

## FINNISH REPULSE ATTACKS FROM LAND, AIR

### Surplus of \$10,000 is Forseen by the Council For the End of the Year

Finance Chairman Makes Statement That Town To Show Surplus. Mayor Berates "Shameful" Election Campaign. Wild Stories of Council's Extravagance Will be Shown False, He Says. Councillors Congratulate Each Other at Final Meeting.

The prophecy that the Town of Timmins financial statement to December 31 will show a surplus of approximately \$10,000 was made last night at the last regular Council meeting of the year, by Chairman of the Finance Committee, Councillor Wellington Armstrong.

"The treasurer, Mr. Shaw, has reported to me that so far as he can see, by scrutinizing the financial statement from June 30 to November 30, and taking into consideration estimated expenditures to the end of the year, that he feels that we will have a surplus this year of \$10,000," said Mr. Armstrong. "That is a far cry from the prediction of a \$50,000 deficit that was blazoned over the air and in the press."

"Add to that the fact that we faced a \$7,000 deficit when we took office," he continued. "And," said the Mayor, "don't forget that there was a reduction of five mills on the tax rate."

Mr. Armstrong: "In view of the fact that we are practically passing a mill on to them, I see no reason why another mill should not be cut off the tax rate. I look forward to seeing a reduction of one more mill."

The Mayor: "If there is a surplus of \$10,000 and I do not doubt that there will be, it will be quite a blow to the people of Timmins—after all the wild talk there has been of the extravagance of this Council. The public will feel that it has been deceived. It is too bad that some men saw fit to make such wild accusations of extravagance and

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### Mayor to Form Group to Knit for Timmins Troops

At a meeting of Council last night Mayor Bartleman announced that he will try, during the coming year, "when I will have more time on my hands," to weld friends and relatives of Timmins enlisted men into an organization to supply socks, mitts and clothing for troops from here.

The Mayor said that he was down to Toronto very recently and was out to the exhibition grounds. He saw many men from the Porcupine. They were very contented but some of them needed knitted woolen clothing. He was going to make an effort to see that they got it.

The Mayor asked that all the relatives and friends of soldiers from here get in touch with him as soon as possible.

### Watch Night Service at St. Matthew's Dec. 31st

The usual Watch Night service will be held at St. Matthew's Anglican church on New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec. 31st, commencing at 11.30 p.m.

## Send Man to Jail for 15 Days for Attempting to Impersonate at the Polls

"Nothing to Say," Says John Thiboutout When Asked to Put in His Defence. Allege Tried Used Name of Joseph Morin. Magistrate Advises Girl to Go Home and "Don't be Silly" After Attempted Suicide Hearing.

John Thiboutout was sent to jail for fifteen days for attempted impersonation at the polls during the last municipal election, by Magistrate Atkinson in police court on Tuesday afternoon. The accused man offered no defence. He had "nothing to say."

Thiboutout was alleged to have attempted to vote under the name of "Joseph Morin." The Deputy Returning Officer at the polls found that Mr. Morin had already voted and called the police and had Thiboutout apprehended.

Testifying on the stand on Tuesday, the Deputy Returning Officer, Oscar Robinson, said that Mr. Thiboutout came into poll number 4 at Mattagam School to vote. He had a slip of paper in his hand. He warned Thiboutout that it was illegal for him to be carrying a slip of paper in the polling booth, said Mr. Robinson. When Thiboutout came to vote he gave the name of Joseph Morin, not once but several times. He looked up the list, and found that Joseph Morin had already voted.

Elzair Gignac, poll clerk, said that he heard someone nearby say "Mr. Thiboutout" when the man entered. Then the voter gave his name as Joseph Morin.

Mrs. Menard, a scrutineer, testified. All that the accused said was "some-one gave me that paper, I didn't know."

### Change in T. & N. O. Timetable

Slight Alterations in Times of Some of the Trains After Sunday.

On Sunday, Dec. 31st, a few changes in times of T. & N. O. trains will go into effect for the winter season. The Toronto train will leave here at 1:50 p.m., instead of 2:05 p.m. as at present, and will arrive here ten minutes earlier, 4:15 p.m., instead of 4:25.

The Northland will leave here at 5:40 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m., and will arrive here at 9:20 a.m., instead of 9:30 a.m. as at present.

There is also a change in the time of departure of the early morning train, which will leave here at 7 a.m., instead of 6:45 as at present. This train runs from here on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

All should note the changes in times of trains, noting that the new schedule will be effective from Sunday, Dec. 31st.

### Only One Fire Call Received on Christmas Day

Wall Behind Cookstove Ignites on Tuesday. Thawing Pipes With Torch is Cause of Fire.

Only fire of any consequence on Christmas Day was at 162 Pine Street, south, where James McGeen lives in a shack. In some manner the mattress caught on fire. Firemen soon had the blaze under control by the use of a booster pump. Damage was not over \$5.

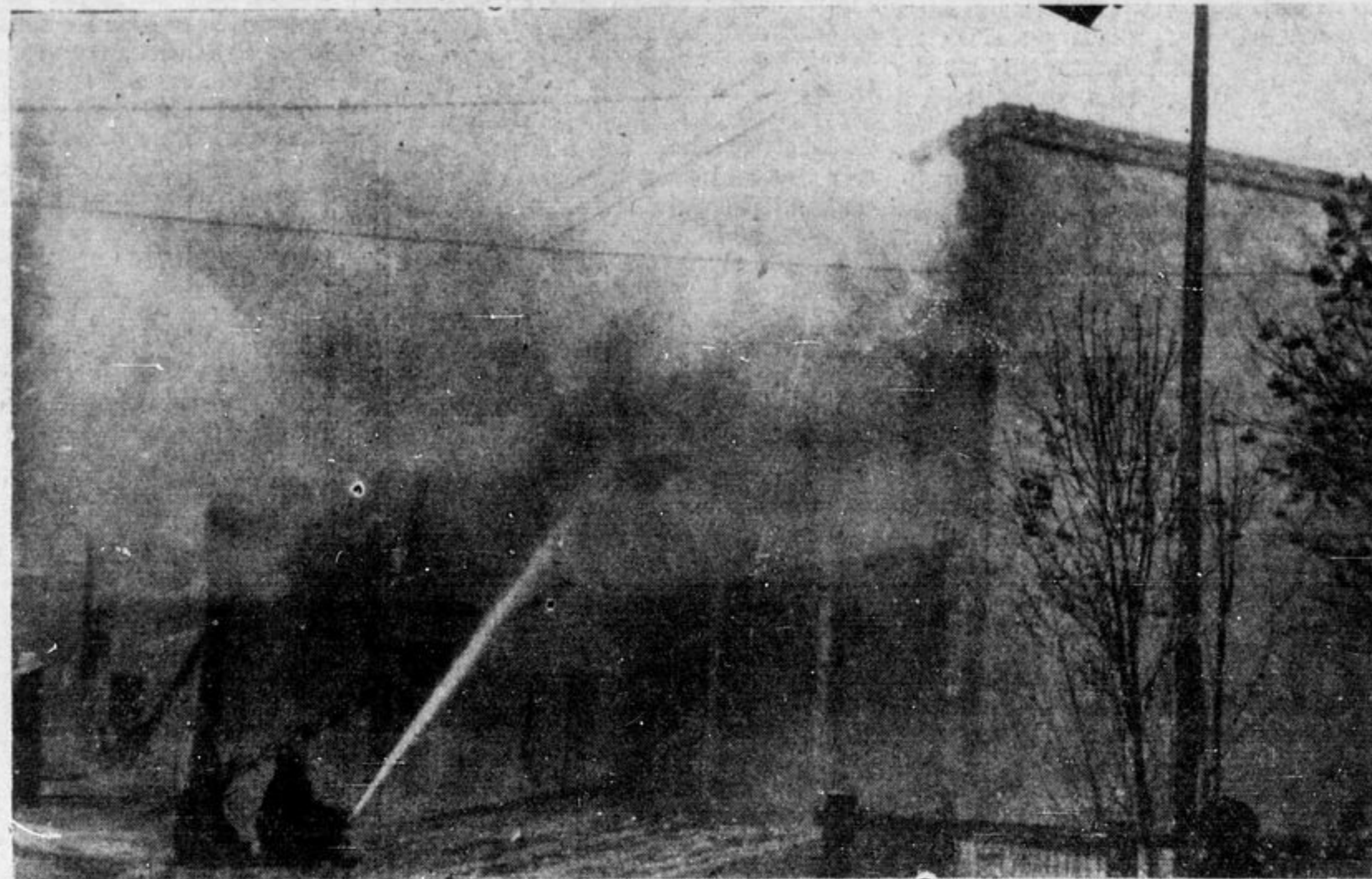
On Boxing Day, December 26, the wall in a home at 222 Hemlock street caught on fire through too close proximity to a hot stove. Firemen had no trouble with the smudge. Damage amounted to not more than \$10.

Damage of \$20 was done to a house at 69 Birch street south, when the wall caught on fire back of pipes the owner was trying to thaw out with an acetylene torch.

There were several calls for chimney fires during the week. No one of them was serious or dangerous.

Between calls firemen have been busy cleaning up the litter in the room at the rear of the hall, which was used as a toy repair shop before Christmas.

### FIGHT FLAMES IN CO-OPERATIVE



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The fire which swept through the main store of the Consumers' Co-operative Society last Saturday morning kept two shifts of the firemen working desperately for three hours. The above photo, taken when the fire was at its height, shows the attack being made on the fire from Birch street. Flames were pouring out of the top of the building when this picture was taken. Loss is conservatively estimated at \$60,000.

### Service Clubs Give 360 Families a Merry Christmas

Hampers, Well Filled With Food, Fruit, Toys, Etc

The Christmas Cheer Fund of the Service Clubs of Timmins provided a happy Christmas for many needy families of the district. About three hundred and sixty families were provided with large hampers containing all the necessities for a fine Christmas dinner with special "goodies," and toys for the children.

The response to this call for aid, by the people of Timmins, was a fine proof of the willingness to help which is always shown by the residents of the North Land. Nearly two thousand dollars was collected, and about two thousand five hundred toys were sent to the collection department at the Fire hall, where the firemen contributed their services in making any necessary repairs, repainting, and remodelling toys. Many of the toys sent were new, and practically all the toys were in good condition, needing only small repairs.

The following is a list of the contents of a hamper sent out by the Service Clubs to look after a family of four to seven people: 8 lb. roast; 7 lb. bag flour; 10 lbs. turnips; 5 lbs. cooking onions; 5 lbs. carrots; 1 lb. pure lard; 3 lbs. white beans; 1 lb. rice; 1 lb. raisins; 2 tins milk; 2 lbs. sugar; 1 lb. coffee; 5 lbs. apples; 1 doz. oranges; 2 lbs. candies; 1 lb. mixed nuts, and 1 package salt.

The large majority of the toys were used in the hampers, while the remainder were sent to the Salvation Army, to be used in their work.

### Adjourn Ten Court Charges Against Paul, Mary Ketko

Four charges each against Paul and Mary Ketko, of receiving stolen goods, one charge of theft against Mary Ketko and one charge of having spirits other than acquired on his individual permit, against Paul Ketko, were adjourned in police court on Tuesday afternoon.

Police are alleged to have visited the Ketko home seeking a fur coat that Mrs. Ketko is alleged to have stolen from Buccovsky's store. They are alleged to have found a large number of articles of clothing said to be stolen, and to have found a quantity of spirits.

### Dr. Weston's Mother Dies Week After His Father

There will be very deep sympathy with Dr. R. V. Weston and family in the death this morning of his mother, just a week after the passing of his father. Last week Dr. Weston was called to Toronto, owing to the illness of his father and mother. His father died two hours before he could reach the city. His mother appeared to be making progress to recovery when he left Toronto last night, but on his arrival at Schumacher on the Northland this morning Dr. Weston had a wire giving him the sad news that a relapse had followed and his mother died about three o'clock this morning.

## Report Heavy Fighting At Karelian Isthmus Reds Call Up More Men

Better Class of Soviet Troops Meet Finnish on Isthmus Front. Bombing of Finnish Cities Continues. Finns Say Have Prepared a "Surprise" for Soviet Troops in Retaliation for Indiscriminate Bombing.

### Snow Over Week-end

Weather Over New Year's Week-end Will be Mild Predicts Hollinger Weatherman.

Milder weather will be followed by snow, said Hollinger weather observer Sydney Wheeler, this morning. He predicted a cloudy week-end.

It has snowed two inches during the past two weeks. It snowed from 6 p.m. on Sunday until the same time on Christmas Day. Depth was two inches.

Maximum and minimum temperatures during the past week have been as follows: Thursday, December 21, maximum 14, minimum, 10 degrees; Friday, 12 and 6; Saturday, 8 and 4; Sunday, 22 and 2; Monday, 11 and 0; Tuesday, 4 and 8 below; Wednesday, 14 and 8 below. This morning at eight o'clock the thermometer registered 14 degrees.

### Announce French Ships, Planes Sink Two More U-Boats

French Say They are Meeting Better Class of German Troops.

The destruction of two more German submarines was announced by the French high naval command, at Paris. The U-boats were destroyed by team work of ships and aircraft. One sub was sunk by the "Dubois" and another by co-operative effort on the part of the "Sirocco" and "La Ralleuse." The toll of submarines which has fallen to the "Sirocco" has risen to four in less than a month.

Two members of the British war cabinet, Sir Samuel Hoare, Lord Privy Seal, and Lord Hankey, Minister without Portfolio, are in Paris to confer with the French government. They will visit the Maginot Line tomorrow.

There has been marked activity of patrols on both sides between the Saar and the Moselle River. The French admit that German patrols are showing more fighting spirit. They are composed of picked men.

## Seventy-five Single Men Enjoy Christmas Dinner At Salvation Army

Unemployed Men in Town Given Treat by Major Cornthwaite and Staff. Sing-Song After Dinner With Christmas Carols Featured.

### Next Issue of Advance Thursday

No Paper on Monday, New Year's Day Holiday.

Owing to Monday being New Year's Day, and a holiday, there will be no issue of The Advance on that date. The next regular issue of The Advance will be on Thursday, Jan. 4th.

As there will be no further issues of The Advance this year, this opportunity is taken to wish one and all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

### Death of Baby Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Voutour

Baby Paul, two-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Voutour, of 48 Wilson avenue, died at St. Mary's Hospital on December 25th, after an illness of one week.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday at 4 o'clock at the Notre Dame des Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, conducted by the Rev. Fr. Chapleau.

Left to mourn his loss are his parents, one sister, Jeanne, and one brother, Edward.

Heavy fighting continued today on land on the Helsinki front. In the air the Soviet went on with its bombing offensive. The Reds are reported to have suffered heavy losses on land, and in the air the attacks have been ineffective in proportion to the effort expended.

On the Isthmus front the Soviet had moved several units of first class troops—in marked contrast to the cannon fodder the Finns have been mowing down. This front remains the scene of the fiercest fighting. The Russians continue to attack with great stubbornness and the Finns, masters at manoeuvring men and ammunition and of moving quickly and quietly through the rockbound forest and frozen marshes which characterize this front, have repulsed every attack.

North of Lake Lagoda the Russians are trying to cross the Suvar River. The Finnish troops are widening the salient and have driven into Russian lines. In the northeast of Lieksa, at one place, the Finns have crossed the Russian border.

Soviet air activity has been far less severe today although comprehensive enough. In an air bombardment of Lampere, a city of 72,000 and the chief industrial centre of Finland, one civilian was killed and another wounded.

Fifteen bombs were dropped on the city of Turku. The beautiful summer resort city of Hamenlinna, 9,000 population, was bombed today for the first time.

Helsinki has been spared another bombing today but residents are preparing for another heavy rain of bombs from above.

Raid after raid has been made on Viipuri in the past few days and residents are becoming accustomed to both the effects of falling bombs and to shelling from Russian "Big Berthas" twenty-five miles away.

A report from Finland indicates that the defenders have prepared a "surprise" for the Russians in retaliation for the bombing of civilian centres. What the "surprise" will be was not disclosed.

A report from Moscow indicates that the Soviet called more men to arms last night and that she is preparing to pour further large reinforcements into the Finnish fighting.

### FUNERAL OF INFANT SON OF MR. AND MRS. ROY KUZENKO

Funeral services were held on Tuesday for Baby John Kuzenko, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kuzenko, of 109 Hemlock street, who died at St. Mary's Hospital on December 25th.

Seventy-five single unemployed men enjoyed a hearty Christmas dinner on December 25th, when, in keeping with "Goodwill Towards Men," the Salvation Army prepared and served to these unfortunates a royal repast that was greatly appreciated by each partaker.

Turkey, pork, potatoes, peas, carrots, plum pudding, cake and coffee, oranges, apples, nuts and candies comprised the menu and each man was served more than liberally, leaving with that comfortable, well-fed feeling that adds to the memories of a perfect day. Four turkeys had been prepared for the occasion, each weighing from twelve to fifteen pounds, and other items on the menu were plentiful.

The dinner was served at 6 o'clock on Monday evening, Christmas day, and during the evening Councillor Spooner, Acting Mayor in the absence of Mayor Bartleman, and Fire Chief Borland addressed the men, stating that they hoped the coming year would find them in better circumstances, and would be, in every way, a more prosperous year than the past.

Councillor Spooner also helped in the serving of the dinner, which was in charge of the ladies of the Salvation Army, and Major Cornthwaite, who carved the turkey.

Following the dinner, all the men joined in the merry singing of Christmas songs and carols, giving the finishing touch to an event that spoke of good fellowship and the thought of the true Christmas "to give is holier than to receive."