

# Russians Continue Successful Offensive

## Reply to Resolution of Council re Expansion of the Lumber Industry

Letter from National Selective Service Branch of Dept. of Labour Does Not Hold Out Any Definite Hopes, but Indicates that Attention is Being Paid to Work of Recent Survey.

At yesterday's council meeting, referred to in another column of this issue, a particularly interesting letter was read from A. MacNamara, Associate Deputy Minister of Labour. The letter, written on a letterhead of the National Selective Service Branch, was in reply to the recent resolution passed by Timmins town council urging that something be done to help the expansion of the lumber industry in this area, not only to help conditions here due to the curtailment of gold mining, but also to assist the war effort, the lumber industry being an essential industry at this time and the war effort requiring its expansion. The resolution of the town council was passed as a result of the work and findings of the Timmins Industrial Survey Committee appointed by the council. While the letter does not hold out any particular hope of any immediate help being given to the expansion of the lumber industry, it does suggest that attention is being given to the problems presented, and that consequently the work of the Survey Committee and its endorsement by the council have not been without results. Comment to this effect was made by Councillor J. P. Bartleman and other members of the council when the letter from the Associate Deputy Minister of Labour was read at the meeting yesterday.

Will you please thank the members of the town council for their interest in this matter.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNAMARA,

Associate Deputy Minister of Labour.

The order referred to shows maximum wages in the lumber industry as follows:—

- Barn boss, \$50 to \$60 per month.
- Blacksmith, \$80 to \$100.
- Blacksmith helper, \$45 to \$60.
- Buck beaver, \$55 to \$70.
- Chore boy, \$45 to \$60.
- Cook, \$100 to \$120.
- Cook, second, \$50 to \$70.
- Cookie, \$45 to \$55.
- Crozy Wheelman, \$55 to \$60.
- Filer, \$55 to \$70.
- Foreman assistant, \$65 to \$75.
- General Hand, \$45 to \$60.
- Handyman, \$55 to \$85.
- Handyman Helper, \$45 to \$60.
- Hookman, \$50 to \$60.
- Log Counter, \$55 to \$65.
- Sawyer (head log cutter) \$57 to \$60.
- Teamster, \$57 to \$62.
- Truck drivers, \$3.65 a day, plus board and lodging.
- Cordwood Cutters, \$3.40 per cord, without board or lodging.

In addition to the above rates employees shall be provided with suitable board and lodging for all days of the calendar month, including Sundays and holidays (except cordwood on piece work.)

Employees who remain in the service of any employer for a period of three months or more may be paid a service bonus of \$5 per month covering the entire period of employment which commences on or after Sept. 1st, 1942.

Employers will add to the above rates the cost of living bonus recently announced by the National Board, which amounts to 60 cents per week, or \$2.60 per month.

### Schedule of Morning Devotional Broadcasts

The Porcupine Ministerial Association which arranges the morning devotional broadcasts over CKGB has prepared a schedule whereby each minister will take the broadcasts for a complete week instead of as formerly one morning each week. The broadcasts will be taken as follows:

- Jan. 4th—Rev. E. Gilmour Smith of Mountjoy United Church.
- Jan. 11th—Rev. Archdeacon Woodall of St. Paul's Anglican.
- Jan. 18th—By Rev. W. M. Mustard, of First United.
- Jan. 25th—Rev. Dr. George Aitken of MacKay Presbyterian Church.
- Feb. 1st—Rev. Lora Carlson, of Schumacher United.
- Feb. 8th, Captain Douglas Church, of the Salvation Army.
- Feb. 15th—Rev. John C. Thompson, of South Porcupine United.
- Feb. 22nd—Captain David Mitchell, of the Church Army.

## Only One Post Delivery Per Day in Residential Districts Here This Year

Business Section to Have Two Deliveries as Heretofore. Postmaster Explains Reason for Reduction in Residential Areas. Ready to Confer with any Affected by the Change.

Announcement was made this week by Postmaster E. H. King that in residential sections in town hereafter there will be only one mail delivery per day. There will be two deliveries as at present on what is known as the business section. This business section may roughly be described as the area bounded on the east by Spruce street and running west as far as the Broadway Theatre block and bounded on the north by Second avenue and on the south by Fourth avenue.

The full announcement made by Postmaster King is as follows:— "Early in 1942, an Order-in-Council was passed, in connection with the revisions of Postal Services and Staff effective for the duration of the war. Part of this order reads as follows:

- "(a) that residential districts receiving a two-delivery service by Letter Carrier at present, Monday to Friday, inclusive, with a one-delivery service on Saturday, be afforded a one delivery service six days a week.
- "(b) that these adjustments be made gradually as additional help is required.
- "(c) that to afford this amended service, letter carriers in the residential sections affected be required to work a

### "MOUNTIE" GOES TO SEA AND "GETS HIS MAN"



Lt. Commander R. A. S. MacNeil, R.C.N. Commanding Officer of the Canadian corvette 'Dauphin' and formerly of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, is shown here beside his ship's crest, a "mountie", gun in hand, astride a Nazi U-boat. Lt. Commander MacNeil has already lived up to the

R.C.M.P. reputation of "getting his man"—the Dauphin recently rescued the entire crew of a Norwegian ship under difficult circumstances in mid-Atlantic. For this action he and a fellow officer, also a "mountie" were decorated by King Haakon with the Royal Norwegian War Medal for Gallantry.

## Entire Russian People Out to Fool the Germans and They Do It, Too

Nazis Like to Dish Out Surprises, but They Can't Take Them. Small but Active Soldier Plays Tarzan in Stalingrad. Crawls Over Roofs and in Sewers.

(By Gregory Clark) The Germans have won all their battles so far in this war by novelty and surprise. The people they have crushed, including such British forces as they have bested, were people who for one reason or another were un-equipped with novelties and had no capacity to surprise the Germans. The people of France had been patiently rotted by novel and skillful political dissension. The British troops with whom I shared the retreat in Flanders in 1940 were to all intents and purposes, as far as equipment and training were concerned, the same troops with whom I had been demobilized in 1919.

But the reason the Russians have held out against battle-seasoned German armies ever freshly supplied with novelties, both material and intellectual, is that the Russians themselves, at the very outset, adopted the principle of novelty and surprise. This principle of never doing what the enemy might expect you to do is fatal to the German character. If you creep into a room to say boo at somebody, and somebody says boo at you, it throws you off balance.

Have surprised Germans Technically and mechanically, the Russians have astonished and sur-

prised not only their enemies but their allies in the high development of engines for winter fighting in their planes, transport and tanks. In the military art, the Russians have made contributions to the world history of war in the breaking down of big armies into small armies, each complete unto itself in both fighting power and supply.

But in addition to organized novelty and surprise, the Russians have for months been running a competition amongst the men, the boys, the girls and the women, every last one of whom lawfully regards himself or herself as a fighter for Russia, to see who can think up the most outrageous surprise for the Germans. And when you get every regiment, every battery, every air squadron, every factory and every village and farmer competing in such a contest, the Germans are very likely to be surprised.

Pavel Nikitin, one of the war correspondents of the Red Star, Russian army newspaper, tells this one:

"Not all Russians are big men. A soldier named Vlaschenko, who is still alive and kicking, is all arms and shoulders and hardly any legs. He has developed the most extraordinary technique of long poles with boat hooks at both ends by which he travels over the roofs of Stalingrad, crossing streets and lanes by swinging across on his pole, and also light ropes with hooks at the end which he flings across streets from roof top to roof top, traipsing himself almost anywhere he likes. With carbine, bomb and 10-pound packets of TNT, he has wrought havoc in astonished German headquarters and outposts; for what sentry can see a white rabbit in the snow at night? And who can see a white cloud drift amid the blizzard, high overhead?"

Crawls Through Sewers "With a Russian lumberjack's pack-sack containing 60 pounds of TNT, Vlaschenko recently crawled through a sewer system, many hundreds of yards of which was believed to be in ruins, and destroyed a bridge immensely valuable to the Germans in Stalingrad. He was gone two days and we thought he was killed. Then the bridge blew up. So we had a feast ready two more days for Vlaschenko's return. His own explosion had given him a hemorrhage of the nose and ears and had strained his eyes in some painful fashion. But he was only four days in hospital, and the last I saw of him he was rigged up in his white nightshirt, with a new 20-foot duralumin pole the Engineers had made for him in his honor, and his coils of delicate rope, off for another night's novelty and surprise for the German's in Stalingrad."

It is not the government, the war council or the army and air command of Russia that is fighting on our side right now. It is all the people of Russia. No aid is too much or too good for them. Send your contribution and use your ingenuity to think up ways and means of inspiring others to send theirs to the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund, 80 King St. W., Toronto.

## Young Man Loses Life at McIntyre Mill Yesterday

John Mortenson Caught in Motor at Mill

An accident at the McIntyre Mine yesterday afternoon resulted in the death of John Mortenson, aged 22 years. In some way or another he got caught in the belt of one of the motors and was instantly killed. The fatal accident happened about two o'clock.

The late John Mortenson was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mortenson, 111 First avenue, Schumacher, pioneer residents of the camp. He was a young man highly regarded by all who knew him and very popular with all.

The body is resting at Walker's Funeral Home until funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 12th at 2 p.m. with Ven. Archdeacon Woodall conducting the service. Interment will be at Tisdale cemetery.

## Special Concert Sunday

Event for Benefit of the Aid to Russia Fund.

Last Sunday there was a remarkably fine concert at South Porcupine for the benefit of the Aid to Russia Fund, and a neat amount was realized. On Sunday, next, Jan. 10th, there will be a similar event in the Palace theatre at Timmins, commencing at 7.45 p.m. The McIntyre Concert Band will be in attendance. Another feature will be a string orchestra. Russian dances, entertainers and other artists will also be on the programme, and brief addresses by special speakers. The purpose of the event is to increase interest in the Aid to Russia Fund.

## Fair and Getting Colder is Weather Forecast for Week

Maximum and Minimum Temperatures for the Past Week.

The forecast from the Hollinger Weather Observatory says that the weather will be fair with continuing cold.

The coldest day in the past week was New Year's day, Jan. 1st, when the thermometer dropped to 20 below zero, and did not rise above 2 below. The maximum temperature for the week was 6 above zero on Sunday and 5 above on Tuesday.

At 8 o'clock this morning, the temperature was 11 below.

The maximum and minimum temperatures for the past week were as follows:— Friday, Jan. 1st, 2 below and 20 below; Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 4 above and 14 below; Sunday, Jan. 3rd, 5 above and 8 below; Monday, Jan. 4th, 2 above and 10 below; Tuesday, Jan. 5th, 5 above and 10 below; Wednesday, Jan. 6th, 2 above and 11 below.

## Aid to Russia Campaign Helped by Russia's Aid to the United Nations

Twenty-one Towns and Two More Railway Stations in the Middle Don and Caucasus Offensives Captured. Australians and Americans Continue to Swat the Japs. U.S. Stops Pleasure Driving.

## Timmins-Born Lad Makes Direct Hit on Enemy Submarine

Sergt. Robt. Kenning Does Nice Work in Alaskan Work.

A letter recently published in The Toronto Star would have been of very special interest to Timmins people, had they known that one of the Air Force men referred to in the letter was a lad born in Timmins and well known and popular. The letter was one written by Pilot Thomas to his mother in Toronto.

Pilot Thomas mentioned the sinking of an enemy submarine in Alaskan waters. Sergt. Robert Kenning, of Pembroke, the letter stated, made a direct hit on the submarine as it showed its nose above water, and bigger boats came along and made a complete job of the destruction of the enemy craft, which presumably was a Jap submarine. The letter stated that Sergt. Kenning was receiving a lot of good-natured ribbing for the accuracy and the business-like leisure with which he placed his shot right on top of the sub.

Sergt. Robert Kenning was born in Timmins, being the only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kenning. The latter previous to her marriage was Miss Craig Hoggarth, daughter of Mr. D. L. Hoggarth, for several years principal of Timmins Public School. The late Mr. A. F. Kenning was member for South Cochrane in the Ontario Legislature for several terms. Sergt. Robt. Kenning received much of his early education in Timmins, living here with his grandmother, the late Mrs. D. L. Hoggarth, after the death of his mother. After the death of Mrs. Hoggarth, he took up residence with his father's people at Pembroke.

The local Aid to Russia Fund campaign is receiving impetus from the Russian aid to the cause of the United Nations through the success of the Russian offensives in the Middle Don and the Caucasus. Russia to-day announced the capture of 21 towns and two more railway stations. These drives have cost the Germans more than 330,000 dead and captured since Nov. 19th.

Allied ground forces are pushing preparations for the final assault on the remaining Jap foothold in Northwest Guinea. Medium bombers and attack planes yesterday swept over the Jap airfield at Lae, and destroyed four anti-aircraft gun positions and a grounded bomber.

Swedish sources report Quisling as making up a list of Norwegians to be held as hostages in case of an invasion on Norway by the Allies.

Canada and the United States are planning a system of maximum production of foodstuffs in 1943. Washington reports that in the Eastern United States, effective to-day at noon, all pleasure driving is forbidden. Any motorist driving to an amusement place or to "purely social engagements" faces the cancellation of all or part of his gasoline ration.

## Even the Carrots are Saying "V" for Victory

Fire Chief Borland was interested and pleased last week when he happened to notice a carrot, or a pair of carrots, or twin carrots, or something, in a local store. "I want that carrot, or carrots," the chief insisted, and he got the same as he usually gets what he wants. This particular carrot or carrots would be considered as well worth getting as a sign or a souvenir. The carrot or carrots formed a perfect and unbroken letter "V" for victory.

Lieutenant C. A. Pritchard, an instructor at North Bay, returned to his station after spending the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pritchard, 54 Tamarack street.

## Mayor and Councillors Speak of Harmonious Work During Past Year

Final Meeting of 1942 Council Held Yesterday. Lease of Rink Renewed by Town. Recommend that New Council Give Red Cross and Bomb Victims' Fund Same Privileges as Last Year.

The final meeting of the 1942 town council was held yesterday afternoon in the council chamber, with Mayor J. Emile Brunette in the chair and Councillors Ellen Terry, J. P. Bartleman, W. Roberts and W. McDermott present.

A letter to the Mayor (printed elsewhere in this issue) in reference to Fire Prevention Week and the part played by Chief Borland and the Timmins Fire Dept. was read.

A reply was also read from Prime Minister Mackenzie King's office in reply to a resolution recently forwarded by the Timmins council.

Town Solicitors Caldrick and Yates wrote regarding the proposal of the council to close some streets to use them for children's use in the winter. The plan did not appear practical as the only procedure for the closing of streets required considerable legal formalities.

The lease of the Timmins arena was renewed on the same terms as last year, except that this year's lease does not provide for the building to be used for paper storage.

Council by resolution asked the new council to give the Red Cross and the Bomb Victims' Fund the same privileges in regard to the arena that they had last year.

A letter was read from the Associate Deputy Minister of Labour in regard to the resolution of the Timmins town council in reference to the expansion of the lumber industry. Elsewhere in this issue this letter is given in full.

Application for a woodyard at 115 Commercial avenue was granted.

The Council passed a resolution asking the Ontario Government when making the appointment of a new Mines Assessor to succeed the late Mr. Young, to appoint only a man qualified as an accountant and auditor and with experience in mining.

Councillor W. Roberts referred to a letter received in town which suggested

that the Corvette "Timmins" did not receive ditty bags from Timmins. It was thought by council that some organization had adopted the Corvette named after the town, and it was pointed out that literally hundreds of ditty bags had been filled here for Christmas. It was understood now, however, that organizations here had been sponsoring other Corvettes, adopted before there was one named after the town, and the overlooking of the corvette "Timmins" was accidental. Councillor Terry is to get in touch with some of the organizations in town and have one or more of them adopt the Corvette, "Timmins."

Councillor Roberts took occasion before the meeting closed to thank the whole staff of the town for co-operation and goodwill during the years he had been on the Council board. He had found all members of the staff ready to do anything and everything they could to help in any way. He also expressed his appreciation for the kindness of the other members of the council. It had been a pleasure to work with them.

Councillor Bartleman endorsed what Councillor Roberts had said, adding that although they had differed on occasion, he believed that all had had only the interests of the town at heart. Service on the council had been a pleasure because of the pleasant associations, despite the "ups and downs". Councillor Bartleman suggested that at a later date he might be back again on the council board.

Councillor Ellen Terry said that during the past two years the work of the council had been agreeable and there had been fine co-operation. The retiring members of council would be missed by the new council.

Mayor Brunette thanked all the 1942 council for the good work done. The retiring councillors had been valuable and their experience and service would be missed.