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**The Canadian Legion in the Porcupine**

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There has been quite a lot of verbal comments recently in regard to those who are at the head of affairs of the Canadian Legion. It has been proven, however, that this has only been propaganda to hide the real motives of those circulating the stories. When the King bestows the O.B.E. upon the Canadian Legion's Dominion secretary for his devotion to duty, also to Capt. Baker, of the Canadian Institute for the Blind, for the same reason it shows that those at the head of affairs have your interest at heart. The same thing applies to those in office of the local branch. All of the men elected to an office have the interests of their fellow comrades at heart. We find the president doing great work among the distressed ex-servicemen, interviewing wives and dependents, giving advice and assistance when necessary. Hundreds of letters have been written in regard to various cases, and the number of men who have secured employment through the interest of Austin Neame also reach a very high figure. The members of the branch would receive quite a shock if all this work was tabulated and read at a meeting. Both vice-presidents are always on the lookout for cases which might come under Legion jurisdiction and both have been the means of helping many along. The rest of the executive committee, have given hours of time to Legion work. Through their efforts the branch has become one of the main bodies of the

town. They assist in the relief work; they plan means of accumulating finances; they safeguard expenditures and in several other ways, place members' interests before their own. It has been said that some never served in France, but that thought is counteracted by the fact that at least two of the officers are at present drawing pensions for disabilities received on service in France. Then again it should be remembered that even in the army days, if a man showed he could be better fitted for his country's need by staying at home or in England at some special duty, then he is as much a soldier as the one who went across the channel as cannon fodder, for after all that's all it amounted to. If he came back he was lucky. So it is with every branch of the Legion. There are some who have that happy faculty of knowing how to handle a gathering of men, and therefore their position should be such as to put that faculty to work. It would be a very hard job to find a branch whose full quota of officers all served in France. It would also be a hard job to find another set of officers like those who are at the head of the Timmins branch of the Legion, who have done as much for the interests of its member and local ex-servicemen in general. "Put the clamp on these petty assertions and pull with the other fellow" is sound advice at all times.

That Big Picture At Ottawa recently the public and

members of the Legion dominion headquarters staff were given a preview of the Canadian official war film. It has been given the title "Lest We Forget." Those who witnessed the showing say that it is so realistic that one thinks he's back amongst it all again. The British government have also assisted in the building of the film by donating several hundred feet of actual battle scenes. It has no story, but shows the Canadians in action, at rest, in training, enroute to the front, in billets, the various concert parties, showing the lighter side of war; in fact a complete photographic history of those days when the Dominion's manhood was across the seas. Picture is to be shown under Legion auspices everywhere but the local theatre owners will be able to book the feature if desired by the local Legion branch. It would be a good idea to secure this big feature for an early showing in Timmins. The Legion relief fund needs boosting so here's a way to help it along and give a special value in return for your patronage.

**Here's a Few!**

One of my regular column readers suggested that the parody as published last week was a good innovation to the column. "Why don't you put in a few good army jokes once in a while!" As my dear friend knows some of the popular ones have been told and retold until they are going grey like the men who first told them. However to please my friends and those who delight in reading the column weekly, here are a few:

In the American advance during the final days of the war, a sergeant ordered an unbleached private to go into a dugout and clean out any Germans that happened to be there.

The coloured gentleman blanched a bit, swilled his Adam's apple, and then said huskily:

"Ef yo sees three or fo' men cum a-runnin' out of dat hole, don't shoot de fust one!"

"She was a miller's daughter, and lived beside the mill. Still and deep ran the water, but she was deeper still!"

The old song has given rise to a tremendous family of daughters, such as:—

"She was only a compositor's daughter, but she knew her P's and Q's."

"She was only a dressmaker's daughter, but she wasn't all she seemed."

"She was only a watchmaker's daughter, but she gave me a wonderful time."

One day, during the War, the parish priest came across an old Irish woman in a state of distress and an inquiry brought the reply that she had lost her boy. Had she had a telegram from the War Office?

"No, but I've got this," she replied, handing a postcard to the priest, who read: "Dear mother, I am in the Holy Land."

For several hours the sergeant-major had been lecturing his men on the duties of a soldier to his country. He fixed on Private Jones and barked out: "And why should a soldier be expected to die for his country?"

The man paused. Then a smile broke over his face.

"Yes, sir," he said, "you're quite right. Why should he?"

W. A. Devine, Box 1428

Memphis Commercial-Appeal:—A St. Louis lady shot herself just after she turned on the radio. We are pretty sure we heard that same programme.

**Convicted in Canada's First Kidnap Case**



David Meisner, former Cincinnati Gambler, who was sentenced last week, as noted in Thursday's Advance, to fifteen years' imprisonment on charges of being concerned in the kidnaping of John Labatt, wealthy London brewer. Meisner (left) is shown above leaving the Middlesex county jail with an Ontario provincial detective.

**Will Defer Changes on Railway Board**

Premier Hepburn Says that Present Commissioners will Carry on for Next Few Months.

There has been considerable discussion of changes on the T. & N. O. Railway Commission. Some have taken it for granted that Armand Racine, K.C., will retire at an early date and also that Col. Mac Lang will resign to contest the federal election in Temiskaming riding. On the other hand there are many in the North who hope that Col. Lang will not resign at all but that he will continue to carry on the good work on the commission. However, there is such a general belief that changes are imminent that several names have been recommended to the government for appointment to the commission. In the last two issues of The Advance reference has been made to such cases. One of those recommended for the T. & N. O. Commission is Walter Little, of Kirkland Lake, and another is Dan Johnson of Matheson. Both are good men, well versed in the affairs of the North, and if any changes are contemplated it is to be hoped that these names will be considered.

On the other hand, however, Premier Hepburn said at Toronto last week that no appointment will be made to the T. & N. O. commission for some months. The suggestion was made that at least nothing would be done in this line until after the coming session of the legislature. Asked if there would be any change in the personnel of the commission because of the request of several Northern Ontario sections for representation on the commission, Mr. Hepburn said: "The present three commissioners will carry on for the next few months. No changes are contemplated at this time."

**Treasury is Ready to Back the Dollar**

U.S. Stabilization Fund Put to Work in Case of Adverse Gold Ruling.

So wide has been the effect of the expected decision in what is known as the gold clause case before the United States Supreme Court that there is very general interest in the matter even in the North Land, or, it might be said, especially in the North Land. The question is before the U.S. Supreme Court to decide whether the government can abrogate the clauses in certain contracts specifically requiring payment in gold. It is held that these contracts require payment at the approximate rate of \$1.60 per \$1.00 in view of the fact that actual gold payment can not be made under the law as put into force by President Roosevelt.

One of the questions constantly asked is what will be the situation if the Supreme Court decision favours those asking the upholding of their reading of the contracts. Answer to this is given in a despatch this week from Washington, D.C. This despatch reads as follows:—

"The United States Treasury Department at Washington on Monday evening told a nervous business world that—regardless of the Supreme Court's decision—it need not worry about what happens to the United States dollar abroad.

As markets, unable to fathom successive delays in the announcement of the high tribunal's verdict, came to an almost complete standstill, Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau disclosed the \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund had been and would be used to manage the dollar's foreign value.

"The country can go about its business with assurance that we are prepared to manage the external value of the dollar as long as may be necessary," Morgenthau said. Although he

**Prospector Found Dying in Snow West of Town**

Joseph Dentrement had Walked to Timmins for Medicine for Sick Partner. Trip of Twenty-four Miles Apparently Too Much for Him. Had Gone Without Food for About Fifteen Hours.

Within half a mile of his goal after making a 24-mile trip on foot between 10 o'clock Saturday night and three o'clock Sunday afternoon, Joseph Dentrement, a prospector of about 55 years of age was found by friends lying in the snow on the trail. He died shortly after being assisted to a lumber camp. Dentrement and his companion prospector Fred Steep had been in the bush about twelve miles west of Timmins when Steep became ill with an aggravated cold of some sort. Dentrement set out Sunday night for Timmins to get medicine for his friend whom he had left at one of Feldman's lumber

camps in the district they were prospecting.

At the camp nothing was seen of him until the following afternoon when one of the men discovered him apparently unconscious on the trail. He could not have been there very long for no part of his body was frozen and the day was cold. He was taken to the camp and after having complained of pains in the region of his chest and having been violently ill, he died.

**Police Investigate**

Provincial Police Constable L. A. Tregenza who was called in to investigate traced Dentrement's actions as far as possible and discovered that he had reached Steep's home which is about six miles from Timmins, about one o'clock Sunday morning. He rested there for a few hours but soon was on his way to Timmins again. As far as the officer was able to learn Dentrement had had nothing to eat since the time he left the lumber camp until he dropped in at Steep's home the following day about noon and had a large dinner. When he was almost within sight of the lumber camp he took sick.

The fact that he had eaten nothing for possibly fifteen hours while undertaking an arduous journey at his age leads police to believe that he died from a form of acute indigestion. Suggestion of food poisoning cannot be supported from any information obtained.

Dentrement had been prospecting in the west Timmins area for the past seven years and had been a resident of the district for some years before that time. He apparently comes from the Maritimes, where he has relatives.

**Winter Road Open to Toronto from North**

Why Not Year-Round Use of Highway from Timmins South? Asks Kirkland Kiwanis.

At a recent meeting of the Kirkland Lake Kiwanis Club there was quite a discussion arising from the statement of Harry Atkins who noted that he had heard that cars were having no trouble getting through to New Liskeard and also that the road from North Bay to Toronto was in fine shape.

Then according to reports of the Kirkland Lake Kiwanis meeting, Kiwanian Mel Hunt said definite action should be taken to have the road from Timmins to Kirkland Lake ploughed out and kept open for the winter and that if pressure was brought to bear on the Northern Development department he believed it could be done.

Then said Harry Atkins: "That would leave only the stretch between here and New Liskeard. We'll see the day when we'll start on pavement here and finish on pavement in Toronto with an all-year open road."

Some time ago The Advance noted the efforts made by Porcupine and South Porcupine to have the road ploughed between Timmins and Porcupine Junction. Were this done it would give Iron-quois Falls as well as all the towns and villages along the highway all-the-year road communication with Timmins. At present the road is kept open between Timmins and Porcupine by the use of the Tisdale and Timmins ploughs. If the government provided a plough for the Porcupine section it would be a simple matter to keep the road open to the Junction. Following the suggestion of the Kirkland Lake Kiwanis members it would appear to be practical and even profitable from the standpoint of the convenience of the public to have all-the-year-round use of the highway from the North to Toronto.

The organized use of a few snowploughs would do the trick. It is something worth while keeping in mind for next winter. If agitation were started now it is possible that arrangements might be made to have the plan in action for the general advantage next winter.

**Eastern Star Valentine Dance at the Pavilion**

Invitations have been sent out for the Valentine dance, under the auspices of the Arbutus Chapter Eastern Star, to be held in the Riverside pavilion on Friday evening of this week, Feb. 15th. Dancing will be from 9.30 to 2.30. McFadden's Club Royal orchestra will furnish plenty of the best dance music. Invitations are to be presented at the door. Events by the Eastern Star are always most interesting and the Valentine dance on Friday evening will be especially pleasing.

**Regular Weekly Whist of the Cheerio Club Here**

On Thursday evening last the Cheerio Club held their weekly evening of whist at the home of Mrs. E. Finchen, Cedar street north. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all present, cards being played until 10.30. After the cards the hostess served a very pleasing lunch. The prize winners were:—first, Mrs. E. Finchen; second, Mrs. C. Keats; third, Mrs. F. Bennett.

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made no direct reference to the gold clause, and administration officials continued to insist they expected a favourable decision, the implication of the Treasury head's assertion were, nevertheless, clear.

The administration has been ready for more than a week to meet whatever domestic situation may result from an adverse verdict, and it is counting upon the stabilization fund to prevent a disastrous appreciation of the dollar abroad.

The fund would prove especially valuable if the opinion should be handed down Tuesday, Lincoln's birthday, when United States markets will be closed, but financial centres of other countries will be opened as usual.

"Since January 14," the Secretary said, "banks and dealers in foreign exchange and gold have practically stopped buying and selling gold within gold import and export points—which means that the international gold standard as between foreign countries and the United States has ceased its automatic operation.

"Thanks to the foresight of the 73rd Congress we now have stabilization fund.

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Monday and Tuesday, February 18—19  
Anna Sten and Fredric March in  
"We Live Again"  
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Wednes. and Thurs., February 20—21  
Jessie Mathews in  
"Blue Danube Nights"  
(Musical Romance)

Friday and Saturday, February 22—23  
Wheeler and Woolsey in  
"The Cockeyed Cavaliers"  
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"Ladies Should Listen"  
(Comedy)

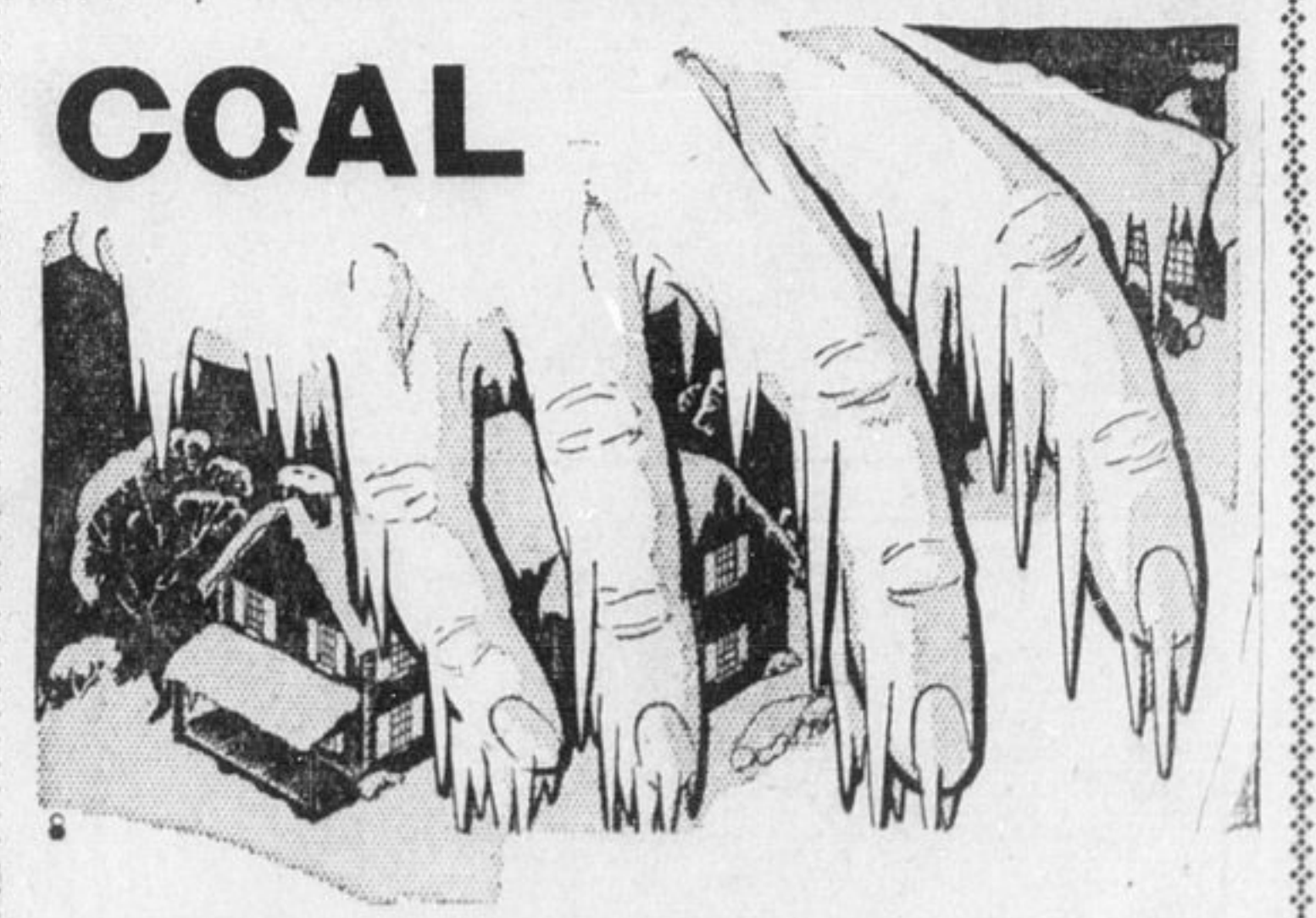
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