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#### A DEAD ISSUE?

At the risk of becoming even more tedious than usual, we would point out that the root of the trouble in the Timmins Police Department remains the fact that liquor held in the police station vault was tampered with.

Any suggestion of non-co-operation had its origin in this fact. Obviously, when one man in the department tries to clear up the matter and another does little or nothing about it, then we have non-co-operation.

The solution to that condition of non-cooperation was, and still is, the discovery of the person or persons who tampered with the liquor. Until this is done there will continue to be suspicion attached to every member of the police department who had access to the liquor, whether they are presently on the staff or not.

Magistrate S. Atkinson, as a member of the Police Commission, has stated that it is not possible to find out who tampered with the liquor, as it happened too long ago. It is our contention that no one can say whether the "tamperer" can be detected or not, until it is tried out. This, we submit, has not been done.

We contend that the most elemental procedure, used by the police in the solution of almost any crime, has yet to be put into effect in detecting who tampered with the liquor in the police vaults.

The most amateur detective, for example, would not place the investigation in the hands of one of the suspected persons. Yet this is exactly what the Police Commission did when it asked former police chief to do the investigating, for he was one of the persons who had access to the vaults.

Another step which would be taken, by even the greenest of Police officers, would be to take sworn statements from all persons who might have knowledge of the matter. This has not been done.

Not until the sworn statements are taken by someone outside the police department itself, can the Police Commission rightfully say that even the fundamental requirements of an investigation into the root of the trouble in the department have been fulfilled.

In any event, we believe that the request of Sgt. Thompson, placed in writing before the Police Commission, as follows. "I respectfully request that an independent investigation take place respecting the theft of liquor from the police vault," should be complied with, and as quickly as is possible.

And by "independent" we mean independent of the police department and of the police commission, which, as Magistrate Atkinson has stated "cannot investigate this liquor theft —we are not policemen."

The fact that Messrs. Downey and Gariepy made the same request reflects creditably on their integrity in the matter, and makes their dismissal all the more difficult to understand. For if they had anything to lose by an independant investigation, they would have been the last to suggest such a course.

We repeat: if the ex-deputy-chief and the ex-sergeant had anything to do with the tampered liquor, all they had to do was to keep their mouths shut - and they would have kept their jobs.

Instead, they brought the matter to the attention of the Police Commission, and brought upon themselves immediate dismissal. What price honesty?

So it is, that, continuing to harp upon the obvious, we point out that it was the problem of the tampered liquor that started this rumpus . . . it is the solution of this problem that will stop it. We cannot agree with Magistrate Atkinson that the matter of the stolen liquor is a "dead issue". The question is very much alive in the minds of the public and in the conscience of the police department and will be until the answer is found.

## IN OTHER HANDS

Since the above was written, three representatives of the Porcupine Bar Association have called upon the Police Commission. What they had to say we do not know. But the immediate result was a resolution by the Police Commission to call in the attorney general's department to have an investigation made.

It is true that anyone can send a request to the attorney general's department. But it is equally true that to obtain action, such a request must come from persons of some repute and preferably from persons who have no direct interest in the matter, except that displayed as public-minded citizens, concerned in the general welfare.

What a pity it was that the Police Commission could not of its own initiative have taken this action without first having dismissed persons who may, or may not - it is not yet proved, one way or another - been guilty of misconduct of their office. The matter, handled more coolly, might well have been dealt with by suspending the persons directly involved, until investigations were completed. Be that as it may, most of those in the

Police Department, will view the Commission's new decision with pleasure, as will the majority of the citizens of Timmins. Accordingly the thanks of the general public may well be directed to the representatives of the Porcupine Bar Association who have helped the commission to arrive at its present action.

#### A NEW CLUB

The town of Timmins has been very fortunate in the energy and activities shown by its service clubs. The Lions, Kiwanis and Kinsmen have given, and continue to give, in growing measure, splendid leadership in the various fields of welfare work found in the town.

Now comes the announcement of a new organization, the "Y's Men's Club". The new club, it has been stated, will in no sense compete with existing service clubs, nor will it attempt to duplicate their purpose or activi-

The executive believes, however, that there is still room for another club, that there are fields of activity still open, and that there are plenty of men with sufficient interest in the public welfare to ensure a wide membership.

The new club is just in its organizational stage, but so far as can be learned now, it will have as its ultimate objective the rounding-up of co-operative efforts to bring the Y.M.C.A. to the town of Timmins, with its consequent benefits for the youth of the town. The Club evidently has its eye on the example of a similar organization in Sudbury which has achieved considerable success along these lines.

Any and all organizations of this type will find a warm welcome and a goodly measure of support from the townsfolk - and certainly there would appear to be much to be done in providing healthful recreation for the young people here.

#### PREMATURE PUBLICITY

We have just received in the mail one of the most poorly conceived pieces of publicity to reach this desk in a long time. Described as the official publication of Ontario Property Owners Association and Property Owners Association of Toronto, it compared the type of building erected by private builders with that provided by Wartime Housing Limited.

It shows a snug little brick house as an example of private building, and a clap-board house as a sample of Wartime Housing's product. The prices, it says, are the same.

What the publicity man over-looked was the fact that the number of snug little brick houses being built in the north country is approximately nil, and in no case are such houses being built for rental. They are for sale. Further, they are for sale on land at prices of which would completely wipe out the average servicemen's gratuity cheque on one wallop.

When private builders and property owners face the fact that the government is not providing gratuity cheques solely for the property owners' benefit, maybe they will be able to send out publicity that will be more favourably received here. And when they provide such homes on a rental basis, if desired and when desired, then we feel that the Government will gladly withdraw Wartime Housing Limited from the field — its work will have been done.

Until that time the association above named can save itself a lot of money in publicity.

## STREET SCENE, TIMMINS

Dining at one of the hotels on Timmins Third Avenue the other night, we were interested, though not amused, to see a man chase a youngster down the stairs. He caught him, there was a squawk, and man and boy ascended together to the hotel lobby.

We followed. The man had called the police. The police had arrived with commendable promptness. The boy and another lad were bundled into the police car and were taken to receive whatever treatment the law provided. We understand no charge was laid, but the boys received a warning. Apparently they had been making off with a few articles, such as silverware, which are found about hotel dining rooms and lobbies.

The two lads, who would average about

twelve years of age, constitute a problem. We hope the dining room, outside of which the above scene took place, will provide the answer. For it was a dining room in which was being held an organization meeting of the newly formed "Y's Men's Club", a club which will find its activity in the realm of boys' work.

Inasmuch as the general public are unable to solve the problem of the two lads by Answer No. 1 — a good, sound, old-fashioned pants-paddling; or by Answer No. 2 — a purposeful interview with the youngster's parents; we suggest interested parties phone up Art Muter at 1250 and enquire about membership in the "Y's Men's Club" — described elsewhere in these columns.

## New Year Starts Out With Improvement in Strike Situation

January Shows Improve- 261,619 man-days. Labour Minister Says

Time lost due to strikes and lockouts the previous month -- December, 1945. it was announced today by Hon. Hum- to show the favourable record with phrey Mitchell, Minster of Labour.

by the fact that the strike of motor dustrial relations in Canada, I think it in the last two years. The experience man to make a fortune from manu- You too trustink -- your enemies know of my future.

continued well into December strikes involving 2.935 workers.

Over December, Compared to the same month a year | news, but the fact is that in almost before, time loss in January showed a drop from 32,142 man-days.

"While the statistics for strikes for in Canada during January this year February will not be available for was only 8 per cent of the loss during some days," the Labour Minister said. "Canada continued during last month

which 1946 started off in January.

preciation of the manner in which both In January, 1946, the time loss was | unions and employers have been carry-20,593 man-days, arising out of twelve | ing on their relationships in this country. The numerous cases of peaceful vious month (December) involved labour - carried on with the assistance 19,619 workers, and a time loss of of Labour Department officials as required - do not always make exciting all cases recently negotiations have been carried through to a satisfactory completion without work stoppages,' the Labour Minister added.

## VERY MUCH SO

## YOUR OPINION

#### THE QUESTION

If proper supervision could be provided, would you approve of the use of the school buildings at night for young peoples activities in recreation, hobby-craft, etc?

#### THE ANSWERS

Mrs. O. Alton, 108 Cherry Street: 'Yes, I think the use of school buildings at night is a good idea."

Mrs. D. Coombes, 17 Patricia Blvd: "I think the community should be to be built out of ice, is one of the can replace the need for a community 1942 in a lake in the Rockies. centre, though. There are no goodsized auditoriums here and we do need one. If a recital is held, we are not have the worst sort of luck with the community building, both for the use of the young people and for the use of adult groups."

Mr. A. Cain, 126 Tamarack Street: "If supervision is provided by the council or school board, if either is prepared to organize and supervise it, then as far as the use of the property is concerned, I can see no objection to it."

Mr. J. Gagnon, 167 Balsam Street: 'Yes, I think the use of the schoolrooms is a great idea but, a community centre is really a necessity in a town of this size: not only for the young people but also as a recreation centre for older people."

Mrs. M. H. Ford, 306 Tamarack; "I think the use of schoolrooms would be a very good thing. The young people should have somewhere to meet and enjoy themselves."

Passer-by; "If properly supervised, Britain, France and United States I think it would be a grand thing, al- have asked the Spaniards to do away though I would like to see a community with the government of General centre built here in the future so that Franco by peaceful means and set up both young and old would be able to a provincial government until a vote make use of its facilities."

# World News in Review

ployed, and in salaries and wages, is too well with the Nazis. reported by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Lack of skilled workers in Canada's textile mills is cited as the reason for the present shortage of suits and overcoats, by the WPTB.

way to election in Argentina. Like ago for health reasons. Franco of Spain, his government has been criticized for its anti-United Nations leanings.

A two million ton aircraft "carrier"

made more aware of the opportunity of stories to come from Ottawa's secret using school rooms for recreational files. It was a British project, and a purposes I don't think the schools one thousand ton model was tested in

able to provide a large auditorium or weather, with high winds and blizzards one with good acoustics. We need a raising hob with its planned schedule. The world wheat supply will be 186

> million bushels beneath requirements by next June, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics discloses. Although Britain hopes for a general

decrease in world armements, she will keep more than a million men under arms for the next year, Prime Minister Atlee told the House of Commons

It was revealed in Ottawa this week that the Russian spy ring in Canada got its orders direct from Moscow, to the effect that information was to be night's hockey. obtained on a list of items varying from troop movements to atomic research. Among Soviet agents were members of the National Research Council and the National Defense Re- To the Editor. search Dept.

can be taken. Franco, like Peron in

## Use of Atomic Energy May Effect Whole Future of Mankind, Minister Declares A comparison of the choice given his fellow man into eternity and still

and that offered mankind today in of carnage." choosing what use will be made of "Has God grown weary of man's you much travel You got nice home atomic energy, was made by Rev. A. R. inhumanity to man and of the con- but you not settle here. Chidwick at the evening service at St. stant prostitutions of His revelations," She stopped and looked up, "you We don't mind explaining it again. We Matthew's Anglican Church on Sun- he said. "Has the genius of man, at work with paper?"

"From the first Bibical knowledge of mankind," he said, "we derive the story of Adam and Eve. And fabulous though it may be, we learn that mankind was given free will. Adam was placed in a position where he had to make a choice of eating or not eating, the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil."

"The story tells us that in man, as created in the image of God, is the potentiality for perfection, and alas, the potentiality for degredation, and by human diabolical invention." though this story and its characters may have no historic value or validity, the moral principal has been enacted throughout the ages. This alone justifies our consideration," he said.

"Adam had to choose, whether he | Rev. Chidwick then read "Set Your was amazingly right. which I know to be right or that which of the newly discovered power. they tell me will be profitable?"

"Examples of this through history words: would be superfluous and so suffice it different camps," he said.

"The consequences of this," he pointed out, "is that there has been as a whole can be approached. We er's corpse." live in our own worlds, so to speak, some work - some have others to work for them, some command, others obey."

"Some are held in awe, some are despised, some teach and others are taught, some fight, and some have others to fight for them, and so man, by his own choosing and free will has away without bothering to look up. torn asunder the fabric of human fellowship."

man, and man and Ged."

"Time and time again, man has | tcm.

which might have been used to ease all their darkness. that some by reason of poverty are cents. denied the benefits of science, which | She took my hand, turned it over, three times and each time she took | "When?" after all is merely the discovery of and said, "Uh." one section of the cards, after looking "Soon."

purse and prejudice his fellow's soul." with the soft "Gs".

Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, remain in safety, miles from the scene good time -- you spend money fast.

in the hands of man a new revelation said, "you on newspaper." which cannot be exploited in safety "Yes," I answered. by the few? Will man at last be forced to make one final choice be- fortune told." He revealed to man that which will back to her reading. affect all mankind equally, without Her account of the love life was the fear or favour?"

love of God and the fellowship of reading of my past.

it together, there are no exemptions my service ring. choice affects all."

out of grace and fail its orbit;

And soon enough will be a blistered "You ask questions now," she in- him with nothing but a whisper left ash, its moon trailing lonely and structed. no common basis upon which mankind ungoverned, like a dog after his mast- I thought for a moment -- "No noth-

# **Timmins Fortune-**

(Continued from Page One)

and save for the chair the girl was the future. I discarded palmists and "you should be careful of two dark "Time and time again, throughout seated on, there was no furniture. To tried a card reader instead.

grasped this new discovery and pro- | She led me into the curtained por- educated voice. Everything about her a very large amount," she said. "Somestituted it to his own evil devices and tion of the room and instructed me to and the room was spotlessly clean. yet further widened the already yawn- sit on the other side of a battered. She instructed me to sit in a large -- you are going away in perhaps ing chasm between man and man." oak-coloured table. The two chairs comfortable chair beside a coffee table, three months." "Natural resources," he said, "which of the same colour had also seen better There were pictures of children on the Everything was going along in great could supply adequate means for all days. The clairvoyant was dressed in wall, a few nicknacks and a lodge form, even the song the canary was and create some parity between men a blue, zippered jacket and neatly charter and, from some other room singing. The picture she painted was has been used instead to provide a pressed, blue skirt. No headdress, no there came the high song of a canary taking on a very lovely colouring and super-abundance for some while others earrings. Her hair was combed to a The next action was my shuffling a gilded border, then suddenly she sweat to provide it. Scientific discovery, glisten but her eyes seemed dull for and cutting of the cards. I was in said she could see a marriage in the

The thirteen strikes during the pre- negotiations between management and the load of many was instead used to I took my place at the side of the cards in three parts on the table. The increase the gain of few, to the extent table and asked if the charge was fifty cards were placed on the table in direct tones.

God's Gift in universal and scientific Without any hesitation she began through them, and put the section to The fortune continued for a few telling my fortune in the same chopped one side. "During all this," he continued, "God banner of speaking as the first lady | She then picked up the sections and The time had been roughly fifteen has been patient, watching man cut had done and in almost the same ac-laid them on the table in nine por- minutes, with very little, if any repetihis fellow's throat, rob his fellow's cent, except that she had difficulty tions.

A drop, both in number of those em- Argentine, is claimed to have worked

Russian refusal to withdraw troops from Iran, has resulted in Britain asking for an explanation.

John Andrew McLeod, chairman of the board of directors of the Bank of Nova Scotia, died last night in Victoria, Peron appears to be well on the B. C., where he had arrived six weeks next to date pie with whipped cream,

> The United States has followed Britain's lead in sending a protest to Russia concerning the continued presence in Iran of Soviet forces.

Winston Churchill's speech on Tuesday, in which he advocated an international air force, received a varied reception, depending on whether his listeners favoured a firm stand against Operation "Muskox" continues to Russia, or a plan of appeasement. Churchill expressed himself as not so confident of a lasting peace now as he had been after the first world war.

> in the war was issued by Madrid radio and Mussolini from dominating the Mediterranean theatre, it said. But according to captured documents in U.S. hands, it just ain't so.

A denial that Spain aided the Axis

The strike in the American Telephone Co., is already becoming effective in Baltimore, Hagerstown and Cumberland in Maryland, U.S.

Montreal beat New York, 7-3; Boston trimmed Detroit, 4-2 and Toronto won against Chicago, 5-2, in last

# To The Editor

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appreciation, for your splendid assist- as the Victorian Order of Nurses. ance and co-operation all during the | And you should be able to sneak out war years, in giving us so much space at least one copy of their statement and publicity in the pages of your and read our name on it Remember

> Yours truly, Timmins Branch Can. Red Advance payroll. Cross Society. M. Channen

You have been lonk way in world -- period.

and no choice can be made that will She spoke of generalities, of charaffect others but not ourselves; this acter, feelings, financial status, and health, concluding the reading, and it

do, or as he was beguiled to do," the which deals with the atomic power tune, was much longer than the first, nected with the paper is going to minister stated. "He chose and ini- and the coming choice of reforming although she did not say much of my pieces, as usual. The only thing he's tiated the chief concern of mankind a wayward life by peace, or possible future. She finished by explaining, happy about is that he's got his edithrough all time -- "shall I do this annihilation through a warring use "you future hard to tell -- you put torials done -- if you can call them money on table."

From the forceful writing are the I put the fifty cents on the table and half expected to be endowed with ciation waltz up to the Police Com-"The earth, the tamed and tonsured luck in much the same manner as mission, speak a few words, and comes to say that wrong choices and attempts | earth with all its gardens and substan- previously, but there was no display | the jack-pot -- a resolution to call in to compromise with right and wrong ces, its places, breeds and patterns, of this other than the muttered the attorney-general's department, have thrown mankind into a thousand its letters and its airs, will plummet words, 'I brink you luck -- you Inasmuch as this is chiefly what his be happy -- you came again."

room that I had not noticed when I to tell us, we know! first entered. As she parted the curtains I noticed a small child cutting a fortune tellers had warned me against, large sheet of paper with scissors. The became a friend of mine on this occaslight girl was still seated by the win- sion and a trusted one. dow, busying herself with needlework, Phooey to him," I thought, as I left.

and took my arm. Apparently a cus- smartly furnished room by a small, poker hands.

structed to shuffle and then cut the cards, triangle form. This was repeated "You," she said.

"Make a wish," she said.

"He can not intervene, for He has "Don't do what somebody else says I looked serious, "Got it," I answered, and began worrying about marriage The other day a woman burst into given man free will and with that free -- make up you own mind -- be best | Then came the fortune, unfolding bells and organs, even though I was a The sharp decrease in time loss in | "In issuing figures that show such a | tears in court and told the magistrate | will, man has so prestituted the Gift's for you," she began. You have easy through one portion of the cards tak- | disbeliever of fortune telling. The January is accounted for in large part | favourable situation in regard to in- | that she had been jilted four times of God so that it is possible for one life all time -- you not happy though, en at the rate of one for each portion canary tried for a lovely, thrilling note

We stand this day before the world with our chest out, chin up, and a prideful glitter in our eye -- the left one, if you're going to be inquisitive.

On account of we've got our name in print. This is the one thing which, we love most in this world. Right there in print, where any one can see it. Anyone, that is, who happens to have in their possession a copy of the Statement of Activities Covering Year 1945, issued by Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada, Timmins Branch.

All you have to do is open up the statement and look at the bottom of the right-hand page. There it says: Press and Radio Publicity Donated by: Timmins Daily Press (you can skip that, natcherly) and mentions the names of Ed Copps and Bert Pike (newcomers to Timmins, we expect -never heard of them). Then -- wait for it! -- turn the page (or maybe we should have told you that in the first Wednesday. Franco prevented Hitler place) and what do you see? "Station C.K.G.B. -- Mr. H. Freeman -- a printer's error, obviously; but now we come to the real stuff; Porcupine Advance; Management and Staff, Mr. G. Macdonald, MR. J. WITHROW!

We asked the linotype wallah to print it big in case you didn't realize who it was. So at last we've made it. Right there in print. A couple of other fellows made it too: Dye, Longmore. Brunette and a number of other

But it is our name 'that interests us. We know you'll be interested too, so here's the tip-off: hoof it down to the Municipal Building, this evening, Thursday, March 7th, and attend the annual meeting of the Victorian Order of Nurses. Who knows, maybe they'll read our name out loud If that isn't On behalf of the Timmins Branch thrill enough, then perhaps you'll get of the Canadian Red Cross Society, we some satisfaction out of turning up to wish to express our sincere thanks and support such a splendid organization

-- it's on the back page, right under that of Mr. G. Macdonald, also on the

People keeping asking us where we Secretary get that "we" stuff. Why, they ask, must we talk in the first person plural? Sometimes they ask why must we talk, We've explained it before, when we

ran this column for another paper.

like talking about ourselves, and belast, gone too far? Has God placed I didn't undersrtand, and then she sides, we've been given a little extra space to fill this week. Mark Twain, another fine chap, used

"This is not first time you have to say that the only people entitled to use "we" when they might ordinarly tween fellowship or annihilation? Has "No it isn't." I said, and she went use "I", were royalty, editors, and people with tapeworms.

We, obviously, don't come under any same as the other fortune teller's had of the three categories mentioned "If we cannot draw together in the been and strangely enough, so was her above, but we use "we" for quite another reason: we have a split perman," he continued," perhaps we must "You have many friends -- they are sonality. We are actually twice as draw together in the fear of human most of them good. You are easy many people as we seem to add up to. obliteration. Not by Divine fiat, but hurt -- you not always happy -- you If you don't believe it, come around to be bitter man soon -- you be in war," the Advance Office and we will show "Whatever the outcome, we are in she said, and I noticed her looking at you a photograph . . . taken when we were two.

A madder man than the guy who clouds up the other edge of this page, you wouldn't wish to see. It's like this: would do as he had been instructed to Clock at U-235" by Norman Corwin, The time taken for this second for- it's Wednesday, and everything coneditorials, or call them done.

So some chaps from the Bar Assoeditorial was howling for, it leaves out of those two wide columns.

And so he has to do it over again. Hope he falls flat on his typewriter She nodded, turned and walked when he's doing it. After all -- who through the curtains at the rear of the reads what he writes? You don't have

But not to be dismayed, this for-The inside of the place was clean. For the third and final peek into tune-teller came up with the words, men who are always near to you."

history," he said, "God has revealed the side of the door was the fortune- The first two attempts at a visit to She continued through the fortune, some further wonder of His Creation, telling chamber, partitioned off with this type of clairvoyant met with fail- which by the way, sounded much more to some individual, hoping, perhaps clean, flowered-patterned curtains. ure -- "the reading cannot be done interesting than had the previous that it may be a means of cementing A pudgy little woman with wrinkled until evening." The third attempt met readings. If nothing clsa the sections the broken relations between man and face came to my side from nowhere, with success and I was ushered into a she went through were very good

handsome woman who spoke in an "You are coming into some money -thing is going to make you very happy

more moments and then concluded,

I paid her the same fee, fifty cents, as I went through the door. I thought

plant workers at Windsor, Ontario, had is appropriate to express genuine ap- had naturally unmarmed her. | facturing the very thing which blasts this. You too much worry -- you like | The tall dark man which the other he sounded very sour.