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### **About Governments** and the Gold Mines

Gall Mining Game Too Speculative to Risk Taxpayers' Money" says The Sudbury Star, in Answer to Port Arthur Newspaper

These days with gold mining in a more prosperous condition than most other industries there is a popular disposition to forget that all gold camps have suffered days not so happy. There is also a tendency to forget that every gold camp has been the mark for all the transients of all the world and that towns like Kirkland Lake and Timmins are burdened with the maintainance of hundreds of families for whom they have no real responsibility, while they would be crushed out of existence altogether if they did not draw the line somewhere in stopping support of all transients moving to these towns. Everybody seems to forget that the idea that the gold camps are prosperous is only a comparative matter. Even gold camps have to have some measure of prosperity in hard times, because in good times he gold camps are handicapped in every way. Gold mines cannot in rease the price of their product meet increased wages or costs. The industry has simply to meet such situation as best it may. It does seem unjust, however, that there should appear a disposition to object o the gold mines ever having any advantage of conditions that may be

At the present moment there is a general tendency to look for someone or something that the public may take over to pay the cost of affairs. Paying businesses have been taken over i he part by Governments and later found to be burdens. "Why take over losing ventures?" some ask. "Why not try some lines that are sure moneymakers?" of course that brings you to the gold mines! "Why not take over the gold mines?" That question was recently asked by The Port Arthur News Chronicle. If all the gold ines in the Port Arthur district were taken over by the Government, it would be just too bad for the country However, the question asked by the Port Arthur newspaper receives very complete reply from The Sudbury Star. An editoriol in The Sud-

"The Port Arthur News-Chronicle

hich conducts a usually sane editorial

bury Star last week says:-

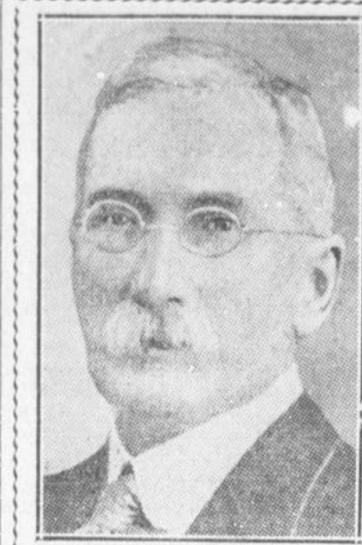
column, has betrayed an amazing lack of appreciation of ordinary fundamentals by claiming that governments might, "with advantage," engage in the gold mining business. Claiming that the idea has already gained considerable approval among its readers, the News-Chronicle declares:- "Most people seem quite willing to admit that if governments are justified in engaging in such enterprises as operation of railways and production of electric power they would be still more justified in seeking to take from the earth that form of wealth which, above all, is most suited to the conduct of the affairs of state. "The fact that in the production of gold there cannot possibly prices and values, and that it can in sense become competition with pr vate enterprise in such a way as to disturb it, are particularly appreciated Except possibly in isolated cases would not even be necessary to exprorelate the required locations, because the gold lies in those widespread areas still vested in the crown. The employment value of gold mining is also a matter of consideration, the possibilities in that connection being almost

"There are two sound statements in the above quotation. One is that there cannot be an excess of gold, and the other that gold mining offers employment of which the possibilities are almost unlimited. Beyond these, the in- kept securely behind good closed doors. O'Meara won. ference that governments can go out and engage in gold mining in the same way that they can engage in the production of power or the operation of railroads is so much nonsense.

"A common belief that frequently leads to misunderstanding is that the value of gold remains fixed. This is true only to the exent that its "normal" value remains unchanged. Actually, however, the value of gold fluctuates to correspond to the rise and fall of commodity prices. Anything is worth only what it will purchase in the necessities of life. 'The "relative" value of gold is probably higher today than any time in recent history, because a given amount of gold will purchase a comparatively large amount of commodities. For those countries, such as Canada, that have clung to the gold standard, and, as Mr. Bennett says, plan to honour their obligations in the terms of their contracts, gold has taken on added value in recent years; witness the 13 per cent. additional income which gold mines enjoyed through ex-

change compensation in 1932. "Valuable as it is when converted into bullion, however, gold in the ground has no value, and must first be discovered, then mined, milled and reduced to bullion AT A PROFIT before it becomes a commercial proposition. Those who talk loosely about the government going into the gold mining business must be so blinded by the prosperity of successful gold mines Use plenty of Chloride of Lime which that they forget the failures. In the can be precered at the Town Hall free. | territory served by The News-Chronicle Householders using well water must there are at least a dozen abandoned properties where, at one time, operations were conducted with optimism and hope. Yet, after nearly half a

### Leader to Resign



PREMIER HERTZOG Leader of the Nationalist Governhave to resign and bring on an election because of the support given by the farmers to Tielman Roos' plan pound. Roos recently resigned a Supreme Court judgeship to re-enter

#### ENGINEERS AS A BODY DO NOT TALK TECHNOCRACY

(From the New York Herald Tribune.) ering workers the same opinions as a the engineering professions by loss of sense and practicality, but public harm will be still greater. It may mean rejection from public counsels in this emergency of the disinterested fact searching which is the habit of engineers and which is so necessary a preiminary to the rebuilding of the business world. What the public think of technocracy is unimportant. Business or confidence of theorists, whether orthodox, Marxian or technocratic, But business cannot safely do without the

only last year that a regular producer

"This does not mean that there are not countless opportunities for the country, however, the development of the slightest doubt but that some good quently heart-breaking job. Very often sections of the Porcupine, there are highest hopes and most conspicuous in- Lake field that would amply repay dications of success is the one that prospecting from all accounts. If the ends in failure. So far, no royal road interest roused by the classes for prosto success in either gold prospecting or pectors will create an equal interest gold mining has been found, save by in those who are able to provide grubthe old-fashioned pick and shovel route, stakes, the result will assuredly be of with plenty of accompanying courage great advantage to the North and to and good luck. The game is entirely the country at large. too speculative for governments to indulge in with the taxpayers' money, Locse-thinking writers and politicians who talk about it should get acquainted with their subject before starting to

### **Toronto Folk Want** to be Prospectors

More Than 400, Young and Old, and Two Ladies Enrol in Toronto for Classes There for Prospectors.

Last week classes for prospectors were opened at the University of Toronto by the Ontario Department of Mines, and the surprising number of 403 enrolled for these classes. This number included men of all ages and from all walks of life. There are said to be lads as young as sixteen taking in [ the classes and others as old as sixty. There were several women in attendance at the opening of the closses, but from what The Advance has learned there were only two of the ladies who actually enrolled to take the full course in prospecting. Dr. E. M. Burwash, who has conducted the classes for prospectors held in the North Land in recent years, is in charge of the Toronto classes now in progress. There have been previous classes for prospectors held in Toronto, but the interest shown this year is very easily double that of any previous year.

Toronto newspapers explain the remarkable attendance at the prospectors' classes in the city this year as due to the present boom in gold mining, together with the unemployment that has hit so many people. A number of those enrolled in the classes told The Toronto Globe, for instance, that they planne to get financial backing (a grub-stake) from friends and acquaintances, and then to spend the summer in the North searching for gold. If they can get the necessary grub-stake and even one or two make good the whole thing will be well worth while. Without any desire to discourage any of them, however, and even knowing that many of those enrolled for the Toronto classes are experienced prospectors, it is difficult to build too much hope on prospecting alone by those who have had but little experience. It is a common thing to hear that such and such a amous mine was discovered and staked by a man with little prospecting experience. There may be cases where this idea is true on the surface, but generally it may be accepted that oldtime and experienced men in practically every case had a hand in all the big discoveries made in this country. If the four hundred from Toronto, however, have the true prospector's spirit, and approach their efforts next summer with the same faith and determination that has marked the work of the old-time prospectors here, some good is likely to result. The very activity of any group is practically sure to loosen up the purse strings of others and allow old-time prospectors to get grub-stakes and go to work. whole mining business moves on the principle of "rushes", and four hundred extra prospectors in the field will make a general rush for the North

Land. Of course, if grub-stakes could be secured by all the old-time prospectors in the country there would be a big boom on at once, and there is not

An interesting coincidence in names thern News. In the recent municipal and customs. elections, the candidates for the reeveship of Teck township were G. D. may be obtained upon application to O'Meara and M. Hunt. In Alice town- the Acting Director, National Museum Wolves are said to be numerous and ship, near Pembroke, the candidates of Canada, Department of Mines destructive in the Milberta section, the were Reeve O'Meara, opposed by Coun- Ottawa. farmers having to see that all stock is ciller Stanley Hunt. In each case the

## Another Star

MISS HEATHER ANGEL Here is Britain's newest gift to Hollywood-and a very nice gift too, if you ask us. She is Miss Heather Angel, London girl, who is scheduled shown as she arrived in New York Angel has been signed by one of the

## **Annual Report National**

Museum, Dept. of Mines Field work by the National Museum of Canada in 1931 was confined to bioogical survey in the vicinity of Kingston, Ontario, and to painting and naking casts of food fishes taken at Halifax, according to the annual report of the Acting Director, recently ssued. In former years botanical, zoological and anthropological investigations were undertaken in the field with the two-fold object of continuing the scientific study of the flora and fauna and the aborigines, of Canada, and of collecting material for exhibition in the Museum, but the need for economy resulted in the temporary suspension of these surveys in 1931.

Acknowledgement is made by the Acting Director of the co-operation and assistance of members of the Geological Survey staff who have devoted time and thought to the exhibition of palaeontological, geological, and mineralogical material, and other Government departments that have aided in many ways. Appreciation is also expressed to individuals and institutions who have made donations or exchanges and special mention is made of donation from the estate of the late Dr. H. M. Ami of valuable collections of fossils, archaeological material and

The illustrated lectures given each ture of Museum activities, states the report and particular acknowledgment s made of the co-operation of the local newspapers in generously providing for reports and other news of the various Contributions to the report include

an article by Diamond Jennes, on articles at what they know to be many Three Iroquois Wampum Records, The Ethnography of the Great Bear Lake Indians," by Cornelius B. Osgood, and "Five New Mammals from British Columbia," by Dr. R. M. Anderson. Mr. Osgood spent fourteen months among the Indians of the Great Bear

Lake region, between May, 1928, and September 1929, and his report is an is noted in the last issue of The Nor- interesting account of their social life Copies of the report (Bulletin No. 70)

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### No Illegality Seen in "Progress" Sales

Securities Commissioner Discusses "Endless Chain" Style of Selling Goods. Plan has Become the Rage over in England.

Recently there has been much of the "pyramid," "progress" or "endless chain" style of selling in Timmins and district. A number of salesmen have been doing quite a business in this line, though it must be admitted that the plan has not been as generally accepted here as in some other places. When it was started here there was consider- Meetings held in the Hollinger Recreaable talk about it and some even ques- tion Hall two evenings a month. Dates tioned its legality. It was answered at once that there was nothing illegal Pres .- E. Stephens, Box, 1104, Timmins about it and in fact in the way it was carried on here there was not even anything wrong as the whole plan was so clearly explained that anyone entering into it knew exactly what they were going into. It may also be noted that in England the plan has been taken up in great way. It is said that many who were formerly in the regular brokerage business dropped out altogether from that line to go into the "pyramid sales" "progressive plan" or "chain system of selling" or the several other names by which the scheme is The plan, however, has not satisfied

everybody and recently there have been a large number writing in to George A. Drew, Ontario Securities Commis sioner, in regard to the large numbe of chain sales organizations now doing business in the province. In the January issue of one of the men's wear trade papers there is also reference to the plan, the trade paper roundly condemning the method. The Ontario Securities Commissioner, however, does not condemn the plan. Commissioner Drew has issued the following statement in the matter:-

"I have received numerous inquiries about the legality of get-rich-quicht chain sales organizations which are at present flooding the Province of Ontario with literature promising fabulous returns for selling billfolds, fountain pens, flashlights, etc., at prices around ten times their value.

"There are records of epidemics of this type of 'endless-chain' scheme for obtaining quick profit, and they have always occurred at a time when the public generally was particularly anxious to find any new way of mak-

"There is, however, no apparent il-

legality, as the literature which suggests profits as high as a hundred thousand dollars clearly sets out what the transaction is, and the purchaser of the article knows quite well he is paying many times the proper price. Fortunately, no one will be seriously hurt, because before long all the pe-ple who will buy thirty-cent purses for three dollars, or other articles at a winter continue to be a popular fea- They will be left holding the article similar relative cost, will be satisfied. which they could have bought in any store, will have lost a few dollars while the promoters of the scheme, and perhaps those who are first in it, will have made some profits. It stands to reason that it cannot last very long, and if people are unwise enough to buy times their price it does not seem that they can have any serious complaint. After all, the number of people who would be interested in carrying out such an obviously unsound method of distributing merchandise must be comparatively limited.

"The Attorney-General of Manitoba has instituted proceedings in that province against one of these "pyramid sales" organizations, but it has not yet to come to trial so far as I know."

### Kirkland Asks for Certificates for 21

St. Pat's Club, Kirkland Lake, has Notable Line-up in the Senior N.O.H.A. Series for the Present Season.

The Noranda hockey team made very decided impression at Timmins on Friday night. "Some team!" was a favourite comment. "Hard to bear that team!" was another.

As a matter of fact, however, the Kirkland Lake team started out the season by trimming Noranda 4 to 2 last Thursday night.

That defeat is not necessarily any reflection on the Noranda team, but it it is not it naturally suggests that the Kirkland Lake team is an extra special. That is the generally accepted idea, Kirkland Lake is credited with gathering together a notable aggregation including a number formerly with Toronto, Newmarket, Kitchener, Bradford, North Bay and some other places. The majority, it is said, have been in Kirkland Lake for some years past. The strength of the Kirkland Lake team is suggested by the applications put in to the N.O.H.A. for certificates. The applications for certificates submitted to W. A. Thompson, N.O.H.A. secretary-treasurer, cover the follow-

ing players: Murray Watts, formerly with Queen's University; Frank Speck, W. W. Phillips, H. Belfry, C. J. Thoms and C. Perrault, formerly with Bradford; G. E. Crabbe, with Grimsby last season; R. Edwards and Jack Mussell, of North Bay; C. C. Ames, H. M. Valentine, H. Morin, J. R. O'Connor, W. Bassett, B. Gleason, T. R. Mortson, E. McDougall and G. P. Burns, all of Kirkland Lake; C. J. Balmer, of Toronto; G. A. Dann, of Stratford, and H. Ostler.

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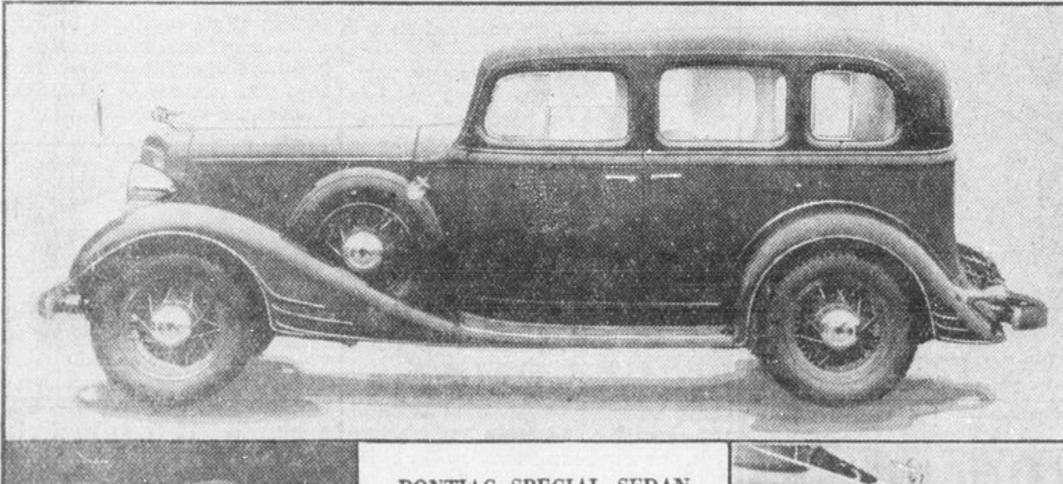
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