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Enemy Spies Pretending to be "War Grandmothers" Ottawa—An order issued recently by the Department of National Defence brings back memories of a favorite enemy spy trick of the Great War. The order forbids soldiers to insert advertisements or letters in any publication inviting strangers to communicate with them. It forbids them to reply to such advertisements or invitations. They must not in any other way communicate with strangers concerning military matters.

A popular enemy stratagem to obtain military information is to employ women spies to pose as "War Godmothers." The trick is a simple one and gave military authorities trouble during the last war.

The Department does not forbid members of the C.A.S.F. to have "war godmothers." On the contrary the practice is endorsed if done through persons of the soldier's family or of his family circle or through a responsible welfare agency.

Swept Captain: Have you cleaned the deck and polished all the brasses? New Sailor: Yes, sir. And with my telescope I've swept the horizon!—Exchange

Railway to Run Bus Service to Cochrane for Court Monday

Bus to Leave Here at 7 a.m.

The train service to Cochrane would not provide facilities for those who have to go to Cochrane for the court there on Monday, April 15th. With its usual desire to accommodate the public a railway bus service is being provided for jurymen and witnesses and others going to the Cochrane District Court on Monday. As will be noted by the announcement elsewhere in this issue the bus service will leave the Timmins station at 7 a.m., and those intending to use the service are asked to notify the railway ticket office as soon as possible.

Lumberjack Loses Leg Under Train at Kapuskasing

Kapuskasing, April 10—Wilfrid Boisvert, 30, lumberjack and former resident of Black River, Que., had his right leg amputated below the knee Thursday when he fell under a freight train in the Canadian National Railways yards here.

It is believed he missed his footing or slipped in his attempt to board the freight in the darkness.

Delegates from All Over North Gather at Legion Regional Conference

Important Event Held at North Bay on Sunday. Delegates Present from Timmins, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and Many Other Places. "Legion Serving Again," the Keynote of the Meeting.

"The people of Northern Ontario are behind the Canadian Legion 100 per cent and to prove this fact the figures given of the recent War Services drive show this in no uncertain manner." Such was one of the many inspiring statements made at the regional conference of Northern Ontario branches of the Canadian Legion held in the St. Regis hotel at North Bay on Sunday. The interest in the meeting is all the more striking because of the long distances delegates travelled to be present. Timmins, the farthest north had two delegates A. G. Bellamy and W. A. Devine, 265 miles; from Sault Ste. Marie in the west part of the Northern zone, 285 miles; and as far south as Bracebridge. In all 65 delegates were in attendance and much business of special interest to every ex-serviceman was the result. It was the first conference of its kind to be held and the results were so gratifying to the provincial officers present that the scheme has been adopted and each district (of which there are five in Ontario) will have similar gatherings. Keynote of the conference was "Win the War," and truthfully it was stated that the "ex-serviceman" can no longer use that term, as they are again back in service on a National scale.

The provincial officers sacrificed valuable time to journey from distant parts of Southern Ontario to be on hand to place facts and figures before the assembled delegates. Among the provincial officers present were: Captain Ben W. Allen, of Ottawa, provincial president of the Ontario Command; Lieut.-Col. A. P. VanSomeren, of Brantford, honorary treasurer of the Ontario Command; Leo Cunningham, of St. Catharines, chairman of the Ontario Command; J. A. McD. Challes, of St. Catharines, commander of District No. 2 of the Ontario Command; Major J. T. Thomson, of Toronto, supervisor of the Canadian Legion War Services for Military District No. 2; L. R. Menzies, of Toronto provincial secretary of the Ontario Command; J. R. Cruickshank, of Toronto, personal services officer of the Canadian Legion War Services; A. A. Robinson, of Toronto, senior adjutant officer of the Ontario Command; J. S. Adams, of Toronto, chief clerk to the Ontario Command; T. J. Faught, of Sudbury, commander of District 2N of the Ontario Command, and Capt. Tom Magladeroy, of New Liskeard, first vice-president of the Ontario Command. The proceedings opened at 9.00 a.m. Sunday with usual Legion honours to

CHINESE AMAZONS ARE SERVING ON FIGHTING FRONT



Armed with German weapons, these Chinese women spurn cooking rice behind the front lines while their menfolk fight. The guerilla war with which Chinese troops are wearing out Japan's army put them in uniforms in Hunan province and gave them guns with which to fight. Both girls carry German Lugers fitted

with a case which attaches to the gun-butt as a stock. These guns were used by the German army in the last war. The girl at (left) Miss Lo has won a reputation for bravery in several engagements. The amazon at (right) Tam Lo-Sam, is a new recruit.

Market Facilities Seen as Need of Porcupine Farmers

Superintendent Experimental Farm, at Hearst, Speaks at Kiwanis Farm Meeting.

Most important need at the present time for farmers in this district was facilities to market their produce, said Mr. William Montcalm, superintendent of the Experimental Farm at Hearst. The farmer, consequently, was badly handicapped in disposition of his goods. Mr. Montcalm was speaking at the Kiwanis Club meeting on Monday.

Speaker believed that a slaughter house in a central location in the camp, such as Timmins, would be of immense advantage to the farmers. The sale of pulp wood was said to be a great aid to a farmer's maintenance in the Cochrane district. After a farm was cleared it then had to be drained, said Mr. Montcalm. The important conditions which affected farming were the weather, condition of the soil and the seed. The farmer had no control over the weather but he could see that the soil had the fertilizer it needed, such as phosphate and that the quality of the seed he used was of the best.

Barley was an excellent crop in the North last year and the soil was particularly well suited to the cultivation of potatoes. Last year Northern potatoes, won five out of six prizes in showing in Toronto. Guests of the Kiwanis Club were Mr. Montcalm, L. A. Hanlan, Matheson, John E. Levis, M. E. Parnell, Timmins, W. B. Sweezy, South Porcupine, Thomas E. Cahill, South Porcupine, A. Whitehead, Timmins, J. M. McKee, Timmins, I. P. Wilson, Porcupine, George D. Hamilton, South Porcupine, George Passaw, Hoyle.

Fritz Woodbury was in charge of singing which was accompanied by W. H. Wilson at the piano. Mr. W. W. Tanner introduced the speaker who was thanked by Frank Young.

Measure to Control Sales of Authorized Explosives

Ottawa—Measures to control sales and purchases of authorized explosives have been adopted by the Government on the recommendation of the Minister of Mines and Resources. A record of sales by authorized vendors must be kept for submission, upon request, to an inspector or peace officer. Only one approved statement is required in a calendar year from bona fide owners or operators of mines or quarries.

Well, Well! Traffic Cop: Say you—get going—what's the matter with you? Polite Driver: "I'm just fine, thank you. But I think my engine's dead.—Exchange.

Ladies from I.O.D.E. and the Red Cross Attend Motor Classes

Learning Motor War Work

The second lesson for the first group of the Women's Auxiliary Motor Service was conducted on Monday evening at the MacDowell Motors, the original group of ten Timmins women studying the parts of trucks and cars under the direction of Mr. Berlinger, of the local branch of the Ford Motor Co. of Canada.

The Women's Auxiliary Motor Service is a series of classes conducted by the Ford Motor Co. of Canada, free of charge, to all women interested in the work. It gives a practical course in mechanical training, which is primarily taught for the purpose of giving women an opportunity to take the place of men if present conditions demand this service.

At present two classes are being conducted, the first being made up of members of the I.O.D.E. or women whom they have gathered together, and the second group made up of members of the Red Cross or their friends.

Any women wishing to take advantage of these lessons, are asked to fill in application forms at the MacDowell Motors. A necessary requirement is that anyone wishing to enroll, must have a driver's license.

Revelry in Blind Pig, Gun Play and Fisticuffs Included in Court Story

"Pride of Eldorado," "Babe" Thompson and Other Men Have Rough Time in Home of Convicted Blind Pig Operator. Charge Rifle and Blackjack Brought Into Play in Fracas Which Arose.

Self Appointed Theatre Critic Found Disorderly

Simone Bellfontaine Makes Audible Running Commentary on Show Until Removed.

Unlike most movie and vaudeville critics who sneer, jeer and cheer performances after they are completed, Simone Bellfontaine chose to make her very audible commentary on a performance in a local theatre while it was taking place. Result—\$10 and costs on a charge of disorderly conduct. Police Constable Guolla said that three calls were received from the Carlier Theatre during a midnight performance recently. When they arrived Miss Bellfontaine was drawing quite a crowd for a little show of her own she was staging from her balcony seat. In no uncertain tones she was giving her opinion of the performers on the stage. If she was amused she howled with mirth; if displeased, she did not hesitate to tell the performers so.

The woman was obviously under the influence of liquor, said Constable Atkinson. In addition to giving a running commentary on the stage show she got into an argument with the manager. All in all she was proving to be quite a thorn in the flesh to actors, patrons and management. There were no complaints from the characters in the moving picture.

Asked by the Magistrate if she had been displeased with the performance, Simone said no. On the contrary, she said, she had quite enjoyed it. The noise she had been making was the result of an overabundance of mirth.

Wanted Interpreter

A Tommy spending his leave in Paris was trying to work off some of his French in a cafe. "Hi, garson," he said, "je desire et bun . . . no, half a minute . . . un piece of bang." The waiter said helpfully, "I'm sorry sir, I don't speak French." "Very well," said the Tommy, irritated, "send me someone who can."—St. Mary's Journal-Argus.

Revelry by night in a Mountjoy Township blind pig featuring gun play and fisticuffs made quite an interesting police court story on Tuesday afternoon. The matinee crowd which regularly attends the weekly session was given thrills and chuckles a-plenty as the tale was unfolded.

Insofar as the chronological order of events were told in police court, first came the conviction of one Alcide Pratt on a charge of selling liquor. Pratt admitted his guilt if not his contrition and was committed to the Haileybury citadel for three months.

Pratt was an important witness in the next charges to be heard. They were two in number, both against the same man, Gaston Mussely. James "Babe" Thompson said that Mussely assaulted him causing him actual bodily harm. A similar accusation was made against Mussely by R. C. "Farmer" Neable, well known local pugilist, described in court as "The Pride of Eldorado."

In contrast to "Farmer" Neable who told his story with dramatic gestures and apparent relish, the first witness, the "Babe" was hard to understand. They were "over the bridge" on April the fourth, he said, and the hour was about 4.30 a.m.

Several rounds of beer had been ordered from Pratt, in whose house they were drinking, and someone ordered another. He gave Pratt a \$5 bill in payment and no change was forthcoming, whereupon there was an argument. Pratt backed into his room and reappeared with a gun in his hands. He fired four or five shots and in the fracas which followed, someone came in the back door and clouted him across the head with a club. He immediately ceased to take interest in the proceedings.

"Farmer's" story was similar to Thompson's but more colorful and more detailed. After Pratt fired the shots into the floor, he said, he walked slowly towards the man. In his hand he had a glass of beer. His eyes were fixed steadily on those of his opponent who had the gun. He put one foot on a chair to give him balance so that he could leap at Pratt and "nail him."

However, a more ingenious idea came into his head. As a boxer keeps his eyes on those of his opponent to anticipate his next move, so did he keep his glued to those of Pratt. Suddenly, he dropped the glass of beer he held in his hand. As it crashed to the floor Pratt's eyes followed it. That was when "Farmer" leaped, pushed the gun aside and "nailed" Pratt.

At that moment Mussely entered the fray. In his hand he had a blackjack. "I think it was a blackjack," the witness said. "In any case it was very hard."

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Neable modestly admitted that he had done some prize fighting. "I lost plenty of bouts though," he said. He agreed that he was the Champion of Eldorado.

"And you lost your reputation in Mountjoy?" commented Magistrate Atkinson acidly.

Leonard Dunn was with Thompson and Neable. His story was essentially the same as theirs.

Pratt said that the trio asked for more beer and he had none to give them. At that Thompson said he was going to search the house. He beat a retreat to his room and Thompson, backed by Neable and Dunn, came after him. He grabbed his 22 calibre repeating rifle and fired four shots at the floor to protect himself and his property. Finally, they got the gun away from him and dragged him into the front room.

Pratt said that Gaston Mussely was not in the house let alone taking part in the fight. Brother of Gaston, Amide Mussely, said that he was tending store near the Pratt place. Gaston came home at midnight. At 2 a.m. he closed the store and went over to Pratt's. He was sitting in the kitchen. When the battle was lost and won Thompson came out into the kitchen with the intention of "cleaning out the place." He came after a stranger, one of three other men who were there, and the stranger picked up a piece of wood from behind the stove and felled the "Babe." He also belted Neable a couple of times.

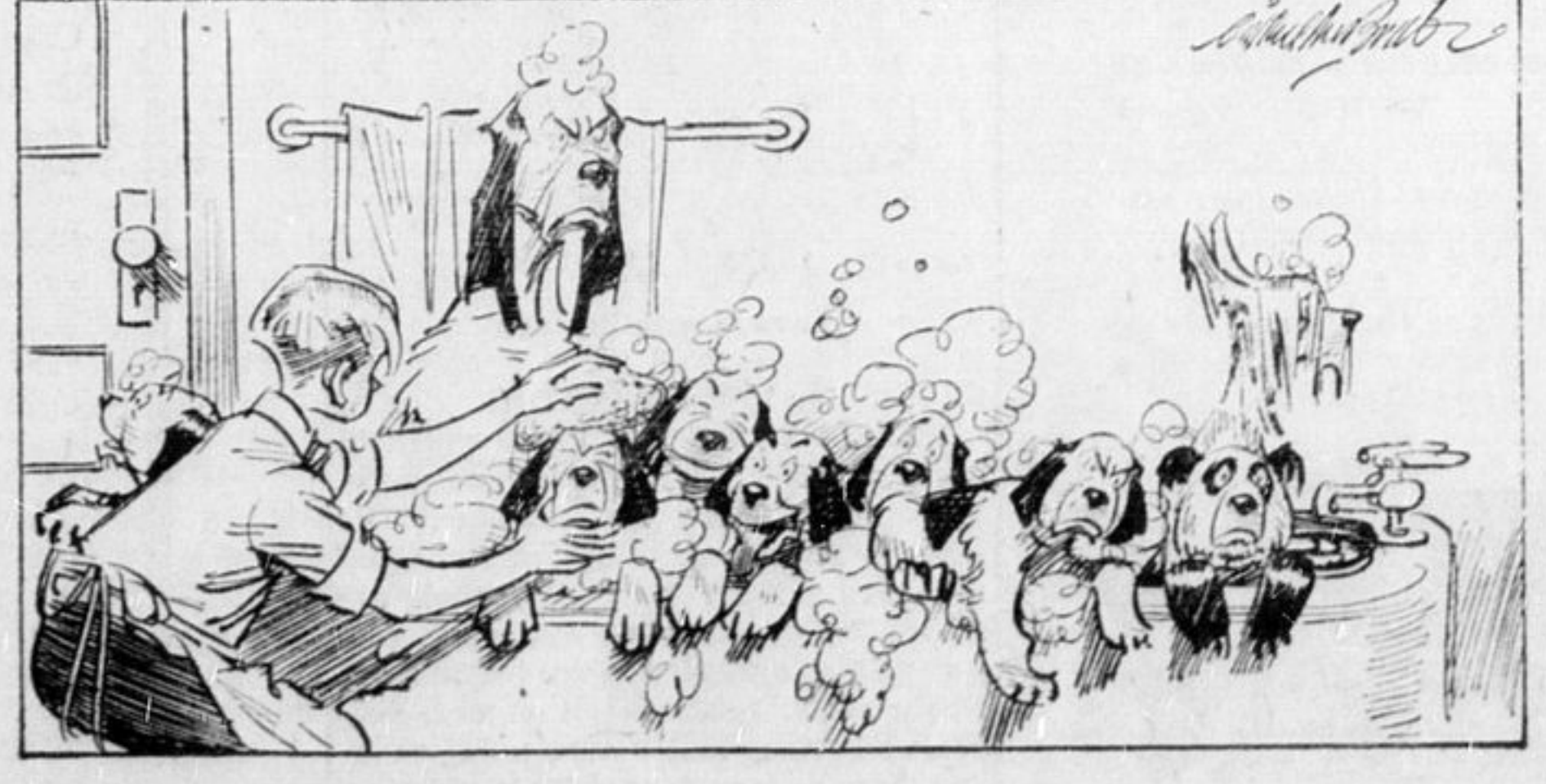
Defendant Gaston said that he came home at 12 p.m., ate and went to bed. He was not in Pratt's house. The first he knew of the affair was when police got him out of bed at daylight the next morning. The charge was dismissed by the Magistrate.

Didn't Like the Name

Arnprior—Errors in voters' lists have been the subject of much newspaper comment lately. But a young Arnprior girl was under a misapprehension when she angrily accused an enumerator of being in error for listing her a "spinster."

"Why, when did you get married," he asked. "I'm not married," she said, "but I'd rather be called an old maid than a spinster any day, spinster only applies to very old, old maids, who haven't got a chance."—Eganville Lead-

NAPOLEON AND UNCLE ELBY



By Clifford McBride