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NORTH LAND WEATHER

On a number of occasions The Advance has suggested that North Land winters are so gracious and delightful that the day will surely come when people in the South will be coming up here to escape the abominable weather they have to endure during such months as December, January and February. Probably the most attractive thing about North Land winters is the remarkable variety. In one day here all the varieties of weather in the globe may be enjoyed. There is no monotony, no sameness, no dullness about North Land weather. "Spring is here!" said a man on Saturday as he entered a local store to make some purchases. "Heavens," he exclaimed as he left the store for home, "it's another winter!" Maybe tomorrow will be summer here! To appreciate Northern weather a man or woman has to live through twenty or thirty of them.

This is not to say that people in the North do not sometimes complain about the weather. It is inherent in human nature to growl about the weather. Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden complained about the climate. They said they preferred their native Scotland. But if Northern folks do occasionally find fault with the weather of the North, they resent criticism or misrepresentation from the Southerners. It is for this reason that particular objection is taken to an editorial note in a certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper. This editorial note quotes an item from the Thornloe correspondence in a recent issue of The New Liskeard Speaker:—"Vern Bowman is still running his car." The certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper jumps to the conclusion that the news in that item is that Vern is able to run his car in February in the North. That Toronto newspaper doesn't know Vern, or his car, or Northern weather. "It is indeed a remarkable winter when, in that north country an automobile can still be operated in February," says the certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper. No credit is given to either the car or to Vern! Just a slur on the usual weather in the North! How like Toronto!

There isn't anything remarkable about a car running in February in the North. In Timmins, for instance, there are hundreds of cars, scores of trucks, that run regularly in February, March, December, November. Indeed, in recent years the roads have been better in these months than at other times of the year. The famous firm of Dalton, pioneers of transportation of the Porcupine, whose motto is "We Never Sleep," have equal right to the crest, "We Never Stop." Summer and winter alike they operate cars and buses not only in Timmins but in the district round about. For years past they haven't missed a day or a trip or even been behind schedule time. Other transportation firms here are following in the tracks of the Daltons. Like the Chinese laundryman once next to Dalton's, they each hang out the sign: "Me wideawake, too!" Running a car or a bus or a truck or a tractor or a snowmobile in this North Country is a regular thing all winter, any winter. No more news there than if a dog bit a man. But often in the days of spring and summer and fall in this North, with the provincial roads as they are, if it could be truly said all the time and every day that "Vern is still running his car," that would be news, just like a man biting a dog.

THE VIGILANTES?

Last week-end some of the Toronto newspapers broke into front-page banners and lurid ink in recounting the story of a supposed crime wave flourishing on the outskirts of Timmins and resulting in the alleged organization of a so-called "Vigilantes" to stem the wave of sin. Recently this Vigilance Committee is reported to have risen in its righteous wrath and destroyed one of the fabled abodes of evil and beaten a man found in the house of sin within an inch of his life. It might not be absolutely accurate to say that there is not a word of truth in the whole matter. The people who originate such stories haven't brains enough to make up a story out of whole cloth. The extent of their abilities is to wrench and twist a particular fact out of all resemblance to truth. So far as anyone here knows there is no special crime wave in the vicinity of Timmins, and there certainly is no Vigilance Committee, and no need for one. Last year the Timmins police force broke up the remnants of organized crime in Timmins. By doing so the force naturally earned the eternal hatred of those who profit directly or indirectly from organized crime. As a result of this there has been a series of determined efforts to disorganize the local police. All this is a matter of record. Fortunately, these efforts have failed, and the present town council appears to be determined that the police, as well as the public, shall have fair play and full support in honest and earnest attempt to enforce the law and maintain order and decency. It is true that there still remain a few odd law-breakers still in business. Such a condition is perhaps inevitable in this imperfect world. But organized crime has been completely

broken. There are no rings or gangs flourishing. Everything is under control.

When Timmins drove out the hirelings of the would-be gangs, these unfortunates had to go somewhere. Perhaps the majority of them got as far away as possible from Timmins, but some of them settled in houses and shacks in the neighbouring townships. For a time it seemed as if they might thrive in their new locations, and there were many complaints from decent and law-abiding neighbours. Timmins police were not in position to enforce law and order in these out-of-town sections. The issue was a matter for the provincial police and the police of Tisdale township. So far as The Advance can learn the police concerned have handled the situation with as much success as could reasonably be expected. The provincial police, it is understood, have been seriously handicapped in the matter. They are not permitted to use agents or operators, though it is generally recognized that such methods prove the easiest, the quickest and the surest in dealing with this class of crime. Despite all this, however, the township and provincial police have been able to hold down illicit places in the district to a minimum. It would be equally unfair and untrue to suggest there is any crime wave. Toronto, for example, would be happy indeed if its lawlessness and vice were held down to anything like the proportions in Timmins and district.

Neither the provincial police nor the local police have been able to find any shack that has been attacked or wrecked in recent days by any so-called vigilance committee. It is safe to say that there is no such vigilance committee, but it is still possible that somewhere in the neighbourhood in the last ten years some furniture has been broken and some keeper of a disorderly house or a blind pig has been assaulted. Such things do happen—even in Toronto. Where a drunken inmate ran amok, a malicious mind of a certain type might secure that foundation for a story such as the one that alarmed the gentle people in Toronto last week.

Attorney-General Roebuck appears to be excited over the wild stories sent to Toronto. He speaks of the township of Teck being responsible for law and order in the territory adjacent to Timmins. There are only two townships that border on Timmins—Mountjoy and Tisdale. The latter has an efficient police force, while Mountjoy, being unorganized, depends on the provincial police. Teck is a hundred miles away, but that is probably nearer than the wild despatches are to the truth. The Attorney-General once lived in the North, and it is disappointing to see him show such inaccuracies about places and conditions in this country. He should at least know where Timmins is—where Teck is,—and be able to form an opinion of the possible purpose of wild stories like the glamorous one that stirred the South for a day before the North—where it was supposed to happen—knew a thing about it.

Most thoughtful people will regret that such senseless and injurious yarns should be peddled at this time. Apart from their silly falsity they make poor publicity for the silver anniversary of Timmins. This town and district have enjoyed a notable record for law and order and decency. Reports to the contrary have always had an evil purpose. They were started about the local police when organized vice was completely disorganized in this town. Is the trick to be attempted to prevent the disorganization of crime on the outskirts? So far as any "Vigilantes" are concerned, there are none here as yet, nor would the type of vigilantes suggested be tolerated in this district. In case any such vigilance committee should arise, there would be another vigilance committee of citizens working openly with the police to prevent any gang of law-breakers, under any guise, running the law in this section of the North.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

The diffusion of knowledge of the world and its affairs certainly extends the possibilities of expressive similes. For instance, the other day a lady said her maid handled china like Russia—didn't seem to care about anything but breaking it up. Another lady replied by saying her maid handled china like Japan—flicked the odd piece for herself every chance she got.

The police, provincial, town and township, these days are looking for a "Vigilante." As they have no description of the fellow, their search is likely to prove unsuccessful. About the only place they can find any trace of the fellow is in the columns of some Toronto journals that appear to accept anything but a fact as the truth.

The police village of Thamesville, Ontario, recently elected three trustees—one a doctor, the second an undertaker, and the third a grave-digger. This reminds The Petrolia Advertiser-Topic of the fellow on a sight-seeing bus in Buffalo who noticed a hospital on one side of the street and a cemetery on the other. "What a combination!" he exclaimed. To others it may recall what was dubbed the "ation corner" in Chatham years ago. On one of the four corners at a street intersection near the market there was a school; on another corner a church; on the third corner a saloon, and on the fourth corner a boarding house. The four corners thus were given as typifying the following "ations":—Education, Salvation, Damnation, and Starvation. And sometimes people were a little twisted as to which was which.

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Mrs. Haneberry Dies at South Porcupine

Other Items of News from South Porcupine and the Dome.

South Porcupine, Feb. 13th. Special to The Advance.

It is with very sincere sorrow that we note today the death of Mrs. James Haneberry which occurred this morning (Saturday) at 7 o'clock at her home on Moore street. Mrs. Haneberry has been sick for over four months but lately had appeared to be on the road to recovery. Her death is a shock to us all, and we extend sympathy to the family in their great bereavement. We understand that the funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon next.

The "World Day of Prayer" on the first Friday in Lent was observed here in St. Paul's Anglican Church at 3 p.m. yesterday. Women from all the churches joined together in the service which was conducted by women. Mrs. Johns, of the W.A. of St. Paul's conducted the service. Mrs. Woodall read the prayers, and Mrs. Burton of the Ladies' Guild of the United Church took part of the service. Archdeacon Woodall gave an address. Mrs. Reynolds was organist at this service at which Mrs. Stanlake sang as a solo "The Haven of Rest."

We learn that the death occurred last week in Campbell's Bay of Mrs. Armstrong, who last year resided on Commercial avenue, South Porcupine. Her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Hazard, and her son, Joseph, left this week to attend the funeral.

Mrs. T. Gibbons, Mrs. J. Singleton and Violet Dillon left on Friday to spend the week-end in Toronto.

Miss Vieno Ranta is spending the week-end in Toronto.

Mrs. C. Dunn is spending a few days in Kirkland Lake.

Mrs. Goransen, of Rae avenue, left this week to undergo medical treatment in Gravenhurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Went are moving from Connaught Hill into the house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. McCulloch on Bloor avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbertson will reside in the house formerly occupied by Mr. Went.

Some of our business girls attended a meeting of business and professional girls, in Timmins on Tuesday, the object being to promote an association which will foster good feeling among them in the camp. This meeting was held at the home of Miss A. Perreault, Maple street.

A euchre party held under the auspices of the Rebekah Lodge was given on Wednesday this week at the home of Mrs. Varker on Crawford street. An exceptionally nice time was enjoyed by the ladies and six tables of euchre were accommodated. The lunch served was of the usual high order of the Rebekah parties, and the honours went to: 1. Mrs. B. Curtis; 2. Mrs. Hedley Varker; and 3. Mrs. Roach.

The flu epidemic is still raging in South Porcupine. School is getting back to normal, but there are yet many victims.

The Dome Extension Bridge Club met on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Wm. Thomas. This party was in the nature of a Valentine affair, the accessories to the bridge and lunch tables being those favoured for St. Valentine. An exceptionally nice time was enjoyed with Miss Niemi taking first honours for bridge, Mrs. Libby second and Mrs. Curtis third.

A bridge party is scheduled for Friday night next (19th) at the Parish hall, under the auspices of the Rebekah Lodge.

Mr. C. Stevenson and Mr. J. Crawford left on Friday to spend the week-end in Toronto.

We hear that Miss Rosamund McCulloch, who is leaving with her parents to reside in Timmins, will take over a pack of "Cubs" as Cubmaster there. We feel sure that her work with the Timmins boys will be appreciated as for some months she did excellent

WANT Ads

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CARD OF THANKS

Mr. David Mackie and Mr. and Mrs. William Mackie wish to express their heartfelt appreciation for the sympathy and kindness shown in so many ways by so many friends in the death last week of Mrs. David Mackie, wife and mother. Also their sincere thanks for the many beautiful floral tributes sent with her Cub pack here.

Dr. R. P. Smith left on Friday to attend the big bonspiel in Toronto. Dr. Kinsman, who was to have cruised on his team is prevented from going by flu.

Mrs. W. Morris, of Kirkland Lake, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Stevenson, Rae avenue, for a few days.

A special train is being chartered to bring the hockey team from Iroquois Falls next Friday (Feb. 19th) to play our Porcupine Red Wings. This will be a good game!

Mr. P. O'Shea is in Toronto this week on business.

Don't forget the Valentine tea which the O.E.S. are sponsoring on Wednesday of this week in the Masonic hall.

The very sudden death of a Finn named Armas Luoto occurred on Wednesday evening last at a house on Bruce avenue. Mr. Luoto was visiting at his friend's home when they noticed him sitting in his chair in a peculiar manner. They at first thought he was asleep, but, becoming alarmed, sent for a doctor who pronounced the man dead from heart failure. He was 38 years of age and (as far as is known) unmarried. He was building a home for himself on a lot at the west end of Bruce avenue. There will be no inquest, the funeral taking place on Sunday 14th.

An accident occurred at the Hugh-Pam Mine on Thursday when L. Giroux had his face badly burned from the explosion of a can of Carbide. He was taken to the Tisdale hospital and treated, but was well enough to-day to leave the hospital.

Dog Team Making Good Progress on Ottawa Trip

Although Denham and Howard Greer, on their way to Ottawa by dog sled, expected to be past North Bay at noon to-day, Lions Club officials, to whom the Greers were to report, had received no word from the Gateway City early this afternoon.

The team had been cut to six dogs when they passed through Tenagami. Two of the animals had to be sent on ahead by train when they were injured through fighting. A third had already been shipped ahead from Dane, just below Swastika.

LOST

LOST—Black and tan female dog; bobtail; clipped ears. Reward given for return to A. Neame, Mines Rescue Station, Phone 75. -13

WOOD FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Dry mixed wood; 16-inch \$2.25 per cord; 4-foot mixed wood \$5 per cord. Jackpine, \$3.25 per cord. All prices delivered in Timmins. For an additional 10c per cord, we deliver in Schumacher, Frank Feldman, 110 Pine Street South, Telephone 130. -99-100f

MISCELLANEOUS

CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION—Good homes desired for children, boys and girls, Catholic and Protestant, ages 4 to 14 years. Any home desiring to adopt a youngster should have their clergyman write A. G. Carson, Supt. Children's Aid, Timmins, Ont. 441f

A. J. Carson, of Halleybury, accompanied by his son, P. H. Carson, of Timmins, left this week on a cruise to South American ports and the West Indies, sailing from New York and expecting to be about one month on the trip. Their first stop will be at Trinidad and from there they will sail to Caracas, stopping at several points in Venezuela and thence north to Panama. On the return trip there will be calls at Honduras, Jamaica, Nassau and other points in the West Indies. Mr. Carson says, and they will miss the balance of the severe winter weather of Northern Ontario. (From The Halleyburian).



Mrs. R. Mortson left on Friday on a trip to Toronto.

Rev. Bruce Millar is on a trip to Toronto and other points south.

Mrs. F. Bauman left Friday on a visit to Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnston and family were recent visitors to Latchford.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Bogue, of Toronto, were visitors to Timmins last week.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schaffer, 118 Hamarack street, on February 13—a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hagen, of Timmins, spent the week-end in Toronto.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Farrell, 36 Wendie avenue, on Saturday, February 13, 1937—a son.

Mrs. F. Millar, of Timmins, left this week-end on a business trip to Toronto and Montreal.

Mrs. H. B. Hatch and daughter, of Toronto, left on Saturday after spending a week in camp with Mr. Hatch.

Wilfred Salley, of Amos, Quebec, was a visitor to Timmins over the week-end.

Mrs. L. Munroe, of the Rinn Brothers staff, left on Sunday for Toronto to attend the Gossard corset school being held this week.

Thos. Stephens left on Friday on a Business trip to Toronto to attend the Automotive Services Show being held in the Royal York hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Cole left Friday for a visit to Hamilton. While there Mr. Cole will attend the Westinghouse sales convention.

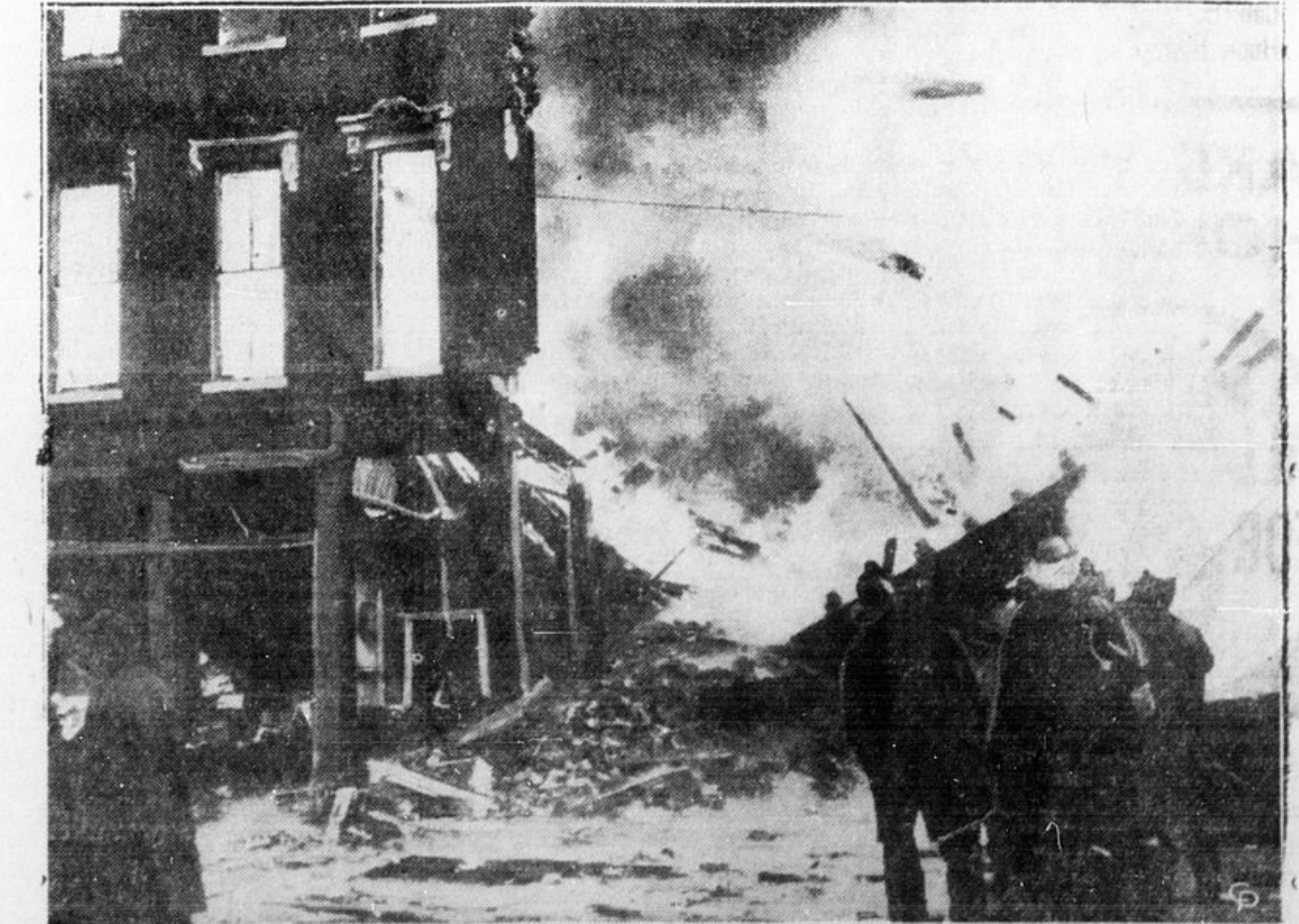
Fully one quarter of the population of North Bay was said to be suffering from influenza last week, the report being based on figures given in an estimate by the city's medical health officer. Fortunately the disease is of a very mild type.

Pleasant St. Valentine's Tea and Sale of Baking

A large number of people attended a pleasant St. Valentine's Day tea and sale of home baking at the home of Mrs. E. A. F. Day on Saturday afternoon. The event was held under the auspices of the Fireside Club. Mrs. Day and Mrs. A. A. Rose received the guest and Mr. Bruce Millar and Mr. Douglas presided at the tea table. Those who assisted in the dining room were Mrs. W. W. Tanner, Mrs. Ross Beattie and Mrs. Don McInnis. Others who helped to make the tea such a fine success were Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Beverley Weir, Mrs. E. C. Brewer, Mrs. D. Moore and Mrs. Gordon Irving.

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BLAST AND FIRE TAKE FRESH TOLL IN FLOOD-TORN LOUISVILLE



Firefighters attempt to check a fire at Louisville, Ky., that raged through the ruins of a three-storey building after it was shattered by a terrific explosion of gas accumulated during the flood. Police recovered the body of a woman and continued their search for more victims. Fourteen, and perhaps more, persons were injured. The explosion and fire added new horror to the flood-torn city. An entire side of the house was blown away by the explosion.