

## British Down 23 Planes In Massed Nazi Attacks

### Hangs Fifteen Minutes From Third Storey Sill By Ends of his Fingers

Weak and Shaken, James Rimmer Pulled to Safety After Hanging from Window Ledge on Third Floor of the Massie Block. "Lived Ten Years in Fifteen Minutes," He Said. Gives Son Credit

"I lived ten years in fifteen minutes," said James Rimmer, 162 1/2 Pine Street North, after he was taken from a third storey window ledge in the Massie Block where he had hung by his fingers for approximately fifteen minutes.

Weak and shaken Mr. Rimmer's arms were scratched but he was otherwise uninjured when pulled in. When rescuers arrived he was hanging by one hand. At the same time firemen were on their way to the scene.

"Thanks, boys," Mr. Rimmer said to them, "I think you would have arrived in time although I could not have held out much longer." Mr. Rimmer gave great credit to his small son Clarence, aged 5 years who, attracted attention to his father's plight by shouting. When he felt his strength becoming exhausted Mr. Rimmer told his son to go away as he did not want him to see his father drop the three storeys to the street below. However, the boy remained and soon attracted attention with his shouts.

Mr. Rimmer, a decorator, had been working in the front apartment in the Massie Block earlier in the day. He left for a time and came back to find the door locked. Not having a key he climbed up the fire escape stairs on the side of the building. Arriving at the top he stepped over to an adjacent window which was partly open and tried to open it further with his head. Mr. Rimmer said this morning that he had often used the same plan to make entry to the building when necessary in his work. This time, however, his feet slipped from the ledge but he managed to catch hold of the stone window ledge with the end of his fingers.

He was there for some time before anyone saw him. Finally, the shouts of his son, who was on the fire escape, attracted the attention of people below.

Someone put in a rush call to the fire department but, until the arrival of Mr. Claude Insley and another friend no one made any effort to assist the man. Mr. Insley and his friend rushed up to the third floor in the block and smashed their way through the locked apartment door. They reached over the window ledge and pulled Mr. Rimmer to safety.

### Monday, August 5th, to be Civic Holiday in Timmins

Monday, August 5th, will be civic holiday in Timmins, Tisdale, and many other municipalities of the North. For several years past the custom in the North has been to have the first Monday in August proclaimed a civic holiday. The majority of municipalities in the North have chosen this date as their civic holiday. For several years past the popularity of a holiday at the opening of August has been so generally observed that the first Monday in August has assumed the proportions of a provincial holiday.

## Order Removal of Boat Houses on River Banks

All Boat Houses on West Bank of Mattagami, North of the Bridge, Must be Removed by August 15. Space to be Used for Bathing Beach. Find Government Has Been Receiving Rental for Town Property. Demand Explanation.

Owners of boat houses on the west bank of the Mattagami River, north of the bridge, must move them before August 15 or they will be moved by the municipality—at the owners' expense. A resolution to that effect was passed at the formal meeting of the town fathers on Friday afternoon.

At the same meeting it was brought out that boat house owners have been paying a rental fee to the provincial government for the town-owned land upon which they are located.

"How has the government any right to accept rental fees for land owned by the town?" asked the Mayor. He explained that all of the land within the town limits, whether it be river bank or not, is owned by the town of Timmins. Consequently, the government had no right to charge a rental fee.

The Clerk, Mr. A. L. Shaw, was instructed to write to the proper department and put this question to officials in charge. He was furthermore instructed to ask for a telegraphed reply before the council holds a special meet-

### Tropic Heat On The Way

Those persons, and there are many, whose physical make-up is more adapted to jungle heat than to cool weather, will again be in their element about Wednesday, said Hollinger weatherman Wheeler to-day.

Today and tomorrow would see cloudy weather with light rain, he said, and by about Wednesday it would again begin to be excessively warm.

Since Thursday last rain to the depth of .55 inches has fallen.

Maximum and minimum temperatures since Thursday have been as follows: Thursday, maximum 86, minimum, 58; Friday 76 and 54; Saturday 77 and 53; Sunday 82 and 60. At eight o'clock this morning it was 62.

### Issue Uniforms and Rifles to Civil Home Guard

Ask for Tailors' Co-operation and for Sock and Towel Donations.

Uniforms were issued yesterday to most of the men of the permanent platoon of the Civil Home Guard here. Men not outfitted will be given issue uniforms this week.

Second Lieutenant Harold A. Proctor said today that rifles would be issued to the men this week. Meanwhile, the men are training daily with rifles loaned by the Algonquin Regiment.

Men of the Home Guard are following active service training routine with the difference that they sleep out of barracks and many of them eat at home.

Many of the uniforms issued to the men require alterations, and as the platoon has no funds appropriated for that purpose, an appeal is being made to the tailors of Timmins to assist in trouser alterations.

The Salvation Army has supplied the platoon with forty pair of socks and the South Porcupine with fifteen pair. Lieutenant Proctor said that the donations were deeply appreciated by himself and the men and that he would appreciate further donations of socks and towels.

Enlistment for number 5 platoon is still open. Men will be taken on strength the day they apply and will be attested and medically boarded on the same day. Such men will be the nucleus of a new platoon. Men are asked to bring some kind of documentary evidence of over-as service when they apply for enlistment.

"TWENTY YEARS AFTER..."



### Auxiliary Police Assemble in Short Order at Alarm

Four Truckloads of Men Assembled and Ready to Move in Twelve Minutes.

At 6.50 p.m. on Friday night the first alarm was sounded for the members of the Timmins Auxiliary Police Force. Eight and a half minutes later the first truck load of men left the town hall.

It was of course a false alarm designed to ascertain the speed with which the men could assemble. The alarm went at 6.50 p.m. At 6.45 p.m. the first truck arrived. Four minutes later it moved away laden with fully equipped policemen.

The second truck left at 6.59 p.m. and the third one moved off exactly one minute later. The fourth truck was loaded and waiting the order to move at 7.02 p.m.

The number of men on parade, all ranks, was 258. The men as they assembled, were given arm bands and could as easily have been provided with batons had the trouble been real rather than imaginary.

Chief of Police Leo H. Gagnon said today that he was very pleased with the response to the alarm.

The alarm was sounded on the Hollinger mill whistle and the whistle at McChesney's mill. It was nine blasts, three blasts of three each. At the same time an announcement was made over the radio.

### Banquet in Honour of Prof. Williams by U. of T. Grads

Interesting Addresses by Guest of Honour and Mining Men of District.

Prof. C. G. Williams, of the University of Toronto, formerly superintendent of the Hollinger Mines, was guest of honour on Thursday evening at a banquet held in the McIntyre Community Building. In attendance were officials of the mines in the district and the graduates and students of the University of Toronto.

Prof. Williams gave an interesting address during the evening, and many of the officials also spoke, welcoming the guest of honour back to the district during this visit.

### J. P. Bickell Right on the Job in the Old Country

London, July 27—With characteristic vigor, J. P. Bickell got his toes into his new job with the Ministry of Aircraft Production yesterday, 48 hours after his arrival from Canada, whence he was summoned by his fellow Canadian Lord Beaverbrook, to help step up Britain's plane output.

When would he start work, reporters asked Mr. Bickell.

"I have started already," came the terse retort. Currently he is touring aircraft plants.

The mining man, with many interests, said he planned to remain for the duration.

More than twenty years ago the three men shown above who are representative of the men which make up the permanent platoon of the Civil Home Guard, went through a drill period to fit them for overseas service. This time they are training to defend, if necessary, the home front. Shown above, from left to right, are Privates Gauley, Napier and Falconer.

### Week-end Liquor Charges

Con Cojocar, 41 Fourth avenue, faces a charge of keeping liquor for sale as the result of a raid made on his home by police at 11.23 p.m. last night.

A charge of illegal possession of beer has been laid against Ronald Leroux, 64 Fifth avenue. Police state that they apprehended Leroux with a case of beer in his car. He is alleged to have obtained it from a woman on Rea Street.

Ernest Thompson, 74 Railroad street has been charged with having beer in a public place. He is alleged to have had two pints of beer in his possession when stopped by officers.

Charged with driving in a manner dangerous to the public were Steve Kubanda, 28 Crescent avenue and George Couture, 34 Wilson avenue. Both charges were the result of minor accidents in which no one was injured.

### Germans Order Killing of Dutch Hens, Danish Cattle

Amsterdam, July 27—The German controlled administration of the Netherlands announced to-day that "because of a shortage of feed," 12,000,000 laying hens, two-thirds of Holland's poultry, must be slaughtered before September 15.

Earlier this week German authorities ordered the Danes to kill 1,000,000 pigs and 10,000 cattle on the same pretext.

### British Order 11,000 With 2,800 Delivered Already

New York, July 27—Britain has ordered 11,000 planes from the United States to date and has already obtained delivery of 2,800, the British Purchasing Commission reported to-day in a broadcast statement picked up here by National Broadcasting Company.

## Committee Organized to Facilitate the National Registration in Timmins

Over Sixty at Meeting Called Last Week to Organize Volunteers for Registration Here. Task an Enormous One in Timmins but, With Effective Volunteer Assistance, Will be Successfully Carried Through.

### Many Interesting Contributions to Timmins Red Cross

Polish Aid Society Gives \$400. Children Send Proceeds of Concert

Mrs. H. R. Channon, secretary of the Timmins branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society has given The Advance a list of a few donations that are worthy of special mention:

One from the Polish Aid Society for the sum of \$400.00.

One from No. 77 Serbian National Federation, \$50.20.

Canadian Ukrainian Prosvita Society, \$20.00, proceeds from a picnic.

Miss Margaret Easton donated the use of her studio to several children who put on a concert realizing \$3.76; these children included:—Doris Archer, Jean Archer, Delores Pittonet, June Archer, Joy Archer, Claire Donoghue, Patsy Crawford, Sandra VanSickle, Gordon Skelly, Clare Archer.

### Summary of Council Meeting

Order removal of boat houses on west bank of Mattagami north of the bridge.

Ask why government collecting rental for town property.

Ask adults to cease using town playgrounds.

Request cessation of jostering on Mattagami bridge.

Announce resumption of harmonious relations with Timmins Citizens' Band.

Grant C.W.L. tag day on August 6 to help raise \$25,000 for war work.

Proclaim Monday, August 5, civic holiday.

## R. A. F. Deals Smashing Return Blows in Germany and the Low Countries

Hitler Using Bomb Carrying Messerschmitts in New Technique. Five of Nine Planes Brought Down Yesterday Hit in Battle Six Miles Above English Channel. Four Italian Planes Downed in Malta Attack.

### Swimmer Struck By Boat

Pulled Unconscious from Water With Severe Hand Injury.

Walter Lewington, 24, who lives at the Standard Hotel, was rushed to St. Mary's Hospital yesterday afternoon after he was struck by a motor boat while swimming in the Mattagami River.

Owner of the boat, powered by an outboard motor, which struck Lewington was the proprietor of the Standard Hotel, J. A. Morin, the police say. The injured man was pulled out of the water by another motor boat driver, Jack Fortin. He was stunned and partially unconscious when rescued.

Witnesses said that Lewington was swimming near the middle of the river near Wicks mill when run down by the boat. The prow of the boat struck him in the head. Lewington stated to police that when he felt the impact he tried to dive but came up at the rear of the craft. He got his hand in the revolving propeller and the knife like blades severed all the tendons of the left hand. In addition the victim sustained shock.

Mr. Morin told police that he did not see the man swimming in the river until after he struck him.

Fortunately Mr. Fortin was near at the time of the accident. He immediately drove his boat over to the spot and pulled the injured man out of the water. He took him first to the dance pavilion and from there to St. Mary's Hospital where he was attended by Dr. Clifford Taylor.

The attending physician told police that Mr. Lewington's injury was severe enough that he will be incapacitated for several weeks.

Up to late last night no charges had been laid. When and if they are laid they will be preferred by Provincial Police inasmuch as the scene of the accident was in their territory.

### Annual Picnic of I.O.O.F. to be Held on Sunday, Aug. 4th

Event Next Sunday at the Buffalo - Ankerite Picnic Grounds.

Timmins lodge No. 459 I.O.O.F. will hold their annual picnic on Sunday next, August 4th, at the Buffalo-Ankerite picnic grounds. All members and their families are asked to be present at this happy occasion. An invitation is also extended to members of Gold Nugget Rebekah Lodge, South Porcupine members should note this event. Tea, coffee, ice cream and soft drinks will be served.

Bus leaves the hall, Spruce street, north, at 11 a.m.

## Present Ambulance to Military Authorities

Local Branch of St. John Ambulance Society Head Asks Mayor to Make Presentation on Behalf of Citizens. Received by Colonel Chisholm, Staff Officer of M.D. 2, Will be Used at Camp Borden.

The local branch of the St. John's Ambulance Society last evening presented a completely equipped motor ambulance to Colonel Chisholm, of Military District Number 2. Presentation was made by Mayor Brunette on behalf of the citizens of Timmins.

The ambulance was dedicated by Rev. William Mustard to "the relief of suffering wherever it might be stationed."

Following the dedication the head of the St. John's Ambulance Society here, Thomas Richards, asked Mayor Brunette to make the formal presentation.

The ambulance was the tangible evidence of the patriotic endeavour both of the members of the St. John's Ambulance Society and the citizens of Timmins, said Mr. Brunette. He expressed complete faith that the same

Twenty-three German air raiders were reported shot down over the shores of Britain today in one of the greatest series of massed air battles of the war.

All 23 were shot down in one early morning engagement over southeast England in which at least 100 German planes, including 50 Stuka dive bombers, took part.

Twenty-seven planes were seen in a single attack on one objective.

Bombers and bomb-carrying planes, Hitler's latest innovation to aerial warfare, scattered their missiles of death across the face of England yesterday, and in return R.A.F. fliers carried the war back to Germany and were reported to have struck smashing blows at Nazi air and naval bases in Germany and the low countries.

Wales had its longest siege of the war—a three-hour battle in which bombs, pursuit ships, anti-aircraft guns and searchlights played their part. The raids extended also over southwest and northeast England and the crashing thud of heavy explosives was repeatedly heard.

Combats took place all day on Sunday. Greatest was an hour-long battle in which sixty planes were engaged six miles above the English Channel. The conflict which took place on "the floor of the stratosphere," accounted for five of the nine planes brought down in Sunday's fighting. Two British craft were lost.

Use of bombs by fighter planes was a new stunt. It is said that the employment of single seaters was designed to allow the Messerschmitts to dive, release their cargo of explosives and get away before the British fighters could get to them.

The technique was unsuccessful, the Air Ministry said, and pointed out that it indicated that the heavy toll taken of ponderous and heavy bombers was beginning to be felt by the Germans.

Meanwhile, waves of British planes bombed the naval bases at Wilhelmshaven and Bremen, attacked eight airbases in Holland and Germany and blasted barge concentrations at Stavoren, on the Netherlands coast.

Reports from Susak, Yugoslavia, stated that British planes had bombed Trieste, Udine and Pola for hours on end and that cannonading from the vicinity of Fiume had rattled windows in the little Yugoslav town.

From Malta came word that four Italian planes were shot down during the raids on the island.

Striking at Germany's vital supplies, the British planes were said to have bombed oil depots at Amsterdam and Hamburg and to have raided the Nordsee Canal, northern Holland.

### Conference of Town and Townships To-morrow Eve.

The conference between the town and township councils (Timmins, Tisdale and Whitney) originally scheduled for this evening, will be held to-morrow night (Tuesday). The chief matter for consideration is the report of the Ont. Dept. of Health of its survey of the district. One of the reasons for the survey was the suggestion made by some members of last year's town council that town and townships should combine to engage an all-time medical officer of health.