

# Russia Reported Holding Smolensk

## Short Meeting of the Town Council Yesterday

Councillors Terry and McDermott Didn't Attend Meeting as They Were Out of Town on Holidays. Grant Union Right to Hold Meeting on Cedar Street To-morrow Night.

The Timmins council held a short meeting yesterday afternoon with Mayor Brunette in the chair and Councillors Roberts, Spooner, Bartleman and Eyre present. Councillors Terry and McDermott are both out of town on holidays.

First item on the agenda was a letter from the chief constable, approving the granting of a taxi license to Fred Therrien. It was understood that Mr. Therrien was going to locate his taxi stand at 108B Wilson avenue, and the chief said that this location was suitable. Council granted Mr. Therrien the right to start his stand at that address.

A petition from a number of residents of Toke street between Howard and Ross streets asked that the name Toke street be continued in that section. It was decided by the council that this request would be deferred till next week when the council expects to have a report on the changing of names on a lot of the Timmins streets.

The department of Highways wrote to the council regarding the bridge that is being built on the Mattagami River. It was explained that construction on the bridge has been held up because the contractors were unable to obtain steel but it was expected that construction would be starting again in the near future.

A letter was received from Mr. W. E. Wickston asking the council to refund his poll tax. He said that he was the sole support of three brothers and though his mother received a monthly allowance of twenty-five dollars, it was all used by her for her own clothes, etc. Council was advised that the case had been investigated and it was found that Wickston had bought some property in the name of another's name and that he had been working at a mine for the past five years and that he owned a car. Council decided that they would not refund the tax.

The chief constable wrote to the council asking them to cancel taxi license No. 170. This license was issued to Lucien Fillion, the chief said, and last week the man had been convicted in police court here and the usual procedure was to cancel any such licenses.

A letter from Al Wetmore quoting prices for the property that the town is thinking of taking over to open the North End streets was deferred till the council receives a report from the real estate men who are making a valuation of the property.

C. R. West had an application before the council asking for the position of market caretaker for the summer. He explained that he had previous experience in this line. The matter was deferred.

A letter from Gregory T. Evans, asked the council to pay for some damage that had been done to a local residence. He said that during blasting operations on one of the Timmins streets a window had been broken and the owner expected the town to pay for it. Council decided that they will investigate and see if the town was at fault and if they were they will pay.

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## I. O. O. F. Picnic July 27

Noted Event to be Held This Year at Buffalo-Ankerite Park.

For around twenty years the annual district Oddfellows picnic has been a noted feature of each summer season. Previous to last year the event was held at Golden City and attracted crowds from Timmins, Schumacher, South Porcupine, Golden City, Hoyle, Connaught and even from as far away as Iroquois Falls and Matheson. Last year the annual I.O.O.F. picnic was held at the Buffalo-Ankerite picnic grounds. These grounds proved so pleasing that this year's picnic is to be held at the same place—the Buffalo-Ankerite picnic grounds. The date for the annual Oddfellows' picnic this year will be Sunday July 27th. The bus will leave the Oddfellows' hall, 58 Spruce street north, Timmins at 11.15 a.m. Members of Gold Nugget Rebekahs are given a cordial invitation. Also visiting brothers who may be in the district will be heartily welcomed. South Porcupine members are asked to please note the event.

## Capt. Geo. A. Neame to be Speaker at Kiwanis on Monday

Capt. Geo. A. Neame, M.B.E. (retired), will be the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club luncheon at the Empire hotel on Monday, July 29th. Capt. Neame is a brother of Mr. Austin Neame, of Timmins, and is in Canada on a mission for the British Timber Control Board. He served in the British Intelligence Branch at Murrumbidgee in the war of 1914 to 1918, and later was in the timber business in Danzig for many years. The German occupation forced him to leave abruptly, and he lost everything he possessed. His address should be of very special interest and value.

The meeting for the first week in August will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 5th. Monday, the regular Kiwanis meeting day, being civic holiday. Kiwanian V. H. Evans, reeve of Tisdale, will be the speaker for that meeting. He will give some of his impressions from his recent visit to Atlanta, Georgia, when he went as the representative of the South Porcupine Kiwanis at the Kiwanis International Convention.

## REPORT FIGHTING IN ECUADOR

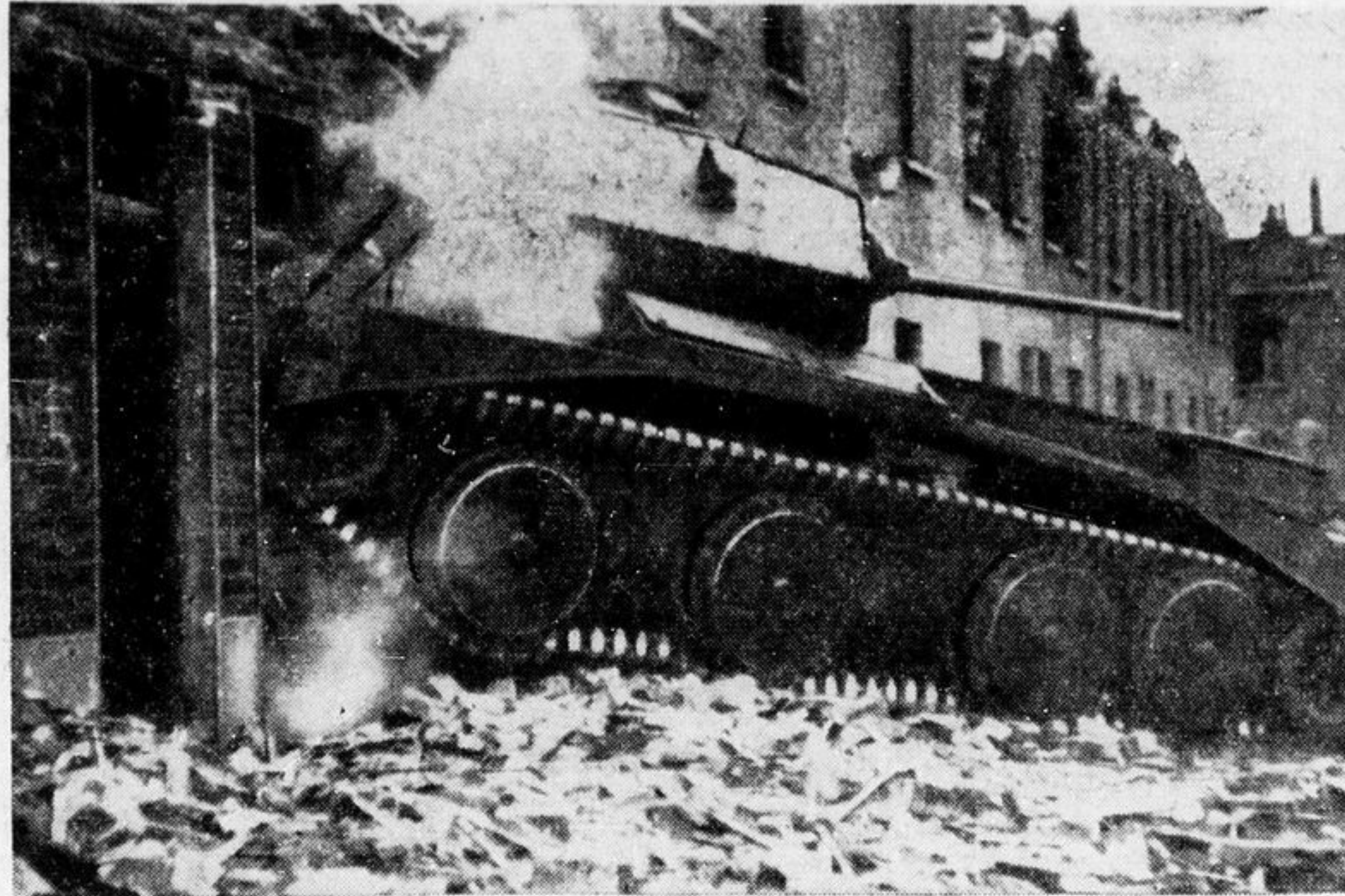
Semi-official sources in Ecuador reported that there has been fighting along the border between Ecuador and Peru since 2 a.m. yesterday.

## Door to Door Canvass to Start on Wednesday for Aluminum Articles Here

Aluminum One of the Metals Much Needed for War Purposes. Housewives Asked to Look up All Aluminum Ware They Can Donate. Boys "K" Club, the Only Authorized Salvage Organization Here, Will Make the Collection.

Housewives and others are asked to route out all possible aluminum utensils and articles they are able to give and to be ready to pass them over to the Boys "K" Club when they make their collection through the town. The collection will start on Wednesday next, July 30th, and the Boys "K" Club will make a canvass from door to door for aluminum articles. Aluminum is one of the metals badly needed for war purposes in Canada today. It is largely used in the manufacture of planes and for other war purposes. The fact that it is needed will be enough to make most people give as many articles of aluminum as possible. All are urged to hunt up all available articles of aluminum. There will be pots, pans, dishes of various kinds, kettles and many other articles. All will be useful if they are of aluminum. Get them ready now, so as to make the work of the collectors, the Boys "K" Club easier and speedier. Remember that the help

## BRITISH TANKS TESTED ON BLITZED HOME



It's just a pushover now, but it was once a home. Monster British tanks like this one, which will help end the Nazi threat to the world, are tested on blitzed English houses, finishing the work that bombs began.

Other homes must be found for the civilian population, who have put up with such terrific moral resistance to the Nazi air attacks.

## Timmins Red Cross Gives Graphic Picture of the Work Being Done Here

Windows Filled With Notable Examples of Knitted Articles and Goods Made Here for Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Refugees, Bomb Victims. None Should Miss Seeing the Display.

Two windows in the former A. & P. store on Pine street north give a striking story of the remarkable work being done by the Timmins Red Cross. The windows carry samples of socks, mitts, helmets, scarves, slippers, sweaters, pyjamas, bed jackets, pneumonia jackets, seamen's stockings, etc., etc., all finished in the most workmanlike way and perfect examples of the art of knitting and sewing. One window is given over to the "units" made, locally. The 2-year-old girls' unit consists of a cap, a coat, 2 knitted dresses, 1 pair of stockings, 1 pair socks. The girl's unit is 1 coat, 1 skirt, 1 blouse, 1 sweater, 1 pair knickers. The two-year-old boy's unit includes 1 cap, 1 coat, 2 knitted suits, 1 pair socks, 1 pair shoes. The boy's unit is 1 jacket, 1 pair long, 1 shirt, 1 sweater, 1 windbreaker.

Reading each month that the local Red Cross shipped so many hundred articles gives little conception of the work involved. Looking at the windows, seeing the articles themselves and the very evident skilled labour involved in their making will prove the remarkable work being done by the local Red Cross. It should also give special force to the appeal for more workers to carry on this immense work. The quality of the work will impress all.

## Township of Tisdale Keeping Check on All Slaughtering

Quality of Meat Must be Maintained and Animals Must be Slaughtered Under Proper Conditions.

The Township of Tisdale is watching not only the quality of meat offered for sale but also the conditions under which slaughtering is done. Dr. Durkin, meat inspector, and Mr. Nelson Layton, sanitary inspector, had two cases before court at South Porcupine this week that may be taken as a general warning that the officials are keeping close check in the interests of public health. Mike Pecanie, of Schumacher, was found to have slaughtered three sheep in the cellar of his house, while Mike Oreskovich had slaughtered animals in a coal shed only 50 yards from a private dwelling. They were charged under Schedule B, Section 116 (8) of the Public Health Act, which requires the place of slaughtering to be not less than 200 yards from any dwelling house and at least 50 yards from a public street. Both men pleaded guilty and each had to pay the maximum fine of \$20.00 and costs.

## Timmins Market to be Re-opened Saturday, Aug. 2

All interested should make a special note of the fact that the Timmins market at the corner of Mountjoy street and Second avenue will re-open on Saturday of next week, Aug. 2nd and will be open thereafter each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

## Chance to Speak to Soldier Relatives in Overseas Forces

Sixteen in Timmins to Have That Chance. Send in Names to Legion.

The Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion has secured for the people of Timmins and district permission to plan an overseas broadcast. This will take the form of personal messages from relatives here to sons, husbands or other relatives, serving with the Forces in England. It has been learned that only 16 will be able to broadcast on this programme, and each will be given time to speak about 50 words. Those wishing to send a message to their relatives overseas are asked to send in their names to the Legion hall, Cedar street south, before tomorrow (Friday), July 25th, or turn them in at the regular bingo night at the "K" Club hall, Fourth avenue, on that date. If more than the allotted number is turned in, the names for the 16 will be drawn for at the bingo Friday night. Cards will be provided to those chosen for their enrollment on the broadcast and a recording made of their message. This will be carried through by the local radio staff and the broadcast will be sent overseas on the regular Canadian Legion overseas programme, from the short-wave transmitter at Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

The whole feature is made possible through the co-operation of Timmins branch Canadian Legion, the local radio station and the Canadian Legion. Once again The Advance would urge those wishing to send a message to England to their sons, husbands, or other relatives with the Forces, to have their request registered either at the Legion hall or the "K" Club hall before Friday, July 25th. There is no charge for this service, and the Legion hopes to be able to accommodate all on this first and subsequent overseas programmes.

## Two Young Men Killed When Plane Crashed Near Porquis Junction

Lorne Taylor Killed Instantly. Alex McDonnell Dies Some Four or Five Hours After the Accident. Latter was Licensed Pilot Working for Commercial License. Plane Wrecked.

Alex McDonnell and Lorne Taylor, two young men well known in town and district, lost their lives last night about six o'clock as the result of the crashing of the plane in which they were flying, not far from Porquis Junction. Alex McDonnell was a licensed pilot and was completing his work to qualify him for a commercial pilot's license. Lorne Taylor had accompanied him on the air trip as a friend, as it is understood he had done before. Alex McDonnell took off from the Porquis Junction air field in one of the Algoma Air Transport planes. About eight miles from Porquis Junction the plane crashed. Taylor was killed instantly. McDonnell was rushed to Iroquois Falls hospital where he died four or five hours after the accident. The plane is a complete wreck. The cause of the crash is not known. McDonnell was believed to be a skilled pilot with experience and good judgment. The cause of the crash will likely be shown by the investigation that is given in the case of all serious accidents in the air.

Alex McDonnell was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas McDonnell, of Trenton, Ont. He worked for several years at the Pamour Mine and was very popular and highly regarded here. He was about 25 years of age, and is survived by one brother and three sisters, one of the latter being Mrs. Henry D. Ostrosser, of Timmins. Mrs. G. R. White, of Hemlock street, Timmins, is an aunt of the late Alex McDonnell. The body is being sent to Trenton for interment.

## Germans Having Trouble Trying to Convince Russian Troops That They are Beat

Berlin Explains Bitter Fighting Due to Inability of Russians to Understand How Hopeless Situation Really Is. Encircled Russians Fighting Their Way Out.

The war in Russia continues today at an ever-increasing rate and apparently most of the fighting is being carried out by the propaganda agencies in both countries. For more than a week now people on this side of the Atlantic have been trying to find out what country now occupied Smolensk, a city on the road to Moscow. The German high command announced the capture of Smolensk over a week ago, but today they concede, in a round-about way, that the Russians are still in possession of the city.

Part of the German communiques state that the Russians are fighting ferociously in attempts to break through the German forces that have them surrounded. It is explained by the Germans that the bitterness of the fighting was largely due to the inability of the Russian troops to get a real picture of the hopeless situation they were in due to lack of communications.

The German forces can't seem to understand that kind of fighting. In previous German campaigns, it was explained, the enemy forces were content to surrender when they had been encircled, but the Russians were trying

to fight their way out of the box they were in.

A report from London quotes an authoritative source as saying that the German attack on Russia is slowing down or has been halted entirely. From Berlin it is reported that German forces have encircled and annihilated big Russian forces in the Nevel area of the Moscow front in a series of attacks. The same communique says that the Germans have captured 13,000 prisoners so far and have also taken a great amount of war material, including all kinds of guns.

While German armoured units are battling to gain ground on the road to Moscow, the Nazi infantry, almost a hundred miles to the rear is reported to be engaged in a fierce struggle with masses of Russian troops.

Moscow admits that the German Air Force carried out extensive raids on the Russian capital last night but they brand the raids as a failure. The German bombers attacked in relays for five and a half hours in the third successive night raid on Moscow. A British broadcast quoted Moscow as saying that the situation on the Kiev front had been re-established and that all attempts of the Germans to break through toward Kiev had been unsuccessful. The Russians said that stubborn fighting continued last night in the Porkhev-Polozk, Nevel, Smolensk and Zhitomir areas.

## Fireman Are Still Fireless

Have had Only Three Minor Fire Calls This Month. Last Call Was on July 14.

Today, July 24th, the Timmins firemen are still without a fire. They have answered only three fire calls this month and the month is shaping up to one of the best months experienced here for some time. On July 1st they answered a minor call and the next day, July 2nd, they had another minor call.

The last call that the fire department had was on July 14th, when they were called to the Fern Cottage to extinguish what might have turned into a bad fire. Since the 14th they have not been called to any kind of a fire.

In spite of the fact that the firemen have not had a call, they have been doing some of the hardest work they have done for some time in the past few days, tracing a fault with the fire alarm system. The fault has been found now and corrected so the fire bell will probably not be ringing at all times of the day unless a series of fires break out.

## BRITISH OCCUPY EAST AFRICA

All Italian East Africa is now occupied by British troops, it was officially announced in London yesterday.

## Boys' "K" Club Shipped Over Nine Tons of Salvage During the Month of June

Total Proceeds to Date of Salvage Work is \$932.53. Twenty Grocery Firms Co-operating Facilitates the Efforts of the Boys "K" Club Collections Continuing Each Week.

The Boys "K" Club during the month of June shipped over nine and a half tons of salvage, bringing the total value of the salvage to date to \$932.53. The Boys "K" Club is the only authorized salvage organization in Timmins and it is pleasing to see from the above that the work is being carried on so effectively. The Boys "K" Club is sponsored by the Timmins Kiwanis Club and the following report in the matter was submitted by Kiwanian P. T. Molsley, chairman of the committee to the club at a recent meeting:

Salvage  
Boys continue collections on Saturday mornings. Shipments made this month total 9 tons, 1,128 lbs, made up as follows: 250 lbs. waste paper; 1,845 lbs. magazines; 7,035 lbs. newspapers; 420 lbs. rubber; 1,310 lbs. household rags; 1,818 lbs. roofing rags; 250 lbs. tinfoil and 6,200 lbs. scrap metal, bringing a market value of \$132.19 bringing the total marketed to date to 67 tons, 1,234 lbs. for a total value of \$932.53.

Twenty grocery firms are now co-operating with the "K" Club to the extent that their delivery trucks pick up salvage every Friday when delivering groceries to householders. This plan is developing well and will, we feel, increase the collections appreciably.

Juvenile Court  
Two cases investigated during the month. Fourteen cases dismissed. Three made restitution. One returned to training school and two placed on probation. Two probation cases still being handled by committee members.