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Large Aeroplane Over Town During Past Week

Friday last at noon the noise of a large motor was noted by many in town while at the mid-day meal. Some thought it must be a motor car having difficulty in starting and so did not trouble to go outside to see. Those who were outdoors, however, noted a particularly large aeroplane flying comparatively low over the town. It was much larger than the Ontario Forestry planes that sometimes pass over here. Another item that the watchers noted was that it flew low over the town, while the Forestry plane almost invariably is high in the air. Three or four weeks ago there were a couple of Forestry planes (at least it was figured out that they were Forestry planes) passing over Timmins one day around noon and though their motors could be plainly heard it was only the sharp eyes of the school youngsters that could follow them in the sky. Also these planes were so high in the sky that every little while they would be hidden from view altogether by passing clouds. The aeroplane passing across the town on Friday, however, was plainly discernible, both by the fact of its size and the lowness at which it was flying. This aeroplane was a particularly large one and apparently was equipped with a regular cabin for passengers. It passed across the town, after doing a stunt or two in the air, and then went off in the direction of South Porcupine. There were many guesses as to its identity. Some were inclined to think that it was a Dominion plane and was perhaps engaged in mapping the territory or taking aerial photographs. The fact that it was flying so low was referred to as proof of this theory of ownership and purpose. It turned out, however, that it was only another of what are termed "the commercial planes," and that it was engaged in taking up passengers for hire. It was landing on Porcupine Lake at South Porcupine and making flights from there. The charge for a flight is understood to have been \$5.00 per passenger, while the flight was for ten minutes or so. The passengers were taken from South Porcupine across country to Timmins, given a good view of this town from the air and then returned to the starting point. According to reports from South Porcupine a large number of passengers took opportunity for the flight to Timmins and return. The North Land has had frequent visits from planes of all kinds and sizes but the interest continues keen in them and an airship never passes over the town without rousing special interest and it is usually watched with keen attention until it is out of sight. It is a little over ten years ago now since Timmins was visited by the first aeroplane to come to this town. The Timmins Football Club for Labour Day, 1920, paid a noted pilot and stunt artist \$1,000.00 to bring an aeroplane here as a special attraction for a day of sports in town. The attraction brought people to town from all parts of the North Land and the Football Club boys were well pleased with the feature. A number from the town and district had a flight in that aeroplane on Labour Day, 1920, the charge on that occasion being \$15.00 per passenger for a flight that lasted only between five and ten minutes. The aeroplane that was here last Friday was also bringing passengers over Timmins on Saturday.

ANNUAL MEETING IROQUOIS FALLS AND ANSONVILLE C.A.S.

The annual meeting of the Iroquois Falls and Ansonville Children's Aid Society is to be held in the Columbus hall on Friday evening of this week, Oct. 31st, commencing at 8 p.m. sharp. The chair will be taken by F. Miller, president of the society for some years past and who has done much to make the branch so helpful and valuable in its district. One of the chief items of business at the meeting will be the election of officers for the ensuing year. The reports of the officers for the past year will be presented and it is also expected to have addresses on the work of the Children's Aid in the district from: A. G. Carson, superintendent of the District of Cochrane C.A.S., G. A. Macdonald, president of the District C.A.S., Rev. Fr. O'Gorman, of the District executive, Rev. Fr. Pelletier, Iroquois Falls, Rev. Mr. Manwaring, Rev. Mr. Woodhouse, Ven. Archdeacon Woodall, of Porcupine Junction, Mayor A. Leroux, of Ansonville, and Mayor Ebbitt, of Iroquois Falls.

DEATH TOLL IN GERMAN MINE TRAGEDY REACHES OVER 250

The Anna II coal mine disaster of Germany, one of the worst in Germany's history, took a death toll that had reached 255 last week and it was believed that a few more bodies would be found in the debris-filled labyrinths of the mine. The total includes 16 who have died in hospitals of injuries chargeable to the blast; the others were carried out laboriously by rescue squads which stumbled through choked shafts and over tons of debris. Because of the great number of dead, the local cemetery was proved too small and preparations were made to lay out a new burial ground hurriedly. In it, on Saturday morning, the dead miners were placed in common graves. The cause of the explosion is still a mystery, although the theory of fire damp is widely held. Communist speakers at a number of public meetings in the region to-day energetically attacked the Eschweiler Mining Company, owners of the mine.

St. Catharines Standard:—With unemployment as it has been, this October weather has certainly proved very kind.

Rouyn Pioneer Merchant Passed Away Last Week

The death occurred last week of one of the pioneer merchants of Rouyn and one who was known and respected in many sections of the North Land. W. O. Crawford was for a time a resident of Matheson and he was also known in other sections of the North. From Matheson he went to Rouyn where he was one of the very first in the merchandise business in that camp. Referring last week to the death of Mr. Crawford, The Northern News, in its Rouyn and Noranda section, said:—
"A pioneer of Rouyn's early days passed along the great trail to beyond on Wednesday, when the death occurred in Youville Hospital of Wallace Oliver Crawford, merchant, in his forty-eighth year.
"Long before the ribbons of steel carried their iron horses into the coming copper camp, Mr. Crawford arrived. It was in December, 1925, that he made the difficult trip from Cheminis over snow trails by foot to become one of the pioneers.
"Rouyn had only two stores when he arrived, and he decided to establish a little business. He started a grocery and general store, which continued until his demise. His first partner in this enterprise was Edgar Faulkenham. Early this year the partnership was dissolved and a new one started with William Simmers.
"Mr. Crawford was born in Michigan, but came to Canada as a child. For some time he kept a store in Waltham, Quebec, and was later employed at Twin Falls, where he contributed to the building of the vast power dam at this location.
"His next stop was at Matheson, where he was connected with R. C. Miller. It was when the bright prospects of Rouyn beckoned that he deserted Ontario for Quebec.
"The late Mr. Crawford is mourned by four children, Mrs. Fred McCallum, Matheson, Miss Ida, at Monteth Academy, and two young children, Jean and Donald, at home. His wife predeceased him five years ago. A brother, Jack, resides in Ottawa.
"It was only a week ago that Mr. Crawford complained of not feeling up to average, and early last week was removed to the hospital. No alarm was felt for his safety and it was felt that he was suffering from a passing ailment. His death came as a shock to his many friends in Northern Ontario and Quebec.
"Service was conducted at the funeral parlours, Rouyn, by the Rev. G. C. McVitty of Noranda United Church, and the remains were entrained for Matheson on Thursday, where interment took place on Saturday."

Ottawa Journal:—After all, the most enjoyable way to follow a vegetable diet is to let the cow eat and take yours in the form of sirloin steak.

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GOVERNMENT REPORT ON MATACHEWAN GOLD FIELD

Government Geologist H. C. Rickaby is of the Opinion That Vein Suggests Rich Strike. Assays of Samples Not Made Yet.

When the recent gold find at Matachewan centred interest in that area, Hon. Chas. McCrear, Minister of Mines, at once said that a Government geologist would be sent in to the field at once and would make a report at the earliest possible moment. Hon. Mr. McCrear has been as good as his word and the result can not fail to be helpful to prospectors and others interested. The report of the Government geologist was made last week, and while Mr. Rickaby is naturally conservative in his summary of the field, in view of the fact that the report of the area was made before the results of the assays taken were known, it is still suggested that the indications point to a rich strike.
H. C. Rickaby, Government geologist, returned last week to Toronto after inspecting the scene of the latest gold rush near the boundary between the townships of Bannockburn and Argyle in the Matachewan area. His report on the area is given out as follows:—
"A vein of milky quartz from 15 inches to two feet wide, is exposed in an outcropping of rock in low ground. It has been shown for a length of 65 feet, but from the occurrence on the surface of float showing gold, it has a length of at least 400 feet. There is considerable free gold associated with telluride, and samples showing no visible gold are said to have yielded high assays. The wall rock adjoining the vein is well mineralized with pyrite and carbonates and there are indications of a roughly parallel vein or a system of veins to the north. The country rock is chiefly andesite and basalt, cut by small granite dykes, presumably of Algonian age, of which the porphyritic granite on the claim is an example. This dyke is approximately 40 feet wide and strikes roughly east and west.
"From the extensive area of favourable geology surrounding the discovery, it is not unreasonable to expect that extensions of this vein system, or other veins, may be found. Most of the townships of Hincks, Bannockburn and Argyle show this favourable geology. Though some snow has fallen there are many prospectors on the ground and claim staking is proceeding rapidly."
A more detailed report will be presented to the Department of Mines as soon as Mr. Rickaby completes his assay of the samples. That the prospectors in Matachewan are on a "good thing" is generally conceded, but further investigations will have to be made before the extent and quality of the deposits are known.
"The surface indications are what prospectors often dream of but rarely find," said a mines department official. "There is every possibility of a rich strike by the look of things. Evidently the mining companies think so, for nearly all of them have representatives on the scene in addition to the many lone prospectors who are looking out for themselves."

DURBAN HIPPOPOTAMUS LIKE RENFREW MUD-TURTLE

Reference has been made on several occasions in The Advance to the mud-turtle that left Renfrew some summers ago and by water and portage made its way to the North Land to live here in happiness and prosperity like so many other folks from Renfrew have done. There is a mention elsewhere in this issue to this mud-turtle, whose exploits in this particular, are surely worthy of mention. There are people, of course, and especially in Renfrew, who doubt the story of the travels of this particular mud-turtle and even ask to be shown the mud-turtle. As proof beyond question of the account given of the Renfrew mud-turtle The Advance herewith presents the story of a similar sort of experience in regard to a South African hippopotamus. Surely what a Durban hippo may do may be done by a Renfrew turtle!
That very truthful newspaper, The Huntingdon Gleaner, which is especially truthful in its column of chronicled news, last week says:—
"It isn't often that a hippopotamus makes history, but Hubert is not an ordinary hippopotamus. Some time ago he left the haunts of his kind, north of Durban, and started to move southwards towards Cape town. Since then he has covered more than 350 miles as the crow flies, and probably about three times that distance as the hippo waddles. It is calculated that he should make his appearance at Cape Town at the present rate of progress by Christmas, 1931. His first public appearance was in a sugar-cane field near Durban. He was snapped by a Press photographer, and returned the compliment by snapping back. That was two years ago. Since then his steady southwards march has never stopped. From Durban, when he made a thrilling appearance in the main street, he travelled to Sydneyham. Here he bathed in the city's waterworks and visited a Trappist monastery. He appeared in the Umkomas Valley, where the natives promptly turned him into a god. A lamb was sacrificed to him, but Hubert is a vegetarian, and showed his dislike in no uncertain way. Now he is near East London, having passed completely through Natal. The only grouse against Hubert is that he will choose vegetable gardens for his lunching and dining rooms."
That ought to settle everything! But there may be Renfrew folks who will insist on having the hippopotamus brought to Renfrew before they will believe the story. It is just too bad that nice people should be so suspicious."

North Bay Nugget:—Almost anything including war, is threatened by German radicals. The leopard still cannot change its spots.

Pre-Christmas Cruises to the Southern Isles

This year the Cunard and Anchor Lines will not wait until Christmas to offer cruises to the balmy isles of the West Indies. Expanding their programme into the fall they will offer two cruises before Christmas which are expected to prove popular with travel wise Americans. First of the early cruises will be the 12-day Thanksgiving cruise of the Franconia, the beautifully equipped cruising Cunarder. Leaving New York November 18th, the Franconia will plow through the perpetual springtime of the southern waters stopping en route at Bermuda, which has the charm of a little bit of Old England transplanted to a warm sunny climate. Then on to swanky Nassau, Eden of the Bahamas.
The call at Havana will be the high point of the cruise as it is naturally of cruise to the West Indies. A two-day stay will permit of full enjoyment of all the many possibilities for having a good time that the capital of Cuba presents. There will be the smart night clubs, peppy and amusing, the big Casino with its whirling roulette wheels and the sun-kissed waters at famed Marianao Beach. Sports enthusiasts will have plenty of time to swing their clubs in several rounds of golf or to play some tennis before leaving. Exhibitions of Jai-Alai which is reputed to be the fastest game in the world will be open to the American travellers.
The second of the early cruises will also be made by the Franconia leaving December 2nd for a 16-day jaunt. This cruise has been planned to allow passengers to do their Christmas shopping in the colourful bazaars of the Caribbean. In Havana the cruise-passengers will browse along the Prado looking for some of the gorgeously-coloured Spanish shawls, in Kingston there are handsome necklaces of native beads, silks in Nassau and "Panama" hats in Colon, all at very reasonable prices.
The complete itinerary of the Pre-Christmas Cruise of the Franconia will be New York, Port-au-Prince, Kingston, Colon, Havana, Nassau and return to New York.
One of the features of this Pre-Christmas cruise will be a series of six very attractive shore excursions offered to the passengers at low cost. As an example, at Colon an all-day trip across the Isthmus by train, Government boat and motor will be available. Ample time will be given to inspect the locks at Gatun and Pedro Miguel and a special trip on a Government boat will be provided through about ten miles of the most interesting part of the canal.

CHILDREN AT PLAY AT NORTH BAY DISCOVER BODY OF BABY

Some weeks ago the dead body of an infant child was discovered by a couple of boys in a parcel they took from the rear of the post office. The poor little baby's dead body had been sent through the mails addressed to a man supposed to receive his mail at Mattagami post office. The man addressed however, could not be located, and the dead body was placed outside at the rear of the post office as the odor from the parcel made it difficult to keep it inside. The postmaster thought the parcel might contain game or something of that sort and was holding it until such time as he could forward it to the dead letter office as unclaimed. In the meantime the two boys, thinking it might be toys or something else in which they were interested, took the parcel away, but on opening it they found the dead body of the new-born child. While playing on the beach bordering Lake Nipissing on Sunday afternoon Donald Howard, ten years of age, and his sister, Betty, aged eight years, children of Mr. and Mrs. R. Howard, Kennedy avenue, North Bay, made a somewhat similar gressome discovery. The youngsters unearthed the badly decomposed body of a newly-born male child. Around the neck of the infant was a knotted flesh-coloured ladies' stocking. The body was lying in the sand about 15 feet from the shore and it is thought to have been washed there by the waves. The children at once went home to tell their parents of the discovery they had made. Mr. Howard at once notified Provincial Constable Small, who, with Coroner A. E. Ranney, at once began an investigation. The body of the poor little baby was taken to North Bay and placed in McGinty and Heavener's undertaking parlours. A post mortem was decided upon to definitely decide the cause of death. There is also investigation being made very carefully in the hopes of finding those guilty of this offence. That two infant children should be treated so brutally within a few weeks is much to be deplored and no doubt the authorities will make every effort to bring those guilty to punishment.

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