

Bad Weather Slows Down War in Air

Jury Charge Death of Lauri Plits to "Person Or Persons Unknown"

Man Found in Porcupine Creek Had Died from Knife Wound That Could Not Easily Have Been Self-Inflicted. Knife Found Some Distance Away.

South Porcupine, Aug. 21st—(Special to The Advance)—"We, your jury, impanelled to determine the cause why Lauri Plits came to his death find that he came to his death on or about Friday, August 9th, at or near the south branch of the Porcupine Creek, Lot 2, Concession 3, in the Township of Tisdale, about 800 feet north of the Porcupine General Hospital, by a stab wound in the left chest penetrating the left ventricle of the heart, said wound being caused by a person or persons unknown."

Such was the verdict rendered on Wednesday afternoon by Emerson Grant, foreman of a jury consisting of Winton Adamson, Jack Briscoe, Irving Went and Fred Wilson, under Coroner F. C. Evans in the new court room.

Evidence given was conclusive that the wound killing Plits could not have been self-inflicted, as the knife pierced the heart, which caused instantaneous death, and the weapon could not have been pulled out by the deceased and thrown away.

Constable Wood testified to receiving a report on Saturday by Serjant that Plits, who was living in his shack with him, had not returned from a fishing trip. He took down details of the man but did not think anything was wrong. He learned that Plits had been to Dr. Atkinson's the night before, August 8th, and found nothing further until Tuesday, the 13th, when the man's body was found.

Dr. Atkinson said Plits had consulted him and appeared worried over a suspected disease he was convinced he had. The doctor's assurance that he was not suffering from any disease did not seem to penetrate, as the doctor heard him say he was too young to die (or to be finished). He appeared normal mentally and made no mention of suicide.

Timmins Citizens' Band to Give Concert To-night

Weather permitting, the Timmins Citizens' Band will present one of its popular open air concerts this evening at the bandstand at the park on Spruce street. This event was originally planned to be given on Sunday evening, but the heavy rain on that occasion made it impossible for the band to fulfill the engagement. However with the favour of the weather this evening (Thursday) the programme will be presented as noted above.

One Hundred and Ten Men and Five Officers Leave Sunday for Camp

List of Men in "D" Company, Algonquin Regiment, Non-Permanent Active Militia, Who Will Take Two Weeks Training Course at Niagara-on-the-Lake Given Below. Equipment Issued to Men Today.

Approximately one hundred and ten men, other ranks, and five commissioned officers of "D" Company, Algonquin Regiment, non-permanent active militia, will leave Timmins on Sunday for a two weeks' training period in camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

In charge of the unit will be Second Lieutenant G. W. Gilling. Other officers who, it is expected, will be gazetted by Sunday, are Second Lieutenants W. Lyon, William Wren, Kenneth Turnbull and Dan Casey.

The men who will leave for the training period were enlisted, most of them, before the deadline for voluntary enlistment, August 15. They have, since enlistment, been training at least twice a week.

Men who were not medically boarded up until last evening will not be included in the contingent which leaves on Sunday.

With the men will be Joseph Weighman, Regimental Sergeant Major; W. S. Godfrey, Company Sergeant Major and Thomas Neil, Quartermaster Sergeant. Other non-commissioned officers will be appointed.

Uniforms and equipment will be issued to the men today and tomorrow. Those who already have uniforms were issued with underwear, socks and other articles of clothing yesterday.

German Prisoner Captured

Prisoners at Internment Camp Have Been Giving False Names.

Announcement was made from Ottawa this morning that Gunther Lorenza, a German prisoner who escaped from a Northern Ontario internment camp a few days ago, was recaptured by Royal Canadian Mounted Police on the Victoria Bridge at Montreal last night.

The name of the prisoner was thought to have been Werner Koche because of the fact that prisoners have been giving false names during the roll calls at the camp.

Lorenza was believed captured when police recognized his handwriting at the bridge.

154,000 IN THE C.A.S.F.

Ottawa, Aug. 21—Swelling numbers of Canadian defence forces were announced today by Defence Minister Ralston in a press interview. In addition to the approximately 40,000 troops overseas, the Canadian Active Service Force in Canada as of August 14, totalled 114,000. Of this total 26 companies were veterans home guards.

Separate Schools to Open Here on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd

Help Will be Given to Any Staying Out of School for Farm Work.

At a meeting last night of the Separate School board it was decided that the Separate Schools in Timmins will open on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd. It is not thought there will be many, if any, children who will be staying out to do farm work, but if there are any plans will be made to see that they have opportunity to catch up with their school work when they return to school.

ENTERPRISE OF GIRLS HELPS THE RED CROSS



Post Mortem Discloses Woman Found on Floor Of Room Died Naturally

Found to Have Tumor of the Brain. Dead About Eight Hours Before Discovery of Her Body by Proprietor of Dominion Cafe at Seven O'clock on Tuesday Evening. Seek Relatives or Friends in Timmins.

A postmortem examination, performed yesterday, disclosed that Miss Helvi North, 23, Finnish woman whose body was found on the floor of room 15, the Dominion Cafe, on Tuesday evening, died from a tumour of the brain.

Dr. H. L. Minthorn, coroner, who performed the postmortem examination, said today that the woman died about eight hours before she was found by the proprietor of the restaurant, Seta Jean, at seven o'clock on Tuesday evening.

There would be no inquest held into the death, Dr. Minthorn said. Meanwhile police are investigating in an effort to find friends or relatives of the woman who could give some information about her. Assisting police is Rev. A. I. Hehonen, Finnish minister.

The woman was last seen alive at five o'clock on Tuesday morning. At that time Seta Jean went to the woman's room to inquire about her health. She had, he told police, been ill for some time previous.

She was next seen at seven o'clock in the evening when Seta Jean again went to the room. This time he found the woman lying on the floor beside the bed. She was scantily dressed. He immediately informed police and an investigation was at once under way.

Until a late hour this morning no information had been uncovered as to friends or relatives of the woman although one family who might know something about her had been discovered.

Sleeping pills were found in the woman's belongings but officials said today that they were not sufficiently toxic to have caused the woman's death. She apparently was struck

down by the tumour and in resulting convulsions threw herself off the bed to the floor and died almost immediately.

THEY'RE BUSY IN EGYPT

Cairo, Egypt, Aug. 21—The Royal Air Force today reported numerous raids on Italian-held African territory, including Ethiopia where hangars and a railway station at Diredawa were bombed.

ATTACKED GERMAN DESTROYERS

London, Aug. 21—The air ministry announced tonight that British planes yesterday attacked two enemy destroyers in the North Sea and damaged one of them.

Timmins Horticultural Society Show on Monday And Tuesday, Aug. 26-27

Sixteenth Annual Exhibition in Timmins Arena Promises to be the Best Yet. Large Prize List in All Classes. Music by Timmins Citizens' Band and the Lions Boys' Band.

The sixteenth annual exhibition of the Timmins Horticultural Society will be held in the Timmins arena next Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 26th and 27th. The Timmins show is admitted by authorities to be the largest and most complete exhibition north of Toronto. There is a large prize list in all classes, with flowers, vegetables, home-crafts featured and special class for juveniles and novices. The president of the society this year is Mr. J. H. Knell, for several years the very able secretary. Mr. J. Yates is the secretary. These officers are supported by an able and efficient board. The show this year promises to be bigger and better than ever. Timmins Citizens' Band and the Lions Boys' Band will be in attendance to provide music for the occasion. The admission fee is the nominal one of a dime. The opening address by His Worship the Mayor, Emile Brunette, will be given the first evening at 8 o'clock.

On McNaughton's Staff



Major M. H. Brown, who before going overseas with the R.C.A.M.C. last September in command of a field hygiene section, was a professor at the University of Toronto, has been included in the appointments by Lieut-General A. G. McNaughton. He will be attached to corps headquarters as deputy assistant director of hygiene.

Major Brown is another of the several university men to take special posts.

Two Hurt In Auto Accident

Crash at the Corner Birch Street and Fifth Avenue Yesterday.

Two persons were injured in an automobile accident which took place at the intersection of Birch street and Fifth avenue at 3:15 p.m. yesterday. They were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Montigny, 177 Birch street north. Mrs. Montigny, who was driving one of the cars involved in the accident, received a strained back and her husband had lacerations about one hand.

Driver the second car involved was Leo Saudino, 25, of 19 Bannerman Avenue. He is charged with driving in a manner dangerous to the public.

Saudino was driving west on Fifth avenue and Mrs. Montigny, south on Birch street. The two cars met in the intersection and the force of the impact was great enough to turn Sau-

German Bomber Downed In Convoy Attack Brings Nazi Toll to a Thousand

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Air Secretary, Warns Public Against Complacency. Germans Use Change of Tactics to Avoid Heavy Losses in Mass Attacks. R.A.F. Ranges Far Over Europe Yesterday.

Public School to Open Sept. 3

Provision Made for Any Pupil Who May Do Farm Work.

Timmins public school board met this week and dealt with the question of the re-opening of the schools after the summer vacation. Premier Hepburn has suggested that public schools remain closed till Sept. 15th, and high schools until Oct. 1st, so that pupils may help on the farms where there is a shortage of labour. In the North, it is felt that the plan of Premier Hepburn would not be practical for this country, though all are in favour of helping along any patriotic plan that would assist the farmers. The public school board decided on the solution of the question that should appeal to all. The public schools here will re-open on Sept. 3rd, so that the pupils in general may not miss any of the advantages of a full term of education, while at the same time any pupils who are able and willing to assist with necessary farm work or help in the harvesting of the crops may do so, the public school board here announcing by resolution its desire to co-operate with Premier Hepburn's plan and its readiness to hire special teachers to coach pupils who may lose a few weeks of school next month to assist on the farms.

R.A.F. Bag Another Fifteen Italian Planes in Libya

Radio flashes this morning on United States stations said that word reached London yesterday that the R.A.F. in Libya encountered a squadron of Italian planes by surprise. It took a little time to get into position, but in the first thrust the R.A.F. brought down three Italian planes and seven more in the next attack. The Italians then broke formation, but before they got away five more planes were lost, making fifteen in all. No British losses were reported in the encounter.

BLAMED OGPU

Before he died last night Trotsky whispered an accusation that the injuries were due to an assailant "most likely" a member of the Russian Secret Police.

Despite a lull in Germany's aerial warfare against Great Britain the government kept alert for a possible immediate renewal with even greater fury and the public was warned not to be complacent.

During an attack on a convoy in the Channel this morning, a German dive bomber was shot down. It brought to an even one thousand the number of planes destroyed for certain since Hitler began his intensive air war on June 18.

Some Britons declared that in July the R.A.F. shot the "blitz" out of "blitzkrieg" but Air Secretary Sir Archibald said it would be a mistake "to think that the danger of invasion, or of massed attacks from the air, is past."

Fishermen reported that three German planes attacked a British convoy off the northeast coast today dropping several bombs but without apparent success.

Unfavourable weather was believed to have contributed to the slackening of German assaults. The R.A.F. has been forced to slacken its assaults on the continent because of bad weather.

Yesterday aerial torpedoes, propeller stemmed cylinders of destruction, were loosed by Nazi bombers in attacks which smashed houses by the row and hurled uncounted victims in the ruins. The torpedoes were hurled along with shriek bombs along southeastern towns after a day of ceaseless hit-and-run attacks by lone Nazi raiders. A whole row of eight little cottages was smashed into a tangle of debris where the torpedoes were launched horizontally.

British experts pointed out that the Germans may have decided on a change of tactics to avoid heavy losses suffered during massed raids with large formations.

The Royal Air Force yesterday ranged to Orleans in France, east to the Kiel German Naval base which was damaged by direct bomb hits. Bombs also were dropped on Nazi just outside Paris, on oil refineries at Hanover, in industrial sections of the Ruhr, on German centres in north France, Holland and Belgium and in northwest Germany.

FIREMEN CALLED FOR FIRE IN CHIMNEY ON HEMLOCK ST.

Firemen were called once since Monday, yesterday at 7:01 p.m. A chimney fire on Hemlock street was the cause of their trouble. It was not at all serious and easily extinguished.

District Registrations Will Number Near 30,000

More Than 14,000 Received in Timmins, 2,000 From South Porcupine and 1,500 from Schumacher. Ten Thousand Were Registered Before Monday. Everything Went Smoothly After Monday Morning.

More than 14,000 registration cards were filled out at four schools in Timmins in Timmins during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, according to Registrar Wilfred Spooner this morning. In addition there were 1,534 registrations from Schumacher, 2,000 from South Porcupine and 10,000 from mines and other employers who registered their own employees.

In this area, down as far as Connaught, a total of nearly 30,000 registrations will be turned in to Sheriff Mackay, of Cochrane, Chief Registrar for the district.

After Monday morning when there was a shortage of volunteer workers, registration went off smoothly, Mr. Spooner said. He observed that as soon as workers, paid and volunteer, had some practice in what was expected of them they settled down to work efficiently and with a minimum of wasted effort.

The matter of keeping registration cards supplied with forms and other supplies was a major problem. As late as Wednesday morning supplies were still being received from Ottawa. Had these been in before, Mr. Spooner said, the work would have been facilitated to some extent. There were four calls for supplies from outlying sections. They were delivered by taxi cab, the taxi companies performing the service without recompense.

A large part of the work was sending deputy registrars out to invalids and other persons who could not leave their

homes. Many private individuals volunteered the use of their cars for this.

All registration cards will go from here to the Chief Registrar at Cochrane. Each of the deputy registrars was entrusted with the task of sending his own cards back to the district headquarters.

More than 2,800 pounds of paper passed through the office of the Registrar, Mr. Spooner, during the three days.

Little or no trouble was experienced with the registration of miners. Each of the mines took care of the registration of its own employees and, said Mr. Spooner, did it efficiently and well. Altogether, twenty-six employers took care of the registration of their own employees.

The registrar, Mr. Spooner, wished to thank all those who assisted. Included in his thanks were the captains of schools, the deputy registrars, the newspapers and radio station, three taxi companies, Brunettes, Cartier and DeLuxe, the Star Transfer and stores which contributed ink and pens and other office supplies.

A sidelight on registration: "This morning, said Mr. Spooner, two girls came into my office. Although from Timmins they had never heard of such a thing as national registration. They were completely at a loss as to what it all was about. After three days during which everyone over 16 years of age was talking and thinking registration, they came to me with the question: 'What is National Registration?'"