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#### SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED

a method for some relief from the annoyance, evil one who believes that Britain and Canada won't and danger of dusty roads. The Nugget heads the editorial with the words, "Worth Consideration." considered too exclusively as a matter of evil in themselves with a courage that forces admiration. regard to traffic. It does make the way of the But the Chinese have pitted practically unarmed motorist unpleasant, and it does constitute a ser- valour and courage against brutality fully armed not only for those travelling in motor cars but also effective defence needs much more in this wicked for all living in the country. If silica dust in the world than high resolve and soft words. mines is so great a menace to the health of miners. As for what is the foreign policy of Britain toit is difficult for the ordinary layman to believe day. The Advance doubts very much if the writer of that the self-same dust blowing around on the the letter knows any more about it than The Adroads and being perforce inhaled by all is a harm- vance, or even than the men who are supposed to man or child. In the editorial in The Nugget, the more than a shamefaced marking time until the benefit of the new method suggested for laying day comes when Great Britain has repaired the Suggests Ontario Prospecthe dust is emphasized as of unusual probable injury done from following the false doctrine of value for use on the highways. The Advance sug- the pacifists and has once more built up a fighting gests that if the new proposal has merit, it should force equal to defence—a force strong enough to also be adopted in regard to streets in the towns overawe the murderous cowards who would wreck and willages.

In a word, The Nugget editorial proposes the use of sulphite waste liquor as a dust-layer on roads. ness! But the way to check insanity is certainly The Nugget quotes the report made by D. J. Mac- not to discontinue the manufacture of strait-Laurin to the Kapuskasing Board of Trade. This jackets. report advocated the use of sulphite waste liquor as a practical and very economical method of ridding the roads of the dust menace. It pointed out that this liquid can be handily obtained right here ly and accurately with those words, "Worth Consideration." That is worth emphasizing. It is The towns of the North, and especially Timmins, would do well to give some thought to the practicability of the plan. In the case of Timmins, it seems also to be a matter "Worth Consideration."

### ON FALSE BASIS

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a letter purporting to be a reply to a recent editorial in The Advance. The letter in some of its opening paragraphs was encouraging-it suggested that The Advance was to be taught a few things about British diplomacy and policy and world affairs. Sad disappointment followed fast, however. Instead of unknown facts being disclosed, there was no more than the time-worn slanders about Britain of the past. It is suggested that Britain's world-wide Empire is built upon the Japanese type of conquest. Is this the history of the New School? "What Japan is doing to-day in China has been done by all the great powers in the past," says the letter. When did Great Britain attack another peaceful nation, without even a declaration of war? Give date and particulars! When did Great Britain slaughter peaceful civilians, women and children, raining destruction upon them from the air? Give chapter and verse! When did Great Britain shell defenceless cities to add territory to the Empire? Give the facts! When did Great his crime through bad company and laziness. His munities. Britain bomb Red Cross hospitals? When did Great Britain ravage any land with fire and sword? When did Great Britain sink the vessels of friendly nations because they were in her way-in an area where no war had been declared? When did Great Britain slap the faces of the ambassadors of friendly states because they dared to seek to help the crimes were vastly different in their essential Mail and endorsed immediately by scores of newsthose in distress? When did Great Britain defy the public opinion of the civilized world to increase her territory in any way? When did Great Britain act the part of a savage, and warn off all other nations with unveiled threats? All these things Japan has done-seems to glory in the doing. To find a parallel for the actions, the attitude of Japan to-day, it is necessary to bring in Ethiopia, the German methods of the late war, or else go

and that ilk.

tion of war would have been necessary. Speaking of "cold, hard facts," this sad truth must be faced: that because Great Britain was unprepared-almost as unprepared as Italy believed-Ethiopia was ravaged. Much the same holds true about the case of China. The prayer for Britain to be armed and ready is not a call for war, but to avoid war.

The writer of the letter suggests that a foreign nation would be "insane" to invade Canada. That is far from a guarantee that there will be no invasion, for insanity seems epidemic among some of the nations. It is easy to understand Pacifist China saying but a few months ago: - "Japan dare not attack us! We have Soviet Russia with its great army as neighbours. Japan dare not bring down upon itself the wrath of powerful Russia!" Elsewhere in this issue will be found an editor- Ask the maimed and murdered Chinese to-day ial article from The North Bay Nugget suggesting how good an argument like that can prove. "Anyfight-or defend themselves-is suffering from a misconception." Just a few months ago Chinese The heading is certainly an apt one. Dust on the mandarins may have said the same sort of thing. roads is one of the curses of the North in the sum- The Chinese have fought with a valour that has mer months. This nuisance of dust is perhaps surprised the world. The Chinese have defended ious menace to safety on the highways. Apart with modern machinery of destruction. Surely the from that, however, it is a serious injury to health result is the most pitiful proof of the fact that

less thing for the health of the wayfaring man, wo- make that policy. In truth, the policy seems no

War is a serious business—yes, an insane busi-

#### CRIME AND SENTENCES

The Vancouver Province refers to two recent in the North at little or no cost, being a waste ma- cases in that province, and draws the alleged lesterial from paper mill operations. Sulphite waste son that there must be something wrong with the liquor contains ten or twelve per cent. of lignin, law and its administration when there is such a glue-like substance, which it is held would bind variation between sentences for what it terms the together dust particles on the road and result in same crime. A man named Vogwill pleaded guilty roads so treated being practically dustless. Mr. to the charge of living in part on the earnings of creek bed. Through an imadvertence MacLaurin admits that there may be some slight prostitution and was sentenced to eight days in technical difficulties in adjusting the proportions jail. The Attorney-General appealed this judgof the liquor to be applied and the best methods of ment and the higher court sentenced the man to application to roadways. Granting the need for six months' imprisonment. About the same time some investigation and experiment, the proposal a Chinaman, charged with a similar offence in certainly warrants the fullest enquiry and some identical terms was sentenced by a judge to three form of trial. The Nugget places the case concise- years' imprisonment with three whippings, each of three strokes. The Vancouver Province cannot reconcile the sentence of six months with that of also well worth emphasis, to repeat that the ex- three years with the lash. One or other must be periments should not be confined to highways. wrong, the Western newspaper believes. Without all the details and circumstances, it is not possible to say that either sentence is wrong. It should be remembered, however, that all the circumstances and conditions would be clearly before the judges concerned in each of the cases, and the chances are all that both sentences were fair and just and the due deserts of the guilty.

There is a frequent tendency to thus contrast

differing sentences for what is termed "the same crime." It is in that idea of "the same crime" that the misconception arises. There are no two crimes identical. Circumstances and conditions do alter cases. It was wisdom on the part of the lawmakers that this fact was considered, and in practically all penalties imposed by law there is a considerable measure of latitude allowed to magistrates and judges so that the sentence in some measure may fit the crime. Anyone with experience in police court procedure will soon be impressed with the truth that though two crimes may be described in identical terms and the charges laid under the same section of the code, due to circumstances and conditions the crimes are actually different-in intent, viciousness, results. This may hold true in the two cases disturbing the serenity illicit profits may have been more or less incidenin identical phraseology.

ment that a branch of the Bank of Commerce is profit from the needs of the poor. back to the dark ages of the Goths, the Vandals, to be opened at Yellowknife "furnishes one more Great Britain been prepared, no war or declara- mining communities in the North. In Northern to church twice a week since its first youth. There casting Commission.



This picture shows a light mortar team ready to go into action. The new mortar fires 40 three-inch shells a minute

#### Wants Tin Discovery Made in Canada Now

Do Something About It

Monday's issue of The Sudbury Star: "From time to time hopes are raised that a commercial deposit of tin habeen made available within the boundaries of Canada, but so far realization has not been achieved. Similarly, in tinplate manufacturers, canners the United States, which country is others. not as yet a producer of the metal, the desire for disclosure of a profitable source has not been fulfilled?

"Press despatches a few days ago, however, conveyed the news that the state of Maine had a tin mine, but unfortunately the location of it remains a mystery. It seems that it all started with the arrival at the state university of a small phial containing what appeared to be metallic pebbles. A note accompanied the bottle, stating simply that the pebbles had been taken from : the note and the postmarked wrapper were destroyed before a test revealed that the pebbles were of pure tin.

"Since the United States produces practically no tin, and uses almost half the world's output, the discovery of domestic source of the metal would be a matter of national moment. So great efforts have been made to track down the nameless prospector, thu far to no avail.

"About a month ago there was an announcement to the effect that the had been discovered in Carscallen township, 23 miles west of Timmins and that an assay showed values of six to seven per cent. in tin, which would be profitable to mine if found in sufficient quantity. No further reports have emanated from the district, however, and Canada still has to import its tin, to the value of nearly \$5,000,000

said to be rapidly dwindling, it is be- to finding them on the mantel in the coming a fairly precious metal, with bath room, on radiators, window sills current prices around 41c per pound, and on the dresser, always with some It is only natural, therefore, that news ashes sprinkled around them, but the of a new discovery should be intrigu- surprises begin when they start to stick years. When they are at their maxiing, and that every effort would be out of vases or when a bronze figure made to follow up any find that ap- carries one nonchantly under the arm pears to hold out hope of being com- or when one of them dangles neatly mercial. At present the world's supply in a knot of the telephone wires, or comes from the Federated Malay | when the fern stands are decorated with China and Siam.

"Unfortunately, the world's supply of ! tin is controlled by a British carter of timental reasons about the one that great strength which limits production came from the old Saxonia when she and expands it as may be deemed was going under forced draught toward necessary. It is possible for those in- the sinking Titanic, or the one that terested to affect the price of tinplate came with so many memories from Sinin a way which causes hardship to gapore, or the one with the stem deeply and lessen radiation from the earth's many in the canning industry and bitten in that went through years of the surface. through this means, it is claimed, Can- | war. I respect them all for what they adian consumers pay more for their have seen and lived through, together

canned goods than they would if the

sumers always know what price they will have to pay for nickel at any time.

"So strong is the tin cartel, however that little can be done about it by

"The Ontario prospectors are to meet in convention at Toronto in a week's time. Perhaps they could commission a group of their members to enlarge the glamorous mining picture of this province by scouring new fields and disclosing an extensive deposit of tin

on Query by New York Editor.

The following is a letter published in magnetism, telegraphy and radio.

Sir:-Your recent article: "Where do the old pipes go to?" got somewhat into my hair and I would like to ask you in return: "Where do all the old pipes

There are fifty around the house if there is one, and though there are sufficient pipe racks and ask trays to ac- on this rotation of the earth around the commodate them all, they can be discovered every morning in the most un- 2512 to 27 days later. They may re-"As the world's known supply of tin is suspected places. For years I am used peat again. They have been known to them on the principles that all ashes are good for the house plants.

market for tin and tinplate were en-

from the policy in the nickel industry. in which the International Nickel Company, controlling 85 per cent. of tors' Association Should the world's production and consumption, has always maintained, through good times and bad, a normal price The following is an editorial from for the metal and kept inventories at a level to meet all requirements. Con- Sun Spots to Cause

#### Asks Where Do All **Old Pipes Come From**

The New York Sun:

house like stray cats around a fish mar. ket, and it is just something short of position approximately that they were murder or camparable to high treason should one ever try to get rid of even only one of these objects of sacred rev-

I can understand all the sweet sen-

to get a puff out of the old charred self. A 150-year average of approxi-"The practice is entirely different! bowls, why one has to get every so often | mately four and a half years and dea new pipe, thereby increasing the already monumental collection of old ones which still have to be smoked at regular Elsie G. Swoboda. Ridgefield Park, N.J., Feb. 8.

HEAD OFFICE

# More Trouble on Air

Telegraph Expected About Feb. 21st.

The sunspots that caused so much trouble in telegraphic and radio communications on January 25 may reasonably be expected to repeat their performance around February 21, Dr. Ralph E. DeLury, in charge of solar physics work at the Dominion Observatory at Ottawa said Saturday.

These clouds-chiefly of vaporised iron, calcium and hydrogen and like substances cause a much-greater-than-New Jersey Lady Counters | normal radiation of ultra violet light. This ionizes the upper atmosphere, liberating electrons which reach the earth's atmosphere and cause auroral displays and disturbances in terrestrial

Take Picture of Sun On February 10 the observatory took a picture of the sun's surface. Clearly visible were the clouds that caused January 25's disturbance, just moving in toward the centre where they will be in They seem to accumulate in this the position to disrupt things again. On February 20 they will be in the same January 25.

"These clouds may develop or disappear, said Dr. DeLury, "but in general it is a safe prediction the disturbance will be repeated because the same conditions are likely to be present sun. The recurrence will come from

heat may be expected. These clouds cause changes in the

amount of ultra-violet radaition, this frequently being from 50 to 75 per cent. greater when the spots are numerous trons liberated by these rays stimulate the formation of haze and clouds, which

Cycle Began in 1933 Beginning of the present sunspot

with the man and his thoughts in many | cycle was in 1933. It reached a maxilonely and simetimes not so lonely mum in December and January last and hours, but will somebody kindly explain | will stay constant for a month or two to me, when it is so sweet and wonderful and then will gradually minimize itcreasing phases of six and a half.

> "There may be a sudden disturbance about the 20 th or 21st," said Dr. De-Lury. "There may be an outburst of material from the sun and the heating of the clouds around it. Then we will have the extra impulse of ultra-violet rays that cause trouble."

He saw a possibility that the January 25 disturbance was a spasmodic phenomenon that might not repeat and might vanish with the next rotation, but the More Trouble to Radio and chances were against this.

> "There is almost certain to be another kick after one rotation." he said.

Dr. DeLury said the cause of 11.2 year cycles was not known. Many thought they were caused by planetary action, but there was no proof. Cycles varied from nine to 13 years, but the average since records have been kept was 11.2 and most hit around this average.



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# All Motor Cars Needed

Windsor Daily Star-Mr. Justice Chevrier, chairman of the royal commission now investigating the transport industry in Ontario, agrees that carrying of insurance should be made compulsory for all car and truck driv-

Many other thoughtful citizens take he same view. While such a law would unquestionably work a hardship in some cases, the interests of the great bulk of motorists and of the public in general require this regulation. As things stand at present, many old, wornout, brakeless machines are a menace to everyone on the road and when a citizen is injured by one of them he finds himself unable to colno insurance in most cases and 10 times out of 11 the driver of the car doing the damage has no money of his own with which to pay

Christian Science Monitor:- The locomotive's toot has entered the tootological laboratory. The Union Pacific has had a corps of experts analyzing toparch of tootology has announced that every toot of the tooter costs the railroad the huge and almost incomprehensible sum of one-eighth of a cent

of the Vancouver newspaper. It is easy to suggest Ontario the Bank of Commerce and the Imperial is a proverb to the effect that you can drive a Compulsory Insurance on variations in the circumstances and details of the Bank were seldom far behind the provincial police horse to water but you can't make him drink. The two cases. The man Vogwill may have drifted into and the churches in the several new mining com- Calgary farmer implies that if you drive a horse to

tal. On the other hand the Chinaman may have It is doubtful if the public fully realize the debt been a deliberate sinner, luring the young and un- owed to newspapers for publicity that results in sophisticated into his net of crime, though escap- the righting of wrongs and the curbing of abuses. ing conviction on more serious charge. In any A case in point is that of the recent campaign event The Advance would be willing to wager that against loan sharks inaugurated by The Globe and details and effect on others. In other words, they papers throughout the Dominion. The exposure were different forms of the same sort of crime, of the harsh methods and the cruel rates of in-

church twice a week he'll be good all right. Apparently there are radical differences between horses and men in regard to some things. There is never much difficulty about driving men to drink though it may not have been tried with water. "Driving men to church twice a week," however, will not make them good. Or does it? Good horse sense seems to deserve its name.

Another example of the service given by newsthough the wording of the charges may have been terest extorted by these loan sharks has resulted papers through effective publicity and leadership in a number of prosecutions in Ontario, while the is given in connection with radio conditions to-day. Dominion parliament this week ordered the bank- The Toronto Telegram led the battle against the ing and commerce committee to conduct an inves- sell-out of the Canadian Radio Corporation to lect compensating damages. There is tigation into the practices of individuals and com- United States advertisers and the proposed in-The Edmonton Journal says that the announce- panies taking mean advantage and exorbitant crease of the radio license fee. The Telegram printed a form of ballot to express popular opinion and received tens of thousands of replies in a few impressive bit of evidence of how rapidly mining | A farmer living in the Calgary district is report- days. The Telegram received strong support from "Would you have advocated Britain and the Em- development is proceeding in the country between ed as boasting that he has a horse that, not con- independent newspapers all over the country pire declaring war on Italy because of her Ethio- Edmonton and the Arctic." It also "furnishes one tent with being 30 years of age, is now cutting its Public opinion in the matter was crystallized-expian invasion-or attempting to chastise Japan more impressive bit of evidence" of how speedily third set of teeth. The farmer attributes the lon- pressed. This week the Dominion Government the cost of a toot and as a result the for her predatory attack on China?" the letter some Canadian banks (notably the Bank of Com- gevity of his youth-renewing horse to "right liv- agreed to a committee of inquiry to check up on asks. The answer is an emphatic No! But had merce and the Imperial Bank) give service to new ing" and the fact that the horse has been "driven" expenditures and actions of the Canadian Broad-