

Germany Again Menaces Holland, Belgium

THE KING IN FRANCE



Following the precedent set by his father in the last war, the King made a personal visit to British troops tour took him. He is seen here greeting a British officer wearing the new battle dress.

Army Leaves Cancelled In France; Belgium Orders Mobilization

British Temporarily Cancel All Army Leaves. Holland and Belgium Are Mobilizing Forces. Report German Troop Concentrations on Frontiers. Italians Worried Over Threat to Neutrals.

Reds Bomb Finnish Cities

Russia Protests Aid Given Finland by Norway and Sweden. Replies "Unsatisfactory."

Unprecedented numbers of Russian bombers are reported to have subjected Finnish cities to the heaviest raids of the war over the week-end. Fires were said to be raging in dozens of cities and casualties are believed to be heavy.

The Russians are accused by Swedish sources of dropping bombs on a Swedish island, sixty miles from Finland. Meanwhile, Russia has protested the aid being given Finland by Norway and Sweden, in the form of supplies and volunteers. Moscow said that the reply to its protest to the two Nordic countries was "unsatisfactory."

MINING INSTITUTE WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, JAN 16

Next meeting of the Porcupine branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy will be held in the McIntyre community building at Schumacher on Tuesday, January 16. The International Nickel Sound film entitled "Mining, Smelting and Refining of Copper-Nickel Ores" will be shown.

Complete mobilization by Belgium and defence precautions by Holland have been the cause of a week-end furor in Europe. The British war office has cancelled temporarily all leaves for troops in France. Officials believe that Germany is renewing the "War of Nerves."

From Brussels comes word that provinces bordering on Germany have been evacuated of civilians. German troop concentrations are reported on the frontier. From Berlin it is reported that German troops of crack units especially designed to go through the Netherlands, which would inevitably be flooded if an attack was made, have orders to hold themselves to march at a given moment.

The French say there is no reason to anticipate a German offensive. The French increased aerial surveys over the German Rhineland and the Danubian Valley over the week-end. French planes, heavily flanked by pursuit ships, are reported to have penetrated deeply into Germany. Similar reconnaissance flights were attempted by German planes and one was shot down.

Developments in Belgium and Holland are reported to have the Italian foreign ministry in a ferment. If Holland or Belgium is raided Italian-German relations will be jeopardized, especially in view of the fact that the Belgian foreign minister visited Rome over the week-end and had several long talks with Count Ciano.

In all countries of the world a vigilant watch for possible serious developments has followed the indication that Germany might attack the western neutrals.

Popular Pioneer of the North, 'Gene' Colombo, Passed Away Yesterday

Manager of the Timmins Theatres Limited, and Prominent in Timmins and District Since the Early Days of Porcupine Passes On. Gifted Musician and Popular Citizen

The sudden death of Mr. 'Gene' Colombo, one of the early pioneers of the Porcupine Camp, came as a great shock to his hosts of friends in Timmins and district, most of whom were unaware that he had been ill. He was ill for only three days, passing away about four o'clock on Sunday morning at his home, 157 Maple street, south.

Widely and favourably known since the early days as a musician and popular citizen, his death will be viewed as a loss to the community. He was a talented pianist, a violinist of marked ability, and was noted for his knowledge and love of music, and the fact that there were few musical instruments, string or wind, that he could not play in expert way. For a number of years he was pianist at Timmins theatres and also frequently played the violin in the theatre orchestras. At one time he had an orchestra here that was known far and wide for his talent. He was one of the most generous of men with his services as a musician, as scores of individuals and organizations here will gratefully acknowledge. His burlesque orchestras for special occasions were always a particularly lively attraction. He was also known as a composer of music, his selection "Coral Gables" being among the compositions for which he was noted.

The late Mr. Colombo came to the Porcupine in the year 1911, being at first the violinist at the Majestic theatre at South Porcupine, and later occupying other positions in the new mining town. He was employed all told for about twenty-five years with the theatres now known as the Timmins Theatres Limited. In recent years he has been manager of the group of theatres conducted by the Timmins Theatres Limited.

'Gene,' as he was affectionately known to all his wide circle of friends, was born in Detroit, Michigan, and at the time of his death was forty-seven years of age. He was married ten years ago to Miss Christine Robertson, and they have one child, Nancy.

The Rev. Fr. Fontana, of the Italian Sacred Heart Church, will conduct funeral services on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at the church, Cedar street south. The remains are at present resting at Walker's Undertaking ParLOUR, and will be removed to the home, 157 Maple street south to-morrow (Tuesday) morning.

The sale of Canadian War Loan bonds opened in Timmins and the Porcupine this morning. The public appears to be taking them up speedily although no large sales were reported up until early this afternoon.

Expect Weather To Clear

A rising barometer would indicate that the weather is likely to clear within the next day or so, said the Hollinger weather office this morning. Officials felt that there would likely be a cessation of snowfall and possibly colder, clearer weather.

Snow fell to the depth of five inches on Thursday last. On Friday there was one and a half inches of snow and on Saturday one-quarter of an inch. On Sunday there was five inches.

Maximum and minimum temperatures since Thursday have been as follows: Thursday, maximum 22, minimum 17; Friday, 24 and 8; Saturday, 20 and 9; Sunday, 29 and 16. At eight o'clock this morning the thermometer reading was 16 degrees.

During the past few days snow-ploughs have been busy day and night

Re-Elect Alvin Leach Head of Firemen's Body

Secretary Treasurer Returned to Office for 22nd Year.

Alvin Leach was re-elected President of the Volunteer Firemen's Association on Friday evening at the annual meeting which preceded the annual banquet. Mr. J. E. Morrison was re-elected to the position of Secretary-Treasurer. Both of these men have held office for a number of years.

Death of Mr. E. Junell at Hospital Yesterday

The death occurred at St. Mary's Hospital on Sunday, January 14, of Mr. Emil Junell, who had been ill for some time. The late Mr. Junell was born in Finland and was fifty-eight years of age. He had been a resident of Timmins for the past 20 years, at one time operating a store at 53 Fourth Avenue, where he has made his home for many years.

Funeral services will be held at Walker's Undertaking ParLOUR on Wednesday, definite time to be announced later.

Large Amount of Town Business Transacted by Council in Short Time

Meeting Over in Fifty-Five Minutes. Give Permission for Several Tag Days; Ask for Applications for Temporary Relief Investigator. Make Appointments to Library and School Boards and Board Health.

The first regular meeting of the 1940 Timmins Town Council was held in the town hall on Friday afternoon. A large amount of business, mostly of a routine nature, was transacted, and the meeting was over in fifty-five minutes.

Summary of business was as follows: The Canadian National Institute for the Blind was granted permission to hold a tag day in Timmins on May 25. Local representative of the Institute, H. Treener, said in his letter to the Council that one of the high lights of the Institute work here in 1939 was the sending of a local blind man, who was dependent upon relatives, to Toronto to work in the Institute's broom factory there, at a living wage.

Number on Relief
A letter from S. Smith, District Relief Administrator, said that there were approximately 160 families and 32 single people receiving aid here at the present time and that new applications were coming in at the rate of eight a day. He advised that an assistant investigator be hired as the work was becoming too much for the present staff. The Council passed a resolution instructing the clerk to advertise for applications for a temporary investigator.

Thanks to Council
A letter from the Porcupine Christmas Seal Committee thanked the Council for the use of a room in the town hall.

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He Got Last Word



James H. R. Cromwell, President of the Timmins Branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses, is seen on his return from Russia in 1937, where he was arrested for taking snapshots in Moscow, but immediately released. Shortly after reaching home, he sent Stalin a copy of a book he co-authored, "In Defense of Capitalism."

Smoker on Saturday at Legion Hall Proves to be One of the Best Yet

Gold Belt Band Adds to Excellence of Programme. Councillor Miss Terry is Given Ovation.

There was a large attendance at the Smoker held on Saturday evening in the Legion hall. The event was the final concert under the auspices of the present entertainment committee under the chairmanship of Geo. Nippers. As special guests attending the entertainment were Mayor Emil Brunette and members of the newly elected council for 1940. A very fitting tribute was made to the assembled members of the Legion by the visit of Miss E. Terry, the first lady councillor of Timmins. Miss Terry was given a great ovation by the crowd. President Walter Greaves, gave official welcome to the special visitor, who replied in very fitting words. Geo. Nippers introduced all the other guests present Mayor Brunette, Councillors, Eyre, Spooner and Fay.

As the special attraction for the smoker, the Gold Belt band, under leadership of Mr. Walsh, were on hand and with their classical and popular band selections made the evening the "best of 'em all" as one member expressed his pleasure. The bandmen all clever instrumentalists certainly gave of their best and responded promptly to encores. "Airs of Ireland" proved such a hit at the early part of evening, that Bandmaster Welsh, owing to so many requests had the band play this beautiful selection near the close of the programme. Among the marches such popular army favourites as "Colonel Bogey," "The Gladiator," and "Tipperary," were rendered, "Roll Out the Barrel," "Hang Out the Washing on the Siegfried Line," "Madeleine from Armentieres," etc., got all singing and made for pleasure and enjoyment.

Those who contributed to the vocal and the entertainment included Walter Avery, James Cowan, Joe Ormston, Les. Nicholson, D. Dimmock and Capt. Davis. Two members of the band, "Jim and Mike" made a great hit with their masterful work upon the mandolin and violin. Both are degreed musicians and proved by their superb technique and finish to be masters of the instruments they played. Prolonged applause greeted the three selections chosen. W. A. Devine was pianist for the evening.

Light refreshments were served by the committee, these being much appreciated by all. President Greaves spoke of the work of the entertainment committee and also thanked the artists and the Gold Belt band for its presence and loud applause was given in response to a vote of thanks.

The event has set a very high standard for 1940 and those elected as the incoming entertainment committee have a task before them to equal the standard set Saturday night.

\$100 Damage When Overheated Pipes Flame

Wilson Avenue Home Ignited When Pipes Become Overheated.

Loss of \$100 was occasioned to the home of V. Goldum, 106 Wilson avenue, on Friday morning at an early hour when overheated pipes set the ceiling of the house on fire. At 2:01 a.m. the pipes became so hot that the ceiling above them was ignited. The fire burned through the ceiling and made its way into the attic of the house. One line of hose was laid by firemen before the flames were brought under control.

There was a chimney fire at 8 Wilson avenue and two cases of overheated pipes, one at 158 Spruce street south, and the other at 92 Sixth avenue. Neither was serious.

Again Place Town Hiring in Hands Employment Bureau

Council Rescinds Resolution of 1939 Town Fathers Ordering Hiring of Men from Town Hall.

A resolution passed by the 1939 Council, taking the hiring of men for town work out of the hands of the Dominion and Provincial governments' employment bureau supervisor, Delbert Murphy, and placing it in the hands of the Works Department of the town, was rescinded on Friday when the new Council held its first meeting.

The resolution was passed last year upon receipt of complaints by members of the Timmins Citizens' League that Mr. Murphy's method of hiring was not satisfactory. After it was passed the Town Engineer and his assistants had to take over the work of hiring instead of merely applying to the employment bureau for the necessary number of men.

Upon the order of the new Council, the employment bureau will again resume the task of hiring and the town department will be relieved of that work.

Annual Meeting of Local Branch of V.O.N., Jan. 17

The annual meeting of the Timmins branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses will be held on Wednesday evening of this week, Jan. 17th at 8:00 p.m. in the town hall. There should be very general interest in this meeting and a large attendance as very important and valuable work is being done here by the V.O.N. In addition to the reports of the branch, a special feature of the annual meeting will be an address by Miss Beatrice Creasy, organizer for the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada.

Twenty-Third Annual Banquet of Firemen One of the Best Held Yet

Volunteer Firemen Entertain Salaried Firemen, Mayor and Members of Council and Their Ladies, and Other Guests. Councillor Terry Makes Hit. Menu and Service by Ladies' Auxiliary of Legion Adds to Success of Event.

Bomb Victim



The first victim of Russian bombs in Helsinki was seven-year-old Armi Hillevi Metsapello. She was killed on the street as she was being taken to the bus station by her mother and father. She was the only one of the trio to be hit.

Exhibition of Camera Studies and Colour Photography

Unique Display at the Legion Hall on Thursday
An exhibition of clever camera studies and photographs, including coloured photography, will be given in the Legion hall, on Thursday evening of this week. The photos are the work of Charles Wilkins, who as an amateur photographer has made many unique and beautiful pictures. All are invited to come to view this exhibition of amateur photography, in the Legion hall, Cedar St. E., at 8:00 p.m., January 18th.

For twenty-three years the annual banquet of the Timmins Volunteer Fire Brigade has been a notable event in town, and the occasion on Thursday evening last in the Legion hall was generally voted to be the very best yet from practically all standpoints. In any event it was a complete success and a very happy evening. The hall was filled to capacity, close to a hundred sitting down to the excellent full course dinner provided by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Legion, and the service equalled in excellence the choice food supplied. The vote of thanks tendered to the ladies of the Auxiliary during the evening was both sincere and enthusiastic.

At these annual banquets it has been the custom for the Firemen to have the mayor and council for the year as their guests. This year on account of one member of the council being a lady, it was decided to extend the list of guests to include the ladies of the special guests, and this plan added interest and pleasure to the occasion. Miss Ellen Terry, who headed the poll in the voting for councillors this year, made a decided hit with all present, her good humour, ready wit and cleverness at repartee adding much to the happiness of the evening. Those at the head table included—Mr. Alvin Leach, chairman of the Volunteer Firemen; Mayor Emil Brunette and Mrs. Brunette; Councillor Karl Eyre, chairman of the Fire and Light Committee, and Mrs. Eyre; Councillor W. Roberts, chairman of the Public Relations Committee, and Mrs. Roberts; Councillor Miss Ellen Terry, chairman of the Finance Committee; Councillor W. J. Spooner, chairman of the Waterworks Committee, and Mrs. Spooner; Councillor Philip Fay, chairman of the Public Welfare Committee, and Mrs. Fay; Fire Chief A. Borland, and Mrs. Borland. Councillor W. McDermott, chairman of the Public Works Committee of council, and Mrs. McDermott were unable to attend and sent their regrets.

After the pleasing dinner had been given full justice, Mr. Alvin Leach, chairman of the Volunteer Firemen, welcomed the guests and referred briefly to the support and co-operation given by past councils to the work of the fire department. He then called upon Mayor Emil Brunette for a few words. Mayor Brunette was greeted with the (Continued on Page Six)