

Bold Bank Robbery at Matachewan

FIRST CONTINGENT TAKES LEAVE

Rains Cheer Polish People British Planes Join In Bombing West Front

Season Rains Expected to Slacken German Offensive in Poland and Give Advantage to Polish. The Battle on Western Front Develops. Blockade Being Tightened.

Despite contrary reports from Germany, Warsaw still holds out—"and will hold out," say the Poles. The Poles were greatly encouraged yesterday by the arrival of the seasonal rainy season. Poland will soon be a bog that will slacken up all German activity. The Poles on the other hand know how to get around with their cavalry. Berlin reports Gdynia as surrounded, but admits that fighting continues nearby. The Germans claim to have virtually eliminated resistance west of Lemberg and hope to take the city soon.

Great Britain's navy is swiftly tightening the contraband control, examining United States and other neutral ships which might be taking cargoes to Germany. To-day the Ministry of Information made this statement: "While no American ships have been seized, a few American ships have been taken in for examination, but it is impossible to state the number at any given moment."

French troops are reported closing in on three sides of the city of Saarbrücken, located between the Siegfried Line and the Maginot Line. Seizure of the city was seen necessary as a jumping-off point for a wider and heavier attack on the German Siegfried Line.

French advance is seen as "steady and methodical" and in order to combat it the German army command has moved heavy reinforcements into the line. Back of the line the enemy has placed heavy artillery. In order to combat its destructive work Britain and France are bombing the artillery placements by means of aeroplanes.

The French are reported to have captured many of the mines in the rich Saar valley coal mining areas.

Hand to hand combats have not been uncommon on the front. The morale of both French and British troops, is reported to be excellent. Many of the members of the British force who fought in the last war have the feeling that they are just taking up where they left off.

Two Hurt When Train Smashes Car at Earlton Crossing

One Man Believed to be Seriously Hurt.

Two men are in the hospital as the result of a railway crossing accident at Earlton last evening when the 7.00 o'clock train hit a car that apparently tried to cross before the train. The light car was completely demolished. One passenger in the car was able to walk after the accident but the other appeared to be severely injured. Both men were taken on the train to hospital.

Legion Zone Meeting Urges Improvements in Recruiting Methods

Legion Branches Offer Their Services to Facilitate Matters. Urge Use be Made of National Survey. Questions of Importance Discussed at Iroquois Falls Meeting

"Old Soldiers Never Die" and so it would seem if one could have witnessed the "steak demolishing contest" at the Iroquois Hotel, Iroquois Falls, on Monday evening. The event was a supper and zone meeting of representatives of the Canadian Legion branches of Northern Ontario. Word had previously been forwarded that the "boys" would be hungry when they arrived at 7.00 p.m., and the hotel did the rest. Full plate-size T-bone steaks with fried potatoes, tomatoes and green peas greeted the 27 gallant attackers. Side ammunition consisted of apple pie, ice cream, cheese and coffee or tea. (And one took milk!) It is needless to say that all objectives were completely cleared up. The management and special waitress service was heartily thanked by those present. A rearguard action by the Kapuskasing delegates failed, they having retreated to other sections, but reported capturing a "damn good meal." After the banquet the delegates held a meeting in the upstairs hall of the hotel with Zone Commander Austin Neame, of Timmins, in the chair, assisted by Les. Nicolson, zone secretary.

The chairman in his opening remarks drew attention to the war situation. (Continued on Page Six)

Weather To Continue To Be Warm

Weather will continue warm during the next few days but it may be dull and there may be more rain, said Mr. Wheeler, Hollinger weather observer, this morning.

Rain fell this morning between one and two o'clock. Heavy thundershowers caused a depth of .27 inches. Only other rainfall of the week was on Monday when light showers to a depth of .02 inches fell between nine and ten o'clock in the evening.

Maximum and minimum temperatures have been as follows: Monday, 57 and 42; Tuesday, 66 and 43; Wednesday, 67 and 48. At eight o'clock this morning the temperature was 60 degrees.

Town Helps Out in Mix-Up Over Recruits Going to Toronto

Man Recruiting Here Apparently Did Not Have Proper Authority.

A serious situation developed here this week over recruiting for the Engineers, the officer here doing the recruiting apparently not having the proper authority, and so being unable to arrange transportation to Toronto for the men for medical examination. Some of the recruits had left good jobs to enlist, others had disposed of property with a view to joining the colours, while others were unable to pay their own way to the city. There were 160 men offering, and after communication with headquarters of the regiment, it was agreed to accept 51 if they presented themselves at Toronto and passed the medical examination. No provision could be made for transportation, however. For a time the situation looked ugly as the men felt they had been badly deceived in the matter. Had nothing been done it would have proved a serious blow for recruiting in the North. Mayor Bartleman called a special meeting if council, however, and council agreed to remedy the unfortunate position by paying the fares of the 51 men to Toronto. It is expected, of course, that the amount will be refunded by the Militia Dept., when the tangle is straightened out. The incident is still another proof of the fact that the recruiting should be left in the charge of local officers whose knowledge and responsibility would avoid such tangles.

Investigate Unusual Visit Last Evening

Three Held. Charged With Taking Beer from House and Beating Up Occupants

Three men are in custody at the jail this morning pending investigation of an incident which took place last night. The trio, Jos Mecourse, 112 Avenue Road and Rene Broscoupe and Ernest Hubert, both of 289 Birch street, north, will face charges.

They are alleged to have gone into a house at 122 Hollinger Lane and demanded beer. There was no one there to give them beer even if the house had been supplying it, so the men are alleged to have helped themselves. They also are charged with having manhandled some of the people in the house.

Charges will be laid in the near future, police said, but they were not quite certain what they would be.



Merchants Association Here Anxious to Prevent Profiteering

Write Department at Ottawa Offering Co-operation and Calling Attention to Case that Appears to be Profiteering. Want New Board to Function.

The Timmins Retail Merchants' Association is on record as strongly opposed to profiteering and anxious to co-operate with the authorities to prevent anything of this sort. The following letter to the Dept. at Ottawa explains itself:—

Timmins, Sept. 13th, 1939
Weights and Measures Branch,
Department of Trade and Commerce,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sirs: On behalf of the Grocers' Division of the Timmins Retail Merchants' Association, may we ask how soon the Board on Profiteering will be functioning in this district and why butter, for example, has risen seven cents per pound during the past week.

We, as an organization, would also like to know how we could best co-operate with the department to protect the public against unnecessary price increases in this district.

An early reply would be appreciated.
Timmins Retail Merchants' Assn.
(signed) C. V. Kearns,
Treasurer.

Highlights and Sidelights OF THE WAR NEWS

Fight Overseas or Here

"If we do not win this war on the banks of the Rhine, we are going to have to fight it on the banks of the St. Lawrence," was one of the striking and unquestionably truthful sentences in the address of Hon. Arthur Meighen in the Senate this week.

Polish Legion in France

The Polish people living in France are recruiting a legion to fight in and for France. The Legion will be financed by Poland, will carry the Polish flag and will be maintained by the Polish government.

Don't Need the U. S. A.

Speaking over the radio Field Marshal Goering of Germany said that his country could get along without any supplies from the United States. He claimed that Germany was immune from a blockade.

London Calm and Cheerful

Reports from London, England, show that the people of the Old Land are taking the troubles of the new war with the same coolness, bravery and cheerfulness that they face all the ills of fate. One difference noted by recent visitors to London is the number of women taking the place of men to allow the fullest measure of enlistment for service. Women are driving taxis, trams, directing traffic, selling newspapers, and doing other work usually left to the male.

Germans Desert

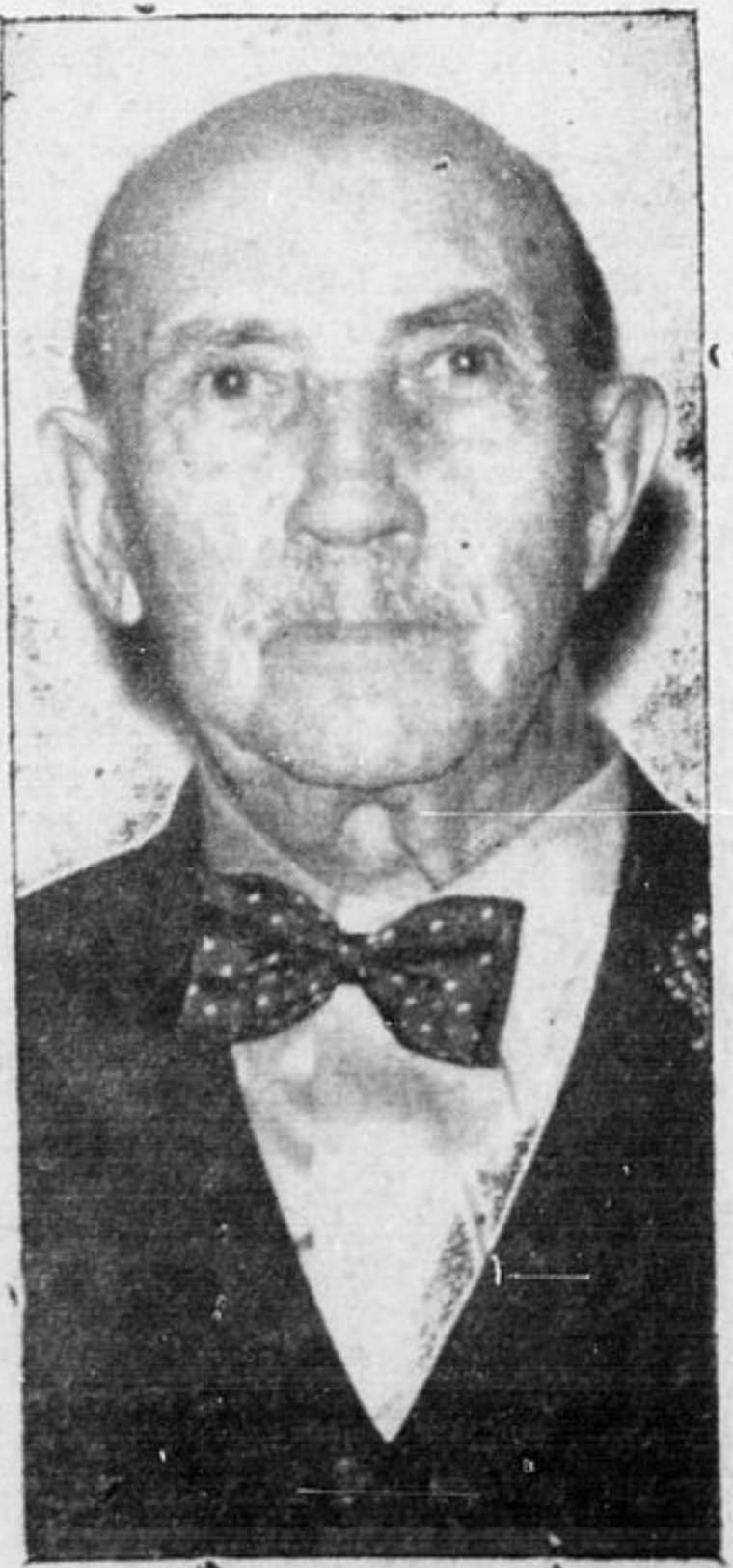
French newspapers say that a German officer and 20 German soldiers crossed the Rhine at Hiningue, near the Swiss frontier, and deserted to the French. One of the Germans was quoted as saying:—"Build a pontoon (Continued on Page Four)

Shown above are pictures taken on Tuesday afternoon when a group of fifty-one men who were enlisted here for service in the Royal Canadian Engineers, left for Toronto, there to take a medical examination, and those of them who passed and were accepted, to begin training. The crowd of several thousand people at the station to see the men off is shown in the top photograph. In the lower picture is shown a close-up of part of the train with Timmins men bidding their friends farewell.

North Bay Curling Rink and Masonic Hall Taken

The curling rink and Masonic hall at North Bay have been taken over by the military authorities to be used for military needs. The needs arising from the war make such accommodation necessary for the housing of the militia on duty and to furnish office room and other necessary accommodation for those on various duties in connection with the war and the defence of Canada from sabotage or other injury from enemies at home or abroad.

Celebrates 87th Birthday



Mr. W. M. Whyte ("Dad") one of the esteemed and beloved pioneers of the North, who is being honoured this week on the occasion of his 87th birthday.

Hold-up Men Steal \$8,020 But Money Recovered and One Man Arrested

Search Made For Second Suspect. Man Arrested Now in Hospital With Bullet Wound Sustained When Bank Staff Chase Hold-up Men. Running Revolver Duel in Matchewan.

Aliens Not Yet Asked To Report

Police Could Not Say Whether or Not Such Action is Contemplated

Police officials here said today that so far aliens or foreign born persons not holding Canadian citizenship papers have not yet been asked to report.

It is customary in war time to have such people report regularly to the police. However, no action has been taken in the Porcupine. Police could not say definitely whether or not such action was contemplated.

I.O.O.F. to Honour Bro. W. M. Whyte on 87th Birthday.

Event to be Held This Evening (Thursday) in the Oddfellows' Hall.

This (Thursday) evening, Sept. 14th, Timmins Lodge No. 459, I.O.O.F., are holding a social evening in the hall, 58 Spruce street north, in honour of the 87th anniversary of the birth of Bro. W. M. Whyte. Bro. Whyte, affectionately known as "Dad" Whyte, has been an active and helpful member of the I.O.O.F. for a long term of years, and it is not too much to say that he is the most popular and esteemed Odd-fellow in the North. As one of the pioneers of the North and for many years a businessman of the Porcupine camp, Mr. Whyte has won the regard of all. The social evening in his honour this evening will commence at nine o'clock sharp. A large turnout of Oddfellows and Rebekahs is desired for this notable occasion. The Timmins I.O.O.F. Lodge extends a cordial invitation to all visiting brothers and also to members of Gold Nugget Rebekah Lodge. In addition very special invitation is given to Oddfellows at South Porcupine to be present, Bro. Whyte being the first Noble Grand of the Porcupine Lodge.

Man Drops Sticks of Dynamite When Chased At the Broulan Mine

Man Lurking in Vicinity of Broulan Porcupine Mine Auxiliary Powder Magazine Chased. Drops Bags Containing 141 Sticks Explosive. Find Nine Sticks With Fuse Under Building Containing Thirteen Cases.

The necessity for a close guard over stores of explosives in this mining camp was forcibly brought home to mine officials, to police authorities and to the general public early on Tuesday morning when an apparent attempt to do damage at the Broulan mine was thwarted by the alertness of an employee, Ole Hansen.

Seen by Hansen skulking around an auxiliary magazine at the mine, a man was chased. In his hurried flight he dropped two bags. They were found to contain 141 sticks of dynamite. Further investigation revealed a bound bundle of nine sticks under the shed used for storing the day's powder. The shed contained 13 cases of explosive, enough to have wrecked the frame-head of the mine less than 150 yards away. Attached to the bundle was a ten foot length of fuse.

Provincial and mine police, who have the man's description, and who are investigating, are quite certain that the man was making an effort to blow up the powder house with intent to sabotage the mine and do incalculable harm.

While working on the property at about four o'clock on Tuesday morning, Hansen saw a man lurking around the building. When the man saw that he was observed he ran. Hansen gave chase and the man, in his flight, dropped two sacks. Relieved of his burden, he was then able to run faster and with the good lead he had, was able to escape into the bush around the mine. Hansen looked into the bags and

Elk Lake, Sept. 14.—(Special to The Advance)—Submitting to capture after he apparently had tripped while fleeing from the manager, with whom he had been engaged in a running revolver duel, Harry Billock, who told police later he was a Ukrainian in search of work at the mines, offered no further resistance to two Matachewan men who seized him after he allegedly had participated in a holdup on the Imperial Bank branch in that town, 25 miles north of here on provincial highway No. 65 yesterday. Billock, wounded by a bullet from Norman Plant's revolver in the exchange of shots, is in hospital at Halleybury for an x-ray examination before an effort is made to extract the slug, while provincial police officers and Matachewan citizens are hunting for the bandit's companion, known only as "Joe," according to information supplied Provincial Constable Allan Stringer, of the post here, by the wounded Billock.

The pair escaped from the bank premises, located in a small office in the theatre building, with \$8,020 in cash, but the money was recovered in full when Billock was captured. His companion, waving a revolver which it is thought may have been unloaded after he had emptied its chambers at the bank teller, R. K. Robinson, evaded pursuers who took up the chase when Manager Plant ran into the street and gave the alarm, and it is thought he has taken refuge in the bush which surrounds Matachewan on all sides. Reports that he had been seen at different points in the vicinity of the town later in the day were received by the police and citizen posse, but his trail had not been picked up when night fell.

Billock's condition is regarded as not serious, unless complications should set in. He was taken first to the office of Dr. F. F. Fitch and there given treatment, and last night was removed by police to Halleybury, where he is under guard. The bullet, police said, passed through Billock's leather belt, entering his body at the hip, inflicting what is thought to be only a flesh wound. During the afternoon, Billock gave a statement to Constables Stringer and Gordon Barber, in which he is alleged to have told of meeting "Joe" for the first time last week-end and that they planned the robbery of the premises, the only branch of a chartered bank in this district. Billock told the officers he did not know the other man's surname, although he (Continued on Page Four)