is being earnestly advocated by many thoughtful people at the present time.

The proposal to bring in coolie labor for the mines is not a desirable attempt at a solution of the problem. The truth is that the alien labor so largely used already is in some measure responsible for many of the difficulties encountered. The experience of the North Land with foreign labor is not such as to tend to a favorable reception for any proposal to experiment further with alien workers. If the labor now here were properly used and controlled by the Government at Ottawa, the labor question would soon solve itself.

### PROMPT RESPONSE TO FIRE CALL TUESDAY.

Although the team was working on the roads at the time, a very prompt response was made to an alarm of fire sent in from No. 24 box. Indeed, the fire equipment was on the way to the fire before the bell sounded. The reason for this was partly of course because a telephone call preceded the ringing in of the alarm, but even allowing for this the fire brigade's response was of the usual prompt and effective kind. The fire was in the roof of Councillor C. G. Williams' house, apparently being started from a spark from the chimney. Smoke was noticed issuing from the roof by Ex-Mayor Wilson who telephoned at once to the fire hall. The blaze was extinguished by the use of the chemical extinguishers and without the use of water. The fire burned a hole in the roof but only a small amount of damage was done.

## DIG GOLD DYKE FOUND AT MATATCHEWAN

Large Dyke Discovered on Claims Owned by John W. Fogg and Others.

Much interest was aroused during the past few days by the report that a large dyke bearing gold had been uncovered on the Matatchewan claims owned by Mr. J. W. Fogg and other Timmins citizens. The discovery was made by the men doing assessment work on the claims, and proved to be very promising. The formation on the claims indicated gold and while no free gold was visible the panning on the dyke uncovered showed encouraging quantities of gold. As the dyke extends nearly the full width of the claims and the formation and other indications are of the right character the property may prove one of the richest. The property is a mile or so from the Otisse and has similar formation to the latter. Diamond drilling and other work on the Otisse indicates the probability of a rich property. On the Fogg claims only the first year's assessment work is done, but work is now under way to do two years' work more now. The encouragement given by the work already done would suggest that further development will prove out the property to be a rich one. The discovery of the dyke has created much interest in the claims and the Timmins men have had several suggestions as to giving an option, but their present idea is to go on and test out the property further.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS INSTITUTE CHAPTER HERE

Cobalt and New Liskeard Brethren Exemplify Degrees.

Golden Beaver Chapter Royal Arch Masons was instituted at Timmins on Wednesday evening, July 24th. The degrees were exemplified by the Cobalt brethren and the brethren from New Liskeard. The Principals for Cobalt were Bros. Frank Todd, Jas. McVittie and Herbert Wallace. The New Liskeard Principals were Bros. Brown, James Taylor and C. A. Byam. Among the other visiting brethren were:—Bros. Dr. Haentschel, Robt. LeHeup, Haileybury; T. A. Armstrong, T. McCauley, J. McLeod, Cobalt; James Redpath, J. Murdock, New Liskeard; Chas. Carr, South Porcupine. Seventeen candidates took the Royal Arch degree here during the evening. For Golden Beaver Chapter the following Principals were appointed:—First Principal, R. J. Jemmett; Second Principal, C. G. Williams; Third Principal, D. A. Hoggarth.

### NO MORE RETURNED MEN FOR NORTH LAND THIS YEAR.

Hon. Howard Ferguson says that no more returned soldiers will be placed on the North Land farms at Kapuskasing this year, as no more can be handled at present. Up to date about 100 returned men have been located on the North Land farms during the spring and summer of this year, but there is no opportunity for more at present. The soldiers already located at Kapuskasing are now all working their own farms and doing well. The men are in charge of Lt.-Col. Innes. Before locating on the farms they were each given a short course of training in North Land Agriculture at Monteith College. The last group finished their course last month and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Training School is now closed. It will be used this fall in connection with a domestic science course for the women of the district. Before the returned men were finally located on their farms each had to have a regulation clearance and the necessary buildings were erected for the use and work of the returned hero. A feature of the plan is the provision made for community comforts and conveniences. The soldiers have the necessary stores, amusement places, etc., for their needs. There is now quite a settlement in the Kapuskasing district.

### EXPERT INVESTIGATING BERRIGAN-DALTON CLAIMS

This week a gentleman representing one of the largest copper producing companies on the continent is in the Camp and is viewing the Berrigan-Dalton claims on the Grassie River. These claims show much promise, and as copper properties are eagerly sought at the present time by the U.S. interests the claims will no doubt be thoroughly investigated by the expert now here with a view to a purchase.

## TIMMINS NEWS IN BRIEF

Mayor J. P. McLaughlin and Mrs. McLaughlin leave this evening for Baltimore, where Mrs. McLaughlin will take treatment at the famed hospital in that city.

Severe electrical storm swept over the North Land early last week, its violence being felt as far south as Muskoka Lakes where ugly winds and waves prevailed. At Bourke's the storm did much damage to buildings, fences, trees, etc., while at Haileybury the lightning arresters were blown out at the Northern Ontario Light & Power sub-station with the consequent inconvenience to power and light users.

The first conviction in the district under the Ontario Fire Protection Act was registered at Cochrane recently when a settler was fined \$5.00 and costs for burning his slash without permission. Others should take this as a hint that the intention is to see that the law is observed. In the case referred to the fine was small as the settler did not really understand the fact that he was seriously offending against the law.

Mr. F. E. Cossette, manufacturer of soft drinks, etc., and one of the old-timers of the Porcupine, died last week at South Porcupine aged 35 years. The funeral took place at the R. C. Church, Timmins, on Thursday morning. The sympathy of all will be given to the young widow surviving and to the other near relatives and friends.

The Baptist church and Sunday School held a very pleasant picnic to Pearl Lake on Thursday last. The trip to the picnic grounds and the return were made by auto. The weather in the morning was a little wet but cleared off and all enjoyed the outing. Indeed, the picnic was so attractive that many now are suggesting the holding of another picnic under the same auspices in the near future.

Rev. H. B. Coumans, B.A., formerly of Cobalt Baptist church, now Superintendent of the Baptist Home Mission Board of Ontario and Quebec, will visit Timmins this week and will preach at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, August 4th, also addressing the Bible School at 2.30 p.m. The Baptist church services are held in the Old Empire Theatre and there will no doubt be large attendances on Sunday to hear Mr. Coumans who has innumerable friends in the North Land.

Since the last issue of The Advance there have been four or more baseball games. The Single Men and the Married Men have been playing the game right along as the Married Men do not mind it, being accustomed to being trimmed. The Single Men have won all the games so far, but the Married Men are living in hopes of better things, that being their normal frame of mind. In the second game the score was 3 to 2, but the other scores are scarcely fit for publication. The score for the last game, for instance, was nearly as desperate as some of the umpire's decisions.

## CADET DUNBAR KILLED AT BEAMSVILLE CAMP

Former Timmins Citizen Meets Death in Solo Flight at R.A.F. Camp.

There will be very deep regret in the Camp at the sad news of the death on Saturday of Cadet Talbot C. Dunbar at Beamsville. He was well known and respected in Timmins where he was a resident for some time. His home was at Haileybury, but he represented the Hendon Lumber Co. here, and later at McIntosh Springs. Mr. Howard Dunbar is a brother of the deceased.

According to the dispatches from Beamsville, Cadet Dunbar was making his solo flight on Saturday morning when about 10 o'clock, one mile south of the Beamsville camp, his machine crashed to the earth in flames. The body was charred beyond recognition, and when help arrived on the scene of the tragedy nothing was left of the airplane but the level parts.

### 'REMEMBRANCE DAY' AT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH.

The services in St. Matthew's church, Timmins, next Sunday, "Remembrance Day," will be of a character befitting the solemnity of the fourth anniversary of the commencement of the great war. The sermon topic in the evening will be "Remembrance," and the choir will render the anthem, "Give Peace in Our Time, O Lord!" All loyal subjects of the Allied powers will no doubt make an effort to comply with the King's request to attend some religious service on Sunday.

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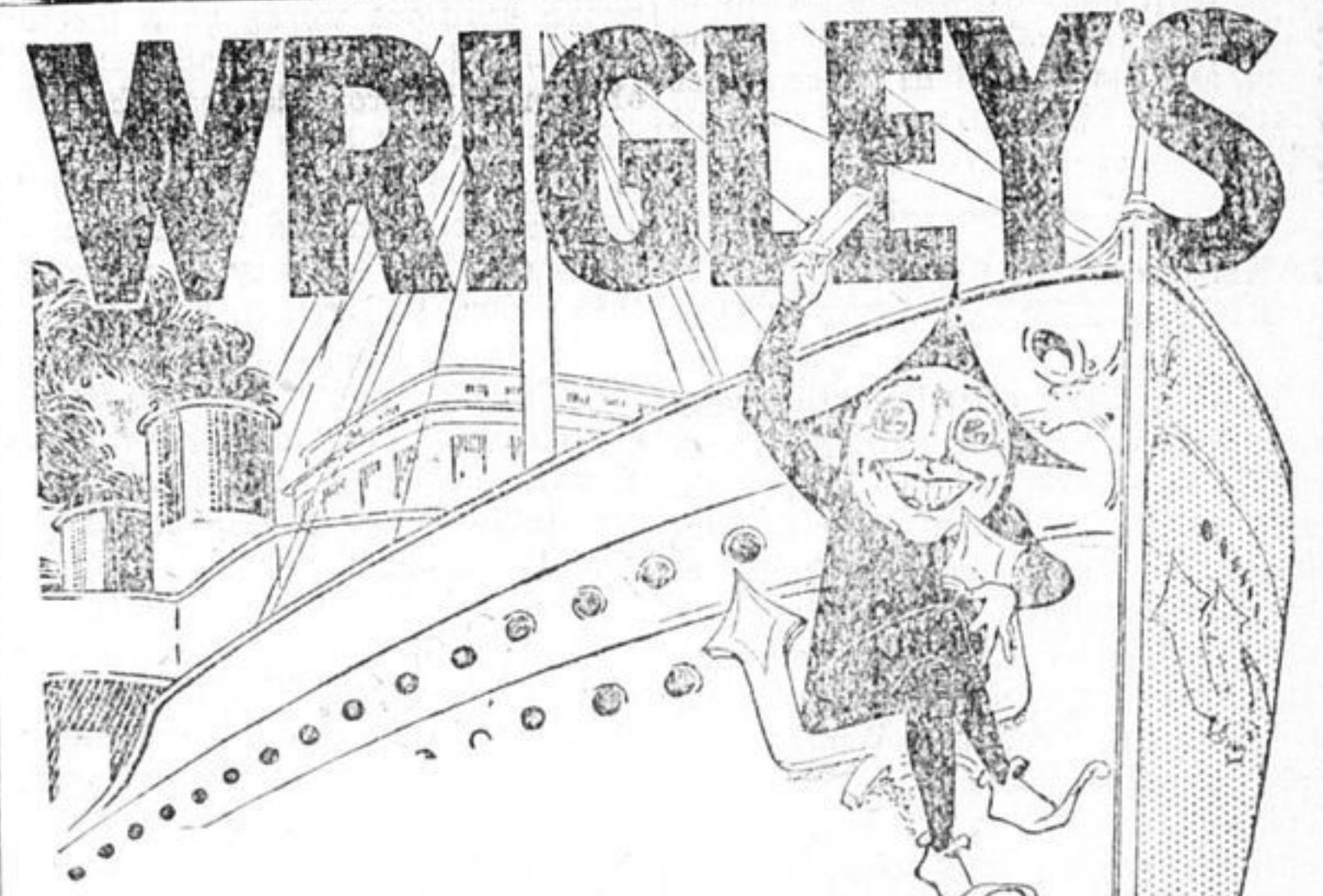
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