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#### TIMMINS MAN SENTENCED IN KIRKLAND LAKE COURT

The Northern News last week says: "Three times on three successive weeks, the name of Arvi Vakkuri, of Timmins, was called out in Kirkland Lake police court to answer a reckless driving charge, and three times in three weeks, Vakkuri failed to put in appearance. So last Thursday the hearing went on without the absent motorist, and when it was over the Timmins man was found guilty of the charge, fined \$50 and costs and 10 days in jail, and in addition had his driving permit lifted for two months. Magistrate Atkinson imposed the triple penalty on Vakkuri after listening to the testimony of Constable L. S. Evans, O.P.P. and of two witnesses, Paul Baalvahala and Miss Sadie Hill, both of Kirkland Lake, who said that Vakkuri had been drinking before his auto crashed into one driven by Baalvahala on the Ferguson highway early in the evening of September 4, south of Sesevika. Baalvahala testified the Timmins man was driving on the wrong side of the highway, and that in the crash damage of \$114.66 was done to his auto. Vakkuri admitted to him, the witness said, that he was drunk. Miss Hill giving corroborative testimony, described Vakkuri as "kind of tight." Constable Evans who investigated the accident, described the highway to be wide at the scene of the mishap, and he explained that some time after the accident when he spoke to Vakkuri the motorist smelled of liquor, although he talked rationally and acted rationally. The constable said the motorist had been properly served with a summons."

North Bay Nugget:—A deer was seen crossing the Ferguson highway just south of Callander the other day and the thought occurs that if a few could be famed to do that stunt for U. S. tourists in the early summer the effect on tourist trade in a year or so would be most beneficial.

#### Another Evidence that Direct Relief is Evil

For considerable time past The Advance has been urging that employment be used so far as possible to remedy the present depression and that direct relief be avoided in every case where this may be done. The reason for the persistent campaign of The Advance against direct relief may be found in the evil results that seem to have followed in the wake of the policy of direct relief. Here for instance is one of the results of the present policy and all will agree that it is bad indeed. The Pembroke Standard-Observer last week says:—

"I can do better 'bumming' than working in a road camp at \$5 a month," was the almost boastful admission of a 'knight of the road' who invaded this office a few days ago in quest of alms. Roadwork, he explained, is hard on clothes and wornout apparel cannot be replaced for \$5 a month, while, indicating his visible wardrobe, which, if not fashionable, was adequate, comprising as its principal features a warm shirt, mackinaw coat, cap and serviceable footwear, he said most of it had been given him by kind-hearted people to whom he had appealed for help. We saw him again the following day and noticed that he had added a sweater to the ensemble. Most people will agree that it is high time something was done to prevent men like this, who prefer to beg rather than to work, if only for a pittance, from roaming the country and imposing on the sympathy of citizens, the great majority of whom are glad to do what they can to assist genuine cases of distress but have no way of distinguishing deserving cases from others. Not alone for the sake of the long-suffering public, but also for the sake of the manhood which is being destroyed by the vicious system of transiency which has developed to such great proportions in recent years, will Premier Bennett's announcement that 'hobnobbing must cease be generally welcomed and commended.'"

#### CLOCK AND CHAIRS TAKEN FROM DANE SCHOOLHOUSE

Recently soome odd thieves stole the clock and two chairs from the schoolhouse at Dane, some five miles south of Swastika. The school board at Dane does not intend to let the thieves have any time at their expense and so a reward of \$10.00 is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the thief or thieves. In case the guilty party or parties are apprehended the school board hopes to get back its clock and give the culprits time some other way. One joker says the theft was the result of two fellows wanted to go on a time and taking the chairs so that they could sit down. All of which is all very well but in these hard times the theft of goods of any kind from a country school is a serious matter and one that will not appeal to the ratepayers of the section as in any way humorous.

#### Driving the Church from Soviet Russia

Man Who Lived in Russia Scoffs at the Idea of a "Great Experiment." A Depressing Calamity he Thinks the Russia of To-day

If people have no loyalty to their country or people or religion, what basis have they left for any dependence to be placed upon them? There are many people who say they desire to learn the truth about Russia. They suggest that those who speak favourably about the Soviet may be swayed by prejudice, but those who speak the other way may also be wrong. In such a case it seems well to consider the weight of evidence and the character of that evidence in regard to Russia. There is certainly enough of evidence pro and con. Delegates from red organizations in this country have come back with glowing tales. At once the issue is raised, "Would these people return to this country, if their story were true?" Or would they remain here longer than to wind up their affairs and return to their wonderful heaven on earth? Instead these people are heartbroken at the very thought of being sent back to Russia. On the other hand there are people who return from Russia to say that under no circumstances would they wish to stay there or return there. The action and attitude of these people back up their words. The chief point, however, is the one first stated. Any system that requires the abolition of all faith and belief and loyalty for its success must be wrong. It is not so much the persecution of religion itself as the spirit prompting the persecution. Never has the world seen such an exhibition of intolerance as exhibited by the Russia of to-day. It is for reasons like the above that the question of religion in Russia has so vital an importance in the understanding of what is actually going on in the Soviet.

In regard to the persecution of the church in Russia, it may be argued that the Russian Church did not deserve much at the hands of humanity—that it was corrupt and formal and useless to the average man. This is only partly true. The difficulty the Soviet has had in driving out the Russian Church shows that it had a mighty grip upon the peasant. Its destruction is clearly and absolutely a minority move. This alone condemns the plan. But the truth is that the Soviet is not after the Russian Church, but against ALL religion, because the communist plans of slavery and czarist rule of the Stalin type can not exist along with religious feelings. It is not a case of the Soviet against the Russian church. It is a case of minority rule and government by brute force and terrorism, against the beliefs of the many and the finer feelings of faith and belief and trust.

In the evidence that seems dependable and that has as a basis the beliefs of an honourable and dependable man, without prejudice, except so far as facts forced to condemnation, the report of James H. Watt, an engineer should be of value. The following article is commended as a true example for the picturing of the truth about Russia. Mr. Watt wrote his article in The Living Church, and it was reprinted in The Boston Transcript and The Toronto Globe as follows:—

**Driving the Church from Russia**  
In December, 1929, I accepted a contract with a Chicago firm for work in Soviet Russia. The firm had agreed to send a commission of American engineers to Soviet Russia for a period of three years to give technical assistance in the development of the coal industry under the five-year plan. The contract was accepted in the spirit of adventure, coupled with the desire to see this so-called five-year plan in action. A rather substantial salary, 75 per cent. of which was to be paid in gold, was also a strong inducement at the time. Many of my friends urged me not to go. They told me that the Soviet plans and objectives constituted a menace to our country; that the Russian people were being exploited as never before; that a Government based purely on atheism was all wrong. However, as I was very ignorant on the subject of Communism, these objections were ignored and laughed at as I departed with my wife for Soviet Russia.

**The Gloss Wears Off**  
We arrived in Kharkov, the capital of the Ukraine, in late January, 1930. For the first four months we were veritable babes in the wood. We were taken here, we were taken there, shown the nurseries, the homes for the wild boys, the new factories, the new apartment and office buildings, invited to concerts in the various red corners, wine and dined, and much fussed over. But after the first four months things began to take on a colour, a meaning. We knew we had been treated as alert tourists realize they are handled. As the attention of the officials began to be directed elsewhere, we, in turn, began to look about by ourselves. I bent every effort to learn the Russian language. We made friends who, in turn, informed us. This all led to my complete disillusionment. In talking quietly and privately with bricklayers, plumbers, carpenters, peasants, bank employees, clerks and engineers, I was amazed to find that not one of them is in sympathy with the present regime. I found that only the youth and the Communist backed up the Government when questioned privately. To tell of my intensive education in Soviet affairs, of the forced and slave labour, the fear, the misery, the destruction, the lack, would go beyond the limits of this article. I will simply say that, after fifteen months, I quietly made up my plans and withdrew from the commission, gave up my contract, and returned to the United States, via Siberia, at my own expense. I desire no further dealings with the Soviet Government. Upon returning to the

United States, I have been deeply concerned to see how many of our good professors, economists and other citizens, not to mention the Congressmen, are unwittingly being made the dupes of this monstrous scheme, while, should they but know it, if the world revolutionary programme of the Soviet Communists succeed, they would be among the first to be liquidated. I am deeply concerned to find the American public grossly misinformed on the subject and lulled in the idea that the Soviet Union constitutes no menace to our country.

**Utter Ruthlessness**  
But to go on: The destruction of religion as it is being carried out in Soviet Russia is a story of utter ruthlessness. The scenes witnessed by us in Kharkov are but typical of those going on through that vast country once known as Russia. When we first arrived in Kharkov, the churches were nearly all open, the bells were ringing the services unmolesied. But within a week the scene began to change. First the bells were removed. Gangs of workers climbed to the belfries and cut the bells from their mountings. Next, cables were hooked on and the bells were dragged to the edges of the belfries by means of hand windlasses. At the edge of the belfries the cables were cut and the bells allowed to fall, with the following results; the fronts of the churches were damaged, the church steps were smashed and the bells were smashed. This afforded the Communists great satisfaction, for the damaged churches and the smashed steps made it more difficult for the still faithful congregation to go to church, and the smashed bells were easy to load and haul away on the small one-horse wagons.

After the bells had been removed the closing began. We are told that there is no law against having a church in Soviet Russia. Well, there isn't, but they have many schemes for closing them. A meeting will be called to vote on the matter. The meeting will be attended by a large group of young Communists who will suggest that the church be turned into a club, a garage, a granary, a shop, or whatnot. Put to a vote, the assembled crowd is unanimously in favour of the suggestion and the church is closed. This seemed very strange to me until I learned how these meetings are closely watched by the G. P. U. (secret police), and how no one dares to vote contrary to the motion for fear of his life. When the authorities wished to close the beautiful cathedral in the square in the centre of the city, they levied a tax of 1,000,000 roubles on it. The impoverished worshippers had no possible means of raising such a sum, as you can well imagine. The authorities then joyfully announced that the people did not want their church, and closed it. And so it goes over the whole country.

**"Blowing Up" Churches**  
After a goodly number of churches were closed the "blowing up" began. During our stay in Kharkov two of the finest cathedrals, beautiful examples of Byzantine architecture, were blown up. This method of removing the structures is used because it was quickly done, and it is also done for the effect on the populace, as it is made very spectacular. The destruction of the aforementioned cathedral in the square was accomplished with four shots on different days.

The persecution and elimination of the members of the clergy is an important and terrible part of this programme to "kick God from the sky." No member of the clergy is allowed to have a food card. Neither he nor any member of his family is allowed to work. Further than that, he is not allowed to beg. We have seen many of these elderly men standing with head bowed in the market place, an old basket on the arm. As the peasants pass they put into the basket, a hunk of black bread or a few kopeks, and as long as the priest does not ask for alms he is not molested. But should he be caught doing anything that could be construed as begging, he would immediately be arrested.

**Atheists' Early Start.**  
The tiny tot in Soviet Russia has as

his first writing lesson, "There is no God." All children are taught to hate the Church and any form of religion. All are taught that there is no God. The result of this form of education you can well imagine. The youth of the country is absolutely atheistic, a mocking, scoffing crowd of young ruffians who lose no opportunity to join in the ridicule and persecution of the clergy and the destruction of the Church. As we attended the Easter service in the large cathedral in one end of the city (Easter, 1931) large groups of these young atheists came into the church. They lighted cigarettes from the altar candles, they mocked and ridiculed the bishop, some of them had stones to throw at him, but were prevented from so doing by officers who feared a riot should they do so.

The children are taught to have no respect for their parents. They are taught to spy on their parents and to report any religious or anti-Communist leanings their parents may profess. They are taught that they belong to the State, and that they must aid the State in ridding the country of God and religion. They are taught to worship Lenin and the tractor as their god and to embrace communism as their religion. I have had many parents tell me, with tears in their eyes that they dare not punish their children for fear that the children will report them, with the result that they would be arrested and the children adopted by the State.

Not a very pleasant picture, is it? And yet how many of our citizens in all walks of life look upon this scene as a "great experiment" and view it with tolerance and even sympathy. It must surely be due to ignorance, such as my ignorance of three years ago, or to the acceptance as fact of the vast amount of erroneous information pressed upon us by agents or unwritten dupes of the Communist International whose fenshish objective is to drive religion from the face of the earth and God from the sky as an aid in their mad scheme of world revolution.

#### Kirkland Lake Freed from Danger of Milk Shortage

Recently the town of Kirkland Lake was in actual danger of a milk shortage. The Northern Milk Producers Association, representing the majority of the farmers and others selling milk to the dealers in Kirkland Lake, objected very strenuously to the prices paid for milk and insisted that these prices were too low for the producers to carry on business, especially in the winter time. There were several conferences between the producers and the dairies and eventually the farmers took the matter before the Teek township council. Although the council could not take any definite action in the dispute, efforts were made by the authorities to have an agreement reached between the dealers and the producers. In the meantime there was serious danger of a milk shortage as the shippers had plans to cut off supplies of milk until the dealers would come to terms. Last week an agreement was reached between the producers and shippers, so that all chance of a milk shortage has passed for the present so far as Kirkland Lake is concerned. Under the terms of the new agreement the producers are to receive \$2.65 per 100 pounds of milk f.o.b. Swastika station. This is said to figure out to a rate of about 6.6 cents a quart. The new agreement went into effect on Oct. 1st when the prices to the public were also raised. The Northern News says that from Oct. 1st the price of milk at Kirkland Lake is to be 16 cents a quart, with 80 cents a quart for cream.

High River Times:—It is told that down in the back sections in the States there is a strong feeling for Franklin Roosevelt, because they think they are going to vote for the original "Teddy" which is very much like our own local farmer who meets the approach of every election canvasser since 1916, with the question, "Well, who's Doc. Stanley running against this time?"



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