

Think Expert Outsiders Worked on Palace Safe

Safe Blowing Equipment Similar to That Used by Professionals Chief Finds. Were Wrenches, Caps, Detonators, Nitro-Glycerine and Tape. Men Were Surprised By Unexpected Arrival of Projection Room Operator.

The attempt to crack the safe in the Palace Theatre which was foiled by the timely appearance on the scene of the projection machine operator, Thomas Ansara, early on Tuesday morning, was made by an organized gang of outsiders, Chief of Police Leo H. Gagnon said today.

Ansara walked into the theatre after closing hour on Tuesday morning, just after midnight. He surprised the men, three of them who apparently were working over the safe in the office.

Immediately they heard him the men dashed out of the office, along the hallways at the rear of the theatre and out the side entrance facing on a lane on the south side of the building. Ansara did not follow the men but ran back to the office and telephoned for police. Immediately police arrived they began to investigate.

Beside the safe in the theatre office was a small bottle which later was found to contain nitro-glycerine, enough to blow up the theatre. A crowbar and a small chisel were found, a number of small caps and detonators, a small rad known as a packer and some adhesive tape and cotton batting. In the laneway outside the theatre was found a flash light.

All that was missing from the equipment was an electric drill. Police believed that the men took that with them. All of the other items are part of the regular equipment of a professional safe-blower.

Police recalled today that safe-blowings had been experienced by police in Sudbury, North Bay, Rouyn, Val d'Or, Ville Marie, Bourlémare and other northern municipalities lately. They pointed out the possibility that the same gang might have pulled all of the jobs.

Red Cross Society to Meet To-morrow to Elect Officers

Meeting of Timmins Branch in Town Hall at 8 p.m.

Notices have been sent out by the Timmins Branch of the Red Cross Society in regard to a meeting of the branch to be held in the town hall to-morrow (Friday, Sept. 6th) at 8 p.m. A large attendance of members is especially desired as there will be much important business to be dealt with, including the election of officers for the ensuing term.

Timmins Still Third in All The Dominion in Home Improvement

Only Exceeded by the Two Big Cities, Toronto and Montreal. Kirkland Lake in Seventh Place; Sudbury Eighth; Ottawa, Ninth; Windsor, Tenth; Calgary, Eleventh. Rouyn, Twelfth; London, Thirteenth; Saint John N.B., Fourteenth.

The latest returns by the Minister of Finance indicate that Timmins continues to stand third in the matter of home improvement. In this regard Timmins is only exceeded by Toronto and Montreal.

Under the Home Improvement Act the Minister of Finance reports all the home improvement loans issued in the Dominion. The figures give a practical idea of the number and amount of home improvements made in Canada. Of course, not everyone who makes improvements at his home does so under the Home Improvement Plan. The most of them, however, have the largest part of the cost of home improvement placed under the Dominion. The final result does not differ much from the actual total figures for home improvement. As a matter of fact more than the usual number of home improvement projects in Timmins do not come under the Home Improvement Plan. This fact leaves Timmins with a total practical record of home improvement much greater than any town several times the population of this town.

The following figures released by Hon. J. L. Ilsley show the number and amount of Home Improvement loans in towns of \$5,000 or more in towns or cities over 5,000:

Toronto, 13,749 loans, of amount \$4,819,165.02
Montreal, 4,685 loans, \$2,598,181.07
Timmins, 1,968 loans, \$1,751,967.94
Winnipeg, 4,227 loans, \$1,601,611.41
Edmonton, 2,640 loans, \$1,440,690.43
Vancouver, 4,802 loans, \$1,358,317.30
Kirkland, 1,532 loans, \$1,190,768.73
Sudbury, 1,822 loans, \$1,139,435.88
Ottawa, 1,826 loans, \$806,749.67
Windsor, 2,115 loans, \$774,137.98
Calgary, 1,599 loans, \$677,500.21
Rouyn, 651 loans, \$521,387.22
St. John, 1,118 loans, \$454,358.72
Halifax, 1,162 loans, \$450,290.69

Takes Four Police to Bring Husky Miner in to Jail

Friend Who Interferes is Brought Along Also.

Charles Percival, 26, 160 Avenue Road, was allegedly making a fuss on Hemlock Street by cursing and swearing and fighting. When police asked him "to come quietly" he refused to do so. It took four officers to persuade him that coming quietly was the wisest thing to do.

In court yesterday morning Percival pleaded "not guilty" and was remanded for a week by Magistrate Atkinson. Bail was set at \$100 property or \$50 cash.

Basil Chenowski, 26, 370 Pine north, interfered when police were trying to quell Percival and he too was brought in on a disorderly conduct charge.

Postpone Hearing of High Grade Ore Theft Accusations

To be Held on September 17. Men Released on Bail of \$2,000 Each.

Hearings on charges of gold theft against three Timmins men, Sam Larocque, 52, 80 Mountjoy Street, South; Albert Pelouin, 31, 63 Fifth Avenue and William Guay, 38, 7 Commercial Avenue, were postponed until Tuesday, September 17, in police court on Tuesday.

The three men who are alleged to have taken gold out of the Preston East Dome Mine in capsules, discovered by rectal x-ray examination, all appeared in court on Tuesday. Their attorney asked for an adjournment.

Bail of \$2,000 was supplied for two of the men, Larocque and Guay. Pelouin was ordered held until he could find bondsmen to satisfy the Magistrate. His bail too was set at \$2,000.

Crown Attorney Samuel Calibick said that Provincial constable Braney, head of the gold squad, had been summoned to appear in Toronto on September 9 so he would not be able to appear here to testify against the trio next week.

WERE THE YOUNGSTERS PLEASED TO GET BACK TO SCHOOL?



Legion Finds Another Way to Help Along the Soldier While on Leave

Distributing Car Stickers Showing Motorist Ready to Give Soldiers a Ride. Mayor Brunette the First in Timmins to Put One on His Car. Local Legion Buys Two Hundred Stickers.

The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League has found another way to help the soldier of to-day. For months past the Legion has been trying to induce the government to give the soldiers on leave free transportation on the railways. As The Advance has repeatedly pointed out the present situation is by no means complimentary to the good sense or the good heart of the authorities. Soldiers on leave at present have to pay their own way to their homes when on leave. To most of them this is impossible. The fact that so many young men travelled long distances to enlist, and at present are far from their homes, makes the situation all the more unfair. All who cannot afford the cost of railway transportation must either walk, hitch-hike or stay at their barracks for their leaves. The Legion has sought to influence the government to change this. Failing at the present in this patriotic plan, the Legion has found another way to help the soldiers. They are distributing stickers bearing the words, "Rides for Soldiers". A car displaying one of these cards shows:

That the owner desires to be known as a friend of the men in khaki and takes this method of showing his good will.

That he appreciates the big job the boys are doing, or will soon be doing, and is ready to give them a ride when possible to do so.

That he is unable to give a ride to hitch-hikers in civilian clothes, as he is reserving all such space for soldiers. The Timmins branch of the legion has purchased 20 of these stickers, and will order more if required.

Mayor J. Emile Brunette was the first man in Timmins to place one of these stickers on his car, to show that he is heartily in favour of the soldier and ready to do all possible to make the soldier's way easier in the battle of life.

Exchange: Prospective Tenant—I like this room but the view from the window is rather monotonous. Landlord—Well, of course, this is just a roominghouse, it isn't a sightseeing bus.

CHARM AT THE MARKET



The new Timmins market opening on Saturday has been attracting crowds of customers, but none more charming than this little lady, Miss Gwen Caswell, who is carrying away a purchase of carrots that for size and flavour would be hard to excel outside this North Land.

Bruises Speak for Themselves Magistrate Finds

William Brannigan Assessed \$20 and Costs for Wallowing Angela.

"I guess the bruises this woman bore spoke for themselves," said Magistrate Atkinson assessing William Brannigan \$20 and costs for assaulting Angela Dolecar.

Miss Dolecar said that she went to ask Brannigan for his room rent and to pay for damaged furniture in his room. Instead of rent she got buffets, two on the cheek and one on the breast. Evidence of the complaint was corroborated by that of Pauline Lovshun, who said that she heard Angela scream, "Help Pauly. Help. He beat me."

It was last Tuesday night, said Brannigan, when his rent was up. He told Miss Dolecar he intended to move and asked if he might leave his belongings there for a day. The next night, when she came to get the rent due her, Miss Dolecar wanted to charge him for a broken lamp. He offered her a dollar, thinking that amount fair enough as the "lamps function was not impaired" and because he did not break it in the first place.

She refused the money and blocked the door with her body. Brannigan said. He merely pushed her aside and took his luggage away with him. He denied striking the woman.

Court Clerk Roland Godin said that the woman was badly bruised when she came in to lay the charge against Brannigan.

Aluminum, New and Old, Wanted for War Purposes in Britain

"Turn Your Pots and Pans Into Spitfires."

(By Dr. J. W. S. McCullough)

The Minister for aircraft production the Canadian Lord Beaverbrook, last week issued the following appeal for aluminum to the women of Britain:

"Given us your aluminum. We want it and we want it now. New and old, of every type and description, and all of it.

"We will turn your pots and pans into Spitfires and Hurricanes, Zlenheims and Wellingtons. I ask, therefore, that everyone who has pots and pans, kettles, vacuum cleaners, hat pegs, coat-hangers, shoe-trees, bathroom fittings, cigarette boxes or any articles made wholly or in part of aluminum should hand them over at once to the local headquarters of the Women's Voluntary Services." The appeal, according to the London Times, has met with a wide response.

This is not a health article, but nevertheless it is an important topic which in this country as well as Britain demands attention. Canadians if given a similar appeal would respond just as heartily as they are doing across the seas.

Is it not time that the Government of this country should make a similar appeal to Canada? The country is swarming with old and new aluminum pots, pans and other articles which most of us could, for a time, do without.

Aluminum makes excellent culinary utensils and other articles of household and domestic use. Contrary to ignorant opinion aluminum vessels carry no hazard to the user of foods cooked in them. They are safe for use, but as I have already said, we can do without them in a pinch. The need for aluminum must be tremendous in Great Britain. To supply what we can of this material will help to win the war.

There is a legend growing up in some quarters in recent years that children these days find school so pleasant that they are glad when the holidays are over and they return to school. No one need believe that unless they wish to do so. Probably, the answer is that some children like to go to school and some do not. Anyone who is anxious for information on the subject and not merely looking for an argument, might study the expressions on the faces of the children shown above. This group was photographed by The Advance' photographer on the first day of school as the children assembled in front of the Central public school previous to marching into the school for the first class since the summer vacation period. Studying the expressions on the faces of the youngsters will suggest how many feel glad about getting back to school, and also indicates that even school can not drive the merry smile from some young faces.

Budding Female Driver Has Her Wings Nipped

Smashed Sidewalk and Injured Woman Learning to Drive.

A car driven by Simone Rusenstrom was going around a corner too fast in a recent accident, police said in court on Tuesday. The auto left the road, jumped over a nearby sidewalk striking and injuring a woman pedestrian and smashing a fence before it finally came to rest.

The accused woman pleaded guilty. She said that she crashed into the fence to try and avoid striking a woman. She was driving on a learner's permit, at the time, she said.

Fine was \$50 and costs and the woman was forbidden to drive for a year. John Durico was assessed \$25 and costs for careless driving.

Said the Crown of Ernest Jokolo, who was charged with having a .22 calibre rifle while being an alien: "This man was perfectly innocent of the fact that it is illegal for an alien to have a gun. He brought this rifle in to have it registered. Fine was \$10 and costs.

Serepham Houle was freed of a charge of stealing an automobile owned by the Marshall-Ecclestone company when the Crown Attorney, in court on Tuesday, explained to Magistrate Atkinson that the car actually was stolen by another youth. Houle did not know that his companion had stolen the car in which they were holidaying until well out of this district.

Weekly Whist Drive of the Ladies' Auxiliary

Seven and one-half tables of whist were played at the weekly whist drive conducted by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion at the Legion hall on Tuesday evening.

Winners at whist were as follows: Ladies: 1st, Mrs. W. A. Devine, 2nd, Mrs. Pemberton; 3rd, Mrs. Lemieux; Gentlemen: 1st, Mrs. W. D. Forrester playing as a gentleman; 2nd, Mr. J. Topping; 3rd, Mr. W. M. Vankoughnet.

On Tuesday, September 10th, the Auxiliary will commence another series of whist drives in the whist tournaments which proved very popular last winter.

Opening Meeting To-Night of the Rebekah Lodge

The opening meeting of the Gold Nugget Rebekah Lodge for the coming season, will take place this (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock, in the Oddfellows' Hall. All members are asked to be in attendance at the meeting the main purpose of which is the nomination of officers for the coming year.

Hundreds of Guns Registered Here With Local Police

Hundreds of firearms have been registered with local police in the past week. Citizens have until September 15 to register firearms in their possession.

Registration hours have been set by local police between twelve o'clock noon and eight at night. They ask persons wishing to register rifles and shotguns and other firearms to come between those hours as special clerks have been put on to accommodate registrants.

Included in the registration order are rifles, revolvers and shotguns of every calibre. Registration may be made either with officers of the local police force or with provincial police officers.

Red Cross to Launch Another Nation-wide Campaign this Month

Has Met Number of Emergencies. Wants to be Ready for Others.

Toronto, Sept. 3—With three emergency demands developing within the past week, including a request from the Department of Defense to cooperate in the provision of eight convalescent hospitals in Canada, the Canadian Red Cross Society will launch a nation-wide appeal on September 23rd, with an objective of not less than \$5,000,000. It was announced last week by Norman Sommerville, K.C., national chairman.

"Almost all the \$5,000,000 contributed voluntarily during our campaign last November has been spent in meeting the emergency calls upon Red Cross during the past year," Mr. Sommerville said, "Four million dollars have been spent in actual war work and \$725,000 for our peace-time services."

In addition to continuing the provision of hospital and surgical supplies, woolen comforts for the troops and clothing for refugees, and the operation of the many war-time services already established at home and overseas, the Canadian Red Cross is faced with new responsibilities in regard to accommodation for convalescent soldiers, clothing of refugees and feeding of prisoners-of-war.

"At our Central Council meeting in Toronto next week, the executive will recommend that pursuant to the request from the Department of Defense, the Canadian Red Cross should provide, equip and co-operate in the maintenance of eight convalescent hospitals in various parts of the country for soldiers invalided from overseas or at home."

"At the same meeting, the executive will place before the Council the request from the British Red Cross that 5,000 parcels of food be purchased and packed in Canada every week and sent to British prisoners in Germany. The financing of this arrangement will be discussed.

Another emergency call to the Canadian Red Cross was the cable received yesterday from its overseas commissioner in London stating that 100,000 refugees who have fled to England from invaded countries, as well as thousands of evacuated children in Britain, are in desperate need of clothing.

"With emergencies of this type calling for our help day after day, it will be seen readily that we must have at least \$5,000,000 if we are to do the work that the people of Canada would have us do in relieving suffering caused by enemy onslaught. Our canvassers will start out on September 23rd, and we are urging people throughout the country to give to the utmost, with the assurance that every dollar contributed to Red Cross will be well spent."

Provincial Command Officers to Visit the Ladies' Auxiliary

Meeting to be Held in Legion Hall on Sept. 13th.

The general monthly meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion was held on Monday evening in the Legion hall, with the president, Mrs. Robt. Hardy in the chair. Several matters of importance were discussed and three members, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Mackie, and Mrs. Menear were initiated.

An announcement was made that Provincial Command officers will visit the local branch on Friday, September 13th, when a meeting will be held in the Legion hall commencing at 8 p.m. All members are asked to be in attendance at this meeting to welcome the visitors, and later, at 9:30 p.m., a social evening will be held, invitations to attend being extended to all members, their husbands and Legion members.

The monthly raffle was won by Mrs. Menear, and routine business was discussed.

Geraldton Times: Hitler is being frustrated in the air and on the sea in his attack on Britain. His "secret weapon" will probably be a tunnel under the channel, but then he will be that much closer to the region in which he belongs.