

## Forty Thousand Russians In Utter Rout

### Fire Late Last Night at Matachewan Leaves Nine Persons Homeless

Apartment House Destroyed by Flames. Firemen Fight Fire in Sub-Zero Weather for Three Hours. Believed Fire Caused by Explosion of Steam Bath in Basement.

New Liskeard, Jan. 18.—(Special to The Advance.)—Nine persons, including two married couples, were rendered homeless when fire late last evening destroyed the frame building in Matachewan, 70 miles from here, known as the Kosgon Apartments, according to word reaching New Liskeard to-day. Believed to have had their origin when the boiler in a steam bath in the basement exploded, flames raced through the structure and wiped out the building and most of the contents. Volunteer firemen fought the blaze in sub-zero temperatures for three hours after the alarm was turned in at 8.45 p.m., using the equipment of the forestry rangers stationed in the mining town. Mr. and Mrs. Conto and Mr. and Mrs. Subrovich were reported as the married couples in the apartments, other occupants being roomers there.

### Six-Hundred Million Gallons of Water Used Here in 1939

Waterworks Department Says Total Revenue for Year was \$8,000—an Increase of \$4,956.

Approximately 600,000,000 gallons of water were used last year by the people of Timmins, according to figures released today by the waterworks department at the municipal building.

Although department officials have not completed their 1939 report, they were able to state that there was an increase in water consumption over 1938. In that year 558,797,000 gallons were used, or an average of 61.8 gallons per capita per day.

Last year the total amount of receipts for water in Timmins was \$88,099.76, an increase over 1938 of \$4,956.

The number of miles of mains in 1939 and other details of the waterworks system were not available. There were approximately 23 miles of mains in 1938 and the number has been considerably increased, officials said. More detailed figures would be made available at the end of this month.

### Scottish Service at the United Church Sunday

A Scotch service will be held in the United Church at the evening service. The hymns and Psalms of Scotland will be sung.

The Scotch folk are asked to gather in the basement before the service that they may be seated in a body in the church. At the Friendship Hour refreshments of oat cake and shortbread will be served.

## Work of Victorian Order of Nurses Graphically Outlined Last Night

Local Activities Covered by Reports of Nurses and Officers at Annual Meeting of Local Branch. Miss Creasy, Organizer for Order Reviews Work in Canada.

A very large number of Timmins and district people attended the regular annual meeting of the Victorian Order of Nurses, held in the council chambers of the Municipal Building last night.

The guest speaker at the event was Miss Creasy, official organizer for the V.O.N. in Canada, whose address on the work of the Victorian Order was interesting and educative. Miss Creasy outlined the work done in Timmins by the organization, and congratulated the executive committee on the interest they have stimulated in the work in this district.

The speaker tried to make the audience imagine the immense size that would be required for a hospital to take care of the seven hundred and ninety-eight persons which the V.O.N. gave service to this past year, and also the two hundred and eighty-five babies to whom the nurses gave their services.

Miss Creasy showed the manner in which the local branch was linked with the national office, and mentioned that Miss Smellie, chief supervisor of the V.O.N. in Canada, has received the honour of being elected to be the 1st vice-president of the American Public Health Association, an honour which has been given to no other woman in the history of the Association.

A suggestion made by Miss Creasy was that nurses of the V.O.N. and others interested might do missionary

### Expects Mercury To Rise

Increase in Temperature to be Accompanied by Snow Says Weatherman.

A slight increase in temperature was foreseen today by weatherman Sydney Wheeler, at the Hollinger Mine. In a voice not too certain, Mr. Wheeler said that he believed that the temperature would rise and that we would have some snow in the near future.

Record low was hit yesterday when the minimum temperature dropped to twenty-five degrees below zero. In some parts of the town thermometers were registering even lower temperatures but they were not official.

Maximum and minimum temperatures since Monday have been as follows: Monday, maximum, 16 below, minimum, 22 below; Tuesday, 16 below and 23 below; Wednesday, 12 below and 25 below. This morning at eight o'clock thermometers registered 15 degrees below zero.

### Burns Anniversary Supper to be Held on Thursday Next

Interesting and Pleasing Programme Being Prepared.

The anniversary of the birth of the famous Scottish poet, Robert Burns, will be observed here on Thursday next, Jan. 25th in the Hollinger Hall, when a Burns supper will be held, followed by a dance. The event again is under the joint auspices of the local Sons of Scotland, and the Porcupine Pipe Band, which is assurance that the event will be a notable and enjoyable occasion for all attending. Among the special features, it is expected to have an orchestra from the Gold Belt Band, whose leader, Mr. Walsh, is an enthusiastic Scot and so a lover of Burns.

Doors will open at 7.30 p.m. for the event and the supper will commence promptly at 8. All attending are asked to be present promptly on time as it is desired to follow a regular schedule of times for the various features of the evening. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the Sons of Scotland or from members of the Pipe Band.



## Van Burns, Freight Car Derailed in "Pitch-In"

Through Freight Ploughs Into Rear of Way-Freight at Connaught Station Yesterday Afternoon. Van Set on Fire and Car Next to it Derailed. No One Injured in Accident. Line Cleared. Northland Hour and Half Late

What is known in railroad terminology as a "pitch-in" occurred yesterday at Connaught Station when a through freight piled into the rear of a way-freight, demolished the van on the first freight and derailed it and another car.

The way-freight left Timmins at eleven o'clock in the morning. It stopped at various stations and sidings all the way down to Connaught and was in Connaught Station when the next train, a through freight, which left Timmins at 2.30 p.m. came along behind.

The engine of the second train piled into the back of the first. The van on the way-freight was set on fire by the impact and the rear was badly crushed and splintered. The freight car in front of the van was derailed by the impact.

Train service was not interrupted by the accident. Work was begun immediately to clear the line and the Northland, which arrives here at 5.30 p.m. was forced to wait at Connaught for an hour and a half and left station late.

By evening the track was clear again and trains were able to follow their regular schedules.

No one was injured in the accident. T. & N. O. officials here said that the locomotive on the second train was not injured by the impact into the rear of the way-freight.

### Capt. T. Magladery to Address Legion Sunday Afternoon

All Ex-Service Men Specially Invited to Attend.

There will be a special meeting in the Legion Hall, on Sunday afternoon, at 2 p.m. Jan. 21st. Mr. Tom Magladery, first Vice-President of the Canadian Legion, will address the meeting on the subject of the Canadian War Services, Inc.

All ex-service men, and representatives of other service organizations, are invited to attend this meeting.

### Colour Photography and Camera Studies To-night

The large number of picture-lovers and amateur photographers in Timmins and district will be interested in the display of colour photographs and other studies of camera art to be held in the Legion hall tonight (Thursday) at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Charles Wilkins, who is well known as an amateur photographer of high standard, has for some time past experimented in the new art of colour photography. Those who know the skill attached to this process, and who view this collection of studies will admit that Mr. Wilkins has made rapid strides and as become a master of the art. The collection includes flowers, scenic effects and home views of interest. Other prints will also be on display. A cordial invitation is extended to all amateur photographers and those who appreciate beautiful pictures, to view this exhibition.

### Given R.M.C. Post



Graduate of Kingston's Royal Military College and Toronto's Osbourne Hall, Major G. H. Walker has been appointed staff adjutant of R. M. C., filling the position vacated by Lieut.-Col. J. R. Stein, who is going overseas.

Nine members of the local unit of the Algonquin Rifles left for Toronto on Monday where they will try medical examinations for admittance to the Canadian Active Service Force. Pictures above show their leave-taking at the station here on Monday afternoon.

If accepted, the young men will be taken into the C.A.S.F. immediately. They did not know, however, to what unit they might be assigned.

John Byrom is shown in the top picture saying good-bye to some of his fair friends. Many of the boys had their best girls at the station to see them off.

In the lower picture seven of the nine who left are shown. They are from right to left, Corporal Maurice Savard, Corporal Alcide Godin, Vincent Gutscher, Harry Wills, Roger Legendre, Blake Beaudin and Sergeant Bill Pennington, M.M. and bar.

One reason for the fact that the lower picture is not as clear as it might have been, was that the thermometer was hovering about the twenty below zero mark when the photos were made and cameras do not function well when the air is cold enough to thicken the oil which lubricates the shutters.

### Senior C.W.L. Hold Pleasing Telephone Bridge Last Night

Proceeds for Work of the Red Cross.

Ninety-one tables of bridge were played at the Sr. C.W.L. Telephone Bridge Party last (Wednesday) evening, when the members of the League acted as hostesses at another of these interesting events. Many of the members took this occasion to entertain at their homes, and the score from each home was phoned to the headquarters, where the winners were decided.

Winners were as follows, fine prizes being awarded: 1st, Mrs. Vance Charbonneau, 20 Wilcox street; 2nd, Mrs. McKechnie, 128 Tamarack street; 3rd, Charles Sweet, 69 Fourth avenue; 4th, Mr. Dayton Ostroser, 15 Hemlock street; 5th, Mrs. Shaheen, 53 Birch street south; 6th, Mrs. Edward Kealey, Buffalo-Ankerite; 7th, Mrs. H. McGuire, 92 Seventh avenue; 8th, Mrs. Albert Kendall, 137 Pine street north; 9th, Bill Robinson, Apt. 3, Massey Block; and 10th, Mrs. Charlie Pirie, 38 Messines avenue.

Following the cards, each hostess served a dainty and tasty lunch, and the event was judged a great success. All proceeds are to be donated to the Red Cross work.

## Finnish Army Turns What Was an Orderly Retreat Into Full Rout

Despite Intense Cold Russian Airmen Bomb a Number of Finnish Towns, Killing Women and Children. Eleven Russian Planes Brought Down.

### Two Blasts In London Factory

Two mysterious explosions in a British factory on the northern outskirts of London today are reported to have killed several and wounded at least fifty others.

The explosions which took place at 10.45, English time, broke windows within a six mile radius of the factory where they took place. They were heard and felt for a distance of twenty miles.

Police said the blasts were due to an accident and that no enemy action was involved.

The extent of the catastrophe was difficult to learn early today as the plant had its own hospital and the injured were not brought out. Collapsing ceilings in the factory were reported to have accounted for several of the casualties. Wives are keeping a vigil outside the factory waiting for news of husbands. Police are keeping spectators a distance of a quarter of a mile away.

A woman two miles away said:—"There was a terrible boom as though a bomb had been dropped in our front yard. It blew my front door right off the hinges."

A statement is expected from the Ministry of Supply in the near future.

### Ned Marko Sentenced to Term in the Reformatory

Ned Marko, well known in Timmins, was sentenced to eighteen months determinate and a similar indeterminate term in the Ontario Reformatory for defrauding a Toronto widow, Mrs. Cameron, of close to \$18,000, by making her believe that the money was to be used to buy promising mining claims in the North. The sentence was passed yesterday at Toronto, the judge saying that the crime deserved a penitentiary term, but he was showing leniency to a first offender.

### Debate on Railways at Men's Forum on Monday

The Men's Forum, meeting next Monday evening in the United Church, has planned a debate on the subject "Resolved that the Railways of Canada should be consolidated into one system." All men interested are invited to attend.

## Mines of Porcupine Take Large Blocks of War Loan Big Response from Public

McIntyre Mine Subscribes to Million Dollars Worth of Bonds. Hollinger Takes "Very Large Block," Although Exact Amount Not Stated. Dome and Hallnor Each Take \$500,000 Worth and Preston East Dome Buys \$300,000 Worth.

### Would Upset Whitney Election

Order Granted to Serve Notice of Motion to Declare Election Void.

Acting for some ratepayers of the township of Whitney, A. C. Brown has been granted an order to serve notice of motion to upset the last election in the township. The order is returnable Jan. 29th. The grounds on which the upsetting of the election is asked include the claim that the wrong voters lists were used, that two of the candidates did not have the necessary qualifications and that the general principles in regard to elections were not observed.

### Professor Sherwood Fox to Speak at Kiwanis Monday

Professor Sherwood Fox, president of Western University, London, Ont., will be the guest speaker at the Kiwanis luncheon here in the Empress Hotel on Monday next, Jan. 22nd.

Forty thousand Russians are reported to be in rout on the northern Salla sector in Finland. Apparently abandoning hope of holding the frigid sector for the winter the Soviet troops fled to retreat yesterday. Lack of proper food and equipment turned their orderly retreat into a rout.

Finnish patrols are reported following closely behind expecting to do frightful damage on the rearguard of the enemy.

Earlier reports indicated that the Reds were planning a major offensive on this sector which is in the lower Arctic circle, but a Finnish communiqué said yesterday that a small scale attack of 400 men on the Finnish army in Lapland was the only attack. It was easily repulsed.

From Helsinki a despatch reports that Finnish pursuit planes shot down eleven of 18 Russian bombers which yesterday raided the city of Lappeenanta.

The Russians, said the Finns, braved the bitterest cold in 25 years to drop 150 bombs on cities in southern Finland in an effort to break civilian morale. The cities of Hanko, Turku, Viipuri, Rauma, Ekenas and Lappeenanta all were struck.

Hundreds of Russians dead were reported found at their posts in the Karelian Isthmus sector. They were frozen to death. Finland's great white ally, Winter, is creating havoc among the Russians. At some points on Finnish battle fronts yesterday temperatures of 54 degrees below zero were reported.

The warmly dressed Finns are reported to have driven the Russians back a distance of 30 miles on the Salla front.

Finnish generals, with typical understatement, say that their army is fighting "satisfactorily."

### Russell Kennedy Dies at Home Here Yesterday

The death occurred at his home 71 Tamarack street, on Wednesday evening, of Mr. Russell Kennedy. The late Mr. Kennedy was only twenty-four years of age, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy. He leaves to mourn his loss his parents, sisters, and a brother. He was recently with F. Baderski & Son, diamond drillers, and was one of the most popular young men of the town.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday afternoon at the home, definite time to be announced later.

Northern mines have been among the largest subscribers to Canada War Loan bonds. And the mines of the Porcupine have not been neglecting the opportunity to turn their dollars into guns, ammunition and supplies for war. The McIntyre has bought \$1,000,000 worth of the bonds and the Hollinger has subscribed to a very large block, although the exact amount was not disclosed when officials were interrogated today.

The Dome and the Hallnor have each bought bonds worth \$500,000; the Preston East Dome has bought \$300,000 worth and the Conlaunum is in the \$100,000 class.

Twenty-five thousand dollars worth of bonds have been taken up by the Moneta; Gillies Lake has bought \$10,000 worth and the Paymaster \$5,000. Companies near here which have bought large amounts include the Spruce Falls Power and Paper Company, at Kapuskasing, which has subscribed for bonds worth \$100,000.

One of the largest buyers in the country has been the Noranda Mines which have purchased \$5,000,000 worth. Sales agencies here said today that the bonds are going well; that the total for this district, even excluding the large blocks bought by mines, would be large. Many purchasers have bought smaller amounts ranging around \$100 and many others have bought the minimum of 500 worth.