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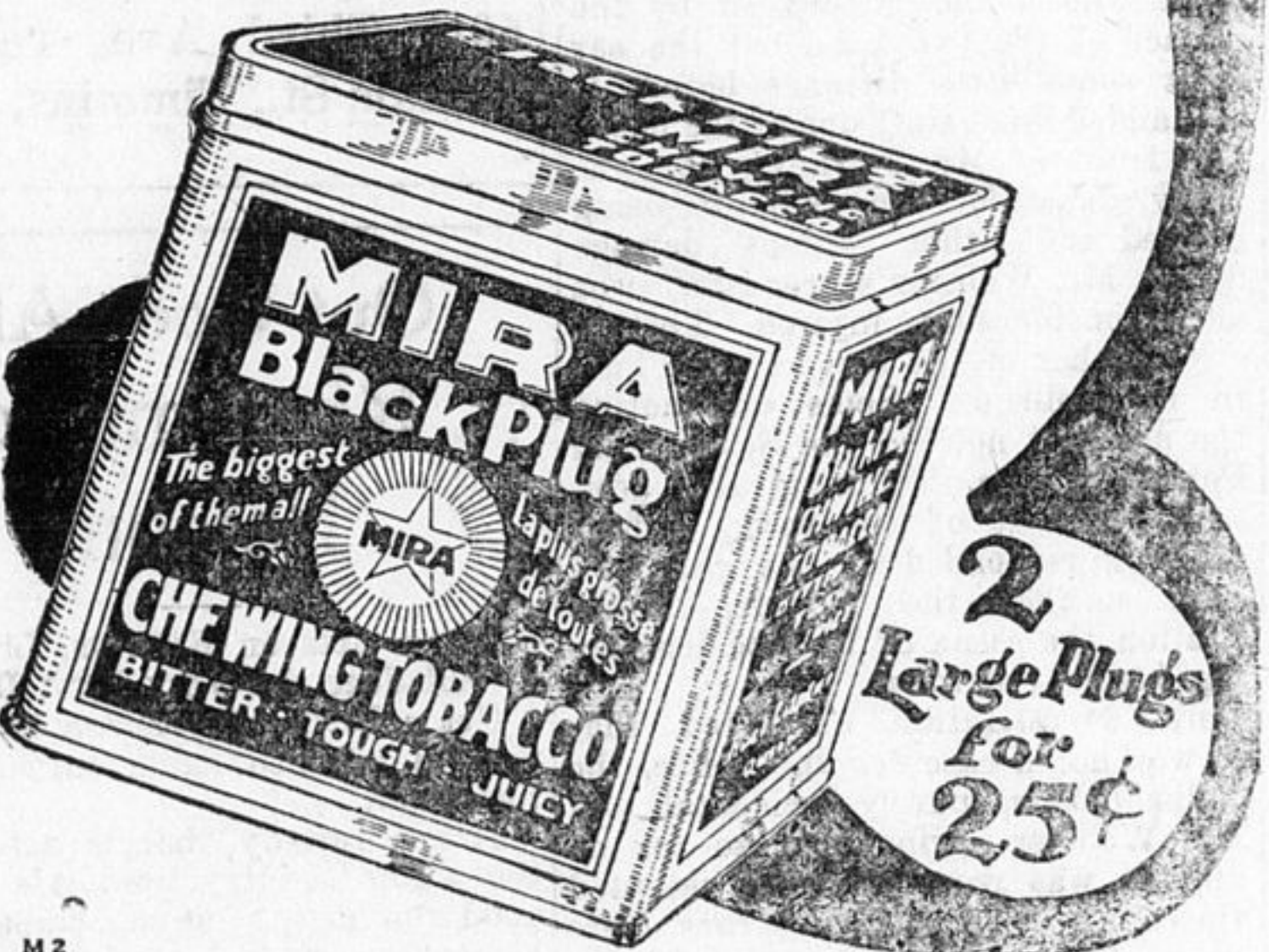
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GIVES ROUYN A HARD OLD NAME AS A MINING CAMP

But Probably the Story is Much Exaggerated and Overdrawn.

Despatches sent from Cobalt to the daily and semi-weekly newspapers last week give Rouyn a rather hard name as a mining camp. Indeed, these despatches picture the new gold camps as worse than the hard old camps of the south and west when those hard camps were tougher than a hard-boiled bad egg. A couple of old-timers of this camp, in commenting on the despatches referred to, admit that Rouyn is not as quiet and circumspect a camp as the Porcupine was in the early days. But that may mean nothing. Porcupine Camp was never tough. In the early days there was lots of fun and frolic, but remarkably little wickedness. Indeed, Porcupine Camp in its opening years was unusually law-abiding and decent. Rouyn might be a whole lot worse than Old Porcupine and yet be a very good place.

On the other hand some from here are ready to say that Rouyn is free and easy. And that may mean much or little. Rouyn would have to be a decidedly respectable place to equal the standards of the old-time Porcupine. The despatches suggest, however, that to go to Rouyn is to go straight to ruin, and worse. It is a pretty safe bet to say that the conditions, as described in the despatches, are likely to be overdrawn and exaggerated. However, The North Bay Nugget gives publicity to one of the despatches. Perhaps, at that, publicity even to such a despatch may be a good thing. The chances are that there is some foundation for the story, though the tale itself is exaggerated. Those who go in and out of Rouyn are willing to agree that the new Camp is not exactly like a good girl's Sunday school class. It is not probable that "every" log shack is a blind-pig, but it may be true, as the little boy said about the thousand cats he saw in the yard,—"Well anyway, there was our cat and another." There is nothing like a little publicity to keep down the piking grafters, the tin-horns and the smooth crooks. It may be better to make the name of Rouyn sound a little worse than it may merit, rather than allow it to go on and deserve a worse name than it has. The publicity probably will rouse up the authorities to investigate and Rouyn's name may thus be cleared, either by the tale being disproved, or by conditions being improved.

However, here is the despatch as it appears in The Nugget. It will be interesting to hear the comments from citizens of Rouyn and from people who have spent some time in the Rouyn Camp:—"Cobalt established a reputation in its day for maintaining the best traditions of mining camps for freedom of speech and private rights with regard to individual action.

"Indeed one of Cobalt's claims to fame is its parentage of the widely known Ontario Liberty league.

"Elk Lake, Gowanda, Golden City and South Porcupine were gay dogs too in the days of their respective youths.

"It now remains for the new town of Rouyn, riding into prominence in the centre of the northwestern Quebec gold fields, to set the pace. It is said that for real action and lurid night life activities Rouyn City is already showing the worst of its predecessors new wrinkles in the arts of naughtiness.

"An engineer who has followed for years the mining trails and has taken part in almost every rush of importance between Mexico and Colorado and the Yukon, returned recently from Rouyn, and even he was shocked.

"For wild and woolly performances Rouyn has any western mining camp that I have ever seen faded a mile," he said.

"The water supply promises to be a problem for the future at present the inhabitants seem to get along well. There are literally floods of beer, wine "alkie" and whiskey.

"There are about eighty log shacks or cabins in the town proper and I may safely say that every one of these is a bootlegging establishment.

"From twenty to thirty "femmes de joie" contribute to the gaiety of the place and ply openly a trade in prostitution, much of which is in cooperation with the keepers of bootleg joints and gambling establishments.

"An underworld, second to none outside of the metropolitan centres, is fast becoming established in this new area.

"Most of the street women and their keepers are from houses of ill fame in Montreal.

"Recently a woman, stark naked and raving with drink, ran out onto the main street in broad daylight, screaming and yelling. A passer-by shouldered her as he would a bag of flour and carried her back into the doorway from which she had come. Such and similar scenes are not considered of much importance in Rouyn's young life.

"About 150 men are employed at the Home and other properties immediately surrounding the town. Comparatively few of the mining men have yet taken their wives into the camp, although some of the more courageous women have accompanied their husbands and are braving the

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"If these and other reports of from similarly reliable sources are correct, Rouyn must be sowing its wild oats with a vengeance. More interesting news may be expected from the camp during this coming winter."

CHILDREN'S AID WORK IN SOUTHERN TEMISKAMING

The Northern News last week gives the following interesting summary of Children's Aid work in Southern Temiskaming:—"The cost of maintaining each child per day at the Children's Shelter in Haileybury during the past year was 73.9 cents, one of the lowest rates in the province of Ontario, according to the report of the superintendent of the Children's Aid Society, R. LeHeup, presented at the annual meeting of that organization this week. In the period covered 57 children were received and cared for. The total number of days' maintenance was 3756 and the cost of operating the Shelter was \$2774.25.

"Of the 57 children in residence, the provincial government, the municipalities or individuals contributed to the upkeep of 39, and the others were maintained from the funds of the Society at a cost of \$624.40. Twelve of the children came from Cobalt and four from Kirkland Lake. There were 22 Roman Catholics and 35 Protestants, and seven children were in residence at the beginning of November. The largest item in the expense sheet was \$1057.79 for provisions.

"The secretary's report indicates that 22 applications were made for children during the year, and the same number of children were placed in foster homes. One hundred and two complaints were made to Mr. LeHeup and 99 cases were investigated. Thirteen parents or guardians were prosecuted and 31 warnings to parents were issued. Ten unmarried parents' cases were dealt with, and nine cases of legal adoption were investigated. The secretary travelled 8415 miles, and handled nearly 3000 letters. New Liskeard and Haileybury branches of the Society raised between them \$1070, and donations of fruit and vegetables were made by the school children at Cobalt, Mileage 104, North Cobalt and Haileybury. The society has a balance on hand of \$25.31. N. J. McAulay is again president."

HAILEYBURY GIRLS SEND MESSAGE TO FAR NORTH

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NORTH COBALT BRIDE GIVEN SHOWER BY FRIENDS

The North Cobalt correspondent of The Northern News last week says: "The members of the L. O. B. A. held an enjoyable social evening last Thursday in the Orange Hall, the occasion being a shower for Miss Esther Grace. The bride-to-be received some very lovely and useful gifts. In the course of the evening Miss Grace was presented with a short address but for once Esther was unable to reply, which Mr. Matheson did for her in a few appreciative words. Miss Grace left on Tuesday for Timmins. Her marriage to Mr. G. Haggart took place on Wednesday. The happy couple will make their home in Timmins."

BIG WOLF SHOT LAST WEEK IN SWAMP NEAR GUELPH

People in the South have recently had opportunity to judge for themselves as to how much man-eating a wolf will attempt even when he is hungry enough to eat a dead horse in high gear. Last week a party of fox hunters killed a big timber wolf in Eramosa Township, near Guelph. One of the party sighted the animal and shot it, inflicting a wound that, though serious, was not fatal. The wolf turned and tried to escape, but was shot a couple of times more and eventually died loaded with lead. For the past few weeks this wolf had been in the neighborhood and had carried on a regular wholesale slaughter of sheep and fowl, but man attempting to shoot it for its marauding had scarcely been able to catch a glimpse of it. Instead of the wolf going into Guelph and carrying off three or four strong men on their way from church, the wolf would disappear like a streak of double-greased lightning as soon as it sniffed the scent of a man a mile away. It is surmised that this wolf came down from the North on account of the poor hunting and the strong competition this season in the North. Even hunger and desperation, however, did not set this wolf eating human beings, though there would be quite a few juicy specimens in the Guelph section.

AND THEN THE SMART GUY WENT AND LOST APPETITE

The class of restaurant patron who have a "line" for the pretty girl waitress is hit off well by The Ottawa Journal in the following little parable: As the commercial traveler took the menu card he looked pleasantly and quite respectfully at the pretty waitress.

"Warm day, isn't it?" he remarked. "Yes, it is," she answered, stiffly, "and so was yesterday, and my name is Ella, and I know I'm a peach and have pretty blue eyes, and I've been here quite a while and like the place, and I don't think I'm too nice a girl to be working in a restaurant; if I did I'd leave my job. My wages are satisfactory; and I don't know if there is a show or dance in town to-night, and if there is I shall not go with you, and I'm from the country, and my brother is cook in this restaurant, and he weighs 200 pounds, and last week he nearly killed a customer who tried to make love to me. Now, what will you have?"

The man dropped back limply in his chair. "I'm not very hungry," he said. "A cup of coffee and a sandwich will do."

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