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PROTECT THE SETTLERS

Every year the people of the North are forced to read of tragedies at the homes of settlers in isolated sections of the country. These are tragedies resulting from fires that destroy the homes of the settlers. In too many of these cases loss of life accompanies the loss of property by fire. Whenever there are deaths from this cause, the circumstances are very carefully investigated by the chief coroner for the district, Magistrate E. R. Tucker, of Cochrane. It is more than interesting to note the conclusions of the chief coroner in regard to these tragic fires. Chief Coroner Tucker is convinced that most of the fires could be avoided were minor changes made in the homes of the settlers. Usually these fires are caused by improper chimneys or by stovepipes passing unprotected through light partitions. The chief cause of the deaths is the trapping of the family through the improper placing of stoves. In several recent cases it was found that the fire originated near the stove, and the stove was set at the foot of the stairs or near the bedroom door, the family thus having to pass right through the main body of fire to escape from the burning building. Lack of windows in bedrooms added to the risk. At several inquests the chief coroner has pointed out that had the settler been well advised, he might have protected himself and family without any material added cost. The matter has been repeatedly called to the attention of the provincial authorities, and suggestion made for the protection of settlers, and their families in this matter. All that is needed is the extension of the authority of the fire rangers. The fire rangers now inspect the settler's land for fire risks. This inspection should be extended to the settler's residence. The fire rangers now advise and warn settlers against fire risks on their lands. This should be extended so that the settler would be advised and warned against the fire dangers in the homes. The fire rangers have the confidence of the settlers and could easily persuade them to use guards for stovepipes passing through partitions and to see that the chimneys are not a fire danger in the home. Warning and advice could be given in regard to the position of stoves and the necessity for windows or other means of escape in case of fire. This plan would not involve any expense or increase of staff for inspection. All that is needed is the extension of the inspection by fire rangers to homes as well as to lands. The Government should take prompt action to save further loss of life.

WAR TALK AGAIN

Newspapers and the radio—and especially the radio—suggest the possibility—even the probability—of another world war. As one newspaper phrases it:—"The nations of the world have been defied by Germany's conquest of Austria." There was a treaty, agreed to by practically all the nations of the world, whereby the union of Germany and Austria was forbidden in the cause of European peace. Germany's defiance of this treaty and its military occupation of Austria, together with the imprisonment of literally thousands of the leading citizens of Austria opposed to such procedure, is an offensive pill for the other nations to swallow. Years ago it would have meant immediate declaration of war by the other nations, but in recent years the civilized nations have drilled themselves into the swallowing of objectionable medicine. Indeed, there is every reason to believe that the very anxiety of some of the nations to avoid war at any cost of pride or right, has been the most fruitful source of the continuing causes for just war. Had Germany not believed that Britain, France, Italy, would stand idly by while the invasion of Austria was accomplished, it is doubtful if even the madman Hitler would have gone on with his deliberate affront to all the nations of the world. However, he had the example of Italy in the Ethiopian case, and Japan in the rape of China to encourage him in the belief that the march on Austria would not stir the other nations to any action. It is true that the conquest of Austria by Hitler in itself is bearable by the other nations. Italy, perhaps, will be the most affected directly, and Italy—if only assured that the Austrian venture would end German ambition—might pass the project without protest. Italy, however, has a feeling that Czechoslovakia will be next, and in the case of the German domination of that country, Italy would undoubtedly find that German arrogance clashed enough with Italian interests to force more than mere protest. It appears that recent incidents prove the talent of Premier Chamberlain's diplomacy. With the Germans and Italians fully united against the rest of Europe, it is evident that there could be no peace in Europe in this generation. Premier Chamberlain's policy seems to be to avert war if possible, and in any case to divide Nazis and Fascists, so that the more democratic governments would have a better fighting chance. Present indications suggest that

if war is actually forced now by Germany's continued aggression, Italy may be an ally of Britain and France, instead of an added foe.

News from London, England, yesterday, was not at all reassuring. A crowd estimated at 25,000 is said to have marched through London yesterday demanding the resignation of Premier Chamberlain, because of the Austrian incident. In other words, these crowds were in effect demanding that Great Britain declare war against Germany. It would not be well to take this sort of thing at its face value, as radio announcers seem to have done. It should be remembered that an estimated crowd of 25,000 seldom reaches much more than half that number. Also it should be remembered that even 25,000 is a small proportion of a city like London, England. Further, there is the fact that the crowds of yesterday were organized, chiefly by the communists, as were other crowds in recent times in London, England. The communists are expert in organizing these more or less impressive parades as the North Land knows to its cost. Another idea worthy of thought is the type of people chiefly composing crowds like those of yesterday in London, England. They are the very type that has been responsible for placing Britain in position where the Empire could do little to police the world or protect smaller nations. Pacifism and anti-militarism have succeeded in a measure in leaving Britain unprepared to defend the right. It is rather startling to-day to see these people throw aside all their pacifist principles and attempt to force Great Britain into battle. It may be, however, that beneath the surface Premier Chamberlain's diplomacy and statesmanship is doing its work. He has apparently forced the pacifists and the peace-at-any-price people to clamour for war. There is reason to believe that the great mass of the people of the Empire is behind the policy of Premier Chamberlain—to avoid war if possible, but at the same time to stand by the right and by the allies of Great Britain. Should war be forced upon Great Britain, despite all efforts to avoid it, short of dishonour and disgrace, the British Government will have the support of all loyal citizens, with the additional advantage that those who have been attempting to prevent Britain's preparedness for conflict will be in the forefront of those urging defence to the limit and defiance of those who have dared to scorn British deals.

KIRKLAND'S THEME SONG

Kirkland Lake at last has a song of its own, and now feels on an equality with Cobalt and Porcupine. The new song is to be sung this week at the annual meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. At previous meetings of the mining men, the rafters rattled with the Cobalt Song, and the steel beams quivered as the Porcupine men thundered one or other of their two patriotic ditties. On those occasions Kirkland Lake patriots felt sad and forlorn—after joining heartily in the songs for Cobalt and Porcupine, Kirkland Lake hadn't a song of its own. It was too bad! Something had to be done about it. Kirkland Lake men felt that Kirkland Lake simply must have its own song—even if it cost \$150 to get one. When that Western newspaperman, McIntosh, of North Battleford, renewed his battle for a Canadian flag, the die was set. If the Union Jack wasn't good enough for Canada, then surely Kirkland Lake could not be expected to sing the Cobalt Song and the Porcupine Songs and not have a distinctive ditty of its own. So the Kirkland Lake boys got together—got together \$150 as well—and advertised for a Kirkland Lake song.

The prize winning Kirkland Lake song is published elsewhere in this issue. As a piece of poetry the prize-winner got much better than the ordinary publisher's rates for this form of verse. It may be argued that it is just as good poetry, and even more sensible and logical than the song about "the best old town," or any of the Porcupine Songs. True enough, but it isn't the poetry that immortalizes the songs of the Cobalt and Porcupine camps, but the associations and the memories clustering round them. When a group of university graduates give their whole hearts to singing "But it's hobnail boots and flannel shirt in Cobalt town for mine," sense and metre are of little concern. Rather there comes to the mind and the heart the former times when that song was chanted in a new, hard land, where goodfellowship turned danger and hardship into happy larks. When mining men with impressive degrees behind their names, thunder out about "rings on our fingers and bells on our toes" and "P-O-R-C-U-P-I-N-E," lyric qualities are forgotten in the remembrance of happy days when that simple songs was a gloom-chaser, an inspiration, a vent for human feelings. There are pioneers of the Porcupine who sing the Cobalt song with a fervour that they do not always bring to the Porcupine Songs. There are pioneers of Kirkland Lake who will find a greater joy in singing the Porcupine Songs than they will ever be able to give to Kirkland Lake's prize-winning poem. There is grave danger that Kirkland Lake has waited too long for its theme song. The song of to-day lacks the inspiration, the true heart touch, that comes from memories and associations that gather round a song rendered as a very battle cry, a song of praise, of joy, of comfort, of incentive to carrying on when days were dark and nights were long, but men and women and the youngsters proved themselves good fellows all.



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Mr. and Mrs. Bert Richmond, of Toronto, were the guests of friends in Timmins last week.

Miss Mona Brunelle was the guest of friends in Kapuskasing last week.

Mrs. C. Langlois, of Montreal, visited friends in Timmins last week.

Mr. D. Roy Taylor, of Grimsby, is spending a few days in town.

Mr. William Ramsay, of Cobalt, is spending his holidays with his parents in Timmins.

Miss Doris Hill has returned to the staff of the St. Paul's hospital at Hearst.

Mrs. Orval Stewart left on Sunday afternoon to visit her sister, in Hamilton.

Mr. H. E. Hatch, geologist, left on Friday to spend the week-end in Toronto.

Misses Margaret Johns, Peggy O'Neil and Elizabeth Price, of North Bay, are visiting friends and relatives in town.

Mrs. Gerry Van Rassel, and her brother, Mr. Walter Ringstead, left today to spend a few days at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ringstead, at Larder Lake.

The innumerable friends of Mrs. E. M. Condie, matron at the C.A.S. Shelter, who underwent an operation at St. Mary's hospital last week, will be pleased to know that she is making excellent progress to early recovery.

The Cobalt column of The Northern News on Friday last had the following item of interest:—"Mrs. Munn of Timmins, Diocesan President of the Catholic Women's League, who has been visiting the subdivision of the district, was in town on Saturday and met with members of the local C.W.L. at the home of Mrs. P. Hasset. At their meeting on Tuesday evening held in the vestry and presided over by Mrs. J. O'Germain, the president, nominations for officers were made, elections to be held next month."

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Pretty Wedding at St. Matthew's Church

Miss Elsie May Tilley and Mr. H. F. Jones United in Marriage.

The St. Matthew's Anglican Church was the scene of a charming wedding this morning, Monday, at 10 o'clock, when Rev. Canon R. S. Cushing united in marriage Elsie May, daughter of the late Mr. Samuel Tilley, and Mrs. Tilley, and Mr. Harold Frank Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones, of Wiltshire, England. Many friends crowded the church to witness the ceremony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Mr. Cecil Whitbread, was lovely in a gown of white silk embroidered net, fashioned in redingote style, over white taffeta on princess lines. She wore long gloves of white net and white sandal shoes. A full, floor-length veil, beautifully embroidered, was caught in a coronet of orange blossoms, and she carried a beautiful bouquet of cala lilies.

Mrs. Jack Pretorius, of Elk Lake, acted as matron-of-honour, charmingly gowned in turquoise blue taffeta, with a full flared skirt. She wore a pink bolero jacket, with short sleeves, and a matching turban of net crowned with a corsage of flowers. Her accessories were in white, and she wore a necklace set with an amber stone. Mrs. Pretorius carried an old-fashioned bouquet of mixed flowers.

The bridesmaid, Miss Iris Tilley, sister of the bride, was attractively attired in a gown of pink marquisette, fashioned with the new tucked waist and round neckline. She wore a pink net turban, similar to that worn by the matron-of-honour, and a chain bearing a beautifully wrought gold cross. Her bouquet, alike to that carried by the matron-of-honour, was made up of mixed flowers.

Mr. Robert James Butler attended the groom as best man.

The bride entered the church to Lohengrin's Wedding March, played by Miss Mae Habib, at the organ, who also played during the interludes.

After the ceremony a buffet lunch was served at the home of the bride's mother, 70 Balsam street south, where many friends gathered to wish the bride and groom all happiness, and to shower them with many lovely and useful gifts.

The bride's mother, Mrs. Tilley, wore a street-length dress of black georgette, trimmed in white.

Mrs. George Allen, attired in an afternoon dress of black georgette, and wearing a corsage of roses, and Mrs. W. Lainsbury, in a grey fine tweed skirt and jacket of transparent blue velvet, adorned with a corsage of roses, poured tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones will leave on the 5:45 p.m. train to honeymoon in New York. For her travelling costume the bride has chosen a street-length dress of navy blue and white, and a sky-blue coat with fox fur collar and blue accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones, who will reside in town, receive the best wishes of their numerous friends.

New York World-Telegram:—Some people have a veneer that comes off easily with a little alcohol.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. Michael Landers and family wish very sincerely to thank the many friends and acquaintances who were so kind and sympathetic during the illness and death of his wife. Also for the many beautiful floral tokens. -20p

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

IN MEMORIAM

MILLER—In fond and loving remembrance of a dear husband and father, Corrie Miller, who went to rest March 14, 1938. There is a link death cannot sever.—Love and Remembrance last forever. -21

IN MEMORIAM

DEACON—In loving memory of my dear father, Delorme Deacon, who passed away at Aurora, March 2nd, 1936, and of my dear mother, Isabella Deacon, who passed very suddenly at Aurora, April 1st, 1936. —Sadly missed by daughter Margaret, Bill and Family. -21

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GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

In a recent issue of the magazine "Liberty," there is a very sentimental story about an orphan boy adopted by two single men and an equally single young lady. The story is so sentimental indeed, that it borders on the soft—the mushy. A picture of the author, however, discloses one of the toughest-looking, hardest-appearing faces—the kind of a face that seems aptly described by the current slang of "mug." Life is like that sometimes!

New Liskeard's tax rate this year is to be 2 mills lower than last year's. Haileybury's tax rate is to be 3 mills less than that of 1937. Will Timmins join this fashion in taxation this year?

Charles F. Stone died last week at his home in Perth after a long and honorable life. He was 69 years of age at the time of death, thus coming within a year of what is termed the allotted span of life. The late Mr. Stone was once a member of the galaxy of newspaper editors who made news-

paperdom respected and esteemed in Eastern Ontario, and incidentally achieved much for the communities in which they lived. Mr. Stone had courage, enterprise, ability, and happy humour, and his death is a loss to his community and his country.

The widow of Chancellor Dollfus is reported as in flight from Austria seeking security for herself and her children. Chancellor Dollfus was head of the Austrian state for several years, and was murdered in the abortive Austrian Nazi revolt of 1934. As soon as Madame Dollfus knew that Austria had passed under German domination, she fled from the country, believing that if she remained her life and that of her children would be in danger. This is a sad commentary on the opinion held of Nazism by those in a position to know. Why should Canadians consider a doctrine that brings such results? At the same time, it is well to note conditions in Russia, the wholesale murders there. It seems fairly idiotic for Canadians to consider Fascism, Nazism or Communism—with their murderous backgrounds—as substitutes for British freedom and tolerance.

Six Births Registered Here During the Week-end

Born—on March 10th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Gagne, of 65 Commercial avenue—a daughter.

Born—on March 10th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. B. Harris of 5 Murdoch avenue—a daughter.

Born—on March 6th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Vaillant, of 18 Messines avenue—a daughter.

Born—on March 8th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ferguson, of 118 Cameron street—a daughter.

Born—on March 12th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Ford Page, of 1 McLeod—a daughter.

Born—on March 8th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Tonkin, of 52 Messines avenue—a daughter.

Child's Health Conference at Schumacher on Friday

The Child's Health Conference will be held in the Schumacher Public School on Friday afternoon, March 18, from 3 to 5.

Mr. Fred Moody was a visitor to Smooth Rock Falls last week.