

## Views of Canadian Engineer on Russia

Thinks Russia's Gold Production is High. Refers to War Shadows.

(From "Grab Samples" in *The Northern Miner*)

A Canadian mining engineer who for three years worked in Russia, has some interesting sidelights to disclose on conditions in that mysterious country. He is inclined to believe that gold production is higher than most people suspect, as every effort was being made at the time of his departure from the Russian mining areas to increase output.

Asked to explain the mystery of sabotage he suggested that a number of the leaders in industry do not agree with the Stalin policy. Being past masters at intrigue the heads of the various trusts, recently liquidated, had been conducting what he termed a "palace" revolution, except that they had no palace. These men, he avers, were sincere patriots who had an idea that Stalin was ruining the country by forcing industry too rapidly and by collectivization of the farms. Their plan was to make living conditions so bad that the peasant and the industrialists would revolt and banish Stalin. However, they were caught off first base and were forced to disappear.

When the engineer first went to Russia in 1932, industry was in pretty bad shape and there was a shortage of food. However, by 1935 conditions had greatly improved. In mining the operators had not made much progress in training men to the use of machinery. The foreign engineers found excellent equipment at properties, entirely unused. When they asked the local authorities for the reason they were told that the machinery would not run. A few tests indicated that the Russians did not know how to make the machines work. Also there was evidence of sabotage frequently. Such childish tactics as cutting rubber hose into short lengths were indulged in. On one occasion someone put a nut into a feed pump for a steam boiler and the boiler ran dry, endangering the life of all hands. Plugging drill steel was another little stunt, to slow down production. Sabotage has, however, largely disappeared as general conditions have improved.

The engineer related that there was a dramatic incident in the far east several years ago. The present Russian-Japanese incident was not a patch on it. The two armies fought for five days, with heavy casualties on both sides. On another occasion the Japanese navy steamed for Vladivostock, with the idea of suddenly taking the city. The Russians got wind of it and put up three hundred bombers, which circled the Japanese fleet and informed it by radio that if it did not retire it would be blown out of the water. It retired.

Asked for the reason for the present difficulty between the two nations he

engineer sketched the location of the most easterly section of Siberia, its relation to the newly acquired Japanese territory, the position of the railways and the important Amur River valley. It is apparent that the Russians would have difficulty in defending that particular piece of territory and the Japanese, on conquest bent, would like to have it to round out their holdings. The Russians are intent on helping the Chinese and have put on the present demonstration, the engineer suggests, to attract and hold a big Japanese force in the north, to lessen the pressure on the Chinese.

Alternatively he suggested that the Russians may have decided that the Japanese are now considerably weakened and that it would not take a very big effort to make them completely. The engineer hesitated to accept this view, stating that the value of "face" or prestige is so great in the east that the Japs would prefer annihilation to defeat. Meanwhile each is getting a chance to test out the other's fighting ability and military equipment. That propaganda against Russia is much more powerful than that ladled out by Moscow was the opinion of the returned mining man. He said that on occasion he and other engineers were amused by the statements made in European newspapers about conditions in Russia. High dignitaries in England and in Rome had made assertions about situation which they could not possibly have checked up on; he remarked. Starvation was supposedly to be prevalent when actually there was plenty of food in the regions in which he worked. He had learned of certain areas where there was a local shortage of food and at one point to his knowledge, saboteurs had actually burned down the grain elevators at the approach of winter. They were caught and had no further need to worry about bread or anything else.

## If You Like Books

(By A. H.)

August weather will make the readers understand the feelings of the man who watched the ice-cart, and thus it seems a fitting time to quote

### The Ice-Cart

(By Wilfred Gibson)  
Perched on my city office-stool I watched with envy while a cool And lucky carter handled ice... And I was wandering in a trice, Far from the gray and grimy heat Of that intolerable street.

O'er sapphire berg and emerald floe, Beneath the still, cold ruby glow

Of everlasting Polar night,

Surprised by the queer half-light,

Until I stumbled, unawares,

Upon a creek where big white bears

Plunged headlong down with flourished

heels,

And floundered after shining seals

Through shivering seas of blinding blue.

And as I watched them, ere I knew,

I'd stripped, and I was swimming, too,

Among the seal-pack, young and pale,

And thrusting on with threshing tail,

With twist and twirl and sudden leap

Through cracking ice and salty deep—

Diving and doubling with my kind,

Until, at last, we left behind

Those big white, blundering bulkas of death,

And lay, at length, with panting breath

Upon a far untravelled floe,

Beneath a gentle drift of snow—

Snow drifting gently, fine and white,

Cut of the endless Polar night,

Falling and falling evermore

Upon that far untravelled shore,

Till I was buried fathoms deep

Beneath that cold, white drifting sleep,

Sleep drifting deep,

Deep drifting sleep...

The carter cracked a sudden whip:

I clutched my stool with startled grip,

Awakened to the grimy heat

Of that intolerable street.

### Acquitted After Pleading Guilty on Drunk Charge

Kirkland Lake, Aug. 13.—Although he pleaded guilty to the charge of driving while drunk, Thursday, case was dismissed by Magistrate Atkinson when Constable T. Dymont, who investigated the accident in which W. Hopkins was involved, said he would not call the man intoxicated.

While the charge of driving while drunk was dismissed, two other charges which involved fines of \$125 and costs, or separate sentences of 30 days and three months, were proven against the man. The charges were having liquor in a place other than his residence, and reckless driving.

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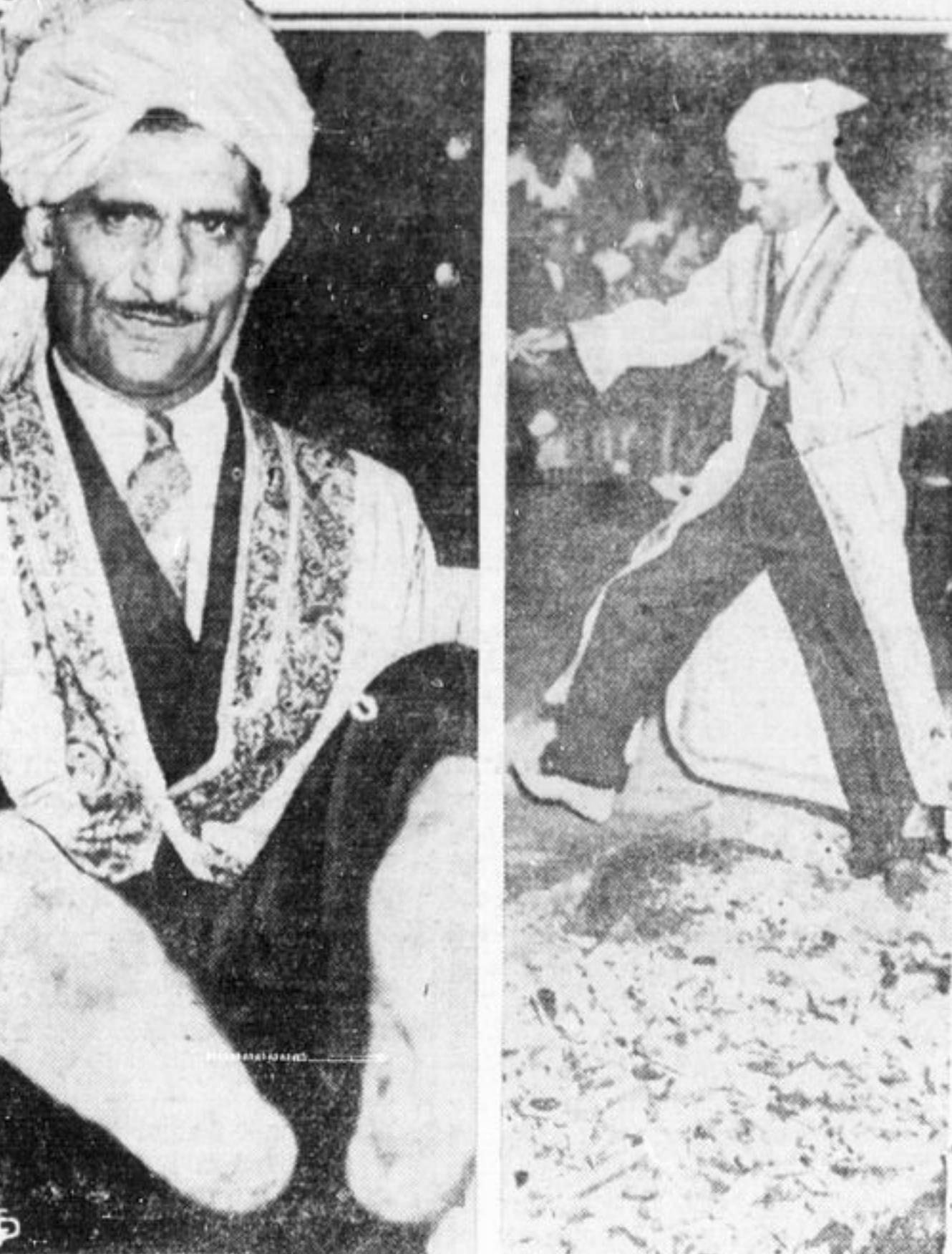
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## INDIAN FIRE-WALKER DOES HIS STUNT



Kuda Box, Indian fire walker, who demonstrated his specialty in New York after appearing on an international radio program, sits down (left) to cool off his "dogs" after marching across a 25-foot bed of red-hot embers. At (right) he is shown during the first of two such strolls—only this one, the first, went awry. Kuda Box is making a detour here after completing about half the distance, but he went back and made the entire jaunt without apparent discomfort, in an estimated heat of 1,200 degrees. The bed of embers was laid in a parking lot and the demonstration was witnessed by a large group.

## Drumhead Service at South Porcupine

To Be Held Under Auspices of Legion on Aug. 28th, Other South Porcupine and Dome News

South Porcupine, Aug. 13.—(Special to The Advance)—Mrs. Burton, of the Dome, left on Friday for a vacation in Montreal and Lennoxville, and will bring back her daughter, Margaret, on her return.

The meeting of Friday evening at which a Ladies' Auxiliary to the Porcupine branch of the Legion was to have been formed was not attended well enough for this project to mature. Later in the season, when holidaymakers have returned, will be a better time to form this, it was decided.

On Wednesday a meeting of the Legion was held and the beautiful flag—Union Jack with yellow tassels and gold standard—given by the Council of Tis皓was in evidence. No formal presentation has yet been made but it is hoped that the Reeve will do this at their Drumhead service, slated for August 28th (Sunday) on the South Porcupine ball grounds. Various organizations, including Timmins Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary, have been approached, for representation in the parade. Details of this will be given later.

Mrs. Brown and children left for their home in Cochrane on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Curtis have returned from holiday in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns leave for Montreal for two weeks' holiday on Monday.

Mr. Don Eames of Dome Extension leaves to-day for holiday in Toronto and Gananoque.

Mr. Jim Morgan left on Saturday for two weeks' holiday with his father in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hall and Jimmy, of the Dome, left on Friday for vacation in Manitou and other points south.

The Kiwanians held their usual meeting and dinner on Thursday. No regular speaker was attending as many members are on holiday, but it was decided to hold the postponed picnic on Wednesday next (if fine) at the Buffalo-Ankerite ground at MacDonald Lake.

Harry and Colin Robinson joined the happy band of boys from Timmins on Friday who are going to spend two glorious weeks at the Kiwanis camp at Bayside Beach.

Mrs. Lloyd Gardiner, of Brantford, and son Billy, are visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Gardiner. Also a guest this week is Miss Olive Gardner, of Cochrane.

Mr. Kenneth Buchan and son, Ernest, are visiting the former's uncle, Mr. Donald Frood, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Farrell accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Pierce, leave on Sunday for the Ottawa Valley. Later they will visit New York, and the Thousand Islands.

After the games are over in Winnipeg Mr. Barnes, of the Dome Football team, will go on to Regina to visit his wife's mother, Mrs. Sheppard, of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Huot with Lily leave on Sunday for Pembroke, Ottawa and Ste. Anne de Beaupre. Accompanying them home to Pembroke will be Miss Yvonne Huot, who has spent two months' vacation in South Porcupine.

Mrs. Burden, of Golden avenue, has returned after vacation in Shawville.

Mr. Alphonse Delisle is leaving on Sunday for two weeks' vacation at his home in Quebec.

Mr. David Kemp, of Sudbury, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hobé Esseille.

Mr. P. O'Shea and sons have returned from a trip to Chicago and Toronto.

It is advisable that this short crosscut be extended easterly to locate, if possible, the downward extension of the footwall vein. The drilling showed somewhat complicated structure which can only be tested in this way. To start this crosscut a slash will be taken out the beginning of the week. Drift advanced during the week to 544 feet north of turn—32 feet.

**280 ft. Level Development**—The 280 Stope was made ready for a test run. We stated to hoist ore for the test on Thursday morning. It is too soon to say anything about results so far, but there is good evidence that Mill Heads are now on the rise."

Employees at the property continue to express their confidence in the future of the mine through substantial purchases of shares.

In view of the development at the Mine, the shares at the present market price of 15-17c would appear to have very attractive possibilities.

Yours very truly,

H. H. Sutherland, Vice-pres.  
Porcupine Lake Gold Mining Co. Ltd.

## Dalton's Taxi Helps to Supplement Bus Service

All connected with the Children's Aid these days have a special good word for Dalton's taxis and Dalton's bus service. When the five boys went to the Kiwanis Camp recently for an outing, they were to accompany other lads going by bus. Four of the five boys were at the bus stand on time, but the fifth lad who had become confused on the orders and had not stayed with the other four as he should have done, was left behind.

As a matter of fact the bus was held back for some fifteen minutes for this particular boy. When he did not appear at the bus stand and could not be located at the Shelter, the bus proceeded without him. A minute or two after the bus left, however, the lad returned to the Shelter, and was heartbroken because he had been left at home. Mrs. Condie, the matron, called the bus stand to tell them the young lad had at last been located, adding that he was heartbroken because he had missed the bus and missed the camp as a consequence. There was the point where the Dalton service showed what it could do. In a few minutes a car appeared at the Shelter, the boy was ordered in and a race began to overtake the bus. Long before the big bus had reached Bayside Beach, the taxi had overtaken it, and the boy, who had been a little tardy had been added to the other speedier lads on their way to the Kiwanis camp. This free service for a small boy is much appreciated not only for its illustration of fine Dalton service, but still more for the kindly thoughtfulness for lads that it indicates.

**Progress Report of Porcupine Lake Gold**

Free Gold Showing in Work on the 362 Drift.

The following is the latest progress report sent out to shareholders of the Porcupine Lake Gold Mining Co., Ltd. Dear Sir or Madam—Development work at the mine during July went forward at a satisfactory rate. Ore put through the mill for sampling and test purposes will yield for the month approximately 100 ounces, which is quite satisfactory in view of the very considerable amount of low grade material coming from the manway which went to the mill.

A limited amount of slashing at 43 ft. north of the manway on the 280 ft. level back stop, gave the following results according to report received from the mine this morning:

Breast of slash—21"	\$59.85
Face of slash—33"	209.30
Back of slash—18"	Sample not assayed, full of highgrade with visible gold.
West wall of slash—27"	12.25
Rib sample from west wall of slash—30"	30.65

Assay reports from the 360-ft. level Drift, 33 feet north of Station 315, gave the following returns:

Face—Vein top—36"	\$34.30	
Face—Vein centre—36"	12.25	
34 Ft. North of Station 315—Test Hole—West Wall—0'-2"	24"	\$70.70
2'-4"—24"	127.40	

These values would indicate that there is important ore lying behind the west wall, and work has been started to prove up the extent of same.

We quote as follows from Mine Manager Siprell's report of the 7th August:

**"360 ft. Level Development**—During the major part of the period the vein in the 362 drift continued strong and wide, with free gold showing in the muck and face from nearly every round.

As is often the case with this class of ore, samples were somewhat erratic. One face particularly, showed little value in the sampling, yet in the composite sample made up from 19 cars we have a nice grade of ore. The face on the 6th instant, the last one from which we had returns, gave the following average over 42'—\$13.51. Our best method of sampling material of this nature is to run a substantial tonnage through the mill, such as we are now doing."

"Diamond Drill Hole No. 103 on the level above gave an intersection 48" wide of \$14.00 in what is apparently a footwall downward extension of the main ore shoot, and possibly the downward continuation of it. This intersection is approximately 30 ft. above the 362 ft. level and 30 ft. east of the 362 drift. The Hanging Vein is the one in which Holes 128, 129 and 133 cut free gold. While the vein has shown quartz similar in structure and value to that in the drill core, the gold content has not been as heavy as shown in the main shoot, which was extraordinarily rich. In view of this fact, it is extreme-

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