

Government Should Help the Silver Mine Industry

Serious Situation for Town of Cobalt.

In a recent issue The Advance carried an article from this paper's regular correspondent at Cobalt touching on the serious situation faced by the silver camp at the present time. It was urged that the Government should do something, either by way of stabilizing the price of silver, by bonus, or otherwise, so that the "best old town" should have a chance for continued existence. The New Lskeard Speaker last week had an interesting and informative editorial article on the same topic. The Speaker says:—

"The serious predicament in which the Cobalt camp finds itself today, due to the decline in the price of silver, is one that is causing governmental and municipal authorities a great deal of concern. In an endeavor to find some way to keep the camp operating, and so that employees of the mines "will not have to go on relief," the motion passed at the instigation of Cobalt delegates at the Temiskaming Liberal Convention on Wednesday last at Kirkland Lake, asking the Federal Government to inaugurate a bonus scheme for silver mined in Canada, offers a solution which upon close analysis does not appear to be feasible.

"According to the figures as given in the Canada Year Book, in 1938, Canada produced in 1936 (the last year for which figures are available) a total of 18,334,487 fine ounces of silver, of which amount more than one half or 9,748,715 fine oz. were produced in British Columbia. Silver is, to a large extent, produced in conjunction with other metals, i.e., lead, copper, gold, nickel, etc. As the production of these metals increases the production of silver automatically becomes greater, as in the case of British Columbia, production in 1937 was up more than one million ounces over the preceding year. Silver prices have shown a wide fluctuation since 1860-1872, at which time they were about \$1.32 per fine ounce; in 1919 the price fell to \$1.12, and during the years of 1922-29 increased slightly. Since that time, however, the price has fallen to less than one half, and during the past few weeks has further declined to about 34c per ounce.

"Again, taking the Canada Year Book figures as a basis, in 1936 there were 28 plants working on silver-cobalt ore, employing three hundred and sixty-three hands, having an annual payroll of less than half a million dollars and using supplies to the extent of \$181,592. Incidentally, the net revenue from this expenditure was \$915,376.

"The suggestion that the government purchase newly-mined Canadian silver at a price that would allow the mines at present operating to continue to do so, is not, in the opinion of The Speaker, feasible. With the steadily decreasing mine employment in the Cobalt camp on one hand and the increased production of silver on the other the drain on the Federal treasury would be out of proportion to the benefit to be derived. To fix a price for silver that would insure operating costs and a profit would take about 42c per oz., which would mean a bonus of 8c per ounce or about \$1,486,758.86. Should the low price of silver result in the closing of other mines where the ore shows a high silver content the proposition would have much more merit, but at the present time, to ask the people of Canada to pay upwards of one and a half million dollars so that mines employing less than 300 men may keep open, and whose total payroll would not exceed one third of the bonus, would not be good business.

"The miners of Cobalt are experienced hard rock men, the camp is reasonably close to the gold mining centres of the north, and while the number of men to be without employment will present a very serious problem for the authorities, the greater number of them should be able to secure employment in the mines further north. The Speaker is of the opinion that, instead of bonusing silver at the present time, the money be used to try out the scheme of Walter Little wherein the government would set aside a certain sum to be expended upon the development of promising gold properties. If this were tried out, and a new mine proven it would be possible to absorb the entire population of a town such as Cobalt.

"The closing of the silver mines of Cobalt will be a great hardship on the business men of the town, where overnight the buying power of the majority of the residents would be cut to a minimum. Just how this situation may be overcome will be difficult to figure out. Where a town has been built up entirely around one product, with no new developments being brought forward to take the place of those worked out, the future is anything but favorable. Cobalt, however, is not a dead town, some of its firms supply goods to other parts of the north and a sufficient number of residents have steady employment with firms not dependent entirely upon silver mining to ensure Cobalt staying out of the "ghost town" class, for some time to come."

leaze a Hollinger miner, Florenz Radasovich, from a mill hole where he was entombed from eight o'clock on the night of July 19 until two o'clock on the morning of the 20th, was told on Thursday afternoon at the coroner's inquest into his death.

Verdict of the jury after all the evidence had been taken was that the death was accidental. "We the jury find that Florenz Radasovich came to his death through an accident, no blame being attached to anyone," read the decision.

Members of the jury were J. P. Burke, foreman, W. P. Thompson, Stanley Hass, D. Laprairie and Coulter Conn. Coroner was Dr. H. L. Minthorn. Crown Attorney Caldwell did the interrogating.

First witness was Dr. M. J. Kelly. He said that he reached the underground scene of the accident at 9.45 p.m. An hour later rescue workers had uncovered part of what he believed was Radasovich's arm. In that exposed area he was able to give him a hypodermic injection. He was released a few minutes after two o'clock.

Dr. Kelly said that the injured man was unconscious when he was brought out. He was very badly shocked. Just before his release he was able to take a little hot tea. When he was brought out his heart beat was very faint and his pulse weak. He was taken to the hospital and put in an oxygen tent.

Death occurred at 3.30 o'clock on the afternoon of July 20. Dr. Kelly believed that it was caused by a fractured spine combined with extreme shock. In addition he was literally covered with bruises and cuts.

Mine Captain George Webber said that the accident took place on the 2,150 foot level just west of Number 12 stope. Radasovich was a machine man. The mill hole in which he was trapped was lined with post timbers between nine and eleven inches in diameter. Inside those again was three by ten inch planking. The rescue workers had to cut through that timber and planking. Their work was made more difficult by reason of the fact that only two men could work at a time in the cramped area.

J. Evans, Radasovich's partner said that they were scaling and pulling the mill hole below. It jammed and they got orders from the shift boss to blast. They decided to blast from the top and did so by means of a blasting stick. Radasovich did the blasting. He lowered himself into the mill hole holding to a rope and placed the powder on top of the muck. When, after the blast, it still was jammed, they decided to blast again. Radasovich again lowered himself, this time by means of a rope around his waist. After the second blast the jam still remained.

Then Radasovich went down again. He held the rope with one hand and with a scaling bar in the other he tried to loosen the rocks. He bent over to move some of the smaller rocks by hand and the whole jam suddenly gave way and took him with it down the mill hole.

Radasovich lost his grip on the rope and fell 19 feet, said the witness. He was covered over with broken rock to a depth of eight feet.

Harry Chenier was in the stope when the man fell. He was holding a rope by hand. Chenier said that it was not difficult for a workman to get a safety belt, if at any time he decided he needed one.

"I warned him to be sure and use the ropes," said Harry Sopha, shift boss. He said that he told Radasovich that there was a space in the mill hole below the jam and that it might give way suddenly.

Rescue methods were described by witnesses. Workmen apparently had to first bore holes and insert bars across the mill hole above where the man was buried to prevent more from falling and then much the rock out by hand.

At the same time the timbers on the side of the mill hole were cut through from an adjacent manway and a tunnel made in it where Radasovich was located.

Describe Rescue Methods at Miner's Inquest Thursday

Bring in Verdict of Accidental Death With No Blame Attached to Anyone.

The story of six hours' labour to re-

SIFTING THE NEWS

By Hugh Murphy

Taking advantage of international tension and the efficient and wide dissemination of news now possible, Hitler has successfully used the technique of showing his teeth at the psychological moment to gain his point. In other words, by massing troops, holding well publicized military conferences and generally creating an atmosphere of threat during times of crisis he has scared off nations who hesitate to force an issue to the utmost when there appears to be a good chance of creating war by doing so.

Britain has decided that two can play at that game. The territorial army, fully mechanized, recently started on its greatest peace time manoeuvres to date. One hundred and thirty-five thousand men began to move for two week's training which will end with a gigantic sham battle against an "invading army from Wales."

In twenty-five hours three new cruisers were launched. Announcement was made that within the next two months two battleships, each 35,000 tons, two 23,000 ton aircraft carriers, four more cruisers, several submarines, a destroyer depot ship and several destroyers will be launched.

Ninety British bombers flew over France, and British news sources were careful to point out that by veering one way or the other they could quite easily have been over Italy's Turin or Germany's Berlin.

"Dixie" Davis, onetime "mouthpiece" for Dutch Schultz and his gang of thugs who ruled New York's underworld and extracted tribute from even such well known places as Jack Dempsey's restaurant, left the Tombs Prison on Saturday having served 170 days of his one year term.

He was captured in February, 1938, and on his plea of being guilty of participating in Schultz's numbers racket was sentenced to a year. Later he appeared as star witness for the Federal Government in its prosecution of Jimmy Hines, Tamany district leader, on charges of being guardian angel to a policy racket in Harlem. The successful prosecution put Hines away for a time.

Davis has been telling the story of his experience as thug Schultz's attorney-at-law in a national magazine. In serial form the story, (probably ghost written) is supposedly an expose of the many and varied rackets operated and murders committed by Schultz and other gangland leaders. In the story the ghost writer for the crooked lawyer has been managing to create a sympathy for Davis. However, the apologetic is rather thin. It scarcely fails to hide the fact that Davis, who bought \$150 suits and wore silk drawers when in his heyday, was nothing more than a cheap shyster with more brains and knowledge of legal technicalities than most.

Now that he is out, "the heat is on" Davis. As a squealer he has "a short sharp shock" coming to him from gangland's guns. He is being protected by Federal Bureau of Investigation men. They probably want to extract more information on the mechanics of racketeering before they abandon him to his almost inevitable fate. In any event they will protect him while he honeymoon with his pulchritudinous, red haired, chorus girl sweetheart, Hope Dare. She has waited for him while he was in jail. It almost restores one's faith—does it not?

If they do get him—so what? He hardly deserves the sympathy of people who lead respectable if dull lives. He chose his code.

Two missing girls were recovered last week. One, a daughter of a Yale University President, Carol Woodman, 20, was found in a cabin in an isolated tourist camp at Hamburg, Pennsylvania; the other, Elinore Bertrand, 16, who was passed by when beauty contest judges were picking "Miss Brooklyn," was found in a Philadelphia hotel.

The daughter of Old Eli's head came to the door of her cabin to greet newsmen (a glorified name for reporters.) She was clad in a lounging robe

and clutching a small teddy bear to her bosom. Said she: "If I were a reporter I wouldn't go around knocking on people's doors at dawn." Bright eh!

Said Miss Bertrand, who was described as "slim, brunette and sixteen": "I couldn't swallow my pride enough to go home." She said that she had worked in a dance hall for a time but "didn't like the atmosphere or the people."

That last remark confirms the widely held opinion that beauty contests winners, even beauty contest contestants, are sought else but good and respectable girls.

Locals

Lionel West, student at Toronto University, left on Sunday to return to his home in Toronto after spending a few months in Timmins.

Mrs. R. L. Ollison, of Windsor, Ont., is spending a few weeks visiting at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Rose, 111 Tamarack street, Timmins.

Mrs. John Palangio has returned to North Bay after spending a few weeks visiting her daughters, Mrs. Frank Colameco, Mrs. A. Pappone, and Miss Mary Palangio.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Girard (nee Miss Rose Allaire), have returned to Timmins after a honeymoon spent in Toronto, Niagara Falls, and other points south. Their marriage took place at Sturgeon Falls, and the groom is a member of the local Fire Brigade.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleland, and family, of Toronto, formerly resident at the Conlaurum Property, are at present visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland of the Conlaurum Property.

Gordon Eyre, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Eyre, was taken ill at their summer camp at Val Gagne last week and was hurried to South Porcupine hospital where an operation for appendicitis was successfully performed, and he is now on the way to complete recovery.

Annual Oddfellows' Picnic Held at Dome Pump House

The I. O. O. F. Timmins Lodge No. 459 held its annual picnic on Sunday at the Dome Pump House, and both adults and children had a perfect day. Even the weatherman joined in making the event a decided success, giving both young and old a marvelous chance to enjoy swimming in the cool waters of the lake.

No sports events were held, the day passing in social activity and swimming. Tea, ice cream, and soft drinks were served, and each party brought tasty individual lunches.

Death of Mrs. Brown Tisdale Avenue Sunday Evening

Had Been Esteemed Resident of Timmins for Past Twelve Years.

The death occurred at her home here of Mrs. James Brown, on Sunday evening. The late Mrs. Brown was born in England, and was thirty-five years of age. She had been a popular and respected citizen of Timmins for the past twelve years and her sudden death came as a decided shock to her numerous friends here. Mr. Brown is at present on a visit to England, and the sympathy of all their friends here, will go to Mr. Brown in his bereavement.

The late Mrs. Brown resided at 25 Tisdale avenue. Besides her husband, she leaves one daughter, fourteen years of age.

No definite funeral arrangements have as yet been made, the remains resting at Walkers' Funeral Parlour.

Barrie Examiner:—An Ottawa dispatch states that Japan has expressed "deep regret and condolences" over the killing of two Canadian missionaries at the Holiness Movement settlement in China by Japanese bombing planes. That word "condolences" sounds rather cynical, coming from the killers.

Attendance Not Good at Timmins Farmers' Market

Due to the fact that attendance at the Timmins Market this year has not been very favourable, a special meeting of the council will be held this (Monday) evening to make plans and arrangements to improve the market.

Second Intercollegiate Dance of the Season Here

Adorned with the shields and banners of various colleges of Canada and the United States, whose students are at present in Timmins and district, the Riverside Pavilion made an attractive setting for the second intercollegiate dance of the year, held on Friday evening. About one hundred couples attended, making the event a complete and happy success.

Music for the occasion was supplied by the Buffalo-Ankerite Orchestra, and during the dance a very tasty lunch was served.

Requiem Mass For Pasaal Maltais at St. Anthony's

Requiem high mass was said at St. Anthony's church on Friday morning at nine o'clock for the late Mr. Pasaal Maltais. The funeral was very largely attended and the many floral tributes and spiritual offerings testified to the regard in which the deceased was held and the sympathy for those bereaved. The late Mr. Maltais, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Roscoe, Tamarack street, was 72 years old and had been a valued resident of Timmins for twenty-four years.

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Central Porcupine	11
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Conlaurum	2.07
Dome	33.00
Eldorado	1.15
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Gillies Lake	7
Glennora	2 1/2
Goidale	20
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Hudon Bay	34.00
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International Nickel	50.50
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Leitch	87
Lake Shore	42.00
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McLeod Cockshutt	2.00
Macassa	4.80
McIntyre	58.00
McKenzie Red Lake	1.30
McWatters	63
Mining Corporation	1.30
Moneta	1.05
Naybob	15 1/2
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Pamour	2.50
Paymaster	47
Pickle Crow	4.75
Pioneer	2.48
Preston East Dome	1.55
Premier	1.55
San Antonio	1.99
Sherritt Gordon	1.02
St. Anthony	8
Sullivan Con	80.3
Sudbury Basin	2.30
Siscoe	1.15
Sylvanite	3.35
Teck Hughes	4.20
Waite Amulet	7.00
Wright Hargreaves	8.20

Rich Find Reported at Golconda Mine in Duparquet

High Values are Reported Where No Free Gold Showing.

One of the richest gold discoveries of the year in northwestern Quebec is reported to have been made on the property of Golconda Mines Limited in Duparquet Township, according to B. S. Parkinson, president. The new find, according to the company, is remarkable in that very high values were obtained in material containing no free gold. A piece of oxidized and heavily mineralized ore taken from the vein is reported to have returned 140 ounces of gold or \$4,900 per ton. Two check assays were run to confirm the report.

A prospecting crew is reported to have uncovered a section of the vein six feet wide and two feet long. Subsequent investigation was made by J. B. DeMille, the company's engineer, and other engineers familiar with Duparquet conditions have since visited the property.

President Parkinson, following a trip to the property, has ordered a 500-pound sample to be shipped to the Temiskaming testing laboratory at Cobalt.

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Tickets are valid to return, leaving destination point not later than C. P. Train No. 7, from Montreal 7.50 p.m. Sunday, August 6th, to connect at North Bay with our Train No. 47, Monday, August 7th.

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