

FIRE CHIEF AGAIN SUGGESTS SUB-STATION

Police Are Conducting Campaign Against Vice

Racketeers to be Stamped Out, Says Chief of Police Gagnon. Senior Police Officials Working Night and Day on Clean-up. Schumacher and South Porcupine Police are Co-Operating.

Determined to blast the racketeer element from even the meagre footing they have been able to cling to, Chief of Police Leo H. Gagnon announced in an interview with The Advance today that his department have already instituted a sweeping campaign against vice, in all its ramifications, that will be far-reaching in effect before its conclusion.

For some time past, senior officers on the force have been working long hours of overtime every night in an effort to stamp out lawlessness. Suspected premises and persons are being closely watched and the Chief of Police maintains that the clean-up will be continued until the last "dive" has been eliminated.

A large number of persons have been questioned in connection with the recent diamond robbery at the Remus Jewelry shop and a drug robbery at the office of Dr. W. O. Taylor early New Year's morning. As yet no arrests have been made.

The sentencing of Albert Cerezia to concurrent sentences of one year and six months in police court on Tuesday for theft and breaking and entering, marks the first step in the police round-up. Cerezia's arrest and subsequent conviction was the result of an exhaustive investigation dating back to last November.

Police officials are satisfied that the same gang have been responsible for burglaries in Timmins that have been also operating in Schumacher and South Porcupine. Police in the latter two places are working in close contact with the Timmins police department who are extending every assistance in the campaign.

Impressive Customs Figures

Revenue at Office Here in Nine Months, \$160,548.32.

The receipts at the Timmins customs office are impressive and indicate the large business here. Customs receipts here, like practically every other line of affairs in Timmins or the Porcupine show a steady and noticeable growth.

For the nine months from April 1st, 1937, to Dec. 31st, 1937, the total receipts at the Timmins customs office were \$160,548.32.

This large amount was made up as follows:
Customs duty, \$61,185.62.
Excise taxes, \$84,428.99.
Excise duty, \$14,933.71.
Total, \$160,548.32.

Hollinger Pay Days to be Again on Friday this Year

Friday of This Week Will be Hollinger Pay and Every Second Friday for 1938. No Change from Last Year. Other Mines Continue to Pay on 10th and 25th of Month.

Hollinger pay day for 1938 will be the same as last year. Friday of this week (to-morrow) is the first pay day this year, and the following pay days will be very alternate Friday. Hollinger paydays are liable to vary from year to year. For some years the regular pay day was Wednesday of every second week. In some years it was Tuesday. Thursday has been a Hollinger pay day. Last year the day was every second Friday. This day is being continued for 1938. McIntyre, Dome and other mines in the camp have been having the 10th and 25th of the month as their pay days.

Six Births Registered in First Days of New Year

Born—on January 5th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. George Melnechuk, of 374 Cedar street north—a daughter.

Born—on December 30th, 1937, to Mr. and Mrs. Patrice Morissette, of 71 Way avenue—a son.

Born—on January 4th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Constant, of 69 Elm street north—a son.

Born—on January 4th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe McNeil of Schumacher—a daughter.

Born—on January 2nd, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Chaperon, of 47 Bannerman avenue—a daughter.

Belgian Queen Mother



Elizabeth Dowager Queen of Belgium leaves the Belgian Embassy in London, to attend a luncheon engagement, during a recent visit to England, during which her son, King Leopold accompanied her.

Local Young Ladies Registered Nurses

Several Young Ladies of the District Added to List of Registered Nurses.

This week the list of additional nurses registered in the province of Ontario was published. The list includes some 600 new nurses added to the registered. The list gives the results of the recent examinations for registration as nurses in the province of Ontario, as required by the Dept. of Health. The list of 600 names includes several from Timmins and this part of the North. Those who passed the tests and so have been duly qualified to register as nurses in Ontario include the following:

Alton, Jean, Timmins; Anderson, Jewel, Timmins; Sr. Cecile Eva, Timmins; Fitzpatrick, Elaine M., Timmins; Groff, Jean F., Cochrane; Irish, Evelyn J., Cochrane; Lovick, Margaret M., Cobalt; Porter, Kathleen D., Timmins; Stevens, R. Irene, Cobalt.

Annual Concert at Schumacher Church

Event Under Sponsorship of United Church Board of Stewards.

The annual concert sponsored by the Board of Stewards of the United Church at Schumacher, will be held in the church on Friday evening, Jan. 21st, commencing at 8 p.m. This annual concert is one of outstanding interest and well worth double the nominal admission fee asked for tickets. There is a programme of special interest and much merit, and none who can attend should miss this event. Last year it was a notable success from every standpoint, and attracted an unusually large attendance. This year the committee in charge is sparing no time, money or effort to make the 1938 occasion better than that of any previous year. As in past years the programme will be a varied one, with something special for every taste and everything up to the highest standards. Arrangements for the event have not yet been completed, although even at this advance date everything is set for a big success. Details of the annual concert will be given in later issues of The Advance. In the meantime make a note of the date—Friday evening, Jan. 21st, at 8 p.m.

Instal Phil Kinkel Kiwanis President

New Officers for 1938 Installed at Regular Meeting of Club Monday

Phil Kinkel was installed as president of Timmins Kiwanis Club for 1938 at the regular weekly luncheon held here on Monday. The meeting was well attended and the incoming president outlined an ambitious programme for the coming year in a general way.

The retiring president, E. H. King extended his sincere appreciation of the assistance and co-operation extended him during his term of office and warmly congratulated Mr. Kinkel his successor.

The new officers were installed by Percy T. Moisy, Deputy Governor of Kiwanis for Northern Ontario as follows:—
Directors—Sam Buzovsky, W. H. Burnes, J. L. Fulken and A. F. McDowell.
Past President—E. H. King.
President—Phil Kinkel.
Vice-president—A. G. Irving.
Secretary—W. H. Wilson.

Woman's Coat, Size 42 or Larger, Wanted by the S.A.

The Salvation Army is anxious to secure a woman's coat, at least size 42. The coat is needed for the lady of the house in the case of a family who were recently burned out. The Army looked after the family and have them all outfitted again—with the exception of the coat needed for the mother. The family lost everything in the fire—except their courage and their friends like the Army. The Army will appreciate it very much if some kindly person will donate the needed coat. If you have a woman's coat, size 42 or larger, just drop it around to the Salvation Army hall on Birch street, or phone Adjutant Cornthwaite, S.A., and someone will call for that coat.

In calling attention to the need for that lady's coat, size 42, Adjutant Cornthwaite expressed the appreciation felt for the many generous donations made to the Army in recent weeks. The clothing donated will be put to the best use.

The other day Jim Dutton mentioned quite casually something about a robin still remaining in this part of the North, despite the cold weather, and likely to remain here all through the winter. At once the casual remark was picked up and he was informed that the chances all were that it was not a robin that he had seen, but another bird. Several were able to give the name of the other bird that looks like a robin but isn't a robin at all.

Jim, however, maintained that it was a real robin to which he made reference and that it was still here, despite the cold and the migration of other birds to the South.

"I'll bet you three dollars that there isn't any robin around Schumacher," said J. R. Todd.

"I'll take you!" said Jim. Then the question arose as to how the wager could be settled—how the robin could be produced, if there was a robin, and how the wager could be collected, if there wasn't any robin.

"I'll show you the robin!" said Jim Dutton. And he did! "Pay up," he suggested to J. R. Todd. And the latter did.

It was easy to collect the three dollars. It appears that for some time past there has been a genuine robin hanging around the McIntyre mess. The cook there made a practice of feeding the bird, and the robin no doubt thought that this was better even than the South. In any event it was easy enough to take Mr. Todd to the McIntyre mess. Outside there was the robin hanging around for something to eat. And it was being fed all right.

"There's your robin!" said Jim. "Sure enough!" said the other Jim. "There was no doubt but that it was a regular, genuine, honest-to-goodness, robin. It had decided that the North Land temperature is just right, and so the bird continued to hang around.

"There's your bird!" said the one man. "And there's your three dollars," said the other. And so it was!

January 15 will be the absolute deadline for motorists to get their 1938 motor markers, according to officials of the Ontario Highways Department. "You can make that as strong as possible," said Hon. T. B. McQueen, Minister of Highways, in commenting on the light sale of markers to date.

"Motorists who do not want to be prosecuted had better get their licenses by that time," he said. The Minister pointed out that the extension of the period to Jan. 15 had only been granted for the purpose of easing the financial strain of the Christmas season, and the period would not be further extended, he said.

So far, only 100,000 of Ontario's 600,000 motorists have taken out their new licenses.

Officers Installed at Ladies' Auxiliary

Events Planned by Auxiliary of Legion

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion held a meeting for the installation of officers for the ensuing year in the Legion hall on Monday evening. Mrs. Price, past president, performed the duties of installing the new officers who are:—President, Mrs. R. Hardy; 1st vice-president, Mrs. W. A. Devine; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. W. Johnston; secretary, Mrs. Finchen; (Mrs. L. Hemming, former secretary, was re-elected secretary for the year 1938 by acclamation, but resigned from this post on Monday because of other duties); treasurer, Mrs. J. Shaw (re-elected by acclamation, 6th term in office); executive—Mrs. Geo. Nippers, Mrs. Walter Wilkinson, Mrs. P. Clegg, Mrs. T. Bown; Standard Bearer, Miss M. Borland (re-elected by acclamation, 2nd term in office); social convener, Mrs. A. Kelly; kitchen convener, Mrs. P. J. Harvey; auditors, Mrs. J. Precious (re-elected by acclamation, 2nd term in office); Mrs. B. Price; sick committee, Mrs. E. George, Mrs. J. McCord and Mrs. Geo. Starling.

Plans were discussed for a 500 party to be held in the Legion hall on January 17th, and also for a Valentine dance to be held in the Oddfellows' hall some time around the date of St. Valentine's Day.

Robin Here All Winter

Wager Won in Connection with Robin Here.

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Present Equipment Not Adequate for the Needs

Last Year's Fire Department Report Urged Either Sub-Station or Additional Equipment and Men. This Year's Chief's Report Will Emphasize Same Needs to Meet Growth of the Town.

Fire Chief Alex Borland, in a report which will be presented to the 1938 Council at their inaugural meeting here on Monday morning, will recommend that a sub-station be established in the Southwestern section of the town. As an alternative, Chief Borland suggests that another piece of motor equipment be added to the present establishment and that four additional men be added to the permanent staff to handle same. Introducing the subject, the report explains that the recommendation is made, "for the protection of life and property and to keep up the efficiency of the department."

A second paragraph of the report states:—"I might mention that the present equipment and staff is inadequate to cover the territory now in existence, owing to the town limits being increased to more than double its size with the new annexations recently taken in. Therefore, additional apparatus and men are very badly needed to give citizens of Timmins the fire protection they expect. I strongly urge you to give the above recommendations your immediate attention."

An outstanding feature of the report is the fact that fire losses in Timmins during the past year amounted to only \$25,416, a decrease as compared with 1936 of \$130,740. The department responded to a total of 379 alarms during the year, a decrease of two calls over 1936.

Two Garages Broken Into

Three Sudbury Men Arrested in Schumacher for Attempted Break-in.

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Dr. Kelly returned on Monday from a holiday visit to his home in Sudbury, and Toronto.

Consider 114 Appeals At Court of Revision

Mayor Bartleman Opposes Reduction of \$10,000 Granted Empire Hotel. Imperial Oil Gets \$3,700 Cut in Assessment. Twenty-four Other Reductions Granted. Total Reductions, \$17,100.

Interesting Meeting of the Men's Forum

E. J. Transom, Guest Speaker, Talks on Education.

The meeting last night of the Men's Forum of the United Church, held in the church basement at 6:30 p.m. proved a most interesting event. The president, Mr. Bev. Weir, acceptably occupied the chair for the evening, and all the proceedings were of special interest.

The guest speaker of the evening was Mr. E. J. Transom, principal of Timmins public schools. He spoke on education in general, but with special reference to delinquency among youngsters. He emphasized the idea that in cases of delinquency, too much stress should not be placed on punishment, but rather the effort should be centred on finding the cause of the delinquency, and by removing the cause to contribute to the regeneration and progress to good citizenship of the boy or girl concerned. All listened to Mr. Transom's address with the keenest interest and attention. It was the thought-provoking type of address which the Men's Forum wish to feature at their gatherings.

There was a good turn-out at the Men's Forum last night, the club proving increasingly popular. One of the big special features of the evening was the sing-song enjoyed by all present. Many of the old favourites were sung with glee and a number of the new song hits. Jim Douglas, vice-president of the Men's Forum, led the singing at the time of the regular sing-song. Geo. A. Jenkin played the accompaniments for the musical number.

Another special feature of the evening was the excellent dinner served by the Ladies' Aid. The next meeting of the Men's Forum of the Timmins United Church will be held in the basement of the church, commencing at 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17th.

The meetings of the Men's Forum are growing in popularity, and the programme each night includes interesting discussions as well as addresses of value on subjects of a wide range of variety, but always of value and importance. Watch for particulars of the next meeting.

CHILD'S HEALTH CONFERENCE AT SCHUMACHER ON FRIDAY

The Child's Health Conference will be held in the basement of the Schumacher public school to-morrow (Friday), Jan. 7th, from 3 to 5 p.m. Mothers are cordially invited to bring their babies to these clinics.

Woman Escapes as Gasoline Ignites

Bottle of Gas Bursts Into Flame as Woman Passes Kitchen Stove.

Mrs. A. Graneau, 118 Main avenue, had a fortunate escape with only slight burns when a bottle of gasoline she was carrying in her hand ignited as she passed the stove. Tossing the flaming bottle into a nearby sink, Mrs. Graneau tried to extinguish the blaze by throwing water on the flames. A neighbour arrived on the scene and throwing a grain sack over the fire, carried the bottle outside. The accident occurred Wednesday afternoon at 5:20.

Last night at 6:24 p.m. the fire department were called to extinguish a fire in a wrecking truck owned by Timmins Garage, which was stopped in front of 70 Hemlock street. Damage was slight.

Monday evening fire caused by overheated wiring in a cleaning establishment at 10 Balsam street north, did about twenty-five dollars damage. An electric iron had been left connected and finally the wiring became hot enough to ignite the wall.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bailey and daughter, Norma, were holiday visitors to Mrs. Bailey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Savage, Giroux Lake.

POLICE OPPOSE STRIKERS IN MARSEILLES

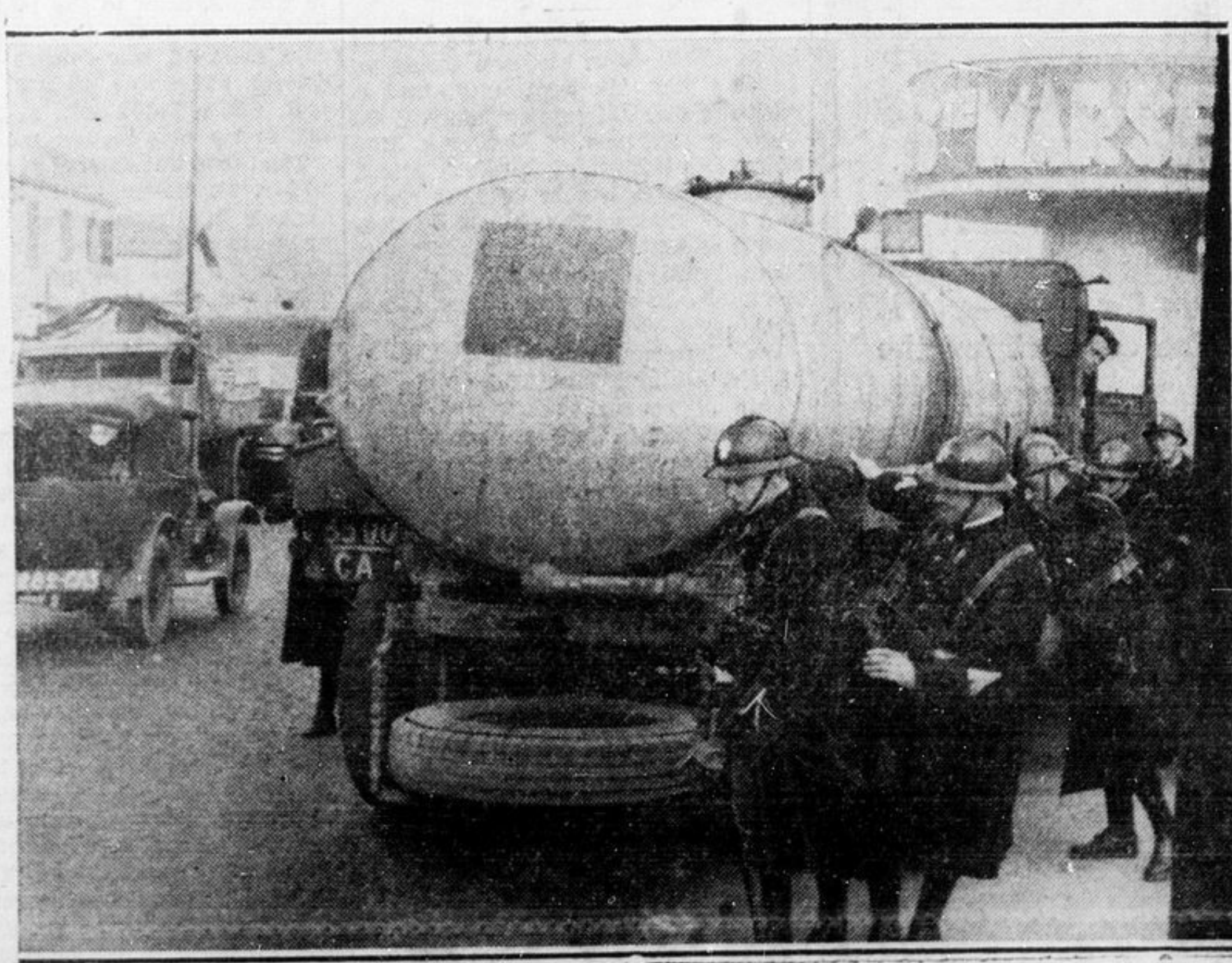


Photo shows Marseilles police trying to remove street "impediments" left by the striking public transport workers during their recent 24-hour strike.