

Swedish Help is Vital Need Against Russians States Finnish Editor

Says With Aid of Sweden and Assistance from Britain and France Finns Could Hold Reds Indefinitely. Finns Trained to Use Natural Obstacles and Fight According to Terrain. Sees Possibility of Rebellion in Russia.

If Sweden with her half million well trained and equipped troops should declare war against Russia and throw her weight into the conflict wholeheartedly, Finland could hold out against the Soviet Union almost indefinitely, said Mr. E. A. Pulli, Finnish newspaperman who is on a lecture tour of Canada and the United States.

In an interview with The Advance, Mr. Pulli, who has been speaking to Finnish organizations in Timmins during this week, said that Sweden's army is just as well trained and equipped as that of Finland. It is trained, as are the Finns, to fight, not in suicidal formations such as the Reds use, but according to the terrain and the geography of the country—to take advantage of the elements and the natural obstacles of the ground.

Asked what was going to happen in the spring, when the ice and snow and freezing weather no longer were there to be used as weapons by the soldiers of the beleaguered democratic nation, Mr. Pulli said that there were other natural hazards to take their place. Mechanical units, upon which the Russians have so much depended, would bog down and be useless in the marsh and swamp lands which would appear when the ice left.

One reason for the phenomenal success of the Finnish defenders was that they had quietly been preparing a small but efficient army in the past twenty years, said Mr. Pulli. They did not expect the outbreak of war at the exact moment when it came but were not confused inasmuch as the thought that Russia some day might invade, had been in Finnish minds for many, many years past.

"Furthermore," said Mr. Pulli, "this Finnish army is trained in a particular sort of a way. It has been trained to take advantage of whatever natural obstacle it can find—to fight the type of guerilla warfare which has proved to be so effective against the Russians."

Help was desperately needed, said the speaker. The Finnish army, after all, was small and it could not hope to hold out forever against the hundreds of thousands of Stalin's hordes who were being thrown against them. If men and supplies were sent there was a strong possibility that Russia would be defeated—or at least held until the Russians themselves rebelled against the dictatorship which threw them so callously to their deaths.

There was little to be said which had not already been said, Mr. Pulli remarked. "Finland is fighting for her life. The Finns are a home-loving people and they are fighting for their homes. You may be sure that they will fight until the last man. They could not tolerate the yoke of slavery that the Soviet Union would impose if they surrendered."

Not more than one per cent of the population of Finland had Communist sympathies before the war, said Mr. Pulli in reply to a question. At the present time that one per cent was no more. All over the world Finns who had been sympathetic to the Soviet, lost their sympathy when Russia declared war.

Mr. Pulli left Finland last September on a trip he had been planning for a year. Representing a group of twenty socially democratic Finnish papers, he intended to gather material for a book on Finnish colonies in America. The outbreak of war changed his mission and now he was lecturing to explain Finland's position, answer enquiries and try to recruit aid for her.

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First Concert by Members of Music Teachers' Group

Interesting Musical Event Here Tuesday Evening.

Members of the Porcupine Music Teacher's Association entertained on Tuesday evening at the first music recital presented by a group of music teachers in this district. The event took place at the United church, and was attended by a large number of local citizens, who thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the musical presentations.

Mr. Herbert C. Trenner welcomed the audience, and thanked the board of directors of the Timmins United Church for the use of the church in presenting this worthy programme. Mr. Trenner mentioned that every citizen of Canada has been shocked by the death of Lord Tweedsmuir, and introducing Mrs. Wilkins, he announced that she would play a funeral march to "show our respect and love for the late Governor General."

During the intermission, the Rev. E. Gilmour-Smith announced that the Cochrane District Music Festival would be held in Timmins on May 6th and 7th. Two expert musicians from Toronto will act as adjudicators. The grand concert will be held on the closing evening, with massed choirs and massed orchestras presenting the same selections.

One of the special features of the evening's programme was the first public appearance of the newly organized Hollinger Orchestra, which is conducted by Mr. M. Rose. The band made a very favourable impression playing such selection as "The Lion of St. Mark's" (G. Fabiani); "Unfinished Symphony" (first movement—Schubert); "Ballet Egyptienne" (1 and 2 Lugini); "Tesoro Mio" (Becucci); "Skaters Galop" (Fahrbach).

Piano duets were given by Miss Lillian Huot, and Miss Jean Jordison; Mrs. F. X. Gauthier and Mrs. Wilkins who played Poet and Peasant overture (Suppe); Mr. Wallace Young and Mr. Garfield Bender, "Peer Gynt Suite" (Greig). These numbers were interesting and well rendered, and brought loud applause from the audience.

Miss Jean Wright gave two pleasing vocal solos "Be Thou With Me" (Bach) and "Sing Joyous Bird". She was accompanied by Mr. E. Wallace Young at the piano.

Piano solos were given by Mrs. Leah Carbone, "Falconaise Militaire" (Chopin); Edith Warwick Gamble, "Rhapsody in F Minor" (Ernest V. Dohnanyi); Mr. W. Brown, Arrangement of Cypsy Airs; Miss Lillian Huot. These selections were very well chosen for solo selections, showing the fine talent of the pianists.

Mrs. J. Theriault, accompanied by Mrs. Wilkins, beautifully sang "Elsa's Dream", and a very fine number was the recitation and aria "Sound the Alarm" (Judas Maccabeus) by Mr. Herbert C. Trenner. Mrs. G. Kennedy pleasingly sang "Love's Garden" (Chaminade) and "Sapphic Ode" (Brahms) and Mr. E. Nathanson gave the beautiful violin solo "Serenade" (D'Ambrosio).

The programme, presenting local and district talent, was a noteworthy one, as it is the first of its kind, where a number of musicians have combined their talents to present an entire programme.

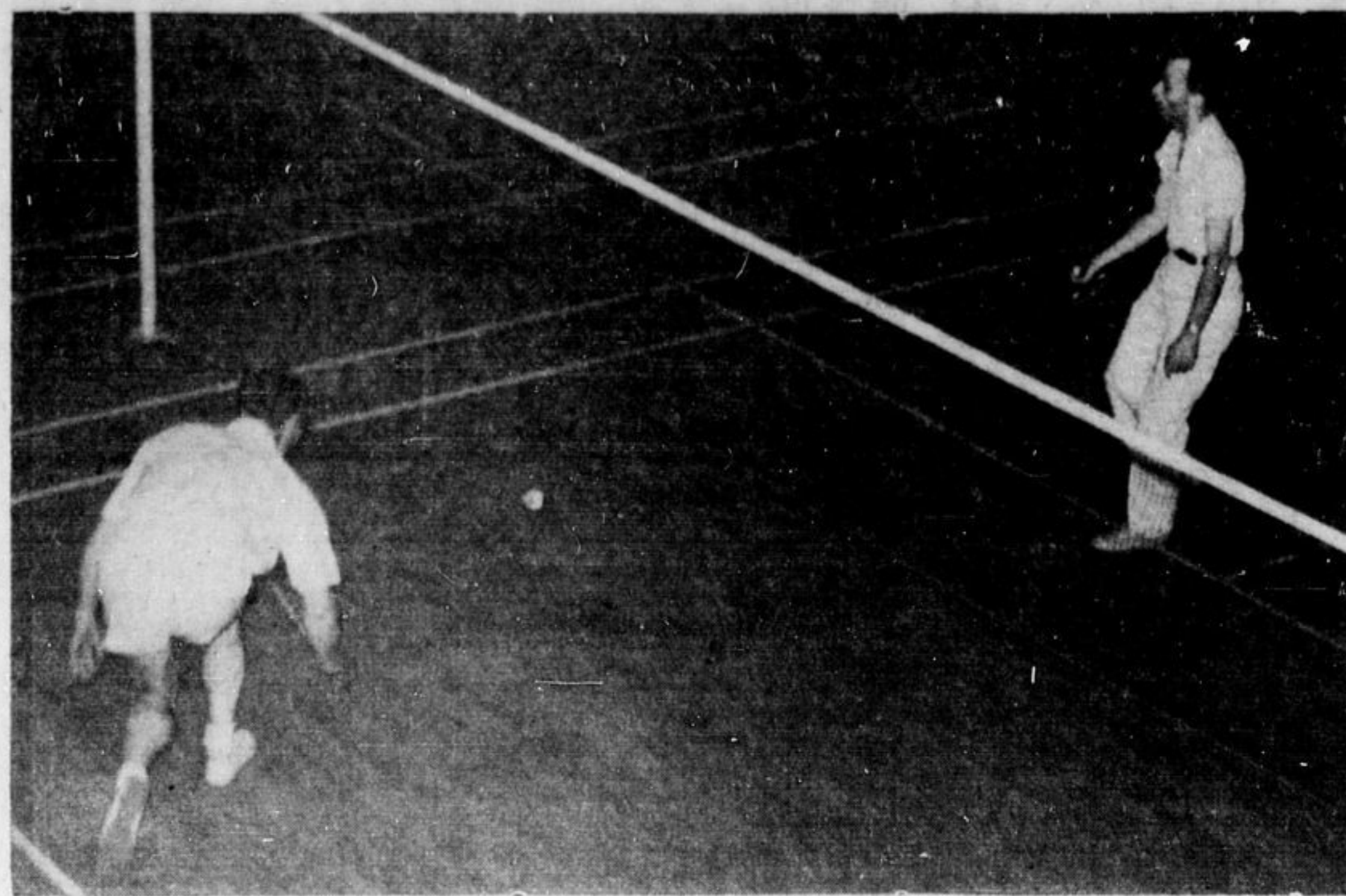
Observe Thirtieth Anniversary of Wedding Event

Mr. and Mrs. Kalliokoski Honoured by Friends on Notable Occasion.

The home of Mrs. Kivi, 67 Cameron street, north, was the scene of a charming event on Monday evening, when a number of friends honoured Mr. and Mrs. August Kalliokoski at a reception on the occasion of their thirtieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Kalliokoski, of 71 Cameron street north, have been very popular in town for the past several years, and have many friends in the district.

BEND TO BAT BIRDIE BACK



On this, their thirtieth wedding anniversary, their friends presented them with a beautiful table lamp and many other lovely gifts to mark the event. During the evening, the Rev. L. T. Pikkusari, of the Finnish Lutheran church, congratulated the couple on behalf of all their friends, and the entire group joined in the singing of a suitable hymn. Mr. and Mrs. Pikkusari both thanked their friends for their kindness in planning the occasion, and for the gifts presented.

A dainty lunch was served, prepared by Mrs. A. Lehtisalo, and served by Mrs. O. Kojonen. The event was arranged by Mrs. Makynen, Mrs. Kivi and Mrs. Hakola, and a beautifully laid wedding cake and bouquet of roses centred the luncheon table.

Finnish Lads Have Been Putting up Big Fight, Say Letters

Finnish Letters to Relatives At South Porcupine.

Mr. Onni Savijarvi, of South Porcupine, last week received two letters from his sister in Finland, one of which was mailed on December 13th and the other on December 19th. Each letter describes the feeling of surprise among the Finnish people, when their country was attacked by the Russians, but each letter is optimistic as to the final outcome.

In her letter of December 13th, Miss Helmi Savijarvi says in part: "A great deal of fighting has taken place along the border during the past two weeks, and so far, the Finnish boys have been on the victorious side. We all, of course, hope that Finland will win, as she is fighting for the right, protecting her independence and her people. The Russians cruelly attacked us for no reason and without a declaration of war."

The letter of December 15th says in part: "I wrote to you just after I arrived home from Helsinki. When the Russians bombed Finland, on the first days of the war I joined the others in coming home to the country where it is safer. The restaurant where I was working was closed as it was one where dancing took place and dancing is not permitted during the war."

"I was in Helsinki when the bombings took place. Probably you have read about the great damage they did. I saw everything that happened. It was terrible, and things looked so desolate. Many civilians were killed. But on the front the Finnish lads have certainly been putting up a marvellous fight for three weeks now, even though Finland has such a much smaller population than Russia."

Miss Savijarvi continues that her two brothers are both with the army, and although the family does not know to what part of Finland they have been sent, they often receive letters, in which the soldiers ask about their relatives in Canada.

Bird Racquetters From Over North Here This Week

Players from all over Northern Ontario will arrive in the camp on Friday of this week to participate in the Northern Ontario Badminton championships which are being held at the Porcupine Badminton Club, at Schumacher over the week-end.

The process of eliminating the many players from local clubs, who want to participate, was begun last night and will be continued to-night. By Friday, it is expected, only the quarter finalists among the local competitors will remain to carry the Porcupine banner.

Clubs from Kirkland Lake, North Bay, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, Noranda, Iroquois Falls and many other centres are expected to send representatives. For two days the club will be a beehive of activity.

D. Sturgeon, J. Desloges, L. Stirling were winners last night in ladies' singles and V. Lacey, D. Sturgeon, M. Baderski and K. Young, Sudbury, got into the second round.

B. Laidlaw, W. Drew, R. Alpin, A. Hawkins, M. Gilndinning won their games in Men's singles and R. E. Sturgeon, Piewman G. Shields, L. Ward were the players who got byes. Play in men's doubles and mixed doubles will be continued this evening.

Highlights and Sidelights

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Helsinki, Russia's Seventh Army Corps made up of the 12 divisions and including 1,000 tanks, is conducting the offensive, it was said. Finnish Reconnaissance planes report that more Russian troops are moving to the front, the dispatch said, in indication that the attack is to be on an even larger scale.

London, England newspapers recently referred to the case of the "loneliest Canadian soldier," who received no mail because his people, who were pacifists, had completely ignored him after he joined the active service forces. Hundreds of letters, postcards, parcels, have been arriving at Canada House addressed to Canada's Loneliest Soldier. He is accordingly swamped with mail. The letters include proposals of marriage and invitations by the score to week-end parties.

Some of the Australian and New Zealand troops arriving this week in Egypt have already been transferred to Palestine.

The French have just finished a 200 mile anti-tank ditch along the Belgian border from Luxembourg to the English channel as part of the extension of the Maginot Line.

German newspapers have been referring to March as Hitler's "lucky month", and in some quarters this is looked upon as a forecast that next month will see special Nazi activity on one or more war fronts.

One of the heads of the United States Navy has given warning that conditions especially in the East are such that the war will soon develop into a very general conflagration and that the United States will be unable to avoid being drawn in. He adds that while the United States is better prepared than in the last war, some other conditions are not so favourable to the U. S. A.

For the second time this week a German ship (this time the Wolfburg) is reported as having been scuttled by the crew when a British patrol boat appeared near Rio de Janeiro.

Tokyo—Japan takes steps to end arbitration pact with the Netherlands.

Berlin—Germany and Russia sign new pact to speed mutual trade.

Rio de Janeiro—The German freighter Wakama, laden with oils and other products on a gambling chance of running the British gauntlet to Germany, was believed by shipping circles to have been sunk or scuttled when she encountered a British warship.

Reports from London, England, say that there have been many Canadians among the thousand volunteers registered at the Finnish Legation at London for active service in Finland. A number of wealthy British volunteers have been leaving by plane, supposedly to indulge in winter sports in Scandinavia, but it is said that they are arriving in Finland in relays to engage in "Bear-hunting."

Dominions Secretary Anthony Eden journeyed from London to Suez, Egypt, to welcome the Australian and New Zealand troops on their arrival there this week.

Istanbul, Feb. 12.—Arrival of a large contingent of Australian and New Zealand troops at Suez today and increased military activity of four Balkan nations heightened the strong belief here that a new war front may be opened either in the Caucasus or the Balkans this spring. Landing of the Anzacs at Suez—they were said here to number 30,000—was believed to have brought the total strength of British, French and Turkish forces in the Near East to nearly 1,000,000 men. Altogether the three Allies, Turkey being a non-belligerent partner, are estimated to have a potential Near Eastern strength of 3,000,000 men.

From Belgrade comes the story that the Turkish authorities thwarted an attempt by the Nazis to steal a submarine owned by Turkey. The Germans had prepared a test for the submarine, but when they pressed for a complete German crew suspicion was aroused. The great quantity of

B. Adams and Bob Alpin are shown as they appeared last night during the contest in the Men's Singles division of the Northern Ontario Badminton tournament under way this week at Schumacher. Alpin, on the left is bending to get a net drive from Adams' racket. Final result of the match was that Alpin won two games out of three.

To-day's Stocks

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Dome	26.50
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International Nickel	45.00
Kerr Addison	2.44
Kirkland Lake	1.36
Leitch	78
Lake Shore	27.25
Little Long Lac	3.15
McLeod Cocksbutt	2.16
Macassa	4.65
McIntyre	53.00
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Mining Corporation	1.10
Moneta	79
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Premier	1.45
Sullivan	90
Sisco	79
Sylvanite	3.30
Teck Hughes	3.95
Waite Amulet	5.65
Wright Hargreaves	7.75

GIRL GUIDES IN TIMMINS

(The Guides of the 106th I.O.D.E. Company held their regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 12th, in St. Matthew's Hall.

After inspection, taken by Lieutenant Johnston, the Guides formed horse-shoe. The flag was raised to half-mast in memory of Lord Tweedsmuir by a colour party chosen from the Pimpernel Patrol.

The Guides went to their patrol corners and worked badges. The Guides sat around in campfire and sang many merry songs.

The meeting was closed with "Taps."

supplies demanded for the test was out of all proportion to the occasion and this roused further doubt in the minds of the Turkish authorities. Eventually, the Turks decided to clear all the Nazis from any connection with the submarine and to have other make the tests. The Turkish theory is that the Germans intended to steal the submarine and make their way to a Soviet or Bulgarian port.

Loss Expected to Exceed \$150,000 In Big Fire

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to the burning store from the front, side and rear but were not able to check the fire.

After about an hour the flames seemed to have gotten into the attic. They jumped the next shop and came out in the first Friedman store. Shortly after they broke through the roof and when they got the draft soon turned the whole building into a raging inferno.

The roof on the block was only light in construction. It was placed temporarily when the building was erected in order that another storey might be added with a minimum of effort.

Before long the south wall of the building was seen to buckle slightly and in another few minutes it broke in the centre and fell outwards. Fortunately firemen had been expecting the fall and escaped danger of injury.

By this time flames were leaping out of the top of the building in huge gusts that coloured the sky. After the wall broke exposing the flaming wall on the south side firemen were better able to get at the flames and checked the blaze considerably. It still continued to rage in the centre of the building however.

The huge sign in front of Friedman's was seen to give slightly and sway as the brick and timbers to which the supports were fastened were weakened by the fire. It tilted outwards and finally fell on telephone and electrical wires strung across the street at that point.

From then on it was a matter of endurance for firemen. They poured water from eight lines of hose.

More than thirty-five firemen helped to fight the flames. All twenty-one of the regular paid force were on hand and volunteers were called out of bed to assist. Firemen, soaked with water and exposed to below zero weather for hours at a time, were not in enviable positions. Their helmets, gloves and rubber coats were drenched with water and many of them were wet through to the skin. In the cold air the water soon froze and the fire-fighters began to look like walking ice men. Everywhere where the water touched it froze solid. Hose lines, hydrants and the dripping walls were soon covered with a two and three inch sheet of ice.

Residents in adjoining buildings were routed out of their beds by police. They hurriedly dressed and got their belongings out. The small house to the immediate west of the Bardesson block and owned and formerly occupied by Mr. Bardesson, was in great danger and firemen kept water on it to keep it from igniting. The Doranda Hotel, which is at the rear of Friedman's, was also in some danger as was the Daher block on the immediate north. Smoke, sparks and burning pieces of wood were carried by the wind to the south. Fortunately the open space of the ball park was there and not a building.

The fire is one of the worst that has been experienced in Timmins in some time. From a fireman's point of view it was a difficult fire inasmuch as it was hard to fight, due to the cold, the smoke and the impossibility of locating the fire which seemed to follow beams and rafters with incredible rapidity.

Toronto Branch of Bank Routs Couple of Bandits

Two armed thugs tried on Tuesday to hold up the Yonge and Gould street branch of the Bank of Commerce in Toronto but were routed. One bandit was captured while the other escaped, though the bank teller shot at him, hitting him in the ear and drawing blood. The thugs got no money. The one robber caught by police was armed. He gave his name as Jerry Smith, of Buffalo, and his age as 26.

Predicts German Invasion to Stab Finland in Back

London, Feb. 14—Tancred Borenius, secretary of the commission which in 1919 notified the powers of Finland's independence, to-day declared there was "every reason to believe a German expeditionary force would land in Southern Finland soon."

Speaking to the British and North American Luncheon Club, Borenius said skilled German soldiers were serving with the Soviet forces in Finland and that soon a German expeditionary force would "stab the country in the back as was done in the case of Poland."

Borenius, Finnish-born, but long a resident of London, declared that contrary to popular belief, the spring thaw would help Finnish defences. He quoted Field-Marshal Baron Gustaf-Mannerheim, Finland's commander-in-chief, as saying that "in the spring I will mobilize Finland's 70,000 lakes in defense of the nation."

Toronto Hit and Run Driver Drags Body for Mile

One of the most brutal hit and run crimes is reported from Toronto, where early Tuesday morning an automobile struck Frank Lawrence and Mrs. Grace Aston as they were walking on Bloor street, west of Dufferin avenue. The two were carried on the front of the automobile after being hit, Lawrence falling off first, while Mrs. Aston was dragged along for over a mile and a half. Her fur coat was worn through by the dragging and her other clothing and body in shocking condition. Lawrence was in a dazed condition when found and sent to the hospital. He had apparently been wandering round in a semi-conscious condition for over an hour before he reached Mrs. Aston's home and gave a hazy report of what had happened. Mrs. Aston's body, badly battered and with flesh torn and burned by the dragging was later found at the corner of College and Dovercourt road. It is difficult to contemplate the mentality of the hit and run driver who continued driving, knowing, as must have been known, that a body was being battered and burned by being dragged on the front of the car.

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