

DEATH OF YOUTHFUL MINER AT PRISON FARM

J. Mairs Dies in Jail—His Relatives Were Not Notified

Jury Scored Present System of Medical Attention to Prisoners

Joseph Mairs, Jr., the 21-year-old miner who was found guilty on charges in connection with the troubles at Ladysmith last year and who was sentenced by Judge Howay to a one year's imprisonment with a further four months in default of payment of a fine, died Tuesday morning at the prison farm, Burnaby. Deceased had been ill for some days, but did not receive medical attention until Sunday afternoon, and it was not until Monday afternoon that the medicines ordered by the prison surgeon were administered to him. It was reported that another prisoner—a barber—who is in charge of medicines at the institution, had given deceased hot mustard pills, salts and cod liver oil in addition to prescribing his diet for him. Death, however, took place at 8:30 the following morning. At the inquest the jury severely scored the system prevailing at the prison farm regarding laxity in attending sick prisoners and recommended that a resident doctor be provided. A sad feature of the case was the fact that the relatives of the deceased were not informed of his condition until after his death.

The inquest took place Wednesday at Messrs. Center and Hanna's parlors, Georgia street, Coroner McQuarrie of New Westminster conducting the examination. Mr. Leighton watched the enquiry on behalf of the United Mine Workers. The first witness called was W. G. McMynn, the prison warden, who stated that deceased was brought from Nanaimo Nov. 3rd and remained at the prison farm till his death. Up to Jan. 12th he had been employed out of doors, chiefly clearing land. As he was a clean, lad of exemplary behaviour and suitable for the purpose, he was, on the latter date, taken into the kitchen as cook. There was no hospital in the prison, but a room was set apart as a sick ward, into which deceased was moved. He always considered deceased enjoyed robust health. In answer to Mr. Leighton and the foreman of the jury, the warden stated that the relatives were not notified of his condition. Visitors are allowed to see the prisoners on Sundays, although on the Sunday previous deceased's aunt had been refused admittance on account of the doctor's recommendation. There were 209 prisoners in the institution, no hospital, and the prison doctor resident in Vancouver.

At the conclusion of this witness evidence the foreman of the jury requested that these answers should be placed on record. This the coroner refused to do, and the enquiry was proceeded with.

W. G. Stackhouse, who had been looking after deceased, was the next witness. He stated that he was a barber and was in charge of the prison farm. He is in charge of baths and medicines and part of his duty is to enquire into the health of prisoners, and giving out medicines. On the night of either the 14th or 15th the guard woke him up and told him deceased had cramps. He gave him some hot mustard and in the morning a dose of salts. On Friday night deceased complained of vomiting, stomach mixture was given him and he was moved out of his cell into the corridor, a bed being made up for him near a steam pipe. Special food was obtained for him from the kitchen. On Saturday his cell companion said that medical aid should be summoned, and at night deceased was given cod liver oil. Deceased stated he had no pain and had never asked to see a doctor. The doctor came on Sunday afternoon. Stackhouse said that although the doctor prescribed for Mairs on Sunday the first dose of the medicine was not administered until midday on Monday. Deceased, however, could not keep it down. Between 5 and 6 on Monday Mr. Haalman removed the patient to the sick ward where he stayed till his death the following morning, witness remaining with him all the time.

Dr. W. T. Hoyes, medical practitioner in charge of prisoners at the prison farm, said he made his usual trip on (Continued on page 8)

ANOTHER EXTENSION CASE DECIDED BY JURY

Bartolomeo Found Guilty of Unlawful Assembly—Jury Out All Night

A New Panel Called—Will Make Total of 132 Petit Jurors

On Wednesday morning Crescencio Bartolomeo was found guilty on the sixth count by the jury at the special assize court holden at New Westminster, Justice Morrison presiding. This was one of the Extension cases arising out of the coal strike trouble of last August. The count in the indictment was for "unlawful assembly" and was the mildest of all, the heaviest count being the first, that of riotous destruction of property. The jury had been in the care of the sheriff all night, having failed to reach an agreement at six o'clock on Tuesday evening.

This special assize, called at New Westminster, the venue being changed from Nanaimo, for the purpose of trying the coal miners accused in connection with the Vancouver island coal strike troubles, is in some respects more than special, it is extraordinary. By Monday next an additional panel of forty petit jurymen will have reported at the court house to serve on these cases. In the first instance a normal panel of 62 was called. Then the crown became dissatisfied owing to the great number of challenges the defence could use as their right when the accused were tried in groups as high in number as 14. As a consequence an additional forty were subpoenaed. Now, with the possibility of trying 37 men in one batch ahead of them, the crown authorities have decided that they need still more petit jurors and on Monday the total will reach 132, which is decidedly extraordinary, one might say unprecedented. It is understood to be the intention of crown counsel to try some half dozen more prisoners separately in connection with the Vancouver island coal strike riots, before placing the large groups on trial.

TWELVE IN A CELLAR

Lack of Sanitation and Overcrowding Rampant in Chinese Quarter. Dr. Underhill, medical officer of health for Vancouver, made some startling statements to the health committee on Monday regarding sanitation and housing in Chinatown. He brought up one case where a dozen Chinamen had lived in a cellar for seven months without leaving it during that period, and gave a graphic description of some of these dives. He desired to co-operate with the building department and bring many of these places under the rooming house bylaw, thus preventing overcrowding and tending to improve the sanitary conditions. He also wished to have dark rooms and cubicles abolished and during a house to house inspection had served notices for a general clean-up. The committee promised its cordial support to the health department in its attempt to bring about these reforms. Alderman Wright considering that the standard of old Chinatown should be equal to that of the new district, where the rooms had plenty of light and air.

FREE FOR A TIME

Morris Out on Own Recognizances in Attempted Murder Charge

On Tuesday afternoon at New Westminster, Justice Morrison sentenced Ernie Morris, a young Extension miner who had been convicted of unlawful assembly, to serve the time he had already spent in jail as a punishment. Morris will, therefore, be allowed to go. On a charge of attempted murder Morris was allowed to go on his own recognizances to appear later for trial. The accused is only 17 years old.

Robert Hindmarsh, editor of the Nanaimo Herald, has received fitting official recognition for his treachery, by Attorney-general Bowser. He is now a government appointee on the miners' examining board of three in the Black Diamond City.

R. Young, president; O. Eriksen, vice-president, and A. F. Manches, secretary, have been elected by the Port Arthur labor council for 1914.

CHARGING A JURY

Gentlemen of the jury: You are expected to find the prisoner guilty. There has been a good deal of evidence introduced on both sides of this case, but you will pay particular attention to that which favors the prosecution, and not allow your minds to be led astray by any evidence which might possibly prove the accused to be innocent. An attempt has been made to establish an alibi which I would not endeavor to pick holes in. This is absurd. I am unalterable in my determination, gentlemen, to see that somebody gets punished, alibi or no alibi. In connection with this evidence, I have discovered a period of about thirty seconds during which the actions of the accused have not been accounted for. You will bear in mind that in this interval he may have been doing the most horrible things. If anything occurs to hamper your imaginations as to what awful damage a man might commit in thirty seconds, cast it aside. There is no limit to my imagination and I do not expect there to be any to yours. The most important point to be considered is that this man is a union organizer from the United States, and he came up here to take part in this strike. If any of you should happen to think that there is nothing exceptional about a union official attending to union business, dismiss it from your minds. You are not expected to think, but to bring in a verdict according to such of the evidence as I shall instruct you to approve. Organizers are all right if they are not union organizers, and unions would be all right if they had no officers. I am not opposed to trades unionism in principle. Trades unions would be perfectly in order if conducted properly. That is, if they would dissolve themselves and cease to exist whenever requested to do so. If they would never make any demands and would not retaliate whatever was done to them, but would remain passive under attack until knocked into eternal oblivion, I would have no fault to find with them. A remark of mine has been construed to mean that if the prisoner had different counsel he would have more chance of being innocent. This is a mistake. You must understand, gentlemen, that this prisoner, being an organizer from the United States, could not possibly be innocent, no matter what counsel he had or what evidence they introduced.



W. FOXCROFT President-elect Vancouver Trades and Labor Council for the January-June term—Delegate from the United Brotherhood of Carpenters.

PATHETIC SCENE AT PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Wives and Mothers of the Imprisoned Miners Ask For Clemency

Premier Stated That the Responsibility Rests With Ottawa

One of the most pathetic scenes even enacted in the parliament buildings, Victoria, took place on Thursday of last week, when the wives and mothers of the imprisoned miners waited on Premier McBride to appeal for clemency for their breadwinners. There were about sixty women present and as they pleaded for their loved ones, one or two completely broke down and many eyes were filled with tears. The delegation was introduced by Mr. McEwen, secretary of the Miners' Liberation league, who presented a petition for the release of the prisoners, which he said, was signed by every woman in the strike district who had a male relative in jail. He laid the blame on the premier and complained that the miners had not received justice. Several of the women next made a personal appeal for the liberation of the men, many of whom are the breadwinners of the family. In some cases three from one family were in jail causing severe privation and hardship to the women and children. Mr. Watchman, in supporting the delegation, warned the premier that unless the miners were released by the 29th of this month there would be a call for a general strike throughout the province, and that employees who are now working under agreements with their employers would break those agreements. In reply Premier McBride stated that an account of the meeting would be forwarded to the minister of justice at Ottawa and spoke in terms of appreciation of the sacrifices made of the delegates had undergone, saying that he would speak with the same candor that the speakers had expressed in laying their case before him. The responsibility, he said, did not rest with him, as the royal clemency was exercised by the governor-general, acting under the advice of the minister of justice at Ottawa. In his opinion, the workers of the province had the right to strike and that the government should not interfere with that right, but that it was his duty to keep law and order. Touching upon the threat of a general strike the premier deprecated the idea, saying it would be calamitous and might bring about industrial ruin in the province, but that nothing of the kind would prevent either him or the minister of justice from executing the laws of the land. "If the power of pardon," he concluded, "is to be influenced by threats of industrial strikes, a precedent would be established that could only mean disaster to the civil liberties of the people of the province. The collections on 'tag-day' in Victoria, held on the Thursday, resulted in a sum of \$681 for the imprisoned miners' families.

WILL STAY WITH STRIKERS

T. J. Shenton and W. K. Beat of Nanaimo, representing the U. M. W. of A. local and the engineers, respectively, were visitors in Vancouver Wednesday. While here they held a conference with the remnants of the B. C. Association of engineers relative to supplying engineers to replace the strikers on Vancouver island who came out with the miners and have been sticking unitedly ever since. The local officers of the association have agreed to support the miners in every way possible.

HOT MEALS FOR SCHOOLS.

South Vancouver Feeds the Bodies as Well as the Minds of its Children. The South Vancouver School board has recently inaugurated a system of supplying hot mid-day meals in the Carleton, Norquay, Champlain and Connaught schools. Five cents will be charged for the meal, but where the home exchequer is in bad shape, no charge will be made. Tickets will be used so that no child will know whether his neighbor or playmate has paid for the ticket. This is an excellent idea as by this means the susceptibilities of the child can be hurt. The scheme originated with Mrs. Morris, wife of O. School Trustee Morris, and has been taken up by the Women's Institute and various religious bodies. It has proved up to date a pronounced success and before long its scope will be greatly enlarged.

GRABBERS OF B. C. BEST ANTHRACITE COAL LANDS

How 2,000 Square Miles Have Been Filched From the People

Ground Hog District Averages 57,000,000 Tons Per Square Mile

BY SE-SOM.

This article will state how 2,000 square miles of best anthracite coal lands, averaging 57,000,000 tons per square mile, in the Ground Hog district of Northern British Columbia, are being filched from the people by spurious "powers-of-attorney". The stupendous quantity and incredible value of this immense property can hardly be realized, but as I am simply recording the facts, after geologically considering the carefully collected data and evidence, corroborated by no less than five mining engineers of high standing, you may rely upon this description: The location is south of the 57th parallel about 128 1/2 deg., west longitude, 100 miles north-east of Mackenzie & Mann's proposed port named Stewart, at the head of that great inland fiord known as the Portland Canal.

Harriman's Combine (U. S. A.), the B. & K. Syndicate, are reported to have corralled about 92,800 acres. Mackenzie & Mann are reported to have corralled about 30,000 acres. The B. C. Anthracite Co. of Quebec are reported to have corralled about 30,000 acres. The Western Development Co. are reported to have corralled about 70,000 acres.

National Finance Co. are reported to have corralled about 60,000 acres. Many other syndicates have gobbled up most of the remaining area for financial exploitation, but as most of them are composed of the keenest American speculators, who delight in taking this advantage, since the U.S.A. Government stopped that wholesale form of public plunder recently, and they can thus gain more, I will briefly explain particulars of the 92,800 acres stated by the K. & B. Syndicate's exploitation. We may readily estimate the developing danger to Canadian and British interests on learning that the K. & B. Syndicate is controlled by the Harriman and Financial combine of U. S. A., who, according to information I have been able to gather, are trying to negotiate professional contracts with the Russian, Chinese and Japanese governments with the double object of cutting off the supply of Welsh anthracite for war ships and other craft on the Pacific Ocean, where the carrying trade is going to develop as that of the Atlantic, and with the still greater object of taking enormous profits from British and Canadian lands to abnormally enrich the most dangerous wealth abusing magistrates in U. S. A.

Some idea of the vast extent of their contemplated "profits" may be gathered from the fact that there are from 11 to 15 highly profitable seams of thick anthracite coal under every acre of those 1,280,000 acres, in well proven, undisturbed coal measures, free from volcanic intrusions. All consisting of hard (smokeless) anthracite of high commercial grade.

By securing the passes through the Coast Range mountains, these people will hold the key to the vast coal-bearing area beyond, unless restrained as I submit they should be, in the public interest, before Crown grants are allowed to be issued by the government of British Columbia. Otherwise they will perpetually establish indisputable advantages over all competitors, and so impose upon British Columbians and the empire a highly dangerous monopoly, as they plan to corner the economic outlet for that vast area by securing prior railway rights and extending railway spurs to all future working collieries, to reap unprecedented dividends.

There are good railway grades down to the Neas river, and easy grades for coal workings above 1300 feet datum. Ridges separating the valleys provide banks of overhanging tonnage by galleries driven on drain level nearly horizontal, so that railway wagons can be run direct into some of the workings, facilitating the quickest and most economical production. The seams are parallel, and are adapted for return airways on the other seam by brattice cloth connections; thus there is scope for many men to quickly increase the output in abnormally short time, as working, draining, ventilating and hauling are very economical for profitable working an enormous output. Careful estimates of the cost of production, including the present cost of wages, shows a cost of \$2.14 per ton, plus 8c for railway operation, including the haulage of empty wagons, totalling \$3.00 per ton, whilst we, in normal times, pay about \$3.00 per ton for both home and manufacturing coal in Prince Rupert, Vancouver and Victoria, and much higher for anthracite.

The estimated daily output of 5,000 tons per day is calculated to yield a profit of not less than \$10,300 per day, which would pay 10 per cent. interest upon a capital of \$80,300,000, or 20 per cent. interest upon a capital of \$15,450,000, or 31 per cent. upon the capital of \$10,400,000 actually required to begin efficient development of this 92,800 acre block as below:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Items include Purchase from Government, Cost of Railway, Cost of Terminals, Bunkers, etc., and amounts range from \$288,000 to \$2,000,000.

The facilities for plunder of the public resources here is evidenced by the technical "owners" demanding \$2,000,000 "plunder" to let their



MISS POLLY BRISBANE Stateician Vancouver Trades and Labor Council—Delegate from the Waitresses' Union.

B. C. FEDERATION WILL CONVENE NEXT MONDAY

Preparations Now Nearly Complete for the Reception of Delegates

Important Resolutions Will Be Considered at the Convention

The New Westminster Trades and Labor council are busy people these days making the final arrangements for the reception of the delegates to the annual convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor, which opens its sessions on Monday. The reception committee is composed of D. S. Cameron, chairman; H. Gibb, secretary; and Messrs. Aid. Dodd, W. Taylor and C. H. Lugin members. They have done everything possible for the comfort and entertainment of the visitors who will doubtless find their stay in the Royal City an enjoyable one. The executive committee of the Federation is holding a meeting today and will have everything in readiness for the opening. The headquarters will be at the Savoy hotel, Columbia street, and delegates are asked to hand their credentials to the secretary in the committee room at that hotel. Delegates travelling over the C. P. R. or the G. N. R. must purchase first-class tickets, paying the full one-way fare to New Westminster, and obtain certificates to that effect from the ticket agent in order to secure the reduced fare returning home, these certificates being turned over to the secretary. Many important resolutions will be dealt with and a successful and educational meeting is assured.

WESTERN FEDERATION MINERS

District No. 6 Holds its Fourteenth Annual Session

NELSON, Jan. 22.—The fourteenth annual convention of District No. 6, Western Federation of Miners, has been in session here since Tuesday morning. According to reports submitted by Secretary-treasurer A. Shilland, an increase of twenty per cent. has been recorded in the membership during the past year, and the convention itself is one of the most largely attended in years, there being representatives of unions present from all parts of the interior. Yesterday resolutions were passed urging upon the provincial government the adoption of an amended Workmen's Compensation act, fashioned after that of Washington state. Another resolution, unanimously agreed to, condemned piece work and the bonus contract system. The convention also passed a resolution which will be forwarded to the federal government, asking for the abolition of the Lemieux act.

The delegates went on record as condemning the provincial government for its attitude towards the striking coal miners on Vancouver island, and also voted financial support to the striking miners in Michigan.

LABOR ON ATLANTIC COAST

New Brunswick Federation Holds Convention in Moncton

The annual convention of the New Brunswick Federation of Labor, which is being held this week in Moncton promises to be a most important one. Among other matters of interest which will be taken up will be arrangements for procuring a charter from the Trades and Labor congress of Canada and proposed amendments to the present labor laws of the province. In the call for the convention the secretary says: "Realizing as we do the need of closer affiliation among the organized workers and believing this Federation will be one of the best ways of bringing the organizations at present in existence in closer touch with each other, and will also be the means of inducing the unorganized crafts to organize, we would request that all organizations make an earnest endeavor to be represented at this meeting." A bumper attendance is expected.

The "yellow peril" may have its terrors but, as a comic supplement says, the worst is yet to come. A shipment of two million "fresh" eggs arrived in Vancouver from China on one of the Empresses during the past week.

"staked coal lands" be used, in addition to the \$928,000 the government of British Columbia are to receive for letting that part of our heritage to give their friends the cream of that \$2,000,000 before allowing it to be used.

MAYOR T. S. BAXTER NEED OF POLITICAL ACTION AMONG WORKERS

EXPECTS BUSY SEASON

Plans For Public Work in Good Shape—Prospects Bright

City Assessment Needs Readjustment—The Unemployed

Mayor Baxter was asked a week regarding the outlook for 1914 as public work was concerned. He replied he stated that the two big by-laws provided for an expenditure of \$250,000 on sewers, rocking roads, paving streets, etc. Some \$4,000,000 will be spent by the city, of this amount about \$1,600,000 would go to interest and sinking fund. Work will be carried out on the Georgia-Harris streets viaduct, park and other improvements. Besides, sidewalks will be built. The city has let contracts for ten miles of streets, costing \$650,000. Thus, three million dollars will be spent on local and other improvements. The partnership 18-inch water pipe will be laid through the park. "Yes, things are in mighty good shape, with good prospects for a busy season," said his worship, assuringly. "And if the private citizens do their part, Vancouver will have nothing to complain of this year as the city council will do a lion's share of the proposed work." The school board will spend about \$1,000,000 on schools and sites therefor. The city is hard pressed for revenue, but these contingencies must be provided for. One thing his worship drew attention to, was the low rate of the city's assessment, which is deplorably small. The total rateable property was set down at \$160,000,000, when it could just as easily be raised to \$600,000,000, without at all increasing the rate of taxation. Were real estate taxes at 50 per cent. of real value, taxes could be levied easily on \$500,000,000, which is double the present amount. A fixed rate should be taken on prices that would cover the debts of solvent debtors who could realize voluntarily on conservative valuations. For instance, a piece of property which at present is assessed at \$30,000, has a real selling value of \$175,000, should be put down at say \$90,000. There are any number of glaring assessments on the rolls like this which are far too low. Again, instead of the tax rate being 30 mills it should be placed at say 12 mills, and by so doing more actual revenue would honestly be raised than is now being collected, and principle of single tax maintained. Vancouver, if proper real estate valuations were adhered to, could easily adopt a low rate and yet have more revenue to carry on its needed public works. Twelve instead of 30 mills would be a good advertisement for any city let alone Vancouver. Owing to the large number of out-of-works, the board of works employ 600 men for three days a week at \$2 a day, the regular \$3-a-day gangs working the other three days. Changing the Sore Spots That the provincial government has grown tired of the enormous expense of maintaining a useless armed force, in the interests of the coal miners on Vancouver island, is evidenced by a news story which appeared a few days ago in the Victoria Times, which says: "Orders have been given, it is understood, or are at least in contemplation for the recall of the permanent force stationed at Nanaimo. There are about thirty or forty members of the Work Point garrison stationed in the strike zone, and if they are 'recalled' it will probably mean that about ten men from each of the Victoria and Vancouver regiments will have to be ordered out to replace them to keep up the strength which Lieut.-Col. Hall, commanding officer of the forces in the field, recently stated was the minimum which it was safe to have on the ground." Last week about 1500 attended an unemployed mass meeting at Hamilton, Ont. "Work, not charity," was the tone of the speeches. Ottawa Typographical union has successfully negotiated new working agreements in job and news branches. The news scale runs for four years and the job scale for three and a half. The job men now get \$19.50. The new charters of the Brotherhood of Carpenters are being supplied to the local of the Amalgamated society in eastern Canada, which have been merged into the big carpenters' organization. The numbers of the new unions in the United States will start at 2500, while those in Canada will begin at 2600. A full complement of supplies accompanies each charter. Under the constitution, where two or more Brotherhood locals are operating in a district a district council is required to be established. In Toronto the Brotherhood and Amalgamated each had a district council. These will be merged on February 1st. On the same date a district council will be instituted in the Niagara peninsula. The Hamilton district council will be comprised of local branches in Hamilton, Brantford and Burlington, and will get into working order early next month. Said J. Place, the socialist member for Nanaimo, in the house on Monday: "There will be no peace in the mining districts until the men are organized. No matter what the outcome of the present struggle may be it will not be final. Take the history of any country and you will observe that there is no industrial peace until the workers are in a position to fight their case without actually going to war. In the mining districts of this province the men are satisfied that individually they have no chance whatever and that collectively, while they may not succeed, they will at all events stand a better chance of having their demands listened to."

UNIONS MERGED

Charter Being Supplied to A. S. of C. and J. by the U. B. of C. and J.

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SAFETY FIRST

To all the gunmen, burglars, bandits, sand-baggers, swindlers and petty thieves, greeting: Have you ever stopped to consider the dangers that beset you in your various callings? No doubt most of you are aware that persons who seek wealth in the manner to which you have taken a fancy are liable to severe punishment. This is a grievous condition, the elimination of which you would all welcome. You are hereby offered a chance to reform and become law-abiding citizens, free from all possibility of danger in the form of punishment for your past acts. Self-preservation is the strongest human instinct and there can be no question that each one of you is fairly fond of himself. Therefore, you will welcome this opportunity to reform. But if you should consider that it is too late, that it is impossible to reform, it will be doubly welcome news to you that it is now possible to reform without changing your occupation. If you could follow your natural bent, drawing a steady income therefrom, with the law protecting where it now pursues, would you turn it down? All you have to do is to join our strike-breaking detective agency. The work is easy and safe and the pay is good. Those of you who have a natural leaning toward assassination will be allowed full swing in attacking strikers. Arms will be provided. While there is no risk if care is exercised, the agency assumes no responsibility for injury to anyone who carelessly attacks a striker from in front. Others, whose tendencies are more toward housebreaking, thieving, etc., will be given ample scope for their activities in sacking and looting strikers' homes. Here again, the only caution that must be exercised is to be sure that you go in sufficient numbers to guard against injury. Remember that there is no limit to what you can do, provided you do it to union men. You need have no respect for women or children. It is a life of perfect freedom in which, above all things, you will be safe. You can rest absolutely free from it if the law should happen to notice anything that may be done. A union man will be blamed for it. Further, you will no longer be social outcasts, but respectable citizens and people of wealth and standing in the community will commend you as the upholders of law and order.

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 The Newly-elected Reeve of Burnaby, who beat his opponent by nearly 400 majority. D. C. McGregor, one of his opponents, and late Reeve, holds commission in a local regiment, and was at Nanaimo during the strike trouble, which accounts, in a large measure, for his defeat.

On behalf of District No. 28, United Mine Workers of America, I desire to acknowledge the receipt of \$7,012.91, in addition to the \$5,000 already received, in connection with The Federationist subscription for the Kiddies' Christmas fund.

The effort of The Federationist has already been acknowledged by some of the membership of the mine workers, but let me again, on behalf of the entire membership, their wives and children, thank the workers of Canada generally, and British Columbia in particular, for the magnificent manner in which they responded to the suggestion of The Federationist that the workers appreciate the heroic sacrifices made by the women and children to assist their husbands and fathers to plant the flag of unionism on Vancouver Island.

I desire also to acknowledge the sum of \$28.75 from the Victoria Trades and Labor Council which came in after the announcement of The Federationist fund. This amount from Victoria is in addition to the amount already acknowledged through the columns of The "Fed." as received from that city.

The money has been distributed as follows:

Cumberland	\$1207.30
Ladysmith	1417.00
Nanaimo	2973.30
South Wellington	1004.70
Extension	257.90
Sointula	60.00
Cost of forwarding money to Cumberland and Sointula	2.15
Balance on hand	120.31
Total	\$7041.66

The balance on hand, \$120.31, together with sundry small sums received by The Federationist since the fund closed, will be banked to the credit of the officers of District No. 28 and will be used to defray the expenses incurred through illness among the wives and children of the imprisoned miners.

The Federationist will long be remembered by the rising generation of 3030 children whose Christmas was gladdened by the forthright of The Federationist and the response of its readers.

ROBT. FOSTER,
 President District 28.

[The "Fed." has been furnished with a copy of the receipted rolls from which the money was paid to the individual families, and any subscriber to the fund is at liberty to examine it at this office at any time.—Ed.]

The McBride-Bowser regime sure believes in the slogan: "Back to the land!"

VANCOUVER COAL OPERATORS' TEN COMMANDMENTS

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3. Thou shalt not speak disparagingly of thy master lest I sack thee without notice.
4. Remember thou workest six days with all thy strength and to do all I want thee, but the seventh day thou shalt stop at home and do no manner of work, but thou shalt do all that thou canst to recruit thine exhausted strength for my services on Monday morning.
5. Honor thy master and his foremen that thy days may be short and miserable for I shall not want thee when thou gettest old any able to spend thy days in the workhouse.
6. Thou shalt have no U. M. W. of A. to protect thy labor as that is against my will.
7. Thou shalt always speak well of me though I oppress thee thou shalt be content if I find thee work and pay thee what I think well.
8. Thou shalt starve thyself and thy children if it is anything to my interest, thou must only think of me, not of thyself.
9. Thou shalt have no meeting to consider thine own interest as I want to keep thee in ignorance and poverty all the days of thy life.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy master's money, nor his comforts, nor his luxuries, nor anything that is his. Thou shalt not covet his money even though he gets two hundred dollars per week and thou hardly twenty. Thou shalt not grumble at anything, for I want to reign over thee and tyrannize thee and keep thee in bondage all the days of thy life.

General President James Kirby and Board Member Martel, of Montreal, of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, will begin a tour of Ontario locals of his craft in February.

Shingle Weavers, Sawmill Workers and Woodsmen

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ECONOMIC CAUSE OF DISEASE
 "Nature is red in fang and claw." Life preys on life—the fish eats the worm, the man eats the fish, and the worm eats the man—a continuous round of one-sided pleasure. The "bug" theory came and is now vanishing. Vaccines, anti-toxins and antiseptics still have their place in the drug store, and, with the conventional doctor, mainly because they pay; but we are slowly learning that while germs cannot be eliminated, they can be made harmless. Nature has supplied us with forces which can protect us from their assault. Seed scattered in well prepared ground grows; the same seed planted in a desert fails to propagate. The coming system of healing will not be to destroy the germ so much as to render the system immune from their attacks; physical and mental resistance will be understood and developed.

MASTICATION PREVENTS TEETH DECAYING

Through the mechanical process particles of fermenting food—the home of the germ—are removed. But mastication does something more than this: it massages the gums and connective tissue around the teeth, increases the circulation which carries the lime salts to harden the teeth, and increases their resistance against the forces of disease. This is the main reason why the old Indians of British Columbia, as well as our ancient ancestors, had good teeth. The germ was there, but the resistance to the germ was there also. To-day our food is mostly soft, requiring little mastication and so to compensate somewhat for disuse we use tooth brushes and chew gum. Nature prompts children to do the latter.

THE WHITE PLAGUE

This is because the poor have poor blood. They lack resistance; they eat poor food; they breathe foul air and when not overworked they are out of work, underfed, worried and exposed to cold and damp. On the other hand the middle and upper classes are comparatively free from tuberculosis.

WHITE BLOOD CELLS DEFENDERS

Modern physiology has shown us that the chief function of the billions of white blood cells contained in the normal man is to defend the system against the invasion of germs. The modern microscope has enabled us to see the battle between health and disease actually taking place. If the blood is in good condition these white blood cells are numerous and active, and they pounce upon the invading germs and devour them before they can gain a foothold. On the other hand, if the blood is poor, the system reduced, the germs are liable to enter and propagate. To-day drugs and antiseptics have been discarded, practically in the treatment of tuberculosis, and every effort is made to build up the resistance through nourishing food, rest, sunshine, pure air and invigorating and enjoyable recreation. It would be obvious to all, that slum dwellers, the industrial classes, the inmates of asylums and jails, are particularly susceptible to tuberculosis and other germ diseases, because these classes offer a prolific soil for the propagation of germs. It is also evident that the human race can never enjoy sound health until poverty is abolished—until there is an abundance of food, clothing, homes and contentment for all, and, therefore, the true physicians, while they are doing all possible to relieve existing conditions, must never cease to teach the public that diseases—such as tuberculosis and decayed teeth—are but symptoms of our social and economic disorder which has produced widespread poverty in a world overflowing with natural wealth. Today millions of hands are idle who are able and willing to produce all the comforts and luxuries of life. The first step toward a healthy humanity is the propagation of knowledge of these great problems of life which are now before us. What is the remedy for the unemployed problem? The reply will be given next week.

Letter Carriers' Dance

Although the letter carriers of Vancouver have had to do more than their usual share of walking during the week, they intend holding a whist drive and dance in O'Brien hall, corner Homer and Hastings streets, on Monday, January 26th, at 8 p.m. Admission, gentlemen 50 cents, lady 25 cents. Everybody welcome! Music by Prof. L. Holland's orchestra. Refreshments will be served.

'Frisco Plasterers' Strike

The strike of the Plasterers' union to enforce a decision of the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor is still in progress, though negotiations are under way which should lead to an early adjustment of the difficulty. The plasterers and carpenters have arrived at an understanding concerning some of the features of the case, so that now there remains but the working out of details in the arrangement, but it is hoped that no serious hitch will occur concerning them. The International union of Bricklayers has instructed the San Francisco local to stand unwaveringly with the plasterers, and the union has voted to comply with the order. The executive council of the American Federation of Labor convened on Monday, January 19th, in Washington, when the question was taken up. A decision will be rendered in a few days.

Hamilton, Ont., plumbers have elected James Cunningham, president, and A. W. Harris, secretary of their union.

MINERS IN SESSION 2,000 DELEGATES PRESENT

United Mine Workers Hold Annual Convention at Indianapolis, Ind.

President Charles H. Moyer Is Expected To Be in Attendance

This week the biggest international union on the American continent, the United Mine Workers of America, are in session at Indianapolis, Ind., with over 2,000 delegates present. More than 300 resolutions have been submitted by locals in all parts of the country to the convention. A number of changes in the constitution has been suggested and the constitutional committee, which met prior to the convention, will report on these to the delegates. It is also planned to draft an agreement whereby the miners will continue work during the time conferences are being held between the unemployed and the mine owners, on many scales, which expire on March 31st. The miners and operators have already agreed that a suspension of work during the negotiation of a new contract, is unnecessary and both sides are hopeful that the plan of a new contract in the mines will be reached. In connection with the miners' big convention, president John B. White has announced that a meeting of the mine department of the American Federation of Labor will be held some time during the convention, and it is notable that Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, is expected to be present.

LETTERS TO THE FED.

Coast Sailors Need Organization

Editor B. C. Federationist: Much has been said about the organization of miners, loggers, mechanics, railroad men, etc. But there is one class of men on this Pacific coast whom you very seldom see mentioned in any organ of the A. F. of L., and who need the services of an organizer most urgently. I refer to the sailors, or rather freight handlers, who work on the small freight boats plying along the coast, from as far south as 'Frisco to as far north as Prince Rupert. The conditions aboard these floating workhouses are a shame and a disgrace in this age of industrial reform. Having worked myself on several of them, on both sides of the international boundary line, I feel that I am qualified to speak on the subject. To begin with, the hygienic conditions aboard most of these boats are unmentionable. The sleeping quarters of the men are the worst that could be found anywhere. The average cell in which criminals are confined is cleaner, better lighted, better ventilated, and, generally speaking, more sanitary in every way than these conservatories for the perpetuation of the prolific "grey-back," misnamed fo'c's'les. They are situated at the bow of the vessel below the water line and are absolutely unventilated, with the exception of what little air finds its way down through the upper deck 15 or 20 feet above, which is very little. When several men start smoking in this already stagnant atmosphere, it becomes something indescribable; added to this, it is a veritable paradise for vermin of all descriptions—bed-bugs, lice and fleas, merely wait till the lights are extinguished and then flock to the feeding ground (the bunks) and proceed to make things interesting for the unfortunate occupants thereof. Bad as this is, it is not all by any means. The men are hired at \$40 or \$45 a month, 20 days to a month. And whatever part of the 24 hours is required for the operation of loading and unloading freight constitutes a day. It often requires all of it, and very seldom less than 14 or 15 hours, thus if a man works 24 hours and quits, he receives a day's pay, \$1.50. Think it over you freedom-loving Americans and Canadians.

F. DAVIS.
 Nanaimo, B.C., Jan. 22, 1914

Vote of Thanks

Editor B. C. Federationist: We, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the U. M. W. of A., local No. 2388, take this method of sending a hearty vote of thanks to you all, and to those who so kindly donated towards the Kiddies' Christmas fund, for it brightened many a home and gladdened many a little heart on Christmas morning. Thanking you again and wishing you all a happy new year.

MRS. JAMES JONES,
 President.
 Ladysmith, Jan. 21, 1914.

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A Word to the Unionists of British Columbia

With the beginning of the New Year The Federationist aims to increase its usefulness to the organized labor movement of British Columbia. During the latter part of 1913 The Federationist was enlarged to a minimum of eight pages, and it is now proposed to increase it to twelve pages as soon as possible.

Your organization can co-operate in making The Federationist a thoroughly provincial paper in three ways:

- (1) By inserting a card in the union directory at the nominal price of \$1.00 per month;
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DISGRACEFUL MODE OF LIFE AMONGST DOUKHOBORS

Existence of Community a Menace to People of Province

Urgent Need for Organization in the Upper Country

J. W. Gray of District No. 18, United Mine Workers of America, and member of the executive of the B. C. Federation of Labor, arrived in the city Tuesday morning on his way to attend the convention at New Westminster. He has just completed an extensive tour through the interior of the province, and gives a most interesting account of his travels, reporting as every other worker does, that in most places unemployment is prevalent and work dull. At Cranbrook, he states that on account of the prevailing slackness, the local unions are practically dead, with the exception of the railwaymen's unions which are working full time. All other industries are nearly at a standstill and few men employed. That there is a good field for an organizer in the interior is evidenced by the fact that so many men in lumber camps are unorganized.

Need Organization

At Kimberley, 60 miles from Cranbrook, one camp of 75 men could most likely be brought into the fold, as could also the 175 men of the Staple lumber company, a few miles out of Cranbrook. Along Columbia river, between Fernie and Revelstoke, there are from twelve to fifteen hundred men employed in the various camps—all unorganized. Propaganda work would rouse them up and make them realize the value of unionism. Mr. Gray addressed a meeting of trainmen and firemen at Cranbrook, and states that they sympathize with the aims of the Federation, but unfortunately owing to their constitution they are unable to affiliate. It is, however, only a question of time before these difficulties will be removed and affiliations made possible. At Revelstoke about 125 teamsters are ready and willing to organize so before long a charter will doubtless be applied for. Mr. Gray reports that at Nelson the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and the Amalgamated Carpenters have joined forces and are doing business together.

Elect Delegates

They have sent G. Hardy to the convention where he will represent the two bodies, comprising in all 75 men. The organized workers of Nelson, however, wanted a bigger representation, and the remaining unions in and around the city formed a federation amongst themselves for the purpose of sending another delegate. It was eventually decided that one should be sent with credentials from the Machinists' union. The railway carmen have arranged to hold a concert in aid of the children of the miners on Vancouver island, all members working energetically to make it a success. Mr. Gray arrived at Revelstoke when the place was buzzing with excitement over the civic elections, so little could be done in the shape of meetings. Like Nelson, Revelstoke had its own troubles in the way of being represented at the Federation of Labor, and, like Nelson, they

Squashed Aforeaid Troubles

The Blacksmith's union, being only a handful, and the maintenance-of-way men—about 150 in all—being unable to meet regularly on account of stress of weather and long distances separating them, it was decided to get as many union workers together as possible and send a delegate under the auspices of one of the affiliated unions. About 100 men were present at this meeting—which was one of the best held for years—and a delegate was elected from the Machinists' union. It is abundantly evident that what Nelson and Revelstoke lack in numbers they make up in enthusiasm and action. At Kamloops Mr. Gray heard the same story—slackness of work, business dull. The only unions there are the

Railroad Brotherhoods,

while the I. W. W. also have a local. As at Cranbrook the railroad men would like to affiliate with the B. C. Federation and hope that before long the obstacles in the way will be removed. While in the district Mr. Gray visited Brilliant and owing to a mistake on the part of some of the Doukhobor officials, he was able to visit the community and talk to many of the members. Although they

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were too cowed and frightened to say much the revelations are astounding and it is certain that the people of British Columbia have no idea that such a disgraceful state of affairs exist in the province. Laws are flagrantly broken or insolently ignored, the only law apparently being that of Peter Veregin. No registers of births, marriages or deaths are kept, in fact, as far as regards marriages it would be a difficult matter as the ceremony of marriage appears to be non-existent. There are

No Schools

In this community of 5,000 men, women and children, and bearing in mind the tenets and practices of the members, it can well be imagined what a crowd of barbarians are being raised there. As a rule, these people are absolutely under the heel of Peter Veregin, who reigns as a despot. So well under subjection are they that they obey his every order even to their own personal adornment. Recently he directed the women to cut the hair off their heads, and these poor, deluded fanatics immediately obeyed, and today, within the community, women are wearing their hair cropped short. These people spend nothing—they have little or no money as all they can earn for their own personal use must be made on Saturday afternoons when the dictator graciously allows them to earn a few cents for themselves! They

Live on the Poorest of Food

and herd together—men, women and children—in gangs of from 30 to 50, in houses that would only comfortably accommodate an ordinarily large Britisher's family. Peter sometimes takes contracts to supply men for railway grading, etc. But who gets the money? Peter. He rushes them out of the community, rushes them back again at the expiry of the contract, pockets their wages, and gives them enough food and clothing to eke out an existence. From the chats Mr. Gray was able to obtain with a few of the members it is clear that, although they would in some cases like to be outside and have the disposal of their own earnings, most of them are incapable of thinking this possible. Their belief in Peter Veregin is so strong that they cannot imagine, much less attempt, such a proposition, without him. And these are the people settled in our midst! A few independents, however, some time ago,

"Got Out From Under,"

repudiated the leadership of Peter and settled at Thrums. But Peter wouldn't pay up their share—he kept back all the price. They appealed to Attorney-general Bowser to take some action to compel the Doukhobor society pay their personal claims and compensation. Mr. Bowser, however, in reply to their petition stated that the matter appeared to be one in which private rights only were involved and that such rights were for the courts to establish and enforce. At the same time he congratulated them on obeying the laws and giving their children the advantages attending the British schools. The solution may ultimately be found in legal action when the financial system of the community will be fully exposed. Veregin, it is stated, brought in 1500 Russians last year, and can, when it suits him, bring in 75,000 more!

Off to Michigan

Mr. Gray met J. Davison, president of District 6, Western Federation of Miners, at Nelson. Mr. Davison, who is now an international official, is on his way to Michigan. Although they are having a hard struggle, he felt sure they would win out in the end and was delighted with the sympathy and help the United Mine Workers had given the strikers.

Before the convention at New Westminster Mr. Gray will go over to Victoria with a view to getting into touch with the B. C. Fruitgrowers association regarding affiliation with the B. C. Federation of Labor. The farmers' associations of Alberta have affiliated with the Alberta Federation and it is up to the fruitgrowers of this province to do likewise in B. C.

"NOT UNDERSTOOD"

Not understood, we move along asunder; Our paths grow wider as the seasons creep Along the years; we marvel and we wonder Why life is life, and then we fall asleep— Not understood! Not understood, we gather false impressions, And hug them closer as the years go by; Till virtues often seem to be transgressions; And thus men rise and fall, and live and die Not understood!

Not understood; poor souls with stunted vision Off measure giants with their narrow gauge; The poisoned shafts of falsehood and derision Are oft impelled 'gainst those who mould the age— Not understood!

Not understood! The secret springs of action, Which lie beneath the surface and the show Are disregarded; with self-satisfaction We judge our neighbors, and they often go: Not understood!

Not understood! How trifles often change us! The thoughtless sentence and the fancied slight Destroy long years of friendship, and estrange us, And on our souls there falls a freezing blight: Not understood!

Not understood! How many breasts are aching For lack of sympathy? Ah, day by day How many cheerless, lonely hearts are breaking? How many noble spirits pass away: Not understood!

O God! that men would see a little clearer, Or judge less harshly where they cannot see! O God! that men would draw a little nearer To one another—they'd be nearer Thee! And understood! —Thomas Bracken.

VANCOUVER PRINTER APPRENTICES FORM CLUB

Beginners in Typography Establish Precedent in This City

Organize an Association and Enact Constitution and Rules

The examining committee of Vancouver Typographical union called a meeting of printers apprentices on Friday night in the Labor Temple to discuss the formation of a club. There was a good attendance and the following apprentices were enrolled in the new organization: C. Withers, W. Boardman, A. E. Laing, H. Bayley, C. W. Pettipiece, C. D. Morris, G. H. Jones, E. B. Estabrook, L. L. Manning, T. G. Millar, A. Price, G. Inglis, C. Sandell, A. Haseldine, W. Braus, Jr., S. Henderson, C. H. R. Southcott, R. Pettit, E. Humphrey, H. Scott, F. Hobbs, H. Fletcher, J. E. Henson, G. A. Roedde, L. V. Moody, A. Scott, D. Duguid, W. Mattix and J. Anderson.

George Bartley was in the chair and in the course of his remarks urged the apprentices to take every means in their power to become efficient members of the craft. He also reminded them that their annual examination would take place during the first week in March, and that exams had a tendency to become stiffer each year. F. McEwen also addressed them on the importance of keeping up to date in their trade and pointed out that the best way of so doing was to attend the lectures and courses of study proposed. L. E. Denison spoke of his recent visit to Seattle where he attended a banquet of the printers apprentices' club. He told them of the success of that organization and the amount of real work it was doing, and said that so highly did the employers think of it that in addition to personal and moral support they put into the treasury dollar for dollar with the members. Messrs. H. L. Corey, H. A. Henry, R. H. Lockie and E. Rorke also spoke along similar lines. The boys then proceeded to elect a committee to draw up a constitution and rules with the following result: Advisory president, L. E. Denison; Harry Bayley, chairman; E. B. Estabrook, vice-chairman; Clarke W. Pettipiece, secretary; A. E. Laing and R. Pettit, members. Of the many trades unions in Vancouver the Typographical is the first to form an organization for the better training of its juniors. Association with each other, together with the complete self-government they enjoy, and attendance at lectures, etc., will undoubtedly help the boys to become better qualified to take their position as journeymen and also further the spirit of brotherhood. The meetings will be held on the second and fourth Thursdays in each month. Adjourned till January 22nd.

A SUGGESTION.

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B. C. F. OF L. CONVENTION
 The fourth annual convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor will open at New Westminster on Monday morning next. It promises to be one of the most largely attended conferences of organized labor ever held in this province. Already, it is stated, there are more than 100 credentials in the hands of the secretary-treasurer. As might be expected the miners' strike on Vancouver Island will come in for a great deal of attention. The executive committee of the federation will convene at the Royal City today, for the preparation of their annual report for submission to the convention on Monday morning covering the activities of the federation for the year. The convention of representatives of organized labor at this time is most opportune. With the provincial legislature in session; with a most serious unemployed problem confronting us; with youthful victims of Attorney-general Bowser and Judge Howay dying in prison; with other union men locked up without trial; with the severe penalties handed out to men for no other reason than that they are union men, and with the responsibilities placed upon the membership of organized labor, it is fitting that the members of organized labor should hold counsel among themselves and endeavor, if possible, to forward the solution of such problems now pressing upon them. The Federationist trusts that the deliberations of the convention may prove an inspiration to the delegates and redound to the credit and benefit of the membership which has made the convention possible. The B. C. Federation of Labor is destined to play an important part in the development of the organized labor movement in this province and upon its officers must rest the task of industrially uniting the wage-workers of British Columbia. That the result of the convention will assist the workers in this herculean effort is the fervent wish of The Federationist.

Desire To Be Men; Not Slaves
 "We have done everything for the men," protest the puzzled employers. "We have built them libraries, gymnasiums, schools and even churches. We have put up comfortable houses for them; reasonable prices. We have kept the town clean and attractive, so that it would be a beautiful place for their children to grow up in. And now they turn on us with as much bitterness as if we were their natural enemies. They don't seem to know what the word 'gratitude' means. Why is it?"
 Obviously the reason is that the workmen in such a town have received everything they need except liberty, and they need liberty more than anything else. They do not want things done for them. No healthy man does. They want to do them themselves. They want to earn money enough to enable their employers to build them a model town, they want that money to go into their pay envelopes, so that they can build their own model towns. It is better that they should take the money and throw it away, if they do so of their own volition, than that they should remain spineless beneficiaries of some one above them. And this, incidentally, is true of all charities, public or private. In some parts of this country, we hardly need to be reminded, the industrial feudalisms are anything but benevolent and the bread of their meager charity is bitter bread indeed. But the evil they are able to do is inherent in the power they hold rather than in the use, good or bad, which given individuals are disposed to make of it.—Frisco Bulletin.

Unemployed in Canada
 Reports come from practically every centre of population in Canada of large numbers of unemployed who are feeling the pinch of poverty. In the cities of the west there has been industrial distress for several months. The number of unemployed has been greatly in excess of the number to be expected by reason of the end of the demand for seasonal labor in the prairie provinces and the consequent unemployment of the men so engaged. In British Columbia the same conditions have existed. In Regina, Sask., the situation is such that the police find it difficult to maintain order, it being feared for a time that martial law might have to be declared. That ominous institution, the soup kitchen, has made its appearance in this young and prosperous country. In Montreal hundreds of men have stood in line at midnight to receive coffee and bread. In Toronto it is estimated that there are at present 15,000 men out of work, with the number on the increase. Such conditions should not be allowed to exist in a country like Canada, and would not, if there was a little more national sense. There is no country where the opportunity and the reward of labor are greater than here. There is work for untold thousands of men, in developing the resources of Canada. Even in winter the labor of these unemployed men could be used to excellent advantage. They have to be supported anyway; then why not use their energy in profitable service and production? It can only be construed that the grip of special privilege and land monopoly has become such that access to the natural resources is denied to the men whose labor applied to it would produce ample wealth for themselves and their country. The fundamental task is to break this power, and to make possible in every individual case the profitable union of labor and land. Charity, employment bureaus, emergency grants, are all makeshifts, and lead nowhere but to the old problem. Freedom of access to the land and its opportunities is the only sufficient remedy.—Ottawa Citizen.

Is there such a thing as practical idealism and logical sentimentality? Haven't politics, business and diplomacy been singularly lacking in idealism since it was first invented? The fetish of practical people is immediate expediency, and that shuts out idealism, shuts out sentimentality, shuts out everything except the direct personal profit of some small group of persons, in some small space of time. Do we not have to choose between the surrender of some degree of this tangible, testable practicality, and the surrender of a certain quality of idealism, which is in fact what leads the world along? And if the personality of women puts the stress upon idealism, is it more than prudent to admit its practicality as an element of our political and economic life? Isn't practical idealism, finally, extremely practical?

Let's Have Better Human Beings
 The population of the civilized world has increased very rapidly since the introduction of machinery made it possible to make a better utilization of the fruits of the earth. Probably it has it doubled. Now, according to statistics produced at the National Conference on Race Betterment at Battle Creek, Michigan, we are slowing up, and the death rate is gaining on the birth rate. Yet there need be no cause for dismay, even if the world's population actually should stand still. There is little objection to crowding more people upon the face of the globe. The goal of mankind's ambition should be to create, not a larger population, but a better, healthier and happier one. Probably, if we can eliminate hurtful social and industrial conditions, do away with war, and drive out certain diseases, we shall have a more numerous race, as well as a better one, but that is not what we should principally be concerned about.—Frisco Bulletin.

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Will Affiliate
 District, No. 6, Will Send Delegates to T. and L. Congress of Canada
 Some two years ago, it will be remembered by western unionists through the offices of Organizer J. W. Wilkinson, District No. 6, of the Western Federation of Miners, voted to affiliate with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. However, not until the convention, which is in session at Nelson this week, was the question of providing ways and means of sending delegates taken up, and the following resolution was submitted for its consideration:
 "Whereas, District Association, No. 6, W. F. M., by referendum vote of its membership, has, during the past two years, been affiliated with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, paying per capita tax on the full membership, and
 "Whereas, no provision has been made for delegates to represent District No. 6 at the annual convention of the congress, thereby excluding the metalliferous miners from presenting any demands to the dominion government for the betterment of the condition of these underground workers, through legislative committee of the congress, therefore be it
 "Resolved—That District No. 6 elect a delegate or delegates to the next convention of the labor congress, said delegate or delegates to be elected, at the same time and in the same manner as the officers of the district, and be it further
 "Resolved—That if no funds are available to defray the expenses of such delegate or delegates, the executive board be empowered to levy an assessment of not to exceed ten cents per member for that purpose."
 Adopted by Kimberley miners union, No. 100, W. F. M., at their regular meeting on December 31, 1913.
 M. P. VILLENEUVE, Secretary.

DISTRICT 18 U. M. W. OF A. TO MEET AT LETHBRIDGE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH
 Official notices have been sent out by President J. E. Smith and Secretary-treasurer A. J. Carter, of District 18, U. M. W. of A., Fernie, calling for the eleventh annual convention of District 18, which is to be held at Lethbridge on Monday, February 16th.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

In McLean's Magazine for January the heroine of a very pretty little story says: "I don't like weddings, I think marriage is an awful responsibility. I don't see how anyone can undertake it. I've been with Alice Henderson, her baby died yesterday morning. I never want to love any one or anything if I have to feel like that."

This girl could realize and sympathize with the mother's grief for her dead baby. She looked at it from the woman's point of view, which above all holds life sacred. A paragraph from The World makes a good companion picture of the man's point of view, and shows very clearly why women want to vote.

Two little children were taken ill after drinking some milk. After suffering great agony one poor little child died. It was only three years old. There is nothing so awful as to watch the suffering of a baby that cannot tell where its pain is, or what it wants; unless it is to watch the agony of the mother who is powerless to relieve it.

The doctor who made the post mortem examination, said the whole intestinal canal was inflamed, and that some patches of congestion were so acute that bleeding had resulted. Too much boracic acid or formaldehyde in something that the boy had eaten might have produced this effect, stated the doctor. It is men who sell poisoned milk for babies, or artificial milk on which the Vancouver baby was starved to death. It is men who let them off with a small fine. It is man-made laws that hang two men for the murder of one policeman, and lets cold-blooded, wholesale poisoners go free.

In olden times there were people who poisoned their enemies, and when discovered were horribly punished, not only put to death but often tortured first.

In our enlightened 20th century man's law allows purveyors of milk and other foods to carry on a systematic massacre of the innocents that makes Herod's performance look fatherly by comparison—and they do it for a gain of a few cents for each victim.

That is the value men put on the child that has cost the mother so much anguish and so much care.

And clergymen in their sermons denounce childless women, and as yet no Jenny Geddes has arisen to throw a stool at their heads.

Some people are so ignorant about conditions such as these that they wonder at the militancy in England. What I wonder at is the patience and long suffering of women. Lloyd-George says he deplores their gentleness, and he reminds the militants that Machiavelli said "Spare not the foe."

MEETINGS

There is a meeting of the B. C. Woman's Suffrage League every Wednesday evening in the Labor Temple at 8 p. m., room 206. Enquirers invited to attend these meetings.

A regular weekly meeting is held in room 206 on Tuesday afternoon at 2.45 p. m. A very cordial invitation is extended to women to attend these meetings.

THE SUFFRAGE DANCE

The dance and card party arranged by the B. C. Woman's Suffrage League will take place in the large hall of the Labor Temple on January 28th, at 8.30 p. m. Tickets 50 cents. Tickets can be obtained from headquarters, room 206, Labor Temple, or at the door on the evening of the dance.

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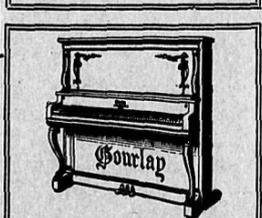
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CHILD LABOR AND WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

The National Child Labor committee has announced that although it will have only twelve campaigns on hand this winter (because the legislatures of most of the States are not in session this year) it will have enough work to keep it from feeling dull. The Child Labor Bulletin says "that eight hours a day for children is the crucial question nowadays. In Massachusetts, the textile interests are threatening to repeal the 'obnoxious clause' in the new child labor law." Last year, California passed a Child Labor law and provided for an Industrial Welfare commission to make mandatory regulations concerning wages, hours and conditions of labor for women and minors. Colorado, Oregon and Washington established similar commissions. All of these States have equal suffrage. It would be interesting to see what would happen in any one of these States if an attempt were made to repeal any laws for the benefit of children. It is however, practically certain that no such attempt would be successful since women, once they are granted the franchise, are thoroughly alive to their responsibilities and their powers.

VOTES FOR WOMEN IN ITALY.

The congress for women's suffrage, recently held in Rome, was attended by several members of parliament and representatives of the following political parties: radical, republican, constitutional democratic, reform socialist, and official socialist. A resolution was adopted, in spite of opposition from the Milan women's socialist group, to appoint delegates in the various parties which represent constitutional democratic, reform socialist, in order to form a parliamentary group, without distinction of party, ready to fight for the women's movement in parliament.

EFFECT OF THE WOMEN'S VOTE IN AUSTRALIA

1. For Home and Children.—In every state the enfranchisement of women has led to improved legislation affecting the welfare of home and children. Laws dealing with drink, vice, crime and gambling have been tightened up, and the greatest vigilance is shown in the protection of infant life by providing trained inspectors for boarded-out children, pure milk and food supplies, education for mothers, and the establishment of free kindergartens for the training of character; children's play grounds for healthy recreation; and the substitution of children's courts, and the probation system for the old, thoughtless, cruel methods of dealing with juvenile delinquents.

2. Marriage and Divorce.—The marriage and divorce laws of Australia are in principle the same as the English law. It was considered wise to leave the question of equal marriage and divorce laws until all the states gave the franchise to women. When that end was achieved in 1903, instead of endeavoring to secure six acts of parliament in the six different states, an agitation was begun for a commonwealth equal marriage and divorce law, applicable to the whole of Australia, and the commonwealth government has promised to deal with the question.

3. Women's Economic Position.—The improvement of the economic position of women since they got the vote has been most marked in the commonwealth, and in New South Wales and Victoria, the states where women are best organized politically. In 1903, the first year after women won the commonwealth franchise, equal pay for equal work was established in the federal public services act. The principle has also been recognized in certain departments of the state public in New South Wales, and in Victoria and in several trades under wages board.

4. Women's Property.—Woman who have property of their own have practically full control over it, subject to some minor restraints, which were devised mistakenly for their protection before women were enfranchised. Women voters have not yet made any organized effort to alter these laws, as they feel that the unprotected women must be safeguarded first.

Naturalization.—The Australian naturalization act, passed in 1903, after women were enfranchised, does not differentiate between men and women; the imperial naturalization act and the new draft naturalization bill do. A married woman, under the imperial act, takes the nationality of her husband. If a British woman marries a foreigner she becomes a foreigner in her own country. If a foreign woman marries a Britisher, she becomes a British subject. A British woman who has married an alien does not, on his death, cease to be an alien, and the status of a divorced woman is the same as that of a widow. A married woman has no nationality of her own; she merely reflects the nationality of her husband. It is proposed to have a general system of uniformity in regard to naturalization, but it is also proposed that the new act shall not affect "any naturalization law in any British possession operating only within the limits of that possession." The loss of the political status of Australian and New Zealand women who come to reside in British Columbia demands immediate consideration. We are on equal political terms with the men of our respective countries. An Australian or New Zealand man comes to reside in B. C.; he may become a voter there; he retains his political status. An Australian or New Zealand woman may not, under any circumstances, become a Canadian citizen; she loses her political status. Indeed, she becomes the political inferior of a criminal, a lunatic, and a male infant. The criminal may regain his liberty and vote; the lunatic may vote if he can prove that he is sufficiently composed mentis to discriminate between candidates; the male infant may grow into a voter; but an Australian woman can never have political liberty; she can never prove herself sufficiently composed mentis to discriminate between candidates; she can never grow in civic stature. This stigma cast by English and Canadian law on Australasian women must be removed, and the best way to remove it is to enfranchise English and Canadian women. Then Australian women possessing the same qualifications as qualify an Australian man, will vote. S. G.

PROGRESS

There are two lives necessary for every human being to live. The individual life that of the home with its immediate surroundings, and the communal life, that of the community with its many and varied centres of attraction, and the one life is just as important from the standpoint of human development as the other. No human being has a right to live his individual life to the exclusion of the communal life, because every human being is a debtor to the community, owing to that community a duty no other human being can discharge for him, for this consciousness of a universal duty draws forth from each human being something different from all other human beings, and it is that something, that contribution of character which is necessary for the building up and progress of the community. Where one individual fails, the structure is incomplete. This debt is paid in part through taxation, but it is the bounden duty of each individual to see that his money is used in a wise and proper way for the betterment of the community. The proper fulfillment of the distinctive duties of these two lives is just as important for a woman as for a man. She must express herself equally in the one as in the other, but she is unable to do this for she is debarrd from living the communal in its fullest capacity, and she is also restricted in her individual life. The power which is granted to man is withheld from her. The parliamentary vote admits to citizenship, and this admission would not only place in woman's hands a weapon with which to protect herself, but by altering her whole position, she is raised in her own estimation and in the estimation of men. The vote establishes the fact that she is equal in dignity and in human value with men. Before men and women are men and women they are human beings, and who gave man authority to draw a dividing line and say to the woman, "thus far shalt thou go and no farther." The debt that woman owes to the community she must pay in full, it is necessary for her development, to satisfy that desire for self-expression which is her right as a human being, but this she cannot do while the power of the vote is denied her, therefore she suffers and the community suffers with her—the structure is incomplete. But when she has gained that right by reason of her humanity she will then go forth not maled in scorn but in the armor of a pure intent. Great duties will be before her and great songs. Duties and songs are with her now, have always been with her. We hear their echoes from out the past, if we will but bend our ears to listen, though in the songs we catch at times the notes of plaintive pleading, for woman is not free. Her greatest songs have yet to be sung, when her unconquerable spirit shall have broken down all barriers and justice reigns supreme.

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REPORT OF PRESIDENT DISTRICT NO. 6 W. F. OF M.

Agitation for Higher Wages—Work of Organization—Per Capita Tax

Compensation Acts—Some Needed Legislation—The Federationist

NELSON, B. C., January 22.—Following is the very able report of President James Cuthbertson, of District Association, No. 6, Western Federation of Miners, which convened in this city on Monday:

"To the Officers and Delegates in Attendance at the Sixteenth Annual Convention of District Association, No. 6, Western Federation of Miners:

"My own lack of experience and education has, I am afraid, during the past year, imposed upon the shoulders of your secretary-treasurer more than his fair share of the work of directing the energies of this association, and, although I am not ashamed of the general result, I do regret that it was beyond my powers to attain to brilliancy. To the consideration of the following resume of the work attempted and accomplished by your organization, for the year 1913, I hope that you will bring the spirit of toleration, and, taking into consideration the opportunities your executive board had for achieving anything notable, deal leniently with our shortcomings. As a result of a demand by several locals in this district for an increase in wages, there was sitting in Nelson, at the close of our fifteenth annual convention, a board of conciliation and investigation. A majority of this board, on the strength of the evidence submitted, denied the justice of our demands. Their reasons for so doing did not convince me of the soundness of their conclusions, and their action should furnish the thoughtful worker with food for much reflection. A majority of the board read, as one of the causes producing this

growing inclination on the part of the workers of this province to demand the best quality only in food and clothing. Their reasoning must have assumed that the workers should be satisfied with less than the best, and based on this premise their judgment that our present wage was sufficient. Personally, I would like to know who should, in justice, enjoy the best of food and clothing if not those whose labor produce them. Again, in comparing the earnings of one of the witnesses, David D. Murphy, with the earnings of one of the mining companies, the majority report maintains that what Murphy earned, and put back into the ground, was money saved or profit; but that what the Standard mine earned and paid in dividends (\$50,000 a month) was not to be considered profit, because the capital invested had not yet been paid back. Although this company had been using their earnings for the development of other properties, you will still notice that what was put back into the ground by the company was, in the opinion of the majority of the board, not to be considered profit. However, the fault of our want of success in this agitation is not, to my mind, to be charged to the findings of this board, nor to the reports of

Inconsistency and Injustice, but directly and solely to our own failure to make a united, co-ordinated demand. Had all the local unions in the district acted unitedly, both before the demand was made and after the board had reported the result, I am assured, would have been different. Your executive board, in view of the educational value of this report, and for the benefit of our foreign-speaking brethren, had it translated into Italian and Finnish and widely distributed. In conformity with the wishes of our fifteenth annual convention, your executive board secured and placed in the field as district organizer, Bro. Mike V. Gribich; and I believe that the work accomplished by him throughout the district has more than justified the expense. When employed strictly within your jurisdiction, district association, No. 6, paid the cost. When Bro. Gribich was engaged beyond your jurisdiction, the Western Federation of Miners assumed the responsibility. Owing to the weakness of the average miner for lightly and frequently changing his address, the task of keeping the district organized is a continuous problem and an expensive one. The fact that the workers of this district come

From All Points of the compass, speak many languages and vary greatly as to modes and customs further complicates the situation. To teach each to call the other brother, to stand together for the good of all, to bring them to membership in a labor organization, many of them for the first time in their lives, is the problem that confronts us. It is not an easy one, but I believe that you will, as I feel that you must, continually press forward towards its solution, and, having found the man of character and ability fitted for the task, keep him in the field as long as it is possible for you to do so. I would recommend this policy to the incoming district board, and, should your

Re-Organization I would suggest for your consideration the situation at Goose Bay and urge that an effort be made to organize this place also. A meeting of your district executive board was held at Nelson in August last to consider several matters of importance. This meeting instructed me to go to Hedley and endeavor to organize Volght's camp, and, if possible, affiliate it with Hedley local. I submitted the matter to Hedley who advised me that, owing to the distance separating the two camps, they did not think it feasible to organize both under the same charter. After consultation with the officers of Greenwood local, it was arranged that Brother Lakeland, the secretary of Greenwood local should go to Volght's camp, organize it and make it a part of Greenwood local until such time as it was self-supporting. This was done in September, Brother Lakeland calling at Hedley and advising the brothers there of the action taken. Other matters considered at this board meeting were the McShane and McCormick cases. In the former, the relatives of Brother Manus McShane, who lost his life at the Bluebell mine, have since recovered compensation. The principle at stake in the latter was so important that your executive board deemed it advisable to retain counsel to assist Mr. McNeil.

No Conviction Although the evidence was such that the provincial authorities undertook the prosecution of the case, we were unable to secure a conviction. It looks as if it depended on your identity as to whether the law of the province of British Columbia was violated or not, and from the sentences imposed upon our striking brothers in Vancouver Island, and the failure to impose any sentence at all on Brother McCormick's assailants, it would appear that these laws are so fearfully and wonderfully made that only the working class are capable of breaking them. Hence, as on every other occasion like it, it is fit and proper to again point out that the remedy for conditions like this, lies in our own hands. Send men from our own ranks to do the law-making and adjust its administration. Enforce the laws placed on the statute books for our benefit and when election day comes round, reward with our suffrage the socialist members who were largely responsible for putting them there. I would recommend that the question of united political action be taken up in our local unions, for I believe that we have arrived at that stage in the labor movement where, if we do not keep step with the march of progress we will be run over. When the labor commission sat at Greenwood, we urged upon it, amongst other things, the necessity for the following legislation:

Needed Legislation An Act to compel employers to provide bath and dry rooms for the use of their employees. At present in many of the camps, the only place where men can change and dry their clothes is in their common sleeping rooms. With the dirt thus continuously carried in, and the steam arising from wet garments, it is impossible to keep the room clean or wholesome. An act covering several amendments to the Elections act, and a Workmen's Compensation act, similar to the one now in force in the

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finances make it impossible to carry it out, I would suggest that the matter be taken up with the federation as soon as the parent organization has brought to a conclusion the struggle in which it is at present engaged in the Michigan copper fields. The district must be kept organized, if we are to make successful progress and take united action on the needs that from time to time arise. At the close of the fifteenth annual convention, your executive board met and instructed the district president to visit Rossland, and endeavor to persuade local, No. 38, to resume their good standing in the association.

Elected Representative As I was elected to represent district, No. 6, at the convention in Victoria of the B. C. Federation of Labor, the month of January was almost gone before I reached home, where serious illness in my family throughout the month of February further detained me. Through the goodness of local, No. 38 was called for Sunday, March 2nd, to consider the representations of the district in the matter of the payment of per capita tax. Being still unable to leave my home, in consultation with your secretary-treasurer, we got Brother Phillips, of Nelson; Bros. Campbell and Castell, of Trail, and Brother Mike Gribich to attend. The membership of Rossland union took to my mind the very proper course of paying their per capita tax, and submitting to the referendum vote the question of dissolving the district. In connection with this matter I visited Phoenix local on April 5th. As I had not advised them of my coming, and because there was but a small attendance at their regular meeting, I offered to come again before the vote on the question was taken. This I did, attending the regular meeting of the work the district was doing. That the best method of saving the lives and limbs of those who work in the mines was the rigid enforcement of the

Compensation Acts. The mining company that has to pay fifteen hundred dollars for the death of an employee will take fewer chances than the company that is not compelled to render compensation. That the district organization could enforce this act much more effectively and with far less danger of suffering by discrimination for its activities than the local union, I felt that the dissolution of the district would mean the non-enforcement of this act and of many others enacted for our benefit. The result of this referendum vote afforded me great satisfaction, and demonstrated that in the opinion of a large majority of our membership the district organization was a necessity, and its functions necessary. I have no hesitation in saying that in the part of the district with which I am best acquainted, the enforcement of the compensation act has resulted in the saving of a good many lives. The arbitrary stand taken by the Britannia Mining company, on Howe Sound, in refusing to allow the secretary of local, No. 216, to visit the men residing on the company's property, even after a properly constituted board of conciliation and investigation had recommended that the men were entitled to be so visited if they chose, resulted in a strike, which, after dragging along for some months, was called off. I believe that an effort should be made to reorganize this local. I believe that such an effort would meet with far less opposition than formerly, and that it could be successfully consummated.

state of Washington. A copy of this latter the commission was good enough to lend us, and I believe the act to be a very beneficial one. It is administered by the state insurance commissioner. It is not necessary to employ a lawyer to enforce its provisions, and every dollar of compensation goes direct to the dependents. In accordance with the resolution adopted at our last district convention we also urged upon the commission the necessity for amending the Eight-hour law so as to make it apply to all smelter employees. I would recommend that legislation be demanded covering a universal eight-hour law. Several instances have been brought to my attention during the past year where men, working on piece work, or

Under the Bonus System have not lived up to the provisions of the eight-hour law for underground workers. I would point out to the delegates the danger that lies in this practice, and I would urge that it be taken up and discussed in the convention. To my mind, there is no making and speeding-up schemes enough without working overtime. In Michigan our union is waging a bitter war for the very thing that in some instances, at least in this jurisdiction, we regard so lightly. Practices like these should be condemned in no uncertain terms. It is on account of the dangerous elements they contain that Greenwood local, unlike some of the other locals has abolished the contract system within its jurisdiction only one short contract being sanctioned by the local last summer. Owing to the need of our members actively supporting the Michigan copper miners, your district executive secured the services of J. W. Bennett, of Fernie, and had him tour the jurisdiction, explaining the situation at the seat of the trouble and urging that morally and financially we should whole-heartedly support our international officers and our brothers on strike. Mr. Bennett proved a capable and energetic exponent, and I am confident that a large amount of good is resulting from his visits. In connection with this matter, I have only one regret, and that is that largely through my own fault Mr. Bennett was unable to visit Hedley local.

Independent News Service Owing to the unfairness with which the Associated Press has reported labor disputes, I recommend that the delegates go on record as favoring the establishment of an independent news service. This, I believe, could be carried out if all labor organizations acted in unity. A better news service could be given by the labor papers at present in existence, and the necessity for the workers reading the papers controlled by and for our friend the enemy to a great extent removed. I would like to see a larger measure of support accorded such papers as the B. C. Federationist and the Miners' Magazine, and I would suggest that the delegates take up this matter in their local unions and endeavor to induce a little "sub." rustling. In conclusion, I wish to express my hearty appreciation of the kindness and courtesy with which I have been treated by the members of this association with whom I came in contact during the past year, and my gratitude for the assistance that was freely given me every time I asked for it. It is my hope and wish that district association, No. 6, will meet with a full measure of the success it is aiming to achieve and of which it is abundantly deserving. Respectfully submitted,

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Carpenters Get Increase

Beginning June 1st of this year, Montreal union carpenters will work eight, instead of nine hours a day, for 45 cents an hour, instead of 42 1/2 cents as at present. An agreement to this effect has just been signed with the contractors.

Judge Howay should now be satisfied. One of his victims, a youth of 21, died in prison Tuesday morning.

R. Ross, of the Bricklayers and Masons who was operated on for gall stones some time ago, is now out of hospital. It will be some time, however, before he will be able to resume work.

The Bricklayers and Masons held an informal smoker at the Labor Temple Tuesday night, W. J. Kerr being in the chair. Over 100 members and friends were present, and all passed an enjoyable evening.

Elect Officers

The regular meeting of No. 170 Plumbers and Steamfitters was held last week when officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed as follows: W. Barton, president; L. O. Dahl, vice-president; F. Colbourne, recording secretary; W. Walsh, financial secretary; H. Lyall, assistant financial secretary; F. Bickley, treasurer; J. Flynn, inside guard; G. Coghill, A. Ironsides and J. Cowling, trustees; W. Kemp, J. Cowling, R. Butterworth, A. Ironsides and C. Smith, executive board.

A Few Definitions

Politics—The art of government.
Parliament—An assemblage of the governing class (or their agents) who meet to discuss and enact laws for the maintenance of their position as a class of owners of the means of life.
Working class—Those who have no means of existence other than by the sale of their mental and physical energies.

On Saturday mid-day, as he was going home from work, R. J. Dawson, of the Bricklayers and Masons, was thrown out of a car on Granville street, broke his leg and injured his back and head. Bad luck was rubbed in still further, as, before he could be picked up a rig ran over him, adding to his injuries. Under the care of Dr. Turnbull he is progressing favorably.

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By SAM ATKINSON. Arrangement are being made for the next dance. Keep your eyes open for the announcement of the date.

The regular weekly meeting of Vancouver local No. 12 of the Social Democratic party will be held on Thursday evening at 8 p.m. in room 204, Labor Temple.

The subject of the lecture in the Colonial theatre, corner of Granville and Dunsmuir streets next Sunday, January 25th, will be "The Rights of Man." There will be a musical programme with an organ recital at 7.45. You are cordially invited to be present.

THE UNEMPLOYED

Many people regard the unemployed as an industrial reserve army upon which the capitalist system rests. This is not the case. The system rests upon the private ownership of the means of production and such a system will not work without a constant reserve of unemployed. There are two principal kinds of unemployment. These are (1) acute and temporary unemployment, and (2) chronic and permanent unemployment. These can be best shown in tabular form as follows:

Acute and Temporary Unemployment

Seasonal—	Per cent. of total
Due to changes in climate and fashion	2.25
Vacation	6.45

Industrial Displacement—Due to changes in tools and processes, removed shops, combined plants, repairs to plants, business failures, strikes, shortage of material, legislation, tariff, etc. 19.59

Immigration 10.00

Temporary disability—Due to sickness 22.54
Due to accidents 1.66

Chronic and Permanent Unemployment
(Due also to exploitation)
Industrial reserve—Due to economic anarchy and exploitation 33.29

Personal inefficiency—Due to laziness 3.87
Due to drunkenness 26
Due to lack of training (Due also to exploitation)
Chronic disability—Due to sickness and rain 10.00
Due to accidents 10.00
(Per cent. of total included in temporary.)

Old age—Due to 40 to 75 years 08
There are many honest efforts being made to relieve this condition, but all such efforts will fail, as there is only one solution. In Ghent, for example, the municipality have a method of insurance against unemployment which they are carrying out in conjunction with the trade unions of the city. The members of the unions are assessed a nominal sum each month for this purpose, and the municipality subscribes an equal amount. That is to say, if the membership of the steam fitters is 200 and the assessment is 25 cents a month, the city will give \$50 to that particular organization for that month. Then, when relief is necessary, the city have the co-operation of the union, so that loafers can not take any advantage, but the real needy workmen can have the benefits of insurance.

That spirit can not be hoped for in British Columbia. The provincial government are now employing men at Point Grey to whom they pay 25 cents an hour, and charge them 35 cents for their dinners, and if the rain interferes with the work the wages for the time thus lost are deducted. The only successful way to deal with the question will be to change the industrial system. To do away with that which produces the unemployment problem. The real remedy will be:

1. Social ownership of social utilities.
2. An industrial democracy for the democratic administration of these social utilities.
3. Production for use to replace production for profit.
4. The progressive reduction of hours of labor as the productiveness of machinery increases, and the progressive increase of the individual income from the process of social production.

It will be a source of surprise to many that in the United States that the most conservative organization, the Typographical union, has already under way an urgent agitation for a six-hour day. We may have a repetition of the Haymarket experiences, but certainly this, with a demand for the present wages for that six-hour day, is a step in the right direction.

A local Cooks, Waiters and Chef's union has been organized in Hamilton, Ont.

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Timber Workers' Convention at Aberdeen, Wash., Adopts Resolution

Minimum Wage of \$2.25 a Day in Timber Industry Decided Upon

At Aberdeen, Wash., on January 14th, the Timber Workers' convention voted unanimously by roll-call for an eight-hour day with a minimum wage of \$2.25 a day in the timber industry. This will go into effect on May 1st next. However, it remains optional with district No. 2 to adopt the proposition. This came as no surprise to the membership that have kept in touch with the growing sentiment that has been so prevalent among the timber workers for some time in regards to the shortening of hours of labor. Further this means that the delegates representing their respective locals were unanimous in their opinion that the membership is willing and ready to demand a shorter work day, and if it comes to the point where they have to battle for this concession from the lumber barons they are willing and ready to fight to the last ditch.

The last issue of the Timber Worker prints this good piece of advice: "You have three months and a half to prepare yourself for the fight. In some mills and camps our demands will be granted, in others we will probably have to fight for our demands. Therefore it behooves each and every one of us to save what we can, stand shoulder to shoulder, and victory will crown our efforts."

Idle Gossip

Peace, Perfect Peace
In discussing the peaceful character of the Trades and Labor council meetings last Thursday night, John Bully, the newly-elected sergeant-at-arms, said it reminded him of a conversation he overheard at the Antrim fair in Ireland over thirty-five years ago. The serious business of the fair would be done in the early morning, then a big dinner at noon; the afternoon being taken up with games, races and also the settlement of differences of opinion that may have arisen since the last fair between residents of the neighborhood. Of these differences, those who know Ireland, and Antrim in particular, will readily understand, there would be a plenty. John says he heard one farmer greet another and after the usual conversation about the weather, prices of horses, cattle, etc., ask the time of day. On being answered, he shook his head and sorrowfully soliloquized: "Twelve o'clock and never a blow struck yet."

Death of Youthful Miner at Prison Farm

(Continued from page 1)
Sunday afternoon. He saw deceased and thinking it was a case of severe indigestion, prescribed a simple mixture, it never dawned on him that the case was so serious as it turned out to be. On Monday evening he again saw deceased and thought he looked better, the vomiting had ceased and there was no pain. He gave further instructions and heard nothing more of the case until after death. Deceased had been previously operated on for a similar ailment.
In reply to questions Dr. Hoyer stated that the cause of death was localized tubercular peritonitis of the small bowel—a disease most easily recognized and yet most easily overlooked. He made a trip to the prison every Sunday and at any time when called upon.
Dr. J. S. Conklin gave particulars regarding the autopsy. He said that on examining the body he found it to be well nourished, there being a scar on the abdomen pointing to a previous operation. Death was due to tubercular ulceration of the bowels. The other organs were normal except that the base of the left lung showed an old pleurisy. The malady was of long standing and an operation would have been useless.
Thomas W. Haslam, head jailer, said that deceased reported sick on the 14th and was given stomach mixture and cramp medicine. The doctor gave a prescription on Sunday and on Monday witness went to New Westminster and got it filled. On Monday evening he stayed in the sick ward up to 11 o'clock and on Tuesday morning, seeing a change for the worse he went out to get a hot water bottle. On returning, however, death had occurred.
In reply to questions witness said that a number of prisoners reported sick and the officials had to guard against malingering. If a prisoner took his food it was concluded there was not much the matter with him. Malingers were punished by being put on short rations. Mrs. Dewar was denied admittance on Sunday for routine reasons and not on medical grounds.
Joseph Mairs, sr., testified that he saw his son a fortnight ago. He did not then complain about his health, but spoke about having to put paper on his cot to prevent being bruised as he only had one blanket. He also disliked the presence of a bracket in the cell. An operation had been performed on deceased in Glasgow about six years ago, since when he had enjoyed good health.
The jury, after a short interval, returned the following verdict: "We the jury, empanelled to enquire into the death of Joseph Mairs, jr., find that he came to his death by tubercular peritonitis with adhesions causing obstruction of the bowels, while an inmate of the Okalla Prison Farm, Burnaby Municipality. The death occurred on Tuesday, January 20, at 8:20 a.m. The jury condemns the system in practice, whereby a period of 72 hours elapsed from the time the deceased's cellmate asked for medical attention until the medicine was administered; and considering that there are 209 prisoners in this institution we recommend that a resident physician be provided."
In thanking the jurors the coroner said he considered it a proper verdict. The jury was composed of J. H. McVety (foreman), G. Palmer, G. Almon, D. King, N. Almon and G. Reddie.



BOBTAIL CREEK NOTES.

Where This Town Now Stands Was a Wilderness a Few Years Ago.
The regular meeting of the Bobtail Creek Improvement Association was held on Wednesday evening in the schoolhouse. Several important resolutions were presented. One endorsing the action of the Imperial government in connection with the Panama canal was carried amid enthusiasm by a vote of three for and one against. Hiram Spruckles is preparing a minority report in order that the government will not misunderstand his attitude.

William Bing, who lectured in the schoolhouse recently on "Modern Architecture in Farm Buildings," has been engaged during the past month in building a poultry house. It fell down last Thursday morning.

Mrs. E. Whacker will read a paper before the Ladies' Aid next Tuesday on "Dress Economy: New Uses for Old Gunny-sacks."

Clarence Cawley, of London, England, arrived recently and will settle in this district. He was heard to say, after looking at the land, "The new homestead law should be called an 'Act' to promote the reduction of agricultural enthusiasm." We are glad he takes a calm view of things.

Ell Scrubb's once faithful dog has disappeared from our midst. A cruel hand struck him down in the prime of life. We have no intention of mixing in any quarrel, but would say that the party who said "that many mongrel wasn't fit for no man to have," is known and is likely to be moved against.

Two more letters and one newspaper were handled at the post office this week last week. 'Tis hard to realize that but a few years ago, all was wilderness here Bobtail Creek now stands.

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Strong Union Man

Overheard at the entrance to the Labor Temple, as he pushed open the outer door: "You must be a strong union man to enter here."

Reported at Council

"The Brims, the Whuffleboom, I mean;
The Kis Kis and the Spritch,
The Twizik and the Bruggerbutch,
The Flig, the Mung a Mung and such."

Speaking of Light!

The attorney for the electric company was making a popular address. "Think of the good the electric company has done!" he cried. "If I were permitted to pun, I would say, 'Honor the Light Brigade.'" Voice of a consumer from the audience: "Oh, what a charge they made!"

A Cooks and Waiters union has been formed at Winnipeg, Man.

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