

Russian Death Toll Now Well Over 20,000

SIXTEENTH PORCUPINE PRODUCER COMES IN

Reds Continue to Pound At Mannerheim Line in Spite Increasing Dead

Wave After Wave of Soviet Troops Hurlled Against Line to No Avail. Russians Said to Have Lost 1,500 Men in Past Few Days at Kuhmo. Finns Reported to Have Routed Entire Ski Battalion, Killing 300. Vatican Urges Aid.

Despite the fact that they have lost an estimated 20,000 men during the past few weeks, the Soviet military command still sends wave after wave of troops against the Mannerheim Line. Reports today said that the Reds still were pounding at the Finnish defenses but with little or no success.

In the last few days the Reds are said to have lost 1,500 men in the fighting at Kuhmo, in North Finland. Northeast of Lake Ladoga the Finns are reported to have scattered an entire Russian ski battalion, killing at least three hundred men.

Possibility of large numbers of men being dropped from planes by parachute was seen today. Previous attempts along this line have been scotched by the Finnish marksmen who have shot the parachutists while they still were in the air but if great numbers should be dropped they would possibly cause trouble at the rear of the Finnish lines in the Karelian Isthmus.

The Finns have carried the battle to the enemy by their continued bombing attacks on the massed Russian troops. Using the Russian camp fires as targets, the Finn aviators are reported to have bombed large numbers of men where they were heavily massed in the Summa sector.

Increased British aid for Finland was indicated this morning by unofficial British sources. Indications are that Britain has been supplying Finland with far more supplies and planes than reports have indicated and further increases are seen in the guarded British statements.

Meanwhile, yesterday, the Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, urged Finland's friends to hasten aid in what was described as "the most cynical aggression of our time."

Hollinger to Pay Bonus of Five Cents Per Share

Directors of Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines Limited have declared a bonus of five cents a share, to be paid with the regular four-weekly dividend of similar amount on February 26th to stockholders of record February 12th.

Not a Single Fire Call Since Monday This Week

Firemen have had a respite since Monday. There have been no calls—not even for fires of minor importance. It is rare that four days pass without an alarm being turned in and the fire-fighters expect the spell to break at any time.

Timmins and District To Raise \$7,500 for the Legion War Services

Campaign to be Introduced by a Grand Concert on Sunday Evening in the Palace Theatre. Canvass to Start on Monday Next. Spaghetti Supper to be Feature of the Campaign.

What is the reason for the gallant Finnish stand against the Soviet troops? An old proverb says, "The Greeks had a name for it," but there is not a slightest doubt that the six-letter word, "Morale," is the answer to the above question. For this reason alone one would not care to see the Allies lose any of their morale at home or at the front. Canadian lads are now hearing the active sphere of this war against aggression and it is only fitting that those at home in this vast Dominion should do all in their power,—by action and word — to uphold the Morale of the Canadian Active Service Force. All must show the new army that the people are solidly behind them and are watching every detail. To further this duty the Canadian Legion War Services Inc. (a body entirely separate from the Canadian Legion) has taken the initiative in the matter and has launched a scheme to look after the welfare of those now enlisting. The programme is a very extensive one, embodying as it does the facilities for education, recreation and personal service. The experiences of the aftermath of the Great War have been classified and the result is not at all what one would desire to happen to our lads when they return home again. The morale of the troops must be maintained so that even in battle, those serving will know that all in Canada are helping them on the home front.

Mild Weather Is Over

Weatherman Predicts Clear, Cold Weather After Stormy Period To-day.

The January thaw the Porcupine has been having during the past week will not last much longer, said Sydney Wheeler, Hollinger weatherman today. He predicted that today would be stormy and that the next few days would see once again the advent of clear, cold weather.

Maximum and minimum temperatures since Monday have been as follows: Monday, maximum, 28, minimum, 18; Tuesday, 29 and 16; Wednesday, 17 and 6. At eight o'clock this morning the temperature was ten degrees.

A trace of snow fell from 3.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. on Monday. From 8 a.m. on Tuesday until 12.00 noon on Wednesday two inches fell. On Wednesday a further half inch fell and this morning from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. it snowed to a depth of two inches.

S. Porcupine Lady Working for the Red Cross in Finland

Another Finnish Lady Returns to South Porcupine from Finland.

South Porcupine, Feb. 7.—(Special to The Advance).—Mrs. Ristamaki, who left S. Porcupine for Montreal en route for Red Cross work in Finland just before Christmas has reached there safely. Her daughter Irma has recently received a cable telling of her safety. Another Finnish lady, Mrs. Mary Antel came back to S. Porcupine last week after having spent a holiday, and some very nerve-wracking weeks, in the vicinity of Helsinki. She has told her Finnish friends here of the horrors of the bombings and her own fortunate escape. To camouflage their presence to Russian flyers all Finns are ordered to dress in white cloaks making them less noticeable against the snow.

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Do you enjoy music—all the way from Gilbert and Sullivan through Strauss and back again? The school orchestra is going to provide it.

Do you need a few good laughs to raise your spirits? The clowns will provide that.

The programme will also consist of work on the parallel bars, high bar, mats and pyramids.

There are to be national Japanese and Scandinavian dances.

Besides these, there is the "Ace of Diamonds," "Tea for Two" and a skip routine.

Be sure and come and enjoy yourself. Don't forget the dates—next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8.30.



The sixteenth gold mine in the camp to formally come into production poured its first bricks on Tuesday morning. It was the Aunor. Shown at top left is Stanley Saxton, mine manager, turning the wheel which tilted the blast furnace to allow the gold to run into moulds. Lower right is a shot of John A. Mitchell, Aunor President pouring the first brick.

From right to left in the picture at top right are, Stanley Saxton, manager; Dr. Buffam, geologist; John A. Mitchell, president; James Y. Murdock, vice-president; C.

H. McLaughlin, mill designer and Dr. W. F. James, consulting engineer.

Smith and Hudson Still Playing in Main Lee and Power Events at Bonspiel

Dr. Smith, of South Porcupine and Dr. Lou Hudson of Timmins, Carrying Curling Battle Into Semi-Finals of Main Events at T. & N. O. Spiel. Rinn in Flour and Anthracite Events, Herman Still in Hill-Clark-Francis.

Music, Rhythm, and Grace at the Schumacher High School Circus

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Highlights and Sidelights OF THE WAR NEWS

Mine Explodes
A large German mine exploded against a pier on the east coast of England yesterday, doing considerable damage to the pier and nearby buildings.

Twenty Hurt in Blast
The British steamer Munster sank yesterday following an explosion in which twenty were hurt. More than 200 passengers and crew reached shore safely.

Freighter Torpedoed
The British freighter, Armaniston, 6,806 tons, was torpedoed by U-boat Saturday and sank off Portugal. Crew

To Erect Apartment House

Lot on Corner of Maple and Third Sold by Owner Jack Dalton to George Spiala

The lot on the southeast corner of Third avenue and Maple street has been sold to George Spiala, Mr. Jack Dalton, the former owner, said today. Mr. Dalton said that he did not care to name the price received but that it was "considerable."

Although The Advance was not able to contact Mr. Spiala, he is reported to be planning to erect a three-storey apartment house on the lot. Mr. Dalton confirmed this report and said that he understood that that was Mr. Spiala's intention.

Charge Careless Driving After Intersection Crash

Alleged to Have Collided With Car Driven by John Harlock.

Carl Furlong, 8 First Avenue, Schumacher, was charged with careless driving following an accident which occurred at 7.45 p.m. yesterday.

Furlong is alleged to have crashed his car into an automobile driven by John Harlock, 168 Mountjoy Street, south, at the corner of Pine Street and Fifth Avenue. Police said that Harlock's car was well into the intersection before Furlong entered the street crossing. No one was injured.

Two drunks and one vagrant were arrested last night by police.

Receives Crushed Foot in Accident at the Aunor

Bruce McGill, Underground Superintendent at the Aunor Mine, had his foot badly crushed on Tuesday morning in an accident. He was brought immediately to St. Mary's Hospital to receive treatment. Mr. McGill's condition was described as serious by physicians although he was said to be slightly better today.

Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Entertained Yesterday

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion entertained on Wednesday afternoon at a kitchen shower in aid of an unfortunate member, the event being held in the Legion hall. A very large assortment of useful commodities was donated, and it was gratifying to the members who arranged the event to have such a good response.

Trace Theft by Finding English Coins on R. King

Alleged to Have Stolen \$80 in Cash, Windbreaker and English Money from Pamour Miner.

Charges of theft of money and clothing were laid against Ronald King this morning by Provincial Police. King is alleged to have stolen \$80 in cash, a quantity of English money and a windbreaker from William Somerville. He is believed to have taken the money from Somerville's pocket in the bunk house at Pamour Mine.

Provincial police said today that they traced the theft to King when they found him to be in possession of two British sovereigns similar to those stolen from Somerville. They had other evidence to tie King to the theft, they said.

King has quite an extensive record in the North. He has been convicted several times in Timmins and in Sudbury for various offenses including theft.

Timmins Loses Another Worthy Citizen in Death of Mrs. J. M. Studor

Resident of Timmins Since 1911. During Last War With Husband and Three Sons Overseas was Noted for Work for Red Cross and Other Patriotic Causes. Funeral Services Yesterday.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at four o'clock, from the home, 114 Tamarack Street, for the late Mrs. Jacob M. Studor, who passed away at St. Mary's Hospital on Monday afternoon. The late Mrs. Studor was a real old-timer of the North Land and her death has saddened numerous friends, who showed their esteem and respect, and sympathy for the bereaved family with beautiful floral tributes.

Pallbearers were six sons of the late Mrs. Studor—Peter, of Capreol, Arthur, of Rouyn, Maxwell, Walter, Hubert and Charles of Timmins, and funeral services were conducted by the Rev. W. M. Mustard of the Timmins United Church.

The late Mrs. Studor was born Margaret Louise Kaufman, near Woodstock, Ont., in April, 1868, and was seventy-one years old. She became the bride of Mr. Jacob M. Studor in Southern Ontario fifty-two years ago, celebrating her golden wedding anniversary in Timmins two years ago.

Whitney Election February 26

South Porcupine, Feb. 7th. Special to The Advance.

Whitney Township is to have another election, so the judge decided at Cochrane on January 30th. Owing to a technicality whereby a correct voters' list was not used on the last election day in December, 1939, and which caused dissatisfaction among certain of the electors, the election was appealed.

His honor's decision is that 1938 voters list is to be posted for 10 days prior to Feb. 19th, and a supplementary list of voters added, and nomination day is to be February 19th—Election to follow on February 26th.

Anxious to Complete Campaign for K. of C. Army Huts

Knights of Columbus Do Not Want to Conflict With Other Campaigns.

The committee of the Knights of Columbus Army Huts campaign is desirous of closing the drive now in progress, so that other patriotic causes putting on campaigns may have a free field for their good work. Accordingly, the committee asks all those intending to contribute to the Army Huts campaign to kindly do so at once so that the work may be completed without conflicting with other campaigns for auxiliary war services. By contributing to the Army Huts funds, you will be helping make the lot of the Canadian soldier so much happier and more comfortable. Contributions may be sent to Post Office Box 106, Timmins.

Second Timmins Rangers Taking First Aid Course

The Second Timmins Rangers held their regular weekly meeting in the Scout hall on Wednesday evening. After the meeting was called to order, inspection was taken, and the colours marched down, following which the Rangers all joined in "God Save the King" and the Ranger Prayer.

A game was enjoyed, and a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade gave the Rangers a lesson in first aid. The meeting closed with "Taps."

Field Secretary of Boy Scouts Here This Week

Mr. Arthur Paddon, Field Secretary of the Boy Scouts for Ontario, will visit Timmins and district this week-end. He will be at the Club house on Saturday evening and will also visit some of the several troops in the district. On Monday he will be the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club, and on Monday evening he will address a meeting of group committeemen at the Central public school. Mr. Paddon has been a frequent visitor here, and his visits are looked forward to with interest and pleasure.

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The family resided for several years in Callander, where many of the children were born, before moving to Timmins in 1911, having resided here since that time. The late Mrs. Studor was well-known to both old-timers and newcomers to the town, and was a popular member of such organizations as the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire and the Women's Missionary Society and the Ladies' Aid of the Timmins United Church, being both interested and able in church and community work.