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MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN FOR THE NAVY LEAGUE

Organized Effort Being Planned to Secure Several Hundred Members in Camp.

Dr. J. A. McInnis, president of the Admiral Beresford (Porcupine) branch of the Navy League of Canada, occupied the chair at the meeting of the branch which he had called for Thursday afternoon last in the Council Chamber. The attendance was not large, but there was interest and enthusiasm evident. The chief business dealt with was the plan of organizing for a campaign to run the membership of the Navy League in the Porcupine Camp up to three or four hundred. The branch already has a membership of over 60. These members were secured practically without canvassing, or organization and it is believed that if an organized campaign were inaugurated the membership could be increased perhaps to 500. The purposes of the Navy League are, briefly:—to provide necessities and comforts to the British and Canadian sailors, and give assistance to the dependents of the brave men of the Navy and Mercantile Marine; to create and foster interest in the purposes and importance of the Navy during and after the war; to provide training to young boys who wish to enter the naval or mercantile marine service. In short, the purpose of the Navy League is to do for the sailors what the Patriotic Fund, the Red Cross, the Y.M.C.A., and other patriotic societies are doing for the soldiers.

At Thursday afternoon's meeting a Committee was selected to map out a plan of campaign for membership and to suggest suitable team captains. The campaign will likely be held the first week in September, this being the week chosen for Canada as Navy League Week. Probably, the campaign will open with a big meeting in the Theatre on Sunday evening, when there will be addresses explanatory of the work of the League, as well as appropriate moving pictures.

PROVINCE GETS THREE GOOD LIQUOR FINES

Two Austrians and an Italian Fined \$300 each on Thursday.

For some weeks past three detectives for the Ontario Liquor License Department have been at work in the Camp, and Thursday's court showed the fruits of their labors. Two Austrians, one named Krankovitch and the other called Charlie Holdavitch were each fined \$300 and costs for selling liquor. As one of the special officers was a Serbian, another a man from Montenegro and the chief one a Greek, there was a touch of timely interest in the clash between these Allies and the Austrians. The stories told by the officers were frank and straightforward. They told about securing liquor at the defendants' houses and duly paying for the booze. The Austrians had typical Austrian defences. Holdavitch said he had the whiskey for his sick wife, but he was not clear as to why he really hid it in the woodshed. He claimed that he had refused the money offered for the bottle he gave the officer, and that the officer had then given \$2.00 to the little girl present. Holdavitch claimed that his wife took this \$2 to buy a pair of shoes for the girl, the bill for the shoes being duly exhibited as evidence the woman gave evidence along similar lines, though there were several Austrian discrepancies. Solicitor J. Cook pleaded for consideration for Holdavitch because, though he was an Austrian, he had a brother working a munition factory. "Maybe, he'll blow it up, or wrongly load the guns," replied Magistrate Atkinson. They have done such things, and I've no sympathy with their employment in such places. In any case, I'm not trying the brother." "That'll hold you down for a while," quipped the T. & N.O. assize who happened to be in court, the solicitor sat down. Mr. Cook replied this pat comment as much as in the court.

An Italian named Gallonardo, living on Third Avenue, was fined \$300 and costs for selling liquor, this charge also being a Provincial one. There were no other cases of importance dealt with at the court.

Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Brown and baby returned on Sunday's National from their holiday visit to the south.

THREE 8-GALLON KEGS OF LIQUOR SEIZED

Two of Highwines and One of Rum Taken from John Graboski's.

A Finlander woman who thought her husband was getting liquor there, gave the police suggestions on Monday afternoon that resulted in an official visit to John Graboski's house. There the police found John and some friends sitting in friendly way around a table on which was a whiskey jug and some glasses. In the house was found an eight-gallon keg of rum and two eight gallon kegs of highwines. These kegs of liquor were removed to the station by Chief Wilson, and Graboski placed under arrest. In addition to the liquor charge that may be preferred on Thursday there is some talk about Graboski being faced with another charge,—that of travelling without a permit. Graboski, who is registered as an alien enemy, recently secured permission to go to Cobalt and return. He had his papers duly endorsed at Cobalt, but the Chief thinks he travelled on to Montreal from Cobalt without the proper authority. Graboski is out on \$1000 bail until to-morrow's court.

OTTAWA GOLD REFINERY LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

The heavy demand on the gold refinery at the Royal Mint since the war began has led to the construction of a second plant with a monthly output of a million ounces of gold a month. This extension gives the Ottawa Mint the largest capacity of any gold refinery in the world.

Ever since the war began, the work of the Royal Mint at Ottawa has been increased much beyond what is generally known. Gold coin and gold bullion to the value of \$1,300,000.00 have been received at Ottawa by the Department of Finance, as trustees for the Imperial Government and the Bank of England. It was necessary that their value should be ascertained and that a certain quantity of the gold bullion should be refined. In addition, as Newfoundland has been unable to get its supplies of coins from England, coinage for Newfoundland was done by Canada, 1,676,000 silver pieces being made.

Since the war began the Royal Mint at Ottawa has handled the following special business due to the war:—

Gold bullion received for refining, 15,992,770 ounces gross.

Total gold bars produced, 14,048,803 ounces fine, value \$290,414,547.

Pine silver recovered, 1,175,500 ounces fine.

TWO MORE BOLSHEVIKS SENTENCED AT BRANTFORD

Of the six alleged Russians arrested recently at Brantford for having objectionable literature in their possession, Alex. Borak and John Kusnitz last week were each fined \$500 and sentenced in addition to six months in jail. If the fines are not paid they will each have to serve an additional year in the Ontario Reformatory. Four others were allowed to go, as they seemed no worse than boarders in the house where the literature was found. Kusnitz, who has connections in Timmins it is said, was the secretary of the Brantford branch of the Russian Revolutionary Society. The literature, like that found in Timmins, is distinctly anarchistic, advocating revolution by bloodshed, and the redistribution of wealth by the same red means. Some I.W.W. literature was also found in the possession of the Brantford criminals, and it was of the usual objectionable type.

CAR SOLD UNDER DISTRESS WARRANT FOR OVER \$300.

Some weeks ago J. Trudell, being fined under the Motor Vehicles Act, for running into a baby carriage and damaging it and not stopping to give assistance, did not pay the fine and a distress warrant was issued for the sale of the car by public auction to meet the fine and cost. The sale was advertised by H. W. Warren to take place at No. 15 Cedar street on Monday of this week, August 19th., at 2.30 p.m. The auction accordingly took place in due course with few bidders and the car, which was an Overland, Model 75, being secured by the Marshall-Ecclestone Company at \$305.00. The fine for which the car was seized was a \$50 one. After this amount and the total costs are taken, the balance will be handed over to the owner of the car at the time of seizure

FELL THIRTY FEET, BUT ABLE TO BE AROUND AGAIN.

Among the "accidents and incidents" occurring here recently The Advance missed mention last week of the one happening to Alf. Holland at the Hollinger. He was at work at the mill and his ankle twisted under him and down he went from the agitators to the floor beneath—a distance of some thirty feet. He managed to escape some projecting rods, but there was no place soft to fall upon after all the thirty feet were travelled. When he was found unconscious by a fellow workman it was feared that he was seriously injured and he was hurried to the hospital. There it was discovered that his leg was rather badly bruised and twisted and his face cut, his lips suffering particularly on the inside. No serious injury, however, resulted from the thirty-foot fall, and Alf. was out and around again with his usual smile on Saturday evening last, though in addition to the smile he had to carry a cane. A number of stitches were necessary to close the wounds in his head and lips, but these injuries healed up in less than a week, and only the lameness remains as a reminder of the accident.

MISS HOPKINS MARRIED AT PORQUIS JUNCTION.

On Wednesday, August 14th., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins, Porquis Junction, their daughter, Miss Laura Ellen Hopkins, and Mr. Wm. Begley, of Matheson, were united in the bonds of matrimony by the Rev. R. E. Morton, of Iroquois Falls. The bride was charming in a white satin gown, and was attended by Miss Merle Hopkins. The groom was supported by Mr. Geo. Green. The groom's gift to the bride was a gold nugget brooch, to the bridesmaid a brooch and to the groomsmen a watch fob. Mr. and Mrs. Begley left on the National for a wedding tour to Toronto and other points south. On their return they will take up residence in Matheson. The bride was for a time on the telephone operating switchboard at Timmins, also serving in the same capacity at Iroquois Falls and other centres. She was very popular and highly esteemed and the good wishes of a host of friends will go with her at this time for her future happiness and good fortune.

"Why they even bring liquor into this town in dynamite boxes and marked as dynamite," said a Timmins man the other evening. "It's a pity it wasn't dynamite," his wife said. Then she laughed. "But no, for if it were dynamite, I'd be picking up the old man all over town in small pieces."

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

United States interests have optioned the Renaud claims, north of the Miller Independence property, Boston Creek, and exploration and development work has been started on the property.

The Potter claims, near the Miller-Independence, have been taken over by the Toronto financiers interested in the Bourkes Mines. Work will be started on these Boston Creek prospects at once, it is said, and the hope is that the Miller-Independence veins run through into the Potter property.

The Mining Corporation of Canada is reported as about to start work at the Kennedy claims, Boston Creek district. These claims are under option to the Mining Corporation and the preliminary work having uncovered several promising veins, work is likely to be started at once, especially as the general interest and belief in Boston Creek district is so great at the present time.

The contract with the V.N.T. for underground work on the Thompson-Krist property will soon be completed, and as the V.N.T. is doing no work now on its own property it is not likely to renew or extend the contract with the Thompson-Krist. Work on the Thompson-Krist, however, has proven encouraging enough that other plans will likely be taken to proceed with development and exploration work. It is understood that the Thompson-Krist is now working on such plans. The V.N.T. has some more work to complete on the Thompson-Krist, and when this is done it is likely that other means will be decided upon to continue the exploration of the property.

PREBYTERIAN PICNIC ENJOYABLE SUCCESS.

The Presbyterian Sunday School picnic to Pearl Lake last Wednesday proved a very pleasant event. The day was an ideal one for the occasion and the programme was particularly good. Not only were there numerous events for the special pleasure of the children, but the older ones were by no means forgotten in the day's program. Two items that were especially interesting were the Women's Nail Driving Contest and the Needle-Threading Race. In both these events there was special room for fun as well as skill. About 120 attended the picnic, and there were just as many as those attending ready to vote in the evening that the day and the picnic were very pleasant indeed. The Presbyterian Church wishes to thank the merchants who so generously donated prizes for the occasion, and the auto owners who so kindly assisted in taking the picnickers to and from the grounds. These expressions of thanks will be warmly seconded by all who enjoyed this pleasant picnic.

GOT SALVATION FREE; WILLING TO PAY HIS DEBTS.

Perhaps, Mr. H. J. Marshall would not worry at all if everybody who owes him money "got religion" the way one of his old-time customers got it. In a letter last week this customer tells how he ran a bill at Marshall-Ecclestone's. First he deposited a little money and paid a little, and then managed to get \$12 or \$13 ahead of the Timmins firm. When things were in this shape he left Schumacher and went south, neglecting very naturally to leave his address. Down south, however, he "found salvation free," as he expresses it himself, and so was willing to pay for any other little things. He sent Mr. Marshall the correct amount due, together with a letter that was decidedly religious in its tone. Anybody would be willing to stand a little preaching, if it is backed up by the solid cash kind of argument that "getting religion" means paying one's debts and acting squarely and fairly to all men.

Mrs. M. A. Ellis has won the Honor Card awarded by the Field Comforts Association for the making of 100 pairs of hand-knit socks for the soldiers overseas. The Honor Card has not yet reached here, but is no doubt on the way. In the meantime, however, Mrs. Ellis has only 23 pairs of socks to make to reach the 200 mark. For 200 pairs of socks made, the Field Comforts Headquarters awards an Honor Badge.

NEW COMPANY STOCK OFFERED IN PORCUPINE

Safety Stove Pipe Co. Allowing Limited Amount of Shares for Subscription Here.

The Safety Stove Pipe Company, Limited, recently incorporated, under a charter from the Ontario Government, to take over and extend the business of Patenaude and Berini, of Timmins, are offering a limited amount of stock for sale in the Camp at present. Mr. Joseph Berini is president of the Company, Mr. A. O. Patenaude vice-president and Mr. Andrew Lalonde secretary-treasurer and manager. The capitalization is \$50,000, in 500 shares of \$100 each, 252 shares being allotted for the purchase of the business, good will, etc., of Messrs. Patenaude and Berini's thriving business. Mr. Lalonde says that it would be possible to dispose of all the treasury stock to outside financiers, but that the directors of the company particularly desired that their friends in the Porcupine should have a chance at this money-making investment. The Company, the manager states, has a business that keeps on increasing, orders keep pouring in, and everything is going well. The additional capital secured through the re-organization will in Mr. Lalonde's opinion guarantee a successful and profitable future for the Safety Stove Pipe Company.

GRUESOME DISCOVERY IN LOCAL WOODSHED.

Early in the morning one day last week Chief of Police Wilson was awakened by a persistent knocking at the station door. He lay quietly in bed, hoping whoever it was would go away, but it was no go that way. At last he came downstairs in his pyjamas. (Outside newspapers will please note that in addition to being a stumpless town now, Timmins has a Chief of Police who wears pyjamas.) There was a lady at the door of the station and she breathlessly explained that she was afraid that there was a dead man in her woodshed. She had had a boarder who had been acting queerly lately, and in view of the accidents and incidents of Timmins recently, she was afraid that nearly anything might have happened. The Chief hurriedly donned his 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. uniform and hastened down to the lady's house. On the way, he met Gib McInnis and pressed him into service. The two men approached the house with feelings of awe and trembling solemnity. (Anyone who can imagine Gib feeling that way will please wire at our expense). Gently, they pushed open the woodshed door. But it was only too true! There, stretched full length on the floor was the body of a man. His head was twisted back; his eyes were glazed; the film was gathering round his mouth; his arms were thrown stiffly to each side and his legs were already rigid; his shirt was torn open at the breast, and though they could not see it, they could easily imagine the gaping wound just above the left breast. When at last the woman was induced to look at the body she was a little relieved to discover that it was not her boarder, but a stranger. The Chief and Gib, reverently picked up the silent form and carried it solemnly over to the police station. Then after the man's name on the registrar the Chief entered the words, "Dead—drunk."

IROQUOIS FALLS' BIG LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

Monster Parade, Field Sports, Baseball, Dance, Etc.

"Just board the train and leave the rest to us," is the word on the posters issued for Iroquois Falls' big Labor Day event. There are to be special rates at the hotels; special trains to the Junction; guides to show visitors through the big paper mill.

Among the items announced may be mentioned:—Baseball, Timmins vs. Iroquois Falls; the biggest parade ever held in the North Land; tennis tournaments; field sports; visit to the plant, etc., etc. A dance will be held in the evening for the benefit of the Red Cross. At this dance it is expected that an orchestra, a dozen strong from South End, will be among the features. South Porcupine may also take down a junior baseball team.

The Gold Camp is to be well represented at Iroquois Falls on Labor Day, and last year's event suggests that all who go this year will very thoroughly enjoy the good sports and hospitality

CHARGED WITH HAVING COMPLETE LIQUOR STILL

Police Raid A. Rossaro's House on Birch Street, With Interesting Results.

Following information secured by Night Constable Greer, the police made a raid on 16 Birch street on Thursday last. While Chief Wilson and Officers Greer and Sally were digging in the sand in the cellar, Officer Allen upstairs found a trunk into which was nicely folded what appears to be a complete liquor still. In the sand in the cellar the police eventually unearthed four large bottles of home-made whiskey. A "mash barrel" and other devices used in connection with the illicit distilling of liquor are also said to have been found on the premises. As a result of the raid, the householder, A. Rossaro, was placed under arrest and Giuseppe Masiallo was also taken in charge in connection with the matter. Both were soon released on \$500 bail each. The still is credited with being one of the largest and most complete ever discovered in the North Land. It is equipped with double retorts, one of copper, and with water connections, gasoline torch, etc. "One of the finest stills I have ever seen," says one man. "I think it is a sausage machine," says another man, while still another favors the idea of it being for the manufacture of macaroni. "So there you are! However, the real purposes of the machine may be made plain on Thursday when the case comes before Magistrate Atkinson, and when the Crown Attorney or his representative will be here to prosecute.

BROKERAGE FIRM FILES BANKRUPTCY PETITION.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in the U.S. District Court in New York City against Robert E. Kemmer, Percy E. Matthes and D. C. Kemmer as partners in the firm of Kemmer, Matthes & Co., Toronto. The present condition of the stock market is quoted as the cause of the failure. The liabilities are said to be \$269,000. The Kemmer Co. was prominent in the promotion of the Krist-Thompson and the Kenabeck mines.

GAMBLERS COMPLAINED; SO NO MORE RAIDS

Aliens Did Not Like Their Games Being Stopped, and Appealed to Chief.

In former times the police were able to free the town from every gambling place conducted by "white men." Every "white man" making profession of gambling has been forced out of the game here, and many of them have left the town altogether. The aliens, however, were more difficult to deal with. Raided in one place, they tried another the next night. The only way was to keep right after them all the time. Probably, they would not have been so much disturbed had there not been so many complaints from women of the men spending all their money in these games, and from men of being robbed and so forth. Recently, however, the aliens have made another complaint,—that the police have been disturbing them. Astounding as it may appear, following this complaint, announcement has been made that there are to be no more Sunday raids of card games. As Constable McInnis phrased it, "That may be all right for Timmins, but I am going to enforce the law in Montreal."

Following close upon this announcement regarding the favoring of alien gamblers, there comes the other announcement that Constable Greer has resigned. Constable Greer has been a most efficient officer, fair, fearless and straight. He has enjoyed the respect of all and merits the reputation given him generally of being one of the very best police officers in the district. He had much to do with the cleaning-out of the "white men" gamblers, and everyone who knows him feels that he is too British to see aliens break the law undisturbed. In the loss of Constable Greer the town would lose an officer whom all will admit it would be difficult to replace, and the general feeling will be that Constable Greer should be induced to remain,—even though he insists upon carrying out his oath of office and enforcing the law even against aliens and Bolsheviks.