

League Expels Soviet for Invasion of Finland

Eight Impersonations at Polls; Many Tried to Vote in Names of Dead Persons

Returning Officer's Report Says Despite Impersonations and Trouble at Central School, Results Better Than Usual. One Information Laid on a Charge of Impersonation at the Polls. "Many Dead Voters Here" — Says Warren.

One information has been laid against a voter who was alleged to have impersonated another person at the polls at the municipal election last Dec. 4. As soon as this man is served with a summons he will appear in police court before Magistrate Atkinson.

The report of the Returning Officer, Pat Murphy, who also is Town Clerk, was presented last night at the regular meeting of Council.

"From the information gathered there appears to have been eight impersonations at the polls. Some of these are being investigated with a view to possible informations being laid. One information has already been laid, and from the evidence, prosecution is likely," read Mr. Murphy's report.

It continued "According to reports there were a great number of votes cast for deceased people who happened to be on the voters' list. Our records were checked rather carefully for this and if any candidate can secure a list of these deceased it would be appreciated and help us.

"One D.R.O. was found initialling the inside of ballots and was stopped."

"There was a certain amount of interference with voters by agents at the Central School, the report said, and evidence had been obtained to show that several voters were interfered with at the Central School and that agents and candidates told several voters they could not vote there because their names were not on the list.

He ordered the school cleared of agents and voters Mr. Murphy said in his report.

After the report was read Mayor Bartleman said that if, despite all it contained, there was an improvement this year one would realize that there must have been a great deal wrong in past years.

"I have heard of dead people voting but never so many dead ones as there are in Timmins," said Councillor Warren.

The Mayor said that he knew of one poll where five persons tried to vote in the names of people who were dead. It was a strange thing, he said, and there was probably more to it than appeared on the surface.

Fails to Identify Armed Thugs in Police Line-up

Every Available Police Officer Out Searching for Men Answering Description Given by Service Station Attendant After Hold-up. Edmond Lamarche, Unable to Identify Men. Bound His Hands With Wire.

Every available police officer has been on duty since the Highway Service Station was held up on Tuesday night in an effort to catch the pair of thugs responsible. The town has been combed and the district gone over by provincial police.

Line-up after line-up has been held in the police station before the attendant, Edmond Lamarche, who was held up, in an effort to identify the men.

In order to make a line-up police got out and when they see a man they do not know to be a resident, who looks at all suspicious, they ask him to come to the police station. When a dozen or more such men are brought in they are asked to line up and Lamarche looks them over.

It was just five minutes past midnight on Tuesday when two men walked into the service station on the Hollinger Road.

Both men were tough looking characters and one of them had a gun. They told Lamarche to lie down on the floor and when he did they bound his hands behind his back with wire and told him to go and lie face-down in the bottom of a car pit in the station.

The men then took all of the money that was in the till \$46, and left the place. They evidently did not have a car and left on foot. Lamarche was alone in the service station when the two men paid their visit.

One of the men reassured Lamarche and told him not to worry that no harm would come to him. He was the man without the revolver.

The man who was carrying the revolver was described as being about 24 years of age, 155 pounds in weight, 5 foot 8 inches in height, of dark complexion, of a tough appearance. He was wearing a brown coat and had spoke good English and did not seem to be at all nervous or excited. Lamarche did not get a good look at the other man as he was forced to turn

Happy Gang to be Here on Sunday

Noted Radio Group to Take Part in Auction Broadcast Programme.

The "Happy Gang" noted C.B.C. artists are to be here in person for the auction broadcast at the Palace theatre Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. This auction broadcast is being held under the auspices of the Porcupine Santa Claus Fund sponsored by the service clubs of the camp—the Lions, Kiwanis, and Kinsmen. A collection of dolls, toys, clothes, footwear, skis, skates, sleighs, wagons, etc., is being made at the Timmins fire hall to care for the needy families in the Porcupine this Christmas. For groceries, candies, meat, poultry, etc., further funds are needed. The auction broadcast is confidently expected to meet this need. To add to the interest of the programme at the auction broadcast, the Happy Gang are to be here in person. The "Happy Gang", popular with most radio listeners, includes—Bert Pearl, Bob Farnon, Clair Mathe, Kathleen Stokes, Eddie Allan, Hugh Bartlett, Jack Radford.

Division Court Here Conducted by Assistant Judge

Division court began here yesterday morning and is being continued throughout today. On the bench is Mr. A. V. Waters, of Cochrane, who has been appointed by Judge Danis, newly appointed for the District of Cochrane to take the court here.

A large number of cases are on the docket as well as a number of judgment claims.

Legion Stagette to be Held Saturday Night of This Week

Bingo, Darts and Draw for Voucher Prizes to be Features.

The Timmins Branch of the Canadian Legion are holding their famous Chicken Stagette on Saturday evening of this week, commencing at 8 o'clock. This is the only stag party of its kind being held in the town or district this season. It is a form of event that is specially popular, and with no other similar events, the attendance at the Chicken Stagette on Saturday evening should be particularly large. In passing it may be noted that the Chicken Stagette has the sanction of the authorities.

The event Saturday night will be held in the Oddfellows' hall, Spruce street north. There will be the noted old bingo and the particularly popular dart games. You are specially invited to attend and show your skill at the good old dart-throwing game. The prizes will be chickens, turkeys and hams.

The draw for voucher prizes (hampers for Christmas) will take place at 11:30 p.m. Vouchers may be secured

Economics Adviser



Dr. W. A. Mackintosh has taken a year's leave of absence from his post as head of the department of political science at Queen's university. He will act as adviser in economics to the government.

from members of the Legion at the Oddfellows' hall on Saturday evening.

British Cruisers Trap German Raider Graf Spee In South American Port

German Raider Entitled to Remain There Unmolested to Effect Repairs. Running Battle Been in Progress for Two Days. Pocket Battleship, Graf Spee, Has 36 Dead and Over Sixty Wounded. Ship Thought to be Sister Ship of Admiral Scheer.

After a two-day running fight, the biggest and most dramatic naval battle of the war to date, three British cruisers and a German pocket battleship, the Admiral Graf Spee, lay at anchor in the neutral Uruguain port of Montevideo.

In the fight the Admiral Spee lost 36 men killed and 60 wounded. The most seriously wounded were taken off the ship today to a military hospital. Official sources said the Admiral Spee had been hit in the captain's bridge, in a clothes room, in the officers' mess and in front of a powder room. The captain is reported to be a casualty with an arm wound.

Until early this morning the pocket battleship was thought to be the Admiral Scheer. Today it was identified however as the Admiral Graf Spee, a sister ship of the Scheer.

The Spee, for weeks, has been raiding allied shipping in the south Atlantic. Aboard her were the captains of six British merchantmen whose ships had been sunk. They will be landed at Montevideo.

The German ship is entitled, under international law, to seek the safety of a neutral port and effect repairs. Uruguain officials say the ship may stay there for thirty days without being interned for the duration of the war.

When the Spee moved into the inner harbour the three British cruisers followed her in and dropped anchor at Punta Carretas, ten miles south of Montevideo, where a point of land juts out at the junction of the river estuary and the Atlantic.

The Spee sought escape by heading for the open sea but she was forced in toward the Uruguain coast by the British cruisers.

Two Serious Fires

Both Began in the Early Hours of the Morning. One Tuesday. One Yesterday.

Fire broke out in an unoccupied house at 77 Wendie Avenue yesterday morning at about 2:44 a.m. The house was owned by A. Boucher, who left a fire in it to keep the pipes from freezing. In some manner the fire began.

Several hundreds of dollars' worth of damage was done by the blaze. It was soon brought under control by firemen.

Early on Tuesday morning firemen received a call first by telephone to 21 Pine Street South, and then from a fire box a long distance further south than that address.

The fire was finally seen to be at 201 Pine Street South. In about four minutes firemen had two lines of hose laid and had water on the back of the two-storey building. Damage amounted to several hundreds of dollars.

Happy Evening at I.O.O.F. Christmas Cheer Social

Cards, Dancing and an Entertaining Programme is Much Enjoyed.

A happy evening was spent by a large number of members and their friends at the Oddfellows' Christmas Cheer Social on Tuesday evening in the Oddfellows' hall, and the event was a great success.

Cards, dancing and an entertaining programme were enjoyed, winners at which being: ladies 1st, Mrs. Masters; 2nd, Mrs. Crews; and 3rd, Mrs. Masson, and gentlemen's 1st, R. Redden; 2nd, S. Spenser; 3rd, Jim Johnson.

Included on the evening's programme were a duet by Messrs. Joe Jago and Percy Harris; solos by Mrs. Gaye, Mrs. Bill Roberts, Mr. Percy Harris, and a solo and tap number by little Miss Betty Williams.

A closing solo was sung by Mr. Jago, and following refreshments, which were daintily prepared and very delicious, the gathering joined in the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Township to Try Out New Method of Snow Ploughing

To Pile Snow in Centre Instead of at Sides.

South Porcupine, Dec. 13.—(Special to The Advance)—The Township of Tisdale, through its engineer, Mr. Anderson, intends trying out a new method of road-ploughing this winter.

After heavy snowfall the roads will be ploughed to leave the snow piled in a line in the centre, instead of the sides of the road.

Police Chief McInnis asks us to invite the co-operation of the public by remembering to keep their cars off the streets after a storm so that the plow can have free passage. This method will be applied to Bruce, Main, Golden, Moore and Crawford Streets in South Porcupine and to First, Second and Third Avenues in Schumacher.

Today (Wednesday) was the first time this winter it has been necessary to use the new sidewalk caterpillar plough.

Finnish Ladies' Aid Hold Successful Tea and Bake Sale

Interesting Event Here Yesterday Afternoon.

The Finnish Ladies' Aid of the United Church entertained on Wednesday afternoon at a highly successful and thoroughly enjoyable afternoon tea and sale of home baking at the church. Many ladies from the district were present to enjoy a delicious and dainty luncheon, and to buy the Finnish coffee bread and other articles that were sold.

During the afternoon, a special programme of recorded music was given, featuring selections by the Finlandia Choir, and the Helsinki University Choir (both of which have toured Canada), by the Suomen Laulu Mixed Choir, and songs, hymns, and Christmas carols by members of the Finnish opera.

Remarkable Display at Fire Hall of Christmas Goods for the Needy

Kiwanis, Lions and Kinsmen Clubs Co-operate to Look After Christmas Cheer for Needy Families Here. Public Has Been Generous Indeed in Response to the Call for Goods.

At the fire hall there is one of the most remarkable displays of Christmas gifts ever seen in a town this size. Toys are there in wonderful profusion—of every kind—all looking like new—all in perfect shape. As a matter of fact some of them are new—the generous gifts of merchants. The same applies to skates—dozens of pairs of them. Then there is an abundance of clothing and boots, shoes, rubbers, overshoes—all as good as new, and some in fact from generous business men. Anything that needed a little "fixing" was attended to by the firemen, who have devoted their spare time to this worthy cause, as they have done so often in past years on their own account. This year, however, the collection of Christmas goods is being sponsored by the three service clubs—the Kiwanis, the Lions and the Kins-

Britain to Aid Finland With War Materials

Planes Says Chamberlain

Over Ninety Signed With Algonquins

Training of Recruits to Start at Once.

It is just a week ago that announcement was made that the local company of the Algonquins had received orders to recruit to full strength of 120. Already there are over 90 on the strength of D. Company and it is expected that it will be only a short time before the company has its full quota.

It was announced by Major W. F. Morgan, O.C. "D" Company, the Algonquin Regiment, that further instructions received call for a change in plans for training of recruits for the local unit. It was the original plan to commence training of recruits immediately after the first of the new year, but these plans have been changed and training will commence at once, the first period of training being Friday night, Dec. 15th. Those already having registered with the unit are requested to report at the armories at 7:15 Friday evening and training will commence at that time. The second period will be on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20th, at 7:15 o'clock. Any recruit unable to attend these parades is urged to notify the Company headquarters beforehand. It was the original intention to have recruits medically examined at once, but pending the appointment of a Company Doctor, examinations will not be held immediately as planned.

There are 3,600 feet of evergreen trimming on the streets of Timmins. They are strung down Third Avenue for four block west from the station and on Pine street between Fourth and Second avenues.

The assembly of the League of Nations voted unanimously today to expel Soviet Russia for the invasion of Finland. Twelve nations participated in the vote which still has to be ratified by the council of the League, in which there are fifteen voting nations.

Prime Minister Chamberlain announced yesterday in the British House that Britain will send war materials as well as aeroplanes to Finland. He ranged Germany on the side of Russia in the invasion of Finland.

Finns retreating. Burning Buildings and Removing Stock.

Crowds Enjoying the Kiwanis Shooting Gallery Are Winning Turkeys

Gallery Open Every Day from Noon to Midnight. Will be Open Until Dec. 22nd. Highest Score Out of 24 Targets Wins a Turkey. Proceeds for Community Service Fund.

The Timmins Kiwanis Club has started and is carrying on a plan that is proving unusually popular. They have opened a shooting gallery in the premises at 9 Fourth avenue, recently occupied by the Burroughs Furniture Co. There are four targets, and guns and ammunition are supplied at a small fee. Tickets are on sale good for four shots. The highest score of 24 targets wins a turkey. In other words a good shot can bring down his own turkey for Christmas. In fact many who are not such good shots are doing it and all are having much fun in the procedure. The gallery opened on Monday at noon and drew a good crowd. Since then the crowds and the interest have been increasing. The gallery is open each day from 12 noon to 12 midnight. It will continue open until Dec. 22nd.

Some turkeys are being won with a comparatively low score, so everyone trying has a good chance of winning a ten-pound turkey. A great deal of interest is being shown, and those taking part are enjoying the experience of shooting.

Some of the winners to date are: Mr. Fisher, Hemlock street; O. R. Kenne, 155 Hemlock; W. Pringle, 86 Kirby; E. Baker, 73 Rea; M. Forell, 84 Fourth avenue; Schumacher; K. McLeod, 87 Toke Street; Claude Desaulniers, 50 1/2 Third avenue. O. R. Kenne, trying for his second turkey, tied with Claude Desaulniers and when the tie was shot off, Claude was the proud winner.

And it is not only for men. The ladies also have their chance at the popular sport of shooting for turkeys. A separate sheet is kept for ladies only, so that ladies shooting have only ladies to compete against.

The cause for which the Kiwanis Turkey Shoot is being conducted is a worthy one. All proceeds from the event go to the Kiwanis Community Service Fund. Accordingly those patronizing the gallery may claim to be "killing two birds with one stone"—having the chance of winning a turkey and the certainty of helping a good cause.

Miss Eleanor Blakely is spending a few days the guest of friends in Toronto and other points south.

Back to Old Job



Major T. F. Howlett was one of the Ontario Hydro's most valued engineers when war broke out. He quit despite the protests of his superiors to take over command of the 2nd Field Company, Royal Canadian Engineers. Then the Hydro by virtue of a clause in the War Measures Act, required the army to give up Major Howlett.

Master Chas. Coll, Jr., has been the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coll, of Noranda.