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A MUSICAL TRIUMPH

Philharmonic Society Score a Decided Success--Greeted With a Bumper House

The concert given by the Fernie Philharmonic Society in the Opera House on Monday evening was an unqualified success in every way, and the result must have been gratifying to those who have spent so much time and energy in bringing this chorus to its present state of efficiency. Fernie can now boast of a musical organization superior to anything in the Pass, and it is to be sincerely hoped that steps will be taken to place this society on a permanent basis, as the talent already in hand warrants a continuance and an enlargement of the work put on.

The singing ensemble of the chorus was indeed a revelation to those in attendance, and the volume of tone secured from a comparatively small number of voices was quite remarkable. Particular attention was given to shading and interpretation, and the work throughout was marked by precision of attack, and an attention to detail that was most pleasing.

The soloists of the evening were in particularly good voice, and their work throughout was of a high order. The selections by the quartette, Mrs. G. F. Stevenson, Mrs. H. H. Depew and Messrs. Quinney and Alexander, were well received by much merited applause.

In all such organizations the bulk of the work necessarily falls on the conductor and accompanist, and too much praise cannot be given to Mrs. Geo. F. Stevenson, the directress in charge, for her untiring work and interest in the work of making the best of our musical talent, and forming it into a most excellent chorus. Mrs. Stevenson was made the recipient of a beautiful bouquet as a token of appreciation of her services.

Mrs. Robert Potter at the piano ably sustained her reputation as an accomplished accompanist, and her accompaniments throughout were played in a way that must be most encouraging and helpful to the singers either in solo or chorus work. Mr. Miller acted in his usual able manner as accompanist for Mr. F. Dick.

The program follows:

1: Chorus "Soldiers' Chorus" from Faust.

2. "King of the Maths" Mr. G. F. Stevenson.

3: Quartette: (a) "In this Hour of Softened Splendor: (b) "Oh Hush Thee, My Babie." Mrs G. F. Stevenson, Mrs. H. H. Depew, Messrs. Quinney and Alexander.

Solo: "The Young Brigade," Mr. J. Tracherne.

Violin solo: "Sonata in A. Minor" Miss C. H. Pitblado.

Solo: "Because" Mrs. G. F. Stevenson.

Chorus: "Spirit Immortal", with solo by Mr. G. F. Stevenson.

PART 2

1. Chorus: "Anvil Chorus" from Il Trovatore.

Solo: "The last Watch," Mr. Mark Gay St. John.

Violin solo: "Salut d'Armour" Miss Pitblado.

Solo: "Bid Me to Love," Mr. Nesbitt.

Choruses (a) Sweet and Low" (b) Good Night, Beloved.

6. Solo: "When the Bell in the Lighthouse Rings", Mr. M. S. Dick.

7. Recitative and Chorus: In Splendor Bright; Mr. Quinney; "The Heavens are Telling," from the Creation.

The members of the chorus were:

Mrs. Dr. Bonnell, Mrs. Carlyle, Miss Chester, Mrs. Depew, Miss E. Euler, Miss J. Euler, Miss Tilsey, Miss Mott, Miss Rudniski, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Reading, Miss Reading, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Stevenson.

Messrs. Alexander, Dick, Cook, Owen, Holmes, Holmes, Pearce, Rudniski, Quinney, Reading, Steckwell, Stevenson, Smith, Wilkinson, Webb.

The officers of the Society are:

Honorary President: R. W. Wood.

Honorary vice-president: W. R. Ross.

Honorary First vice-president: L. P. Eckstein.

President: George F. Stevenson.

Vice-president: R. Reading.

Secretary: R. R. Webb.

To the members of the chorus, the officers, the directress and accompanist, the music loving people of Fernie are indebted for the musical treat of the season, and we sincerely hope that early efforts will be put forth to hold the chorus intact.

The Ross-Whimster dance will be held next Tuesday evening in Bruce's hall.

Fred Vance and family arrived home on Tuesday from an extended visit in the East.

Some people intend accoping money there, an instance is that a charge of $15 for the use of an ordinary crosscut saw, was filed at the county court this week.

Nelson News:— If the person who took in error a long black overcoat, from the barber shop at the Hume hotel on Wednesday night will kindly return the cigarette papers which were in one of the pockets to the Hume hotel he will be rewarded by being allowed to retain the overcoat.

INSTANT DEATH IN A MOST HORRIBLE MANNER

Michael Smith from Pincher Creek Falls From Train--Mangled Remains Picked up Near City--Inquest Opens To-Day

A fatality of an unusually gruesome nature took place Friday morning, on the C. P. R. tracks between Hosmer and Fernie. As No. 213 pulled into the depot shortly after noon it was noticed that some of the wheels and journals of several coaches bore blood marks, and other indications of an accident of serious nature. The matter was reported to the authorities and in a short time Coroner Wilkes and several C. P. R. men were on the way to Hosmer in a special, consisting of a caboose and engine.

Remains Found

The train proceeded slowly, and at several places along the track could be seen traces of the fatality. After going about three miles the searching party came upon the remains of a full grown man, torn, cut and mangled almost beyond recognition. Almost opposite from the Wood-McNab mill was the location. The remains were carefully gathered together, and brought back to this city, where they were sent to Scott's undertaking establishment to await the action of the coroner's jury, and to be prepared for interment as soon as his relatives can be located.

Identification Made Easy

The clothing of the unfortunate man were searched in hopes that something might be found that would furnish a clue to his identity. A memorandum book was found in his pocket giving the name of deceased as Michael A. Smith, and his post office address as Pincher Creek, Alta. It also added that his occupation was a rancher, near the aforesaid postoffice. Further search of the book contained the desired information, that in case of accident Mrs. C. Smith of Pincher Creek should be notified. The name of Smith was also scratched on the metal clasp of a belt which deceased wore around his waist.

Had Evidently Been Here Before

Another leaf of the book contained the names of the following places: Fernie, Rexford, Columbia Falls, Kalispel and Polson, which would seem to indicate that his business called for a visit to these places, or that it was a memorandum of places visited in the past.

Mrs. C. Smith of Pincher Creek, has been notified of the mishap, as requested in the memorandum book.

Conductor's Story

Conductor Caven of the train, when asked about the accident, stated that the man had boarded the train at Pincher Creek this morning, and that he had noticed nothing peculiar about him. He tendered a ticket for Fernie, to which place he was presumably going. The last Conductor Caven saw of deceased he was standing on the platform between two of the front coaches. The conductor remarked that he (deceased) had better go inside, as standing on the platform was prohibited but evidently the warning was not heeded. No motive can be advanced for Smith's trying to leave the train at the point where his body was found, and it is probable that the actual circumstances surrounding his untimely death will remain a mystery.

Smith was a well built man, apparently about 25 or 30 years of age.

Coroner Wilkes has sworn in a jury, who viewed the remains, and adjourned until next week, when the regular inquest will be held.

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A MINE HORROR

In England Near Newcastle--Over 200 Lives May be Snuffed Out

NEWCASTLE, Eng., Feb. 16—A terrible disaster has occurred at West Stanley, a small mining town 12 miles distant, in which it is feared 180 lives have been lost. There were two explosions at four o'clock this afternoon in the West Stanley Colliery which employs 400 men.

Nearly two hundred of the men were in the pit at the time, and up to a late hour to-night none of them had come to the surface, although rappings have been heard, and it is supposed that these are from some of the miners who escaped death from the explosion and the fire which followed it.

Almost immediately after the explosion flames burst through the shaft, scorching the workers at the pit head and blowing the fencing and apparatus at the entrance to the mine. The flames spread rapidly, and it was impossible for the rescue party to descend into the workings. Thousands of anxious people gathered at the mouth of the pit but for hours the fire burned furiously.

At midnight it was still impossible to attempt a rescue, and it will be many hours before the entrance is cleared.

After rescue work had progressed all night the mine was cleared as far as the second level where 32 men were found alive this morning. Most of them however, were severely injured.

NATAL DISALLOWED

OTTAWA, Feb. 17—An extra of the Canada Gazette has been issued containing notice that the governor general in council has disallowed the Natal act passed by the British Columbia legislature on February 1, 1908. The object of the act was to impose an educational test on new arrivals in the province. The law has been enacted several times by the British Columbia government, but has as often been disallowed by the Ottawa government. The supreme court of British Columbia declared several years ago that the act was unconstitutional. The effect of the disallowance will be to prevent an appeal being taken to the imperial privy council from the judgment of the British Columbia court.

ALL FIRE SUFFERERS

All persons who have not received relief, or any who have not received sufficient relief are requested to register their names with the Secretary of the Relief Fund not later than

MON., MARCH 1, 1909

FERNIEITE FIGURES IN A HOLD-UP

Lethbridge Herald: R. Dunlap, a young fellow 22 years of age, hailing from Fernie, B. C., was charged in the police court this morning with assaulting Mike Eluke, a Slav on Baroness street last night. Complainant did not appear, but the constable who made the arrest said the accused had asked for money and being refused, stood back and struck him.

Dunlap had nothing to say in defence and confessed not to have done any work since coming to the city. Magistrate MacDougall said that the citizens must be protected from assaults and the approach of footpads, and sentenced Dunlap to three months hard labor.

DIAMOND MEDAL WON BY WINNIPEG GIRL

WINNIPEG Feb. 17—Miss Nellie Gable of Winnipeg won grand diamond medal at annual contest for Manitoba elocutionists, held last night under R. T. of T. auspices.

STRUCK BY TRAIN

ST. JOHN, N. B. Feb. 17—Joseph MacNeil of South Sydney and Walter Murphy of Limerick, Ireland, were struck by a train last night. MacNeil was killed and Murphy injured.

BOY BADLY SCALDED

PICTON, Ont., Feb. 18—A grist mill belonging to John Thompson, South Bay, was wrecked yesterday by explosion of a gasoline engine. A lad named Pearson was terribly scalded, and is now in a critical condition.

LET POLICE TAKE HIM

HAMILTON, Ont. Feb. 18—Because of a squabble between his sons and daughters as to who should settle for his keep, William Atkinson, 94 years of age was taken to police cells last night.

MURDEROUS ATTACK ON A LOCAL CHINK

Constable Clarke couped a couple of painters yesterday morning, and they are now in the local roundhouse, on a charge of assaulting Joe Sing, of the Royal restaurant, he who controls the culinary destinies of that establishment. The cause of the trouble is said to have been that after the two painters had partaken of Joe's hospitality in the form of a meal, they refused to cash in when requested to, and proceeded to make Joe sorry that he had ever left the land of flowers, sunshine and unlaundered shirts. The proprietor of the hotel happened to be near, and came to the rescue. The arrest was made shortly after.

RELIEF MATTERS

The following letter speaks for itself. The amounts of $50 and $275, however, show that there is the sum of $238 yet to be credited to some one or some town. Can any one enlighten us on this; who sent the $238?

BANK OF MONTREAL

Calgary, Alta., Feb. 11

Secretary Fernie District Fire Relief Committee, Fernie, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 9th inst., I beg to state that on August 7th we placed to your account here $50, from the Western Canada Cement and Coal Company at Exshaw, and $275 from the citizens of Exshaw, — which amounts were withdrawn by your mayor on August 20th, by his cheque amounting to $563.

Yours truly,

W. H. HOGG,

Manager.

The above amount was credited to Bank of Montreal, Calgary, sub. in our donation list.

Fernie District Fire Relief

(per A. A. Shanley)

Wm. Fernie's donation of $500 was wrongly credited to the city of Victoria, hence the unpaid draft.

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OUR SOCIALIST PAGE

For the Proper Discussion of Legitimate Questions, pro and con

THE MINERS AND A LABOR PARTY

Daily Socialist: The United Mine Workers gave the final slap to the effort to start an independent labor party. The movement never showed life enough to make it dangerous. It was altogether too artificial. It was too evidently being manipulated from the top, and very largely by persons who were politicians first and trades unionists last or not at all. The whole thing was altogether too plainly an attempt to copy the English situation. Every argument for a labor party began and ended with very superficial parallels of the English movement. There was to be the same preliminary Socialist organization, the same pure and simple labor movement, the same "Taff-Vale" case and same resulting triumph for a labor party.

The Socialists were the first to develop the evolutionary philisophy of history and to show how each nation follows a similar line of growth. But just as there are striking differences in the manner in which each individual person reproduces race history in his personal growth, so there are even greater differences in the course of development pursued by individual countries in their social and political development.

It is useless now to discuss the differences between the British and the American situation. This discussion may well be left to the writers of the philosophy of history. There is the one great fact that whatever might have been the situation a few weeks ago, the miners have given the death blow to this hope of a labor party. It is not alone that the miners are the largest union in America, although that is sufficient to dampen the hopes of those who looked for a political movement to spring out of the trades unions. But the U. M. W. is the organiation that must necessarily have led in such a movement.

Run over the list of other unions and judge which of them can hope for success in such a movement unsupported by the miners.

The miners are to be congratulated on this action. A trade union is not organized for political work. Every attempt to use the unions as political machines has proven injurious to the union and of little value politically.

The Socialist party is the logical labor party in this and every other country. If it is not recognized as such by organized laborers then there is something wrong with the party or the union men. Perhaps both need some changes and education.

FORESTRY AND UNEMPLOYMENT

Twenty five years ago the Social Democratic federation of Great Britain advocated the planting of forests as a means of relieving the unemployed. No one listened to them at that time. Those who noticed them at all were sure they were impractical. But they kept on suggesting this and other remedies. The army of unemployed grew larger. It began to gather in threatening ranks in the London streets.

Then the British government began to realize that it must do something to save itself. Then it turned to the remedy offered by the Socialists a quarter of a century ago. It is now announced that the unemployed in England will be employed by the government in afforestation of certain tracts which are useless for anything except the growing of trees.

The platform of the Socialist party of the United States made this same suggestion last fall. It included a full progar mof action necessary to meet the unemployed problem. During the campaign every other party dodged the question. Now that it is growing so big that it can no longer be ignored Roosevelt has appointed a committee to investigate the unemployed question.

We sincerely hope that it will not be twenty-five years before they have sense enough to adopt the plan outlined by the Socialists. We are quite sure it will not be that long. Before that time will have passed the workers of America will have possession of the government and will not need to wait for a capitalist commission to act.

CLIMBING PRICES

Nothing like this ever happened in any previous industrial crisis. In other years—in 1873, in 1886, in 1894—the crash in industry, the falling in wages, the growth of unemployment was accompanied by falling prices. To a slight extent at least, this tended to mitigate the horrors of the crisis.

It is different and worse this time. Prices are climbing higher, while the wages and the opportunity of employment are getting less and less.

This presents a new problem in political economy, and one which the economists of the colleges have not yet found time to discuss. It also raises some questions concerning Socialist philosophy. Does it not indicate that the competitive stage of industry is so completely a thing of the past that it no longer fixes prices?

If this is true, then we are in the very last stages of capitalism. If monopoly has reached the point where it can maintain prices against the influence of an industrial crisis we are confronted with a condition of practically permanent crisis.

POLITICAL ECONOMY FOR PLAIN PEOPLE

(By Prof. Smith Adams)

Another form of co-operation in industry is what is known as Co-partnership, or profit sharing. A number of profit sharing schemes have been tried during the last century, but the most of them have collapsed, and at present there are only some fifty concerns conducted on this basis.

The objects of profit sharing plans are to increase profits and to reduce friction between capitalists and their employees.

To this end the employees are permited to share in the profits of a business on certain conditions which vary in different schemes. In some of them the employees are encouraged or compelled as part of the plan to invest their bonus or profits in the business. The employees are also, in a few instances, allowed a voice in the management of the concern.

Under a system of competition any competitor who can succeed in stimulating his employees to greater exertion or care in their work may thereby obtain an advantage over his rivals, and this is the idea behind the co-partnership and profit sharing plans.

The capitalist employer also hopes, by tying up the savings of the employees, to weaken their opposition in case of disputes as to wages or conditions. If a worker has $250 invested in a company which pays his wages he will think more than twice before he strikes against a reduction.

On the other hand the worker hopes under such a scheme to obtain an addition to his wage. But very often by increased energy and care he produces more for his employers than he receives back as bonus or profits. In such cases profit sharing schemes are delusive.

Moreover in cases of loss the employes may have to agree to a reduction of wages in order to keep the business going, although the loss may be due to mismanagement for which the wage earners are not responsible.

Even where the workers are represented on the board of directors their control over the conduct of the business is merely nominal.

As these conditions are calculated to undermine trade unionism, profit sharing schemes are not generally approved by wage earners. In some instances however, they work successfully, but it is clear that profit sharing could not be generally adopted.

When a firm has some pull of a monopolistic kind which enables it to make profits regularly, the directors may find it to their advantage to share profits with their employees in the shop.

An old esablished firm, a trust, or a gas company, possesses such a pull. The profits of such a firm may be due in part to the extra energies and care of the wage earning profit sharers and shareholders, but they are often due largely to the monopoly element in the business and the adoption of profit-sharing is merely a device to help to strengthen the pull.

Some people imagine that the universal adoption of profit sharing and co-partnership schemes would usher in an industrial millennium, but such a development would involve the abolition of competition and the organization of industry for national purposes. While land and capital are privately owned and competition exists someone must go to the wall, and the tendency is for wages to be ruled by the lowest rate.

If, then, profit sharing firms, who "made" losses reduced wages, profit sharing firms who made profits would follow suit, and if the wage earners, in order to become "co-partners" allowed their trades unions to decay, they would find themselves powerless against the employers, and their last state would be worse than their first.

The profit sharing argument is similar to the teetotal argument. The teetotaller has more money to share than the drinkers, just as the man who can live on oatmeal has more money to spare than the beef eater. But if all the workers lived on oatmeal and water the tendency under competition would be for wages to drop to the oatmeal and water level of subsistence.

So if a large number of firms adopted profit sharing schemes the net receipts of the workers, wages plus bonus, would tend to drop to the level of the amount received by the worst paid workers in any particular industry.

COVERING UP MISERY

Daily Socialist: That the business men of the city of Chicago have been seeking secretly to house a few of the unemployed is not due to any pious desire on their part to keep their left hands from knowing the acts of their rights. They are not overly modest as to their charitable acts.

Their secrecy in regard to the establishment of a branch of the municipal lodging house is but a part of the campaign of deceit concerning industrial conditions that has been conducted for the last year. There has been a general agreement that all mention of the misery and suffering of the workers shall be suppressed. Although the relief societies are bankrupt in the face of the heaviest calls ever yet made upon their resources, although the army of workless workers grows greater each day, yet nothing is said of these things in the press controlled by the employing class.

There is a haunting fear in the very heart of present society lest the workers come to recognize their own misery and act as a class to relieve it. If each sufferer can be made to believe that he is an exception and that his sufferings are due to his own personal weakness, then there can be no general, intelligent revolt. So a strong effort is being made to suppress all facts tending to show a general condition of unemployment and of suffering.

This effort at suppression would be most strikingly defeated if the unemployed should be forced upon the public streets in such hosts that their presence would attract attention. Besides, even the unemployed get troublesome when the freeze upon the streets in too large numbers. Hence the attempt to secretly cover them up during the nights.

Mine Workers Journal: Vice-President Galvin of District 18 was one of the deepest thinkers and most active men in the convention. There is hardly a phase of the labor movement he has not studied from all its angles. He is an ardent Socialist, but not one of the kind that is impractical. He believes in moving step by step, taking all he gets and reaching out for more. After all there is very little difference between this kind of Socialism and Trades Unionism. We are all crying for more, and what we will all want ultimately and want it together is a matter for the future to decide. In the meantime let us be thankful that we have such men as Galvin to inspire our efforts.

There was a large crowd of delegates who chafed under the delay caused by the factionalism in the convention and expressed their resentment at every opportunity.

SHALL WE ORGANIZE THE ASIATIC WORKERS?

James H. McVety in the Vancouver World:

The decision of the United Mine Workers union to allow Orientals to become members of their organization marks another epoch in the history of the trade union movement in western Canada.

Undoubtedly the action of this body will be severely criticized especially in the eastern and middle provinces, where the emigrants from the far east are few in number, and where their activities have been confined largely to the operation of laundries, restaurants and to the sale of Oriental wares.

It is a matter of regret, probably, that the influx of Asiatics has not been more general throughout Canada, in order that all should understand the menace these people have become in the labor markets of the Pacific and Western Canada.

The working class of the west have always been opposed to the importation of Orientals, not for sentimental reasons but on account of their competition for the jobs occupied by Europeans.

From time to time the agitation has caused small disturbances but the government, while they have shut out a large number of Chinese, have done little to stop the hordes of Japanese, the strength of the Japanese navy perhaps furnishing the real reason, although the reason given sounds a little more diplomatic.

During all the years this question has been before the people the easterners have treated it as a joke, not understanding the foothold these people were making for themselves, until at this time we find the Chinese and Japanese practically in possession of the fishing, lumbering and gardening business in British Columbia, and hosts of them also working as carpenters, bricklayers, tailors and practically every other trade that does not necessitate the use of too complicated machinery. Recently in Vancouver one of the principal building trades found it necessary to work on the same building with Asiatic carpenters not because they like it, but because they had to do this or else go idle.

The prospects of greeting Bro. Yip Lee or Bro. Togo in the union meeting may not be a pleasant one, but the matter has been seriously considered by the miners and they find that unless they recognize the prime factor the Japanese have become by admitting them to their organization, they cannot expect to control the coal mining industry in British Columbia and Alberta.

Wherever the opportunity has been afforded the Japs have been found as eager and willing to improve their conditions as any of the Europeans, and the officers of the mine workers state that they compare favorably with all others as far as staying powers and discipline are concerned.

Until recently the fight against the little men from Japan was conducted by the workers alone and the employers and merchants hired them on every possible occasion, but latterly they are competing with the merchants, who put up a most awful howl about the union men patronizing these same men who were formerly employed in preference to white men, and who are now engaged in running stores of their own.

It seems quite right to ask ourselves: "Who brought these men out here?

Were they brought to improve the conditions of the workers of this province, or were they introduced to bring the whites down to the Asiatic level, in the interests of those who desire cheap labor?

Several men have had the audacity to suggest that the Asiatics should be organized, and others have argued to the end that we should patronize Chinese and Japenese merchants exclusively, but neither of these schemes have been seriously entertained, and the miners are the first to break away from the idea that the Japanese ought to be shunned by union men, this policy being advocated by employers in an effort to keep us fighting one another instead of the common enemy.

Since this country was first opened up people of every known race have been imported for the alleged purpose of tilling the soil, but really served the purpose of reducing the price of labor power. We have endeavored to organize them all, without regard for color, language or creed, and while we have been slow to recognize the Asiatics as worthy of consideration, economic necessity compels us to undertake any problem that will reduce the competition between us for obs.

As a means of self preservation the United Mine Workers have taken the only course possible under the circumstances, and we will watch with interest the result of the experiment.

A TRUE STORY

A fellow walked into a doctor's office up north this week and said that he wished to be examined. After the examination he said: "Doctor, how much do I owe you?"

The doctor answered "Three dollars."

"Well, how much will the prescription be?"

The doctor said "One dollar."

"Well," said the fellow, "if you will loan me that one dollar to pay for the prescription I will owe you four."

"Give me back the prescription," said the doctor and he started to cut out one item.

"Doctor, you are crossing something out?"

"Yes," said the doctor, "I had had something down there for your nerve but you do not need it."

ROSSLAND CO-OPERATIVE

BALANCE SHEET

Balance sheet of the Rossland Union Co-Operative store for the year 1908:

LIABILITIES

To share capital	$6039.00
To Creditors	6257.42
Assets above liabilities	1076.00
	$13,372.42

ASSETS

To stock and cash on hand	$7478.37
To fixtures, horses etc.	1322.95
To shareholders Trade Acct.	4571.10
	$13,372.42

Liabilities to creditors and stock on hand are rather large owing to our receiving from Toronto just previous to stock taking a car of groceries amounting to $3000.

December 31, 1908

Share capital	$6039.00
Trade shares	13310.00
Profits	1076.00

This is 7 3-4 per cent on the actual turnover. Coupons to the amount of $12,033.60 have been brought in, enabling us to pay a dividend of 8 per cent to purchasers and 3 per cent to non-shareholders, after allowing for interest on share capital.

We have received 41 new shareholders into the Association during the last four months term.

Our expenses for the last term were a little over 12 per cent. During the next term we wish to increase our trade so as to bring expenses to a 10 per cent basis. We pay our employees good wages.

It will be noticed that our sales were nearly $6,000 more during this term than the previous one.

The increase exceeded our expectations and our store is apparently increasing in favor as the days go by.

PARIS TO LONDON BY AERIAL MACHINE

PARIS, Feb. 17—M. Surcouf, director of the Societe Astra, which constructed the Clement Bayard and similar airships, states that his firm has been for some little time in negotiation with a group of well known financiers in London at the head of which is Lord Brassey, for the formation of an English company similar to the Societe Astra.

He said: "When I was in London some little time ago, I dined with several members of the Aero club and the Automobile club. When I spoke of flying in an airship from Paris to London they thought it was ridiculous. I am really astonished that Great Britain is so far behind in aerial navigation.

"To show the confidence our company has in the new venture it will invest $100,000 i nthe English enterprise if the negotiations are successful. And in that case we will deliver th first airship by flying it from Paris to London."

FIELDING RETURNS

HALIFAX, N. S. Feb. 15—Hon. W. Fielding arrived from Liverpool yesterday. He is highly pleased with the success of his mission to France and England.

Alberta Elections

Political Prospects of Labor

The general elections in the province of Alberta are drawing close, and the voice of the politician is heard in the land. The old-time parties are quite agreed as to the "prosperous conditions" prevailing in the province which appears all the more vexing to the "outs" so far removed from the political "feed-box."

The onlly disturbing factor which is likely to upset political calculations is the manifest unrest of Labor, and as a consequence there is much fluttering in the political dove-cotes.

The Liberals, taking time by the fore lock, have already captured a saw-dust effigy, called the Independent Labor Party of Lethbridge, (which so far has only proved its "independence" by refusing to pay the legitimate expenses of its representative) and were successful in getting a "safe and sane" individual in the person of D. McNab to replace W. C. Simmons, the previous official Liberal representative in Lethbridge.

In Calgary the Conservative party hoping to offset the advantage already gained by the Liberals in "wooing labor," have invited the railroad labor organizations to nominate a candidate to run tandem in the Conservative team racing for political supremacy in the city of Calgary. So, already, there is a "Liberal Labor" representing Lethbridge, and a prospective "Liberal Conservative Labor" representative for Calgary.

To the average wage worker all this should be convincing enough; this political intriguing has a deep purpose underlying it all; this drawing of red-herrings across the trail is an effort to turn the workers aside from the real issue confronting them—the class struggle.

The Liberal and Conservative parties are but the political expressions of "business interests" whose whole object is the exploitation of Labor, upon which "our great prosperity" has been built; to keep the workers divided upon side issues depends their whole existence—the quiet determination of labor to rise out of its age-long slumber TO TAKE what rightfully belongs to Labor, is what is most feared.

That such a rising of Labor is taking place is to be seen by the activity of the REAL Labor party of Alberta, represented by the Socialist party of Canada; which is fully alive to the situation and those psuedo-labor decoy ducks will be relegated to the oblivion awaiting them.

In Calgary a full ticket of the Socialist party will run; Edmonton, Victoria, Red Deer, Wetaskiwin and Claresholm are placing Socialist farmers in the political field, and even Macleod and Pincher Creek Socialists are girding up their loins for the coming fight.

Taber will run a candidate, as will Lethbridge; in the latter place it was expected that a four cornered contest would ensue, but according to present appearances, the "Labor" member will not even get the nomination; the conglomeration which put him forward is to all intents and purposes defunct.

The Bankhead district will surely be contested and the showing of the vote will see the working class nominee well to the fore, if not actually victorious.

In the "Pass" the chances of victory are splendid, but it requires a forceful candidate to be put forward, for a combination of the Liberals and Conservatives is to be expected.

The shriekings of the Frank Paper will not be lost upon the government who realize a danger in a strong body of uncompromising workingmen at Edmonton and no effort will be spared to defeat them at the polls; all the chicanery known to capitalist politicians will be in evidence.

The movement in Alberta is cause for congratulation; it bids fair to leave B. C. behind.

The U. M. W. of A. will surely have to be reckoned with; they, with the farmers, will make some politicians wonder what has struck that province.

CHIEF PRIEST OF THE GOD "PROSPERITY"

That "light of knowledge" which illuminates the Frank Paper has been throwing fits and is horrified at the idea of "Propputy" being disfranchised in the event of a Socialist being returned for the Pass.

Clearly, economics is not his forte; he never stopped to consider that every cent of value in property is there because of LABOR.

"Unearned incument", profit, interest, and rent all arise from the same source.

The vaporings of that sheet are clearly in the interests of those enjoying UNEARNED VALUES.

Furthermore the largest investors of capital in that district are not even residents, but live in "furrin parts," so where does disfranchisement come in.

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ASK FOR MORE TIME

To Complete the K. C. R. and Meets With Opposition Goodeve Speaks

OTTAWA, Feb. 18—In the House of Commons this afternoon Mr. Bradbury asked: "In the settlement of the St. Peter's reserve was there any arrangement made by which minors could transfer lands? My reason for asking is that a number of young men under 21 years, some only 12 years old, have sold their lands and I have several complaints from parents regarding the matter."

Mr. Oliver replied: "I am informed that the land did not go to minors, it went to the parent and the parent had the right of disposition."

Mr. Bradbury: "There is some mistake in that, because these young men have parted with their rights. I know of one case in particular where a young man sold his patent issued in his name, and I understand he sold his land."

Mr. Oliver: "The terms of the surrender did not provide for grants being given to minors and if there are any such transactions they are outside of the arrangements and are of course of no effect.

A bill extending the time of the completion of the Kootenay Central Railway to 1912 was reported. Col. Thomson explained that this is a C. P. R. project to build a line from Fort Steele to the international boundary to Golden on the main line. The company has the power to build lines to any mines which may be developed along its lines.

Mr Goodeve of Kootenay said his constituents were opposed to a long extension of time. Fruit ranchers in the valley of the Columbia river whom this line would serve, are anxious to have the line constructed at an early date.

He asked that a portion of the road at least be constructed immediately. Up to the present time nothing but grading has been done.

MALONEY THINKS HE CAN WIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 17—Matt Maloney winner of the Christmas Marathon run from Rye to New York, has posted a certified check for $1000 with Win. Hicks, Jr., for a mach race with any of the Marathon runners.

Maloney is being backed by James Lynch of Yonkers.

Maloney said he would prefer to take on Longboat either indoor or out for a side bet of $5000 or $10,000.

If Madison Square garden is available he will race there, the winner to take all, or if outdoors he would go over the course from Rye to Columbus circle for a side bet of $10,000. Maloney is about the only man able to cope with Longboat, inasmuch as the Indian has beaten both Dorando and Shrubb. That the meeting between the two would be a corking contest is assured, and if the backers of Longboat cover the forfeit one of the greatest Marathon runs in the history of the sport will be witnessed.

Backers of Maloney are confident he can beat any Marathon runner alive to-day.

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THE DEADLY PARALLEL

The Rich Man and Lazarus as We Have Them To-Day

In a recent issue of the Toronto World, side by side are the following accounts of two happenings, one of the suicide of an out of work, and the other of a visit of King Edward to Germany:

"Worrying because he had been out of work for nearly a year, Arthur Folkes strayed to the northwest section of the city in search of employment, and being still unsuccessful at eight o'clock last night put a bullet in his head. The revolver was found in the snow beside the body, which lay close to the Canada Foundry Company premises.

County Crown Attorney Drayton was notified, and an inquest will be held.

Folkes was 32 years of age. He was born in England. He leaves a wife and two children in destitute circumstances."

"The dinner was a brilliant spectacle King Edward sat between the emperor and empress with Queen Alexandra at the emperor's left. All the imperial princes were present. Prince Von Buelow, the imperial chancellor, was opposite their majesties. The table was strewn with red, white and blue flowers AND THE DINNER SERVICE WAS OF GOLD.

The emperor wore the uniform of the British Royal Dragoons while the King was attired as a Prussian General."

After their dinner their majesties held a reception and the emperor bestowed decorations on the members of the King's suite and the British embassy."

We make no comment whatever on the above. The deep, unutterable pity of the one, the fathomless pathos surrounding his vain struggle for a livelihood for himself, the little wife and mother and the children, are in themselves too mutely eloquent to need comment—we leave it with the fair minded reader.

The other case, luxuriating in extravagance and uncounted wealth, acts as a background for the former picture—on which not even the artist with the most vivid imagination could improve.

We cannot be accused of "les majeste", but we cannot stifle the oft-repeated question: "Why have some so much, and others nothing at all?"

LABOR MAN IN FRONT

Donald McNab Introduces a Public Bill---Wants Bi-Weekly Pay

EDMONTON, Feb. 18—Thursday or Friday will see the railway policy of Premier Rutherford announced in the Legislature. D'Arcy Tate, G. T. P. Solicitor, reached the city to-day from the coast, and states that he will on Wednesday conclude negotiations with the government as to what G. T. P. branch lines will receive Government aid. He will remain here till Friday to meet with the railway commissioners.

Donald McNab of Lethbridge, Labor member, exercised his right as a private member to introduce a public bill when he brought down a measure providing that employers must pay wages bi-weekly. The bill is called the Bi-Weekly Wages Bill and it is the first legislation this session for the direct benefit of the laboring classes. The bill is directed principally against mine operators in the south, who do not pay only once a month. It is the first time in the legislature that any member has used his right to introduce a public bill.

During the consideration of the bill to grant a charter to the Central Alberta Railway Company, a short line from Ellerslie west to river and northeast to Strathcona, Mr. McKenzie of Macleod pointed out that the bill did not conform to the principle adopted by him in the first and second sessions, that no railway company be allowed to amalgamate or transfer powers to any but another railway company. This bill did not specify the railway company in the clause giving the incorporated company power to enter into an agreement with the other company for leasing or conveying powers under the act. Mr. McKenzie thought the Legislature should not depart from this principle now standing. It was explained to him that the road was to be constructed for the benefit of a coal mine, and that clause, in not specifying the railway company, sought to make it possible for an incorporated company to transfer the road to a coal company if it were necessary.

The clause was allowed to stand until Mr. Boyle of Sturgeon, who was handling the bill, should be present. The name of the company was changed to read "Strathcona Central Ry. Company."

Bills to incorporate the Cardston Club, the Southern Alberta Ry. Co., and to establish Dr. Steele's standing as a physician in the province were reported on from the Committee of the Whole.

The committee which is to frame the boundaries of the new constituencies under the Redistribution bill will hold its first meetings in the Legislative chamber to-morrow at 3 o'clock.

The first railway bill to pass the House is the bill incorporating the Pincher Creek and Southern Railway Co., who are projecting a line south from Pincher Creek to the international boundary.

An act respecting appeals from assessments in towns and cities also passed, bringing the total completed bills for the session up to eight.

PUNISH HOTELKEEPER

NANTON, Feb. 17—Inspectors Camles and Hotchkiss spent Monday in Nanton looking into complaints made against the Cayley hotel. Former Proprietor Bartley B. Reid was convicted and fined $50 and costs for having sold liquor after his license was suspended. He was also convicted of having opened his bar on October 26 Dominion election day, after the polls had closed.

WATER CLAUSES' ACT BEFORE HOUSE

THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC BILL MEETS WITH SOME OPPOSITION.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 17.—The debate upon the second reading of the water clauses act was commenced in the legislature to-day by Hon. F. J. Fulton, minister of works, who explained the general terms of the bill. He gave a history of water legislation in the province, and referred to the fact that the present bill gives all records issued in the pst, provision is made for a board to sit on questions affecting water rights and this board is to be given plenary powers, there being no appeal from their decision.

In dealing with the Grand Trunk Pacific bill J. A. Macdonald, Rossland, leader of the Liberal opposition, took the same line as Mr. Oliver did the other day. He drew attention to the fact that little provision is made in the approved plans of Prince Rupert to give future inhabitants access to the sea in their streets. Mr. Carter moved the adjournment and will probably be heard upon the subjects to-morrow.

In the committee of the house upon the bill for incorporation of the Goal River Power company, the leader of the opposition drew attention to the need of a general act to cover all railway applications for charters as does the companies act for all incorporation of companies.

DIVERS IN SAD PLIGHT

NEW YORK, Feb. 15—Dr. G. W. Wylie of Syracuse, who arrived here from Bermuda on the steamer Prince George to-day told of a narrow escape from death which he and Prof. S. M. Smallwood of Syracuse university, experienced while diving for rare sponge specimens on the south shore of Paget. The clearness of the water deceived them and they struck their heads hard on the bottom. Prof. Smallwood was rendered unconscious, but Dr. Wylie, who was not hit so hard, got his companion out of the water.

20,000 ELK STARVING

CHEYENNE, Feb. 17—Protection for the elk in the shape of a winter refuge is the proposal contained in a memorial to congress asking that a tract of land south of Yellowstone park be set aside. The suggestion has come from the Wyoming legislature and is the outcome of reports that 20,000 elk are starving in the mountains of Western Wyoming.

MAN SUFFOCATED

BROCKVILLE, Feb. 17—Mike O'Connell, a prosperous farmer living in Kitley township, aged about sixty years, was suffocated by upsetting out of his cutter on the way home from town on Saturday night. His companion named Bothwell, was asleep in the snow quite unconscious of the fate of his companion.

The men had been drinking at Jasper village and weer on their way home when the cutter upset.

POWERS FOR CROW'S NEST CO.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17—Supplementary letters patent have been issued extending the powers of the Crows Nest Pass Coal Co.

Many Sleepless Night Owing to a Persistent Cough, Relief Found at Last

"For several winters past my wife has been troubled with a most persistent and disagreeable cough which invariably extended over a period of several weeks and caused her many sleepless nights," writes Will J. Hayner, editor of the Burley, Colo., Bulletin. "Various remedies were tried each year with no beneficial results. In November last the cough again put in an appearance and my wife acting on the suggestion of a friend, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The result was indeed marvellous. After three doses the cough entirely disappeared and has not manifested itself since." This remedy is for sale by all druggists.

SINKING NEW SHAFT IN NEW DEPOSITS

FRANK, Feb. 13.—The C. A. C. & C. Co. are at work developing the coal deposits half way between Turtle and Goat mountains. Four years ago a shaft was sunk some three hundred feet, a power house built but it was abandoned.

Now the company are pumping out the shaft and use it as an air shaft. They intend sinking another shaft and strike the vein and operate it as a new development.

The company have about 150 men at work at present, more for development than for the production of coal at present.

HOLD-UP IS PULLED OFF

Successfully Near Denver by Two Men--Large Amount Was Secured

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 13.—Two masked bandits held up the Denver and Rio Grande train No. 4 at Military Junction between Fort Logan and Denver at 3.45 o'clock this morning, looting the mail car and registered mail. The train was due to arrive at Denver at 10.45 last night but was running late. There is a steep grade after leaving the junction and as the train reached the crest two men sprang into the glare of the headlight. One ran rapidly towards the engine and the other climbed into the cab. He had a gun in each hand and quickly had the fireman and engineer under subjection. As soon as the train was stopped the other bandit ran to the baggage car door and hammered on it. During this time the men were shooting rapidly along the side to intimidate the pasesngers and train men and it estimated that they fired at least fifty shots. The bandit in the engine compelled the engineer and fireman to accompany him and while one of the bandits stood guard over the engineer the other compelled the fireman to ente rthe mail car and to point out the registered mail. Then they marched the engine cerw back to the engine and ordered them to proceed to Denver at full speed, threatening to shoot if not immediately obeyed.

The bandits made good their escape in the direction of Fort Logan but it is believed they really made their way to Denver. A half dozen secret service men proceeded to the scene of the hold up and Chief Armstrong sent an automobile load of policemen to assist in the search. The surrounding country is being scoured and the troops at Fort Logan may be asked for help. A horse and buggy was stolen from a farmer in the neighborhood of the hold up, but whether by the robbers or by accomplices has not been ascertained as yet.

Only registered mail was taken and its value is unknown. One of the packages taken is said to have contained currency from a Salt Lake bank in amounts variously estimated at from $1000 to $7000. The local authorities say they do not know how much was in this package.

SHRUBB HAS NO BRAINS

He Does Not Use any Head Work in Connection with his Races

The special correspondent of The Montreal Star who witnessed the big Shrubb-Longboat race, has the following to say about Shrubb:

"Don't ever talk to me again about Alfred Shrubb's canny racing brains. He hasn't any—at least I think he hasn't any, which may not prove it to anyone besides myself. In the first place he trains too fine. He did not leave himself any surplus energy for the fag end of the journey. A man who runs a Marathon should be overweight—anywhere from five to ten pounds. He should have a little surplus fat to burn up. Shrubb would no doubt have run a much better race if he had never donned a shoe during the postponement. Alf. Shrubb does not know how to feed holmself rahahr not know how to fee dhimself for such a grind.

Instead of a good steak and toast and vegetables before the race he ate an ogg and toast and tea.

What kind of stuff is toast and tea and egg for a man's job like a Marathon?

Shrubb did not know enough to tell his handlers when he needed stimulants. He must have known at nineteen miles that he was tiring and he should have asked for what was given him at twenty-two miles, after he had first stopped to walk. A stimulant will not revive a corpse—and Alfie Shrubb was a racing corpse at twenty two miles.

"Some people criticize Shrubb for going so many laps and say he killed his own chances. I don't think so. Shrubb is like a high speed engine. He can go at a 5.20 clip easier than he can at a 6 minute clip. That is his natural speed and he will tire just as easily at the slower as at the higher pace. He did not tease the Indian enough on the track. A little jollying might have got the redskin chasing him, but beyond prancing around in front of him a few times Shrubb did nothing but gallop. When he commenced to tire—and Longboat was tired too—why didn't he get in front and ease the pace up and so nurse himself along.

"I know it is easy to criticize after an event is over but just the same if Shrubb had racing brains he did not use them in the race."

BACK TO SLAVERY

Sold Like Cattle to the Highest Bidder--One Way of Securing Work

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—An auction of white men on Lincoln's birthday was the spectacle that drew thousands of persons to the Parkside Presbyterian church in Flatbush to-night. The auction was in reality an object lesson of the conditions prevailing among working people and served to get jobs for a number of men. The church was crowded when the Rev. John E. Long outlined the pitiable condition of those who were willing to work but unable to secure positions. He introduced Edward T. O. Laughlin, who conducted the sale, and he outlined the plan to which the men had agreed. This was to offer them, as it were, on the block, to the person who gave them a job through which they could earn subsistence and a few dollars besides if possible. The money end was an after consideration, as the men who had come to him wanted food and shelter principally. Mr. Lougalin then led to the platform fifty men, young and old, more or less shabbily dressed.

All wore black masks to conceal their identity to all but the purchasers. Each man was numbered. Number 10 the first man preesnted was represented as an iron worker, a moulder, long out of work, in want, and willing to work at anything. Several men in the audience walked to the platform and as in slavery days critically surveyed the subject. One man went so far as to feel the man's limbs and his muscles. It was finally announced that the man had been sold to W. F. Copeland, who would give him employment in an industrial association in New York. The terms were not announced.

No. 21, the next man up, was described as having served in the Boer war, and in the United States army in the Philippines, an electrician by trade. He went to a Flatbush family, whose name was withheld by request. It was announced that the family would give him $35 per month and board.

No. 23, a painter, went to a Newark party who promised to give him $10 a week.

No. 4, a gray haired man, was taken away by a young man who said he would give him a home and work at once.

Thus six men in all were disposed of when the hour was late; the spectators, many of them having felt keenly the scenes they had witnessed, formed themselves into a committee to take charge of the 44 remaining men and promised to find homes and jobs for them.

John D. Rockefeller, who was invited to be present, sent a telegram regretting his inability to be present.

A RECORD YEAR IN IMMIGRATION

WINNIPEG, Feb. 17—C. W. Speers, general colonization agent of the Dominion government, has returned from an extensive trip through the west to perpare for the influx of immigrants at the opening of the spring and reports everything in splendid condition to receive as many as can possibly come.

Mr. Speers is strongly convinced that this is a record year for immigration. He bases his statements on the assurances already received both from the United States and Europe. He claims that Canada is now getting a vastly superior class of immigrants than before, and the rule is being strictly enforced that all undesirables should be deported at once.

Mr. Speers was highly pleased with the condition of the country he visited and found that all the settlements are progressing and doing well.

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Do it now!
If you're sure the jobs your own
Don't hem and haw and groan—
Do it now!
Don't put off a bit of work
Do it now!
It doesn't pay to shirk,
If you want to fill a place
And be useful in the race
Just get up and take a brace,
Do it now!
Don't linger by the way,
You'll lose if you delay,
Do it now!
If the other fellows wait,
Or postpone until it's late
You hit up a faster gait—
Do it now!
Would you your business push?
Do it now!
Would you have things hum and rush?
Do it now!
If your printing done before
Has always made you sore
And you want some better
Go at once and phone the Ledger,
Do it now!

TELEPHONES 48 AND 9

THE SEA CLAIMS TRIBUTE

ALGIERS Feb. 17—Thirty lives were lost when an unknown sailing vessel rammed the Belgian steamer Australia during a storm on February 12 near Alboran Island in the Mediterranean, 100 miles from Gibraltar and both the vessels foundered. Of this number 14 hailed from the sailing vessel and 16 from the Australia. Ten members of the crew of the Australia who had put off from the steamer in a small boat were rescued by the German steamer Liberia and brought in here today.

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TEN YEARS FOR ARSON

Young Driscoll Caused Fire Near High River--Will Ask for New Trial

CALGARY, Alta., Feb. 13—Florence Driscoll, who was convicted on Tuesday last of the crime of incendiarism near High River, appeared before Mr. Justice Harvey yesterday forenoon to receive his sentence. In sentencing young Driscoll to ten years in the provincial penitentiary, Mr. Justice Harvey said he could not understand how a jury could bring in a verdict of not guilty in the case of the elder Driscoll after the son having been convicted on the same charge. The sentence was as light as his lordship could possibly make it under the circumstances as the crime of which the young man was committed permitted of a life sentence.

It is understood that an application will be made to the department of justice for a new trial for the Driscolls.

HOSMER'S HOSPITAL

HOSMER, Feb. 16—The new Hosmer hospital is now completed and has been handed over to the able management of Dr. C. C. Higgins and his staff of nurses. At the south end of this building, on the main floor, is located a general ward 21 x 32 feet. Six to eight cots can be placed in this room. The main entrance is on the west side, facing the railroad, and is sheltered by a broad verandah. A reception room is entered from the verandah, and the consultation room opens off this reception room on the right. The general ward is at the south end of a wide corridor leading from the reception room, and a private ward and operating room, nurses dining room and kitchen, lavatory, and bath rooms all on the first floor, open into this corridor. A rear entrance opens to this large airy passage and a wide stair case leads from it to the second floor. The operating room is 12x13, and it, together with the little room through which it is entered, are floored with hard maple wood, all the remainder of the floors being laid in edge grained B. C. fir. On the upper floor, over the front part of the building, are rooms capable of accommodating six or eight patients, having a very fine view of the Elk river. Besides this general ward on the second floor there are two bedrooms for nurses, a small one for a servant, and an isolation room, bath and lavatory, and store rooms or closets. The building is heated by steam and lighted by electricity, and is altogether a valuable asset to the town and neighborhood.—Nelson News.

WINNIPEG CROWDED

WINNIPEG, Feb. 17—All trains arriving in Winnipeg yesterday and today were crowded to the steps. Not since the exhibition last summer has there been such a rush in the Winnipeg depots. The various organizations which are holding their annual gatherings this week anticipated a big rush as representatives come from all parts of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Merchants report a big business and the stores are full of purchasers. The big bonspell has also brought a lot of visitors.

A CHANCE FOR KOOTENAY

VANCOUVER, Feb. 16—Manager Orr of the Toronto exhibition is here to endeavor to secure a provincial industrial exhibit for the east next season. He left to interview the executive at Victoria this afternoon. From the coast Mr. Orr will return through the Kootenays where he hopes to arrange for an exhibit showing the mining interests.

W. R. ROTTER'S ATTACK ON SALVATION ARMY

London, Feb. 17—At a meeting of the Edinburgh trades council yesterday, W. R. Troter, Canadian labor representative, in Great Britain, said the Salvation Army had issued a book entitled "The Surplus" which was so full of mis-statements in regard to Canada and emigration generally that the Trades Congress of Canada would shortly issue a reply. Mr. Trotter stated that the object of the army was to help emigrants so much as to acquire the government bonus upon agricultural laborers and commissions from steamship and railway fares.

STILL AT LARGE

The German "Ripper" Continues His Nefarious Work

BERLIN, Feb. 17—The mysterious attacks upon women in the streets of Berlin, recalling the notorious 'Ripper' cases of other cities, continue. Five women of the working class were wounded in the city and suburbs yesterday, while this morning the wife of a merchant was wounded by an unknown assailant. None of the women were seriously hurt.

The first attack occurred in the Moabite quarter at nine o'clock yesterday morning on the open street. The assailant stabbed his victim in the upper part of the arm. Another woman was wounded in the thigh yesterday forenoon in the northern part of the city. At three o'clock in the afternoon a girl was attacked in the eastern section but she warded off the blow with her hand, which was wounded. In the evening the "ripper" attacked the wife of a butcher but the blade of his knife broke against her stays. The woman was then beaten into unconsciousness and later was taken to a hospital. Later in the evening the wife of another butcher was attacked in the eastern part of the city. The attack on the merchant's wife occurred this morning in the southern part of the city. The woman was wounded in the thigh and hand. In every instance the criminal escaped. His method is evidently to approach his victim without arousing suspicion, to deliver his blow and then flee. The population of the laboring quarter of the city is much excited over the frequent attempts, and special orders were issued to the police to protect women walking alone.

The second attack to-day was made an hour after the first on a servant girl by three young men. One of them stabbed her in the abdomen. This is the fifteenth attack since the outrages began. The police have increased the rewards for the apprehension of the assailants.

DROVE DYING WIFE INTO FREEZING NIGHT

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 17—The most shocking story of inhuman treatment ever heard in a London court was told to-day when neighbors charged Daniel Curtin, a laborer, with cruelty. It was shown that he came home early on Sunday morning very drunk and drove hsi dying wife from the house in her bare feet with only her night robe on, the weather being freezing cold. The woman was taken in by the neighbors and cared for but she will die as the result of her exposure. Curtin was remanded by the court for sentence.

THEY WILL ARBITRATE

WINNIPEG, Feb. 17—The Teamsters' Union of Winnipeg, who have recently been locked out by the Winnipeg Cartage company, have informally invoked the procedure of the act. The department of labor at Ottawa has accepted the application and has taken the necessary steps to constitute a board of arbitration.

DO NOT PAY

To the Sufferers of the Fernie Fire on Aug. 1st, 1908.

Greetings:

I desire to call your attention to the necessity of some definite plan being adopted for a final disposition of the funds so generously contributed towards your assistance.

You are aware that a substantial sum will be left over after all accounts are paid in addition to what has been advanced for the purchase of lumber and building materials.

As far as I am aware no plan has been adopted and submitted to you for your approval as to what would be done with the money when repaid to the fund. Therefore I respectfully advise and request, that no repayment of any loan for lumber and building materials be made by anyone until such time as some definite plan is adopted and submitted to all fire sufferers for their approval and consent.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season,

Your friend and well wisher,
F. H. Shermar

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CAPITALISM AND THE CHURCH

"The capitalist system is based on the private ownership of land and capital and machinery, and the use of these and the employment of labor, and the buying and selling of the products of labor, for private profit. Inevitably this capitalist system enriches the few, impoverishes the many, and controls industry for gain, in the presence of the human poverty and misery which it produces. It is idle and unnecessary to recount the ravages of capitalism upon the working classes, while at the same time it pours thousands of millions into the hands of those who never earned it. Capitalism is profit-ism. It is mammonism enthroned in our industrial system. Capitalism is unjust in its basis, inhuman and unchristian in its operation, and ruthless and destructive to human lives in its inevitable result. It is the modern anti-Christ. It is contrary to every principle that Christ has ever taught. This capitalist system has only one aggressive body in the world impeaching it in the name of human life, and determined upon its overthrow, and that body is the International Socialist movement.

And now I wish to repeat, no religious body in Christendom, from the Pope of Rome to General Booth, has attacked capitalism as a social system. Capitalism stalks the earth hungry for profit, and devouring the people. It walks unashamed, unaccused, unafraid of the Christian Church. The great capitalists of the world have no fear of losing their power over the bodies of men by any interference from the churches, either in Germany, or France, America, England—or Wales. On the contrary there is scarcely a hamlet in Christendom where the Socialist movement has obtained a foothold, in which some preacher of Christ's gospel has not warned his flock of this "damnable movement." The one movement which is morally impeaching capitalism is not only not assisted, but actually hindered by these guardians of religion. Here and there preachers of the Gospel join the Socialist movement and suffer for it. But the capitalist system in its devotees still occupies the front seats in the synagogues, holds high office in the church, and takes the sacrament, quite unaware that it is the incarnation of principles, practices, and fruits—the very opposite of the mind and spirit of Christ.

In twelve long years full of Socialist propaganda throughout England, America and Canada I have never found an aggressive movement against capitalism in any city inaugurated by the preachers of Christ's gospel in that city, and it is well known that the most "dependable apologists and defenders of capitalism" are the ministers of religion, for they are the professed keepers of the conscience of the people, and what they refuse to impeach passes for good in the minds of their people. So I repeat, up to date no religious body has sought to establish social justice on the earth; no religious body has sought to organize the use of the earth, and the use of machinery, and the employment of labor on terms of brotherhood and freedom and social justice. Capitalism is the modern anti-Christ. Capitalism is mammonism incarnate. Capitalism is unaccused by the Christian church. Capitalism has only one known determined antagonist—the Socialist movement."

THE ASIATICS

Considerable comment has been caused by the action of District No. 18 U. M. W. of A. in their late convention at Lethbridge, Alta., in passing a resolution to allow Asiatics to join the Miners' Unions.

In order to properly understand the reasons which have led the miners to take the step they have, it will be necessary to recount a little of the history of Miners unions on this continent. The early coal fields of the Eastern States were opened up by English speaking labor mostly from the old country. These miners, like all others, saw the necessity of organization in order to resist the oppressions of their capitalist masters. In order to defeat these English speaking miners the corporations began to use the powers of the state to emigrate other nationalities into the coal fields. So they brought the Slav, Hungarian, Polander, Russian, Italian and Greek and Negro. The U. M. W. of A. took these people into the union, and today they are the mainstay of this progressive organization, and are beginning to understand each other; the spirit of brotherly love is growing so fast and the increase of class solidarity so sure, that those outside the labor movement have little, if any conception of it.

Now where can the capitalists of this continent look for a further supply of cheap labor—to the east of course. Consequently we have the Japanese, Chinese and Hindu brought to our shores; we have protested; we have appealed, all in vain. Your patriotic Canadian and American citizens who have a few shares in some western concern want cheap labor, so we must have Asiatic labor in order, as one old Canadian Senator said a few years ago, when protesting against the $500 poll tax. "We must have the Chinese in the west in order to keep the white workingmen in their proper place.' So our Natal Act is declared "ultra vires" by the capitalist governments at Ottawa. So there we are.

Just so long as the labor unions howled, there was no redress.

His Hon. the Lieut-Governor Dunsmuir of British Columbia succeeded in defeating all our efforts to keep the Asiatics out of the mines, and to-day in his mines on Vancouver island some 800 Chinese, Japs and Hindus are employed, and the white miners are compelled to work along with them and at the same wages, so why should the miners refuse to allow the Asiatic to stand shoulder to shoulder with them in "the battle for industrial freedom."

It's an old dodge my masters, but we workers begin to understand.

A POORLY ADVISED ATTACK

The Medicine Hat Times is doing a litle howling about the Ledger's stand in regard to Mayor Tuttle's appeal for aid shortly after the fire. They say:

"When the Fernie fire collections were being made a great many of the more important papers criticised Mayor Tuttle of Fernie for his indiscriminate appeals for aid, especially his telegram to London, England. These comments drew forth the strongest condemnation from the Fernie Ledger."

Quite right, we did condemn the ravings of a few editors who seemed to be jealous of the money that was coming in here for the needy and homeless sufferers. Bill Tuttle was justified in his appeal and cannot be too strongly thanked for what he did. The people certainly wanted the money and we were much surprised at any one objecting to his calling for aid.

To show how utterly ignorant the editor of the Times is we print the following from that noble, broad minded ignoramus:

"The better element now feel that some repayment should be made, that it is not a good thing for the character of any people that they should receive money without any idea of obligation. Accordingly the city council decided to levy a tax on those who had been advanced money in order to get it back. This has been fought fiercely by the Ledger and by the Socialists led by Sherman."

What do you think of that? The "better element" indeed!

Further: "That it is not a good thing for the character of any people that they should receive money without any idea of obligation."

What sense is there in such a statement? Surely the picayunish mind of the editor of the Times does not want us to believe that he is so ignorant as to think that the money was sent as a loan? We are sorry for his readers if he is ignorant as that.

Again we read the following from this incongruous individual's ravings:

"One man received $300 worth of lumber to build a house, when his house had not been touched. And as chairman of a meeting to discuss the refund question he obtained a whitewash vote from the Socialists who were present in sufficient numbers to carry their wishes."

Now if, instead of taking the Fernie Free Press one sided account of the meeting, the editor of the Times had got the action of the gentleman whom this self appointed censor criticizes, he would never have written such a falsehood.

Of course the capitalist press in all parts of the country are always anxious to try and ridicule anyone or any body which professes Socialistic ideas.

But the merky muterings of these "pull the string" tools do not hurt very much.

Some one signing himself "Rank and File" shoots off some rot in the Free Press this week. If he is a member of the Socialist party he ought to be ashamed of himself for what he says about those who are followers, and very ardent followers of the great cause of Socialism. If he is not a Socialist there is absolutely no hope for him, for he is beyond recall. He says "The policy of the Ledger at present seems to be dictated by petty personal animosity, and jockeying for a position of advantage for a certain coterie within the ranks of labor unions.'

When "Rank and File" penned those lines to the Free Press he knew he was telling an absolute falsehood, for on no occasion can he show any "jockeying for advantage." The editor of this paper is given a free hand and an open field, and because some have come under condemnation for doing crooked things "Rank and File" is sore.

Last week the Michel Reporter reprinted an account of the carpenter trouble from our local cotem. Of course we are not surprised that it was a rather exaggerated account, but the barnstormer from Michel retorts that "whoever coughed up that dope for our friends on the Free Press is in the race for editor of the Ledger, or for a padded cell in the bug-house at New Westminster."

Evidently there is little to choose between being the source of grey matter for this paper or the occupant of an apartment de lux at New Westminster. Well, Editor Meikle is an authority of some standing on padded cells and equipment of a like nature, so we bow for the nonce. There may be reasons why we should rather edit this paper than sojourn at New Westminster, but "had I a dozen reasons I would not give one."

ALL SLAVES TOGETHER

At Lethbridge has been held probably the most remarkable labor convention in the history of unionism on this continent. Thereat the constitution of the United Mine Workers of that district was amended to admit Chinese and Japanese workers to membership. It is a portent of evil omen to the master class when workers arrive at such a clear understanding of their position that not even the red herring of race hatred will longer serve ot turn them aside from the trail of their enemy.

Our foes are not of an alien race, but mainly of our own blood. Not our fellow slaves, but our common masters. They know no distinction of race, creed or color. They fatten on profits wrung from Saxon and Celt, from Frank and Latin, from Mongolian and Aryan alike. Hypocritical and treacherous, they set us one against another lest we unite against them. They have, in the past antagonized the English speaking races against the Italian, the Hunn and the Slav. In the west they are setting the European against the Asiatic and the workers, ever blind, have risen to the bait.

These alien fellow slaves of ours are represented as beating down our wage. But it is not the capitalist class that beats down our wage with the Asiatic for a club? And were the Asiatic wanting would the pauperized hordes of Europe not be used as effectively?

More power to U. M. W. May their tribe increase.—Western Clarion.

A PETITION

From those who continually remind us what they once were and how they used to mix in high society, how they once drove, whereas they now walk, good Lord, deliver us.

From the persons who tell us the ancient jokes and who forget that they have told us the same things many times before, good Lord, deliver us.

From the neighbor who comes in, tea, and never repays, who borrows sugar and eggs, flat irons, the step-ladder or a cup of milk, and is lax in returning, or giving the equivalent, good Lord, deliver us.

From the enighbor who comes in, and tells us the gossip, who steals our time, who stands with the door ajar on a wintry day, neither in nor out, and who, when asked in, replies, "Oh, I must be going now," but who yet stays; from this pneumonia provoking time wasting, scandal spreading neighbor, good Lord deliver us.

From the neighbor who never enters but who is ever peeking; who peeps when the washing is hung, when the coal comes, when the butcher and grocer make their delivery; who peeks when the members of the family come and go, good Lord deliver us.

From the man who is loaded, and boards the street car, and airs his opinions in a loud voice; who would run the country on a new plan, who would create a new condition of things, good Lord, deliver us.

From the man who says "I told you so," who knew Longboat would win, who knew the man sent to jail was heading that way, who knew Brown was going to die, and that Jones was going to get fired, and Smith was going to be advanced; who knew that the winter was going to be mild so far from this man good Lord, deliver us.

But from the snob and the upstart, get-rich-quick and the decorated damsel whose mother works at home while she parades the street and goes to shows, we beseech thee, good Lord, deliver us.

METHODIST CHURCH

On Sunday and Monday last opening services were held in the new Methodist church, Hosmer, the first church to be erected in that important city. Rev. W. L. Hall officiated on Sunday and general manager Louis Stockett occupied the chair on Monday. Snow had been falling without intermission for two days but the turn out on Monday night was beyond all expectations, filling every available space. The supply of provisions was so ample that a second evening had to be arranged for in order to dispose of the same. The proceedings were enjoyed by all present. The lots occupied are 50x100, making a space of 100 feet square which have been generously handed over by the company for church purposes at a nominal rental for a term of 99 years. It was stated that the electric lights had been installed free of cost through the generosity of Mr. Stockett. Efforts are being made locally by the pastor to meet financial requirements contingent on completion of the building. Substantial help has been received from the missionary society and a loan has also been arranged. The church opening coincides with the jubilee of Methodism in British Columbia, recently celebrated at the coast by a banuet to the veteran, the Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Robson, which was graced by the presence of the Lieutenant Gov. Higgins. The last two preceded Dr. Robson in British Columbia by a year or two, the Methodist church being next to the Anglican church, the first to send missionaries to British Columbia.

The Fernie church is kept open and *warmed from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.* for the convenience of any who may so desire. Paper and inks, books and reading matter kept on hand. Strangers welcome.

Monday night, young people.

Tuesday night: children's practice.

Wednesday evening:— Prayer and conversation.

Thursday: Reading circle.

Friday: Choir practice.

On Sunday next the Rev. W. L. Hall will speak on the subject of "Doing Things," in the morning at 11, and in the evening at 7.30 on the "Position of the Pastorate." Sunday school and Bible class at 2.30.

Everybody invited to the Epworth league next Monday night at the Methodist church. The meeting will take the form of a musical and social evening, and as some of the best local talent are contributing a good time is assured. Do not miss this treat.

The Alberta Legislature

What the Neighboring Province is Doing

Press Gallery, Legislature, Edmonton, Feb. 16—The climax of the session the announcement of the government railway policy, will come this week. All the lesser events of what is now being commonly termed the railway session of the legislature, have been leading up to this one great event. The atmosphere of the legislative hall has been daily growing more tense with expectancy. Now it is soon to be made known what the Rutherford government is prepared to do to bring about rapid construction of those lines that will give the greatest benefit to the greatest number.

Negotiations are now in progress, and will be completed before Thursday, between officials of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and the government, as to what G. T. P. branch lines in the province will receive government aid. It is believed that their branch from Wainright to Calgary will be one of the first to be taken care of. As to what other lines are to receive aid can only be a matter of conjecture.

In this connection the fact that three of the bills for railway charters now before the house are in the hands of government ministers, and are stated to be bona fide propositions, may be significant. One of these, a bill introduced by Premier Rutherford, is for a line from Edmonton north to Fort McMurray, the promoters for which are capitalists of Kansas City and Winnipeg. It cannot but be significant that the bill for this line is the only one which provides for the assumption of control of the road by the government at their option, and further that Premier Rutherford declared that the line is to be built at once and without delay. The line will tap the mineral resources on the Athabasca. The second bill which looks like a government favorite is that which Hon. Mr. Cushing is fostering, and in which McKenzie and Mann of the Canadian Northern Railway are asking a charter for branches from Strathcona south through Calgary to the boundary, east from Edmonton to the eastern boundary, and for several other small branches in the province. Hon. Mr. Finlay is also fostering a bill for a line from Medicine Hat west through the country to be irrigated by the Southwest Alberta Irrigation Co.

Meanwhile the legislature continues to build railroads on paper at a rate that has been unprecedented. The government railway policy of guarantee of bonds has attracted a flood of applications for railway charters and the free trade in charters goes merrily on. H. W. Riley (Gletchen) attempted to wring from the government a statement of their railway policy and to incidentally apply a check to the free trade in charters, by attacking this same indiscriminate building of paper railroads. He struck at the root of the whole question when he held up the bill to grant an extension of time to the Calgary and Knee Hill railway, claiming that this charter had been procured merely for commerical purposes, and that it was a fit example of charter mongering that was going on. He forced the members to take a stand by moving a six-months' hoist to the bill. His motion was swamped, however, only the two members of the opposition standing with him. All he elicted from the government on their railway policy was the statement of the premier that a fair discrimmination would be used in sifting out the railway lines that should receive government aid.

In addition to the three railway bills in the hands of the government ministers, there are six other bills for new roads before the house. Two of these at least are to tap the Crows Nest and Kootenay country. The Alberta Southwest Kootenay is a G. T. P. projected line into the Crow's Nest while the Kootenay and Alberta is a line from Coutts through Cardston and Pincher Creek into the North Kootenay Pass.

The committee on the re-distribution of seats in the house have framed up a tentative plan of readjustment of constituencies, which they will use as a basis of operations in framing the boundaries of new constituencies. The first decision of the committee was to give the city of Lethbridge a separate seat, including the mining suburb of Stafford. According to the committee's plan there will be 39 seats in the new legislature. The chief readjustment will come in the south, and in the country east of the C. and E.

Pincher Creek will be divided to give the Coal country west of Cowley a separate seat under the name of Crows Nest. High River is split into three districts with Nanton, High River and Okotoks as centres.

The amendment to the statute law which is to provide that the operation of street cars in the province is to be at the option of municipalities was introduced to the House last week. Another amendment to the statute law to provide that the attorney general shall be ex-officio the guardian of the estates of insane persons was also introduced.

An act has been introduced during the past week providing that the present system of paying sheriffs and deputy sheriffs by fees shall be substituted by a definite system of salaries, whereby the majority of the sheriffs of the province will receive slightly less remuneration for their work than they have been doing in the past. An act will shortly be introduced by the Minister of Agricultme providing for an increased indemnity to farmers on hail insurance with a corresponding increased premium.

INCREASE MEMBERS

Lethbridge to be One of the New Seats--Making a Lot of Changes

EDMONTON, Feb. 16—Lethbridge City will be given a separate seat under the new Redistribution act. This was decided by the Redistribution committee at the first meeting in the provincial library last evening. The separate seat will include Stafford, a small suburb, which brings the total population of the city up to over 7000 persons.

This was the only important decision reached by the committee, presided over by Mr. Cross, and consisting of Messrs. Robertson, Hiebert, Mackenzie and Walker, although they outlined several other constituencies and named centres around which they might be framed.

At present the new redistribution shows 39 seats, including two each at Calgary and Edmonton.

It is proposed to cut Pincher Creek constituency so as to give the coal country west of Cowley a separate representatives under the name of the Crows Nest.

Medicine Hat will probably be divided to make a new district under the name of Deresford.

Nanton, High River and Okotoks, are suggested as centres for new districts to be carved out of the old constituency of High River.

A piece will perhaps be cut off of Rosebud to provide a district with Olds as the centre.

Cardston is left about the same also, and the Lethbridge district will include all the old constituency outside the city.

Athabasca and Peace river will remain as before.

SLEET STORM SEVERE

CHICAGO, Feb. 15—The wind, rain and sleet storm, which during the last 48 hours has played havoc with the telegraph wires in the middle west, will continue until to-morrow night, according to the weather forecast. By the time it has spent itself in the middle west it will be moving with its trail of destruction and suffering up the St. Lawrence valley. All over Illinois snow was six inches deep and still falling. The region between Memphis and Tennessee will now be covered with sleet. The slowness with which the storm has moved is remarkable. Before the storm has reached the St. Lawrence it will have hovered over the same place for 72 hours.

A short abatement of the storm in the region of Chicago to-day was followed by a renewal in vigor. Most of the cities in the affected area report considerable suffering and delay in traffic. Telegrahpic communication between the two cities was kept up with much trouble.

LONDON, Feb. 16—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jolly, recently out from England, was choked to death by swallowing a handful of peas with which he was playing.

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All persons having claims against the J. H. Reid Company, Limited, are required to forward particulars of same duly verified, to the said Cornelius E. Lyons of Fernie, B. C., on or before the 1st day of April, 1909, after which date the said Cornelius E. Lyons will proceed to distribute the assets of the estate among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice, and all persons indebted to the said J. H. Reid Company, Limited, are requested to pay such indebtedness to the said Cornelius E. Lyons at his office, Fernie, B. C.

A meeting of the creditors of the said J. H. Reid Company, Limited, will be held at the office of the said Company, Victoria avenue, on Thursday, the 25th day of February, A. D. 1909 at 2.30 p.m.

Dated this 11th day of February, A. D. 1909.

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Fernie, B.C., February 20th, 1909

COAL CREEK

From our own Correspondent

Tom Branch, engineer, was through from Michel for the week end.

Another successful dancing practice under the auspices of the C. C. L. A. A. was held in club hall on Friday evening, the 12th.

Remember the big boxing contest is on Monday night at 8.

Harry Merner, who had his leg broken a short time since, landed up from Fernie hospital on Saturday. He still wears his smile and hobbles along fine and dandy with his crutch and stick.

A wash house was the place chosen for a nice quiet game. Everything was going good and the excitement was at its height when a female figure appeared as if from nowhere so mysterious was her entrance. A get out or this d—— quick countenance showed the lady was in no mood to be trifled with and the naughty boys scuttered like rats for their holes. Some of them think yet it was a vision of Carrie Nation.

Mr. Cox, late of the Coal Company, and who for some time was in Coal Creek office, was up seeing us last week. All the fellows wish him well in his new sphere of labor.

Tom Saunders still has a sneaking regard for the Coal Creek boys, hence his sojourn amongst them last week end.

It will be a long time before Saturdayday night will be erased from the memory of all who attended the smoker in the club hall. It was reported in these columns recently that Mr. Tom Spruston, pit boss at No. 5 mine had been promoted, and was taking full charge of Nos. 3, 4 and 5 mines at Michel from February 1. It was therefore thought by his working associates that his departure should be made the occasion for presenting him with something tangible to mark their appreciation of him as a pit boss and also his well deserved advancement. There was a most spontaneous and generous response. A hearty invitation was extended to all to attend the formal presentation of a beautiful gold watch and albert to Mr. Spruston on Saturday night last. Mr. George O'Brien presided over one of the largest and most enthusiastic gatherings ever known in Coal Creek. He was well supported by several of the mine officials. In making the presentation, the chairman said it had been his good fortune to have known the recipient, Mr. Spruston for a number of years. He had worked with him as a workman and also as a boss, and he believed he was echoing the thoughts of all who had worked under him as a boss when he said that in his official dealings he had always shown a desire to be square and honest to workmen and and employees alike. He congratulated him on his new position and expressed the hope that he would continue climbing the ladder of success. He hoped he might be favored with good health and that his future would be lengthy and have many good things in store for him. Mr. Spruston, whose rising to respond was the signal for much hand clapping and the hearty singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow," was visibly affected, and looked much less at ease than he would have felt in some awkward position in the mine. He said that while this was one of the happiest moments of his life, he could not really tell them in words how much he appreciated this present and their kindness. He would always remember Coal Creek not the mines alone, but also the many pleasant hours he had spent socially. He hoped better days would come soon and all would get a fair share of the harvest. Mr. Spruston is a native of Whitehaven, Cumberland, England, and came out here about six years ago and commenced as a coal digger. It was a pleasing feature to see such a goodly number of boys from his old country district amongst the crowd. The watch and albert were supplied by Liphardt of Fernie, and the watch bore the inscription: "To T. A. Spruston, from No. 5 mine Coal Creek." Refreshments were served during the evening and Mr. J. Combe acted as accompanist to the following program

Songs, J. T. Puckey; song and encore J. Sephenson; J. Clarke; W. Smith, W. Loudon; song and encore, Eli Yearby; song and encore, J. T. Puckey; song and encore Mr. J. Martin; song and encore J. Stephenson; W. Loudon; J. Dick; song and encore J. T. Puckey; J. Clarke; E. Hays; Mr. J. McLellan; song and encore J. Dyer; song and encore Mr. McGeckie; Mr. J. Morris; song and dance, J. Setphenson; song J. Simpson; song and encore D. Jenkins; dance, J. Thompson; song S. Cockayne; Mr. J. Suton; recitation R. Macpherson; song and encore E. Hays; song J. T. Puckey; recitation, Geo. O'Brien; song J. Buchanan; J. Morris, E. Hays; Auld Lang Syne; God Save the King.

Jim Thompson from Michel had a look at the old place end of last week.

Gabe Biewitt, another old timer, is back and in full swing.

We noticed Norman Henderson and his friend Ed. Purcell from Hosmer around here over the week end.

Bob Crichton is back from the old country after a fourteen months stay. He couldn't stick it any longer.

The special train advertised to leave Coal Creek at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoo nto enable workers to attend Mr. F. H. Sherman's meeting in town did not leave until 4 o'clock. The strong utterances and unkind thoughts of some of the crowd thus kept waiting in the snow would not look nice in print.

Miss Bella Thompson from Michel was visiting here beginning of the week.

Joe Chambers of Fernie had a good time with the boys here at the week end.

Jim Finlayson turned up on Tuesday after a short stay in Scotland. He says things are on the bum there.

Another batch of men numbering about 70 were fired at the mines this week, and all kinds of rumors are in the air. A local wag has taken time by the forelock and has posted a notice announcing a hockey match between Fernie and Coal Creek unemployed for Saturday. Someone, also with a sense of humor, has added the footnote "A collection will be taken to defray cost of banners adn band."

COLEMAN

(Last week's news)

Charles Brooks of Nicola, B. C., a former resident of Coleman, has been spending the past few days in town. Mr. Brooks was former local secretary of the U. M. W. of A., and is glad to meet his many old friends here. He is greatly attached to the country where he has made his new home and reports great development and prosperity there.

Wm. Graham, the local secretary of the United Mine Workers, attended their convention held in Lethbridge last week.

E. R. J. Forster of Sparwood spent Sunday in town and returned home on Monday morning.

J. E. Wright of Quimette, Wright and Co., has been spending the last few days in Calgary.

W. L. Quimete returned Saturday from Red Deer where he, and Mrs. Quimette visited their daughter, Mrs. Murphy. Mrs. Quimmete will not return for some time.

F. H. Sherman has been in town for a few days. He addressed a largely attended meeting of the miners in the opera house on Tuesday evening. He returned to Fernie on the delayed passenger.

F. R. F. McKitrick of the Lethbridge Herald was in town for a few days.

Richard Tiffin, brother of Thomas Tiffin, one of our local ranchers, left on Thursday last for Cumberland, in England. Mr. Tiffin accompanied his brother-in-law, Mr. Crone, who had his skull fractured several months ago on his way to the old country.

A small wreck occurred in the mine on Wednesday evening when almost a full train of mien cars were piled up together owing to one car on the front jumping the track. It took several hours to get matters straightened out, though fortunately no one was hurt.

G. C. Gage left on Tuesday morning for Trail, B. C., he having accepted a position with the Consolidated Mining and Smelting company in that town.

O. W. Benedict returned from Vancouver and other B. C. points on Monday evening. While away Mr. Benedict purchased a business in Vancouver and will return ther to live. He, with Mrs. Benedict and their two children, will leave for there Saturday morning. While deeply regretting their departure, their many friends in Coleman will wish them every success in the coast metropolis.

Frank Partridge of High River succeeds G. C. Gage as despatcher at the C. P. R. depot.

MERRITT

C. O. Suedmark of Tulameen City was in Merritt on Friday last on business.

Merritt was nearly deserted on Friday, everybody going to Nicola to see the hockey match. W. McIntyre took a party of friends in a four in hand. This club had four large loads and numerous other cutters, also several large parties from lower Nicola.

Nicola team: Goal, Rev. Allen; point, J. Murray; cover, Dr. Curtin; right wing, F. C. Riley, rover, K. M. Charlton; centre F. Riley; left wing J. Munn imported from Kamloops.

Merritt: Goal G. Thoms; point W. Nicl; cover point R. Robins; centre R. Thomas; left wing E. S. Thomas; right wing W. Wilson; rover W. H. Richardson. Referee W. Murray. The game was the dirtiest ever played, and some of the Nicola players are little better than savages, and they made no secret of the fact that they intended some of the players to be carried off the ice. Their own supporters are disgusted with them, and even though they won the game by 5 to 1 the cup will not be given to them until an investigation is held. The referee should never be allowed to act in that capacity for another game. A great deal of credit is due to the Merritt team although they were used in a brutal manner. G. Thoms, the captain of the Merritt team, when interviewed, refused to speak, simply saying that the matter would be brought before the executive of the club, and they would act.

What the people of Merritt want to know is why Jimmy Munn left the train at Coyle. Perhaps he wanted to look after fruit lands, or to see if the Indians were properly cared for. Jimmy you had no business playing—that's the only kick.

There is no earthly reason why the strenuous Teddy should go to Africa. Let him go to Nicola.

Tom Isherwood arrived on Monday's train from Ladysmith and is working at Middlesboro.

Alex. Hoggan is building himself an ice house and Joe Shay is the iceman.

A. Morrison has secured the contract to fix the Herald block into a lodge room.

J. McLain has gone to Canford to work and expects to be there all the summer.

Tommy Nevin was a passenger on Friday's train. All the old hands are coming back smiling.

A. Wilson is taking over the Diamon Vale boarding house the first of the month.

Walter Clark left on Thursday's train for Ashcroft with the census of the population of Merritt to secure the license for the Grand hotel.

Middlesboro hockey club play Nicola on Friday at Nicola and Kamloops on Monday.

A number of people from Merritt and Lower Nicola attended the Foresters ball held at Nicola.

The management of the Middlesboro mines are making preparation to develop on a large scale, machinery being installed and two stopes to be driven.

A meeting will be held on Sunday to form a league with Merritt, Middlesboro and Nicola athletic clubs.

ELKO, ROOSVILLE AND TOBACCO PLAINS

Some people look so far ahead for trouble that they never see the joys scattered close around them.

The drummers still crowd into Elko selling Bibles, picture post cards albums and nickel plated pickle dishes. We feel sorry for some of the wholesale houses and also the parents of some of these pilgrims.

Fred Roo was down to Roosville several days this week.

R. Johnson and his logging outfit returned from the Jaffray pineries this week.

W. C. Leacey, who resides in Elko when he's at home returned from the coast Friday.

Mrs. and Miss Telfer of Fernie were Elko visitors this week.

J. D. Aye with a smile on his face the width of a saddle blanket, was in Elko looking for snow shovellers. McLean told him to stow it.

Mrs. M. Wilson returns after a pleasant visit to Kootenay rier points.

A good deal is being said nowadays about Canadian one dollar bills carrying disease germs. We will accept them on our outstanding accounts, or exchange our fresh groceries for them. We would rather take our chances on the money germ than with starvation.

The best bank deposit guarantee law in the world is the once in China. When a bank fails there the government chops the banker's head off.

George Forbes, the lodge pole trapper was in Elko this week.

Say J. D. a dog of her age is no pup.

Mr. and Mrs. Minker moved into Elko and are now residing on Main street.

A. D. McLean, the poultry expert of Baynes Lake left on Sunday for Spokane. Mack says if its' possible for an ant to lay 80000 eggs in a season it should be possible for a hen to lay eight eggs a day, and says with patience, perserverance and the little machine he intends getting patented he will do it. He claims if you can keep hens scratching you can keep them laying, and with this little machine that is attached to the hen's legs and works on the same principle as a stem winding mouse trap, with a good supply of Fred Roo's celebrated poultry food and some blue point oyster shells, it will be as easy as climbing down a missing fire escape. Mack intends returning in about two weeks and the way the double yolked eggs will roll into Fernie won't be slow.

Mr. Percy Stow, one of the popular residents of Baynes Lake, was rusticating in Elko this week, returning with the peanut special.

Mr. R. Sinclair, superintendent of B. and B. depot was in Elko several days this week, looking over the break water, dams, pumps, etc.

Try to be hppy and gay my boys
Remember the world is wide
And Goodeve is making good at Otta wa
So wait for the turn of the tide.

Dr. Bonnell, one of the best in his class, who was ever gammed a lawyer to kill or cure, as he thinks fit, enjoyed a pleasant half hour in Fred Roos store last Friday munching big Red Apples. Doc and Fred were in the party that blazed the trail through this Pass.

W. R. Ross, the inimitable and ever refreshing Billy (heavy on the Billy), is making good down at Victoria.

Jack Lewis, the game warden, is doing the Longboat act over the district he was in Elko two and a half hours last week.

If a man has money to burn he can find lots of merry widows in Elko willing to furnish the match.

W. C. Leacey is sporting a fine black thorn stick as a souvenir from Tipperary.

Commercial travellers are still more in evidence in Elko than a dog fight at a Wednesday night prayer meeting.

We are pleased to say that the copper ketle trade is particularly good in Elko and umbrellas still going up.

Fred Sheridan is buildign a large barn and feed stable in Elko.

"Brown" of the J. H. Ashdown Co, Nelson, was in Elko, also Kootenay river points and the pine tree pineries, this week. Charley Kay of the Elk swears he is from Nova Scotia. Brown reported at the bar that there was fish in the wash bowl.

A large crowd from Elko attended the Wardner dance given by the C. P. R. bridgemen.

Coupsey, the Mulligan Mixer, is pounding the sidewalks again, but he still owes us for the shirt he got.

Albert Armistead, cornet soloist, played for the bridgemen's ball at Wardner.

MacDonald, the tobacco man was in Elko this week carrying a big stock of chromos in frames. He handles the best tobacco on the pike and is a gentleman and a scholar.

A son of W. A. Ingram returned to Fernie after spending a few days with Carl Ingham, the sheep mountain trapper.

We sincerely hope there'll be something in the Fernie papers this week to help pass the time away now that the water's too muddy to fish, and that reminds us we just got in a carload of fishing tackle, the catch em all brand. Don't forget the store when you come down to Elko.

BAYNES

Mr. A. D. McLain, who has been employed by the Kootenay River Land company for several months, left on Saturday for a visit to his mother in Spokane. We are pleased to know that Mr. McLain expects to return with his mother in the spring as he is one of the recent purchasers of Kootonia lands.

Mr. Fred Adolph has been absent on business in Fernie this week.

Mrs. Walter Robertson entertained a number of friends at whist last Monday afternoon, Mrs. Charles McNab winning first prize. The ladies had such a good time that they decided to organize a whist club, which they did, and made Mrs. Robertson the president.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilson of Waldo spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hart.

Mr. Tellford, president of the Ross Saskatoon mill arrived in Waldo on Wednesday for a short stay.

Mrs. Charles McNab entertained the Whist club on Wednesday afternoon, and all had a very enjoyable time.

It has been decided to meet alphabetically at the home of the different members of the Whist club.

Friday, February 19th is the date of the joint literary session between Baynes and Waldo. A good program is expected.

Baynes is glad to list another family on its roll this week, a Mr. and Mrs. Kerns from St. Paul, Minn.

A number of the land owners on the Kootonia tracts are cleaning up their ground and are preparing to fence at once. D. J. Morrow is fencing 15 acres for Peter Backs, and has all the material cut and on the ground.

It's the order of the day to enquire of your neighbor: "How many eggs are you geting a day now?" The cackle of the hen is heard in all directions; eggs are not so scare as they were one year ago in Baynes.

MICHEL

The local union held another well-attended meeting on Sunday afternoon.

The city has now been taken over by Geo. Fisher.

King's new candy store has opened in Newtown.

The new pool tables have arrived, and the place will be opened on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert White took in the Coleman K. P. dance on Friday night.

Mr. James McLeod has been appointed as firehoss in the No. 5 mine.

Things are looking up in Michel at last; we have got electric lights in our house.

The show which was to be held on Monday and Tuesday had to be abandoned owing to the electric voltage, not being up to the standard; several people were disappointed.

The first crew of the Hamilton Bridge company construction gang left on Wednesday night for Prince Albert where they intend to erect a big railway bridge.

Pit boss Tom Spruston No. 5 mine, was the recipient of a beautiful watch and chain from his late workmen at Coal Creek. A grand smoking concert was held at the club on Saturday night for the occasion.

Mr. Frank Sherman, president of District 18, was in town on Wednesday. He will address a meeting on Sunday afternoon.

D. C. Corbin, the millionare owner of the new Corbin mines went through on Wednesday's train.

The Michel Football club are going to have a smoking concert on Monday night, when the Crows Nest League Championship medals will be presented to the boys.

Supt. Moore of the Elk Valley Mines has been in town during the week.

Messrs. B. K. and W. E. Bullock of the Taber mines was in town on Wednesday looking over some mine machinery.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith of the Elk Valley was in town on Monday of last week.

District Board Member Bill Whitehouse visited Corbin camp on Tuesday to investigate some grievances there.

The local lodge of the K. P. gave a grand dance on Wednesday night, about 160 persons turned up for the occasion. The Michel orchestra provided the music and the floor manager's duties were carried out by Mr. J. Martin.

A sad accident happened to Mr. H. Ryan, the tipple engineer on Saturday last. Ryan was oiling the pulley wheel when the accident occurred. He was taken around with the belting. He received serious injuries in the head and also had an arm broken. He is progerssing favorably at the hospital.

A grand wedding was solemnized on Thursday morning at the Catholic church, the contracting parties being Miss Anna Vatypka and Mr. Fred Pomakac, the well known contractor of Newton. The bride was dressed in white silk. Miss Annie Poul acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Fred Krease as best man. About one hundred and fifty guests attended the wedding breakfast. The bridegroom gave a grand dance on Thursday night at the Michel hall, the hall was crowded with friends of the happy pair.

Mr. Bill Ridley went to Coleman on a business trip on Saturday. Bill says he bought quite a lot of real estate at Blairmore.

All kinds of suitable valentines have been sent around the town lately, who is the man in the old maid's club.

Rev. S. Cook occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church at Fernie on Sunday last.

Who stole Charlie's bottles.

ATE POISON

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 17—A little girl named Bertha Garrett died yesterday after having eaten poison accidentally.

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Attractive Millinery
Quite a number of attractive styles have been made up. The result is an assortment of millinery at decidedly favorable quotations. The lines are at $3; $4; $5.
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LADIES' COATS and SACQUES—Ladies semi-fitting 7-8 length; fine broadcloth Coats in Black, Brown and Blue suitable for spring; regular $18 to $23; now $10.
Women's Skirts
Women's Dress and Street Skirts, $7.50 and $10 cut to $5. The very skirts you need for right now and the rest of the winter. They are made in broadcloth, panama and Venetian. Finest skirts ever offered at such a low price.
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DRESS GOODS—In order to make ready for my spring goods I offer the following at extremely low prices in an assortment of various materials.
Orders taken for the New Empire and Sheath Corsets, also Directoire style. Prices from $5 to $30.
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WARNING--MINERS

Miners are warned against going to the following mines as they are unfair, and miners are warned to keep away:

Keep away from Hillcrest, Alta., as a dispute is pending there now.

City Mines	Edmonton	Alta.
Bush Mines	"	"
Rosedale Mines	"	"
Strathcona Mines	"	"
Dawson Mines	"	"
Frank Mines	"	"
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NOTICE

IN the matter of an application to the issue of a duplicate of the Certificate of Title for Lot 7, Block 81, Annex Town of Fernie (Map 731A.)

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month after the first publication hereof a duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above mentioned lot in the name of Vezel Vanicek, which certificate is dated the 11th of April, 1908, and numbered 8467A.

H. R. JORAND
District Registrar

Land Registry Office,
Nelson, B. C. Feb. 10 1909.

NOTICE

Notice to all organized labor, and friends of organized labor: Keep away from the McClure Mines at Taskor, N. Dakota, as they have locked out their men for joining the United Mine Workers of America. The men had to be moved away from there as the company got an injunction against them.

JOHN R. CALVIN,
Vice-Pres. Dis. 18 U. M. W. of A.

TO PROTECT FISHERIES

VANCOUVER, Feb. 17—A strong plea for an improved fisheries protection service in northern waters in order to suppress the alleged poaching of American vessels engaged in the halibut fishing industry is contained in the annual report of Capt. Newcombe, commander of the cruiser Kestrel. Recognizing this, a boat is to be leased by the Dominion immediately to assist in the protection of the fisheries off the B. C. coast.

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As every housekeeper can understand, burnt alum and sulphuric acid—the ingredients of all alum and alum-phosphate powders—must carry to the food acids injurious to health.

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Local Option Campaign

Petitioning the Legislature for Favorable Consideration

The Pioneer: One of the leaders in the British Columbia campaign sends the following interesting statement concerning plans and progress:

The movement for Local Option in British Clumbia is growing daily, and it is hoped the government will see its way to bring in a Bill this session. Dr. Spencer, the superintendent, has handed a draft bill to the Premier, approved by his Executive, and has presented the petitions given below. The report will show the readers of the Pioneer how far the work has gone. Law or no law, the battle will continue until the province is freed from the drink traffic. The spirit of optimism is remarkable and the prospects are more hopeful than the most sanguine could have hoped for a year ago. The Provincial league is on a broad basis and appeals to the sense of most people. From now on the good work will continue. The trade meets in conclave. Individuals are atacked and maligned, but courage brother, wins out, and drinkdom is soon to be ousted in many places. Ontario inspires British Columbia. The following will be read with much interest:

The petitions which were presented to the government on February 2nd. were signed by 9,473 electors. This does not include 22,118 signatures attached to petitions presented to members for the different electoral districts.

The majority of places report that from 80 to 90 per cent of those canvassed have signed.

The fair deduction is that if time had been given the same percentage of the rest could have been obtained.

Only one place reported "people indifferent." Only one place reported less than 60 per cent of those canvassed.

Four wards out of six wards in Vancouver reported a very strong sentiment for local option. The other two wards did well.

Three out of five wards in Victoria the same. The other two did fairly well.

The demand and expectation from all parts of the Province for a local option law is emphatic.

Many of the best business men have signed the petitions irrespective of party.

There are about fifty Local Option Leagues in British Columbia. These will double and continue their good work.

The Provincial League is representative and comprehensive. It includes citizens of different races, creeds and politics. Campaign work is being superintended by Rev. Dr. Spencer, the energetic superintendent.

HUNDREDS ARE BURNED

To Death in a Theatre Fire at Acapulco on the West Coast

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Feb. 17.—Beeween 250 and 300 people were burned to death and many were injured in a fire which destroyed the Flores theatre in the City of Acapulco last night. The news of the disaster reached the capital this afternoon. Telegraphic communication with Acapulco has been interrupted last night, and to-day owing to the fact that the telegraph office adjoining the theatre, was also burned and all wires put out of commission.

The Flores theatre was a wooden structure and last night over 1000 people crowded into it to witness a special performance given in honor of Governor Damian Flores of the State of Guerro who was visiting the city at the time.

One of the numbers on the program consisted of a series of moving pictures.

When the operator was exhibiting these a film caught fire and a blaze was quickly communicated to some booking, which had been used for decorating purposes. In an incredibly short time the flames spread to all parts of the structure. There were but three narrow exits and the audience rushed to those, many falling in the crush and choking the way to the escape of others. The scenes of the victims struggling for liberty were terrible. Owing to the rapidity with which the fire spread and the intense heat those burned were literally roasted alive as the fire burned with little smoke.

The efforts of the firemen were confined to an attempt to save the adjoining building and they succeeded so the property loss was small.

To-day pitiable scenes of grief are being enacted on the streets of the little west coast port. Men, women, and children are wandering from place to place hunting for relatives or friends. Many of the dead are from the first families of the state, the affair being a social function of some importance and calling out the very oldest and wealthiest families for many miles around. In some instances whole families were wiped out of existence. The municipal authorities to-day caused large trenches to be dug and in these the bodies of the dead are laid. Identification of the dead is almost impossible owing to the fact that in many instances the body was burned to a crisp.

COMMITTED SUICIDE

NORTH AUGUSTA, Ont., Feb. 17—Mrs. Joseph Fowler commited suicide by hanging herself in an outhouse yesterday. She was of unbalanced mind.

KEEP ON A COMIN'

Another Railway Charter Has Been Granted Which is Heading Our Way

WINNIPEG, Feb. 17—"The New Canadian Western railway, for which a charter was granted in the Dominion house last week will be completed by the time the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern Railway reach the city of Calgary."

This was the statement of O. L. Boynton, general manager of the Elk Lumber company.

The new railway will be instrumental in opetning up a hitherto untouched stretch of fertile lands in southern Alberta, and is expected to prove to be of great value to the development of the country.

The charter granted by the Dominion government permits a line to be built from Calgary to the international boundary between ranges 23 and 28, and a branch line to the Elk River Valley from near Pincher.

The line, however, will be continued south from the boundary to Butte, Mont., taking in all the important cities and towns including Helena and Boulder.

The promoters of the new road are with the exception of O. L. Boynton, Winnipeg, all residents of the United States, and all are well known in the west, controlling extensive interests.

They are O. S. Robertson of St. Paul, a well known lumberman; F. B. Lynch, St. Paul, also in the lumber business, and F. E. Kenaston, Minneapolis, capitalist.

Messrs. Kenaston and Robertson are practically the ownesr of the Canadian West Coal Co. at Taber.

LONDON, Feb 15—The big G.T.P. coal chutes were partially destroyed by fire this morning with a number of cars. A big Mogul engine was completely wrecked and brakeman Gloss of Sarnia was badly hurt as the result of a collision between the engine and a way freight. The loss is about $100,000.

Champ Clark loves to tell how in the heat of a debate Congressman M. Johnson of Indiana called an Illinois representative a jackass. The expression was unparliamentary and in retraction Johnson said:

"While I withdraw the unfortunate word, Mr. Speaker, I must insist that the gentleman from Illinois is out of order."

"How am I out of order?" yelled the man from Illinois.

"Probably a veterinary surgeon can tell you," answered Johnson, and that was parliamentary enough to be allowed to remain on the record.

His Homecoming

By Cecily Allen.

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She was extremely fair to look upon.

To Nat Gregory the realization of this fact was nothing new. But somehow just at this particular moment it was borne in upon him afresh and at a novel angle.

Her hair was blue black, so were her lashes, and her eyes were a wonderful blue, which, somehow, sometimes, turned to an equally wonderful violet.

The last time that Nat had looked into them his own had been full of stinging unshed tears. How could he stand six months in Panama with the light of those blue (or were they violet) eyes denied him?

But her notes had been so brief and unsatisfactory that even in hot, lazy Panama he had caught himself reading between the lines and finding there a selfish soul, the small narrow soul of the girl given to personal conquests, the soul steeped in admiration and fed on compliments.

She was smiling at him now across the car's broad aisle and above a great "granny" muff of gray squirrel. That huge mass of fur made her face look all the more piquant and dainty.

Occasionally the man on the right intercepted the friendly glances which Peggy Barton shot at the newly returned Gregory, and he glowered. Nat Gregory knew just how the chap felt. He had intercepted the same sort of glances, and they had made him squirm too.

She simulated a tiny cough and instantly raised the muff again. The cough was a good excuse for a fetching pose, but somehow the absurd little deception annoyed Nat Gregory. It is so sometimes with men who have had their minds and souls opened and broadened by travel and contact with men of affairs.

So he let his glance wander to the girl next to Peggy. She smiled at the returned traveler, too, but it was a different sort of smile, a wholesome, friendly smile, without any vague sense of ownership behind it. Peggy Barton always assumed that air with men—her sister Janet, never.

For, you see, Janet was the ugly duckling of the Barton family, famous for its pretty daughters and the good matches they made. Janet was the youngest, and she might not have been considered homely if Peggy had not been so brilliantly, scintillatingly beautiful by contrast.

There were those, principally women and young men without prospects, who said that Peggy Barton always dragged her younger and less attractive sister around with her as a foil.

Something of this was passing through Nat Gregory's head as he sat watching the little comedy. The other chap would be furious if Nat crossed the aisle and talked with Peggy, and Peggy would be furious if he did not. So he would strike a happy medium. He would join the party and talk to Janet.

How well he could remember their many trips together—Peggy, Janet and himself—to the links, where he and Peggy played golf and Janet sat on the veranda or disappeared in the woods where wild flowers were thick; to the matinee, where between the acts he and Peggy discussed the love interest of the play as if it were a personal matter, while Janet read the advertisements in the programme; to the rink, where he and Peggy skated together and Janet found some girl friend as a skating partner or sat against the wall making humorous mental comment on the circling tide before her.

What a jolly little beggar Janet had been in those days! If she had been bored she had never shown it, and—He was standing before the trio now.

The man, Fred Marsden, had been duly introduced. Peggy had turned the full battery of her wonderful eyes without the aid of the "granny" muff upon Gregory's tanned and clean cut face, and Janet had murmured something about "old times."

"I haven't skated—why, it is nearly a year since I've been on ice," he was saying to Janet. "I've a good mind to get admittance to this party and give you all a chance to laugh at my awkwardness. Do you think I could rent a decent pair of skates at the rink?"

Marsden was politely but not effusively reassuring. Peggy was quite evidently pleased to pit the rivals on skates, and Janet just murmured, "Do come."

"I wonder how it will feel to the little girl if she has a real partner all afternoon," thought Gregory as he locked his skates. Before he and Janet had circled the rink a dozen times he realized that she was a splendid little person on the ice and a most appreciative listener, never giving thought to the trickey steel beneath her trim boots.

No, she was not "out" yet. Next winter perhaps she might come out at a tea. She was still the little sister of the reigning beauty. And didn't he think Peggy handsomer than ever? He did, and he said so, with a heartiness and a lack of tenderness that a more experienced girl than Janet would have interpreted correctly.

They lingered so late that the rush of home going toilers caught them in its swirl on the return trip. When they reached Gregory's corner, Janet mechanically extended her hand.

"Indeed, I'm not going to leave you in this crush. I know I'm a self invited member of this quartet, but Marsden has his hands full to steer Peggy through the crush. You'll need me."

Janet flushed and dimpled. Nat almost gasped. He had never seen a dimple in her chin before, but then Janet had never laughed up into his eyes in just that way.

"I'm coming up to call tomorrow night if I may," said Gregory as they drew near the Barton home.

"You'd better ask Peggy if she'll be home," said Janet soberly. "I think there's a dance on at the St. Andrew tomorrow evening."

"But you said you were not 'out' yet. You can't go to a St. Andrew dance," he said, with a fine assumption of elder brotherliness.

"Oh!" said Janet. And again the dimple cleft her chin.

"Fred Marsden is so—resome," said Peggy as she permitted Janet to unlace her boots and spread out her dinner frock. "He seemed to think that Nat Gregory had no right to skate with me. And we were old friends before Fred moved here. Nat has improved, too, don't you think so?"

Janet bent down to plait a chiffon flounce that had not come unplaited.

"Oh, I can't see that he has changed any," she fibbed, her face now as rosy as the pink chiffon.

At that particular moment Nat Gregory was sitting before the grate fire in his room, fingering a parcel of letters tied with deep violet ribbons. Then he laughed—a short, chuckling, eloquent laugh—and laid the letters, ribbon and all, on the glowing coals.

"It was just when she peeped at me above that silly big muff! Of course I never really cared for her, but somehow I knew it was all up when she gave me that look to make the other fellow squirm. Heavens, how I used to squirm too! Now, Janet wouldn't make a man squirm. And where in time do you suppose she had been hiding that dimple? By Jove, come to think of it, I never looked to see whether she had a dimple or not in the old days."

For a few minutes he sat very quietly watching the mass of letters turn from flame color to yellowish pink and to pinkish gray. Then, whistling, he went down to the library, closed the door and picked up the desk telephone.

"Is Janet in? Yes. Miss Janet Barton. All right. Hello, Janet, is this you? This is Nat—Nat Gregory. Oh, I just happened to think that you did not answer my question. Are you going to the St. Andrew dance tomorrow night? No, you did not answer my question. All right, then, I'm coming, about 8:30. Nonsense! I used to call on—er—other girls before they came 'out.' All right—goodby. Oh, wait a minute. Say, I want to know—would you mind telling me—did you always have a dimple in your chin? No, really, I never did—goodby."

He hung up the receiver, crossed to the mantel and by the aid of the low, broad mirror readjusted his tie. But evidently this was done mechanically, for what he said very gently to the tanned, clean cut reflection in the glass was:

"Funny how some girls can say 'of course' and make it sound like something ever so much better. Funny—no just great!" And then he leaned back in the most comfortable chair in the room and sighed contentedly. This was better than squirming, decidedly better.

Half a Loaf.

The negro's love of titles of whatever sort is amusingly illustrated by a story told by the governor of a southern state.

It appears that the congregation of a colored church in Georgia conceived the notion that it would add greatly to their dignity if the pastor of the church were enabled to add the initials D. D. to his name. A member, hearing of an institution in the north which would, for value received, confer such a degree, entered into correspondence with that end in view. Reply came to the effect that the sum of $75 would obtain the desired dignity.

A difficulty arose, however, in that the congregation were unable to raise more than $30. Finally, after much confabulation, the congregation delegated one of their number to see the thing out. The following message was sent to the institution mentioned:

"Kindly forward our pastor one D., we being unable to afford the other at this time."—Harper's Weekly.

"Pelorus Jack."

Near the mouth of Pelorus sound, on the Nelson side of Cook strait, is the home of a remarkable sea animal known throughout New Zealand as "Pelorus Jack." He is gray in color, about fourteen feet in length, and his pastime is to wait for coastal steamers and to escort them for several miles on their journey. As a boat approaches "Jack" may be seen heading toward her to take up his accustomed position beside or in front of the bow of the vessel. There, sometimes for twenty minutes, he hovers round, rushing so quickly from side to side that the eye can scarcely follow his movements. When he considers he has gone far enough, with a last sudden plunge he dives once more and for the last time, disappearing in a whirl of foam to be seen no more that trip.—Sydney News.

Kilts as Targets.

Admiral Lambton at a certain highland society dinner told the following tale: When the Gordon highlanders were in Ladysmith the order came that officers were not to wear their swords. This order was soon supplemented by another, by which all highland regiments were commanded to cover their kilts up, as it was thought that they served too well as targets for the enemy. Sir George White knew that such an order would not be popular. At last he thought of a way out of the difficulty. "Let them cover the fronts of the kilts up," he said. "The enemy will never see the other side."—London Opinion.

A CUT IN PRICES

NEW YORK, Feb. 17—A canvass of officials of the leading independent iron and steel companies to-day elicited statements that a cut in the price of many kinds of manufactured products except rails, is contemplated. It is stated that cuts to be made will range from $3 to $5 per ton, and will be made chiefly in the hope of stimulating trade.

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Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month after the first publication hereof a duplicate of the certificate of Title to the above mentioned land in the name of Ann Biggs, which certificate is dated the 21st day of May 1906 and numbered 5659 A.

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LIVING ALONE COMMITTS SUICIDE

THE DELIBERATE SUICIDE OF A MAN AT PASSBURG

FRANK, Feb. 17—Donald Frill, late of Frank, employed by the Grady Hardware company, aged 55, living at Passburg where he was ranching, was found dead in his shack. It would appear that he had committed suicide.

He was lying in his shack and a string tied to the trigger of a gun and to his foot.

No reason is given for the rash act. He is a bachelor and lived alone. An inquest will be held.

WILL MINE THEIR OWN COAL

GLACE BAY, N. S., Feb. 17—Development work by the Steel Co. will, it is reported, be commenced shortly on the Cowan's Coal areas in Port Morien, on which the Steel company holds an option. The general opinion that coal can be mined at a lower price than charged under the contract is the reason for this.

The seam at Port Morien is four feet thick and of excellent quality, but it will take three years for development work sufficient to give the Steel Company what it requires for its plant.

HIT PEACH CROP

ST. CATHARINES, Feb. 17—Mr. M. Housberger of Jordan, a prominent fruit grower, made the statement today that fully 90 per cent of the peach crop of 1909 is killed by alternate frosts and mild weather of the last few months.

THE GHOST OF LOCHRAIN CASTLE

BY MRS. C. N. WILLIAMSON

Authoress of "The Princess Passes," "The Lightning Conductor," Etc., Etc.

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Radepolskoi, as by this time she had heard of the robbery, the sole subject of conversation among the guests of the hotel.

When they first made acquaintance, Lady Lambart and the Countess Radepolskoi had seen a good deal of each other. The Countess had been interested in Lady Lambart because she was a friend of John Kenrith, and Lady Lambart had been interested in the Countess because she was a friend of Mr. Trowbridge, the handsome American millionaire of whom everybody in the Hydro was talking. Of late a feeling of constraint had arisen between them, and Lady Lambart guessed that the Countess had become jealous of Hilary with Trowbridge. Knowing nothing of a bond between them which Elspeth had early suspected, she knew no great reason to fear the Countess. Trowbridge was in love with Hilary, and it rather amused Lady Lambart to see the pain of another woman. Now, she determined, after sympathizing duly with Countess Radepolskoi on the loss of her jewels—quite famous throughout the hotel—she would casually mention Hilary's engagement, perhaps asking with all innocence whether the Countess had been told of it already by "her friend Mr. Trowbridge."

Lady Lambart found the door of the Countess's sitting room ajar. She knocked, and when there was no answer, pushed the door farther open. No one was there; but as she hesitated on the threshold, the Countess's French maid looked out hurriedly from an inner room.

"Where is your mistress?" asked Lady Lambart.

The woman was folding up a handsome tea gown, and Lady Lambart noticed that she was very pale, with a curious, strained look in the eyes, as if she were momentarily expecting something alarming to happen. But, perhaps, this was the effect upon her of the robbery last night; servants were rather like that. "Madame la Countesse has been called away very suddenly, miladi," she said. "I am packing her things, and will follow as soon as I can."

"Gone!" exclaimed Lady Lambart. "That is indeed sudden. Is it on account of the robbery?"

The maid's dark face quivered for an instant.

"Yes, miladi; it is on account of the robbery," she replied.

"Surely she will come back?" questioned Lady Lambart. "She has said good-by to none of her friends"——

"I know, miladi, it is most unfortunate, and Madame regrets much; but I doubt if she will come back; though, of course, I do not know all her plans."

A flash of enlightenment darted into Lady Lambart's brain. She imagined that Trowbridge must have told the Countess of his intention to marry Hilary, and that in a rage she had left Lochrain.

"The jewelry is only an excuse," was her thought. "The Countess must have felt she couldn't see the two together, and so she has vanished, making some pretence, I daresay, about Scotland Yard. But perhaps Lady Ardcliffe will know something about it. They were always in each others' pockets lately, and now the fact that they have both been robbed will have drawn them even closer together."

In any case, Trowbridge was certain to be aware of the Countess's departure. Lady Lambart told the maid that if Mr. Trowbridge knocked at the sitting-room door he was to be informed that Lady Lambart had gone on to Lady Ardcliffe's room.

A babel of voices greeted her ears as she knocked at Lady Ardcliffe's door, and one broken sentence came to her clearly. "Of course, I can't prove anything now, but all the same I'm morally certain that"——

The voice came nearer; the door was opened by the speaker, Lady Ardcliffe herself; and at sight of Lady Lambart she gave a little start, growing red, and breaking off suddenly.

"How do you do?" said the older woman, somewhat stiffly, looking so much embarrassed that Lady Lambart was puzzled.

"We—I—that is, we were all talking over the robbery," she went on. "Will you come in?"

"Thanks, yes; I've come to sympathize," replied Lady Lambart, airily.

"You are very kind," returned the other, with a quick but eloquent glance at her friends.

Trowbridge had interviewed her early in the morning, had learned from her own lips the theory she had formed in regard to her stolen jewels (a thing she had absorbed from the Countess Radepolskoi, as she would scarcely have been able to evolve it alone) and had induced her to promise that she would do nothing inimical to Lady Hilary Vane. "It isn't that I care for the girl particularly," he had said, "If I have given people any reason to think so, it was only to shield her in her affair with Oxford, and also because you have been unkind to me lately. She knows we are great friends and she and her mother may fancy I have put these ideas about her into your head. I shall think you more angelic than ever if you promise not to accuse Lady Hilary. You admit you haven't any real proofs; that the Countess has them all, and has said that she'll make them known this morning; but mark my words, she'll do nothing of the sort. I've been studying her character, and have discovered that she's as cowardly as she is selfish. She hopes to make a catspaw of you; then, when she has got you to do and say exactly what she wants she will surely throw everything on your shoulders and disclaim any special knowledge or responsibility. Without very strong proofs on which to found an accusation you would be in something of a scrape; and every one would think you had done what you had out of ill nature—a thing really so very foreign from your sweet disposition."

Lady Ardcliffe had finally yielded reluctantly to Trowbridge's arguments, but she had not told him how she and the Countess Radepolskoi had both been talking in the hall of the hotel the evening before against Hilary Vane and Lady Lambart.

Lady Ardcliffe had said, what she had already said to Elspeth Dean, that the two were in dreadful money difficulties, and that, unless one or both of them could make a rich marriage (as they were striving heart and brain to do), she did not see at all what would become of them.

The Countess had added that she would not be in the least surprised if the mother and daughter descended to actual theft to relieve them in their desperation, as already they must have pawned all their own jewelry which was worth pawning She would not trust Hilary Vane alone in the room with hers, she had continued; and though she had laughed and pretended to be half in jest, naturally everybody who had heard the speech remembered it after the robbery. Lady Lambart and Hilary, congratulating themselves on having escaped a terrible humiliation, little dreamed how their names were being taken in vain in the hotel; and their defenders, Trowbridge and Elspeth Dean, were as ignorant of the talk as the subjects of it; as ignorant as John Kenrith and Captain Oxford, who were known to be friends of the unfortunate pair.

Those who had heard Lady Ardcliffe's words, and especially the Countess Radepolskoi's, the night before the robbery, told all their acquaintances who had not heard; and these persons rapidly passed the story on to others, so that the whole house was buzzing with the hideous gossip which Elspeth Dean, Trowbridge and Mr. McGowan flattered themselves had been killed.

Naturally some of her most intimate friends had lost no time in reminding Lady Ardcliffe of last night's conversation, and all were bitterly disappointed as well as surprised at the Countess Radepolskoi's sudden flitting. A select party had been discussing the situation in Lady Ardcliffe's sitting room when Lady Lambart arrived, and not a woman there but was conscious of a quickening of the pulse when the mother of Hilary Vane appeared at such a dramatic moment.

CHAPTER XVIII.

"I have been to condole with Countess Radepolskoi too," said Lady Lambart, "but I find that she has gone away. Doesn't that seem very sudden?"

"Oh, it is. Even Mr. McGowan, the manager, didn't know she was going. I asked him, and he told me so," said one of the ladies who had been most bitter against Lady Lambart and her daughter." She was unable to resist the temptation to tell something which perhaps the others did not yet know. "And really, it's very odd; no one saw her leave the house."

"No doubt she had her own reasons for wishing to get away so secretly," said Lady Lambart, with a veiled sneer. Had she but known how these half dozen women were regarding her, even her proud spirit would scarcely have ventured a sneer at the absent enemy.

Lady Ardcliffe, who had lately made common cause with the once despised "foreigner," against Lady Hilary Vane, flushed with anger. "No doubt she had her reasons for not letting some of us know the meaning of her actions," she retorted, in defence of her absent friend. "I shouldn't be surprised, myself, if she hadn't left the hotel after all."

"What do you mean?" asked Lady Lambart.

"I mean that there may be those under this roof who will be watching. Why shouldn't the Countess be her own detective?"

As Lady Ardcliffe spoke these words she fixed her eyes on Lady Lambart's face, expecting to see a change of

"Surely you mean Captain Oxford—"

color come under her look. Other eyes also were fastened eagerly upon the handsome features; and the six self-constituted judges decided that the woman was too hard and shameless even for a blush.

Lady Lambart shrugged her shoulders. "So you and the Countess suspect some one in the hotel, do you? How exciting!"

Dead silence answered, and Lady Lambart began to feel that the silence was electrical, though she did not understand why.

"Really, it never rains but it pours excitements," she went on, when nobody answered. "There was the motor car accident yesterday; and now this dreadful robbery; and my daughter's engagement, which I suppose will cause a little flutter, as Mr. Trowbridge is so popular"——

"Mr. Trowbridge!" exclaimed Lady Ardcliffe. "Surely you mean Captain Oxford—"

"But that is ridiculous," said Lady Lambart. "There has never been the slightest chance for Captain Oxford with my daughter."

"You may not know her heart as well as you think," replied the elder woman. "Girls don't tell their mothers everything."

"I am at least in the confidence of my daughter far enough to know that Mr. Trowbridge has proposed not once, but several times, and this morning has been accepted."

For a moment Lady Ardcliffe felt that she must faint, but, foolish woman as she was, she had enough pride to save her from becoming ridiculous in the eyes of her visitors. With a supreme effort she rallied all her forces, trying to think that her enemy had told an untruth; yet, in spite of her passionate wish not to believe, there was something in Lady Lambart's tone that carried conviction. She guessed that Trowbridge's soft words to her in the early morning had been spoken with an object. He was determined to save Lady Hilary at any price, and he had meant to keep his engagement secret for a day or two. Now his object had been thwarted by the girl's own mother.

All the malice and spite in this middle-aged woman who loved a young man seethed within her, seeming to pour venom through her blood. She longed for some inspiration to show her how best to punish Trowbridge for the trick he had played. Her foolish love for him had turned to hate, and she would have liked to strike him a stinging blow.

The easiest way to strike, and the way perhaps to deal the hardest blow, was to ruin Hilary Vane; but it would be difficult to work without her lost ally. The Countess had said this morning, before Trowbridge had come and separated them: "I have absolute proof against the girl by which I can denounce her when she comes downstairs. I won't tell you what it is, for if I did you wouldn't be surprised; and it's better that you should be surprised. I'm not at liberty either to tell you why I am so certain about this proof; but I am certain; and you'll soon see that I was not boasting."

So Lady Ardcliffe had waited, expecting something sensational; and the Countess had vanished; and she herself had been tricked. But if it were not in her power at the moment to have the girl she hated arrested, she would at least so damage her reputation that Trowbridge, no matter how much in love, would hardly dare to face the world with Hilary Vane as his wife.

"Mr. Trowbridge must have been accepted this morning; indeed, I don't wonder that Lady Hilary said 'Yes,'" sneered Lady Ardcliffe, with trembling lips. "But I venture to prophesy that the engagement will be dissolved before night—and by him."

Lady Lambart, who had sat down, rose abruptly, looking very stately and handsome. "Are you mad?" she exclaimed.

"Not at all—though I've had enough to make me so. It is you who are mad to come here and talk as you have done—after last night's work."

"What do you mean?"

"I mean that it was your daughter—aided and goaded on by you, probably—who stole Countess Radepolskoi's jewels and mine."

Lady Lambart, on hearing Lady Ardcliffe's astounding accusation of Lady Hilary, though marble pale, burst into laughter. "After all, you are mad!" she cried. And then, turning to the half dozen women sitting in a silent group, she said "What ought I to do? Send for the manager of the hotel, or —the doctor?"

"Be thankful if I do not send for the police and have your daughter arrested," shrieked Lady Ardcliffe. "There are proofs enough that it was she who took the jewels from us both, and, whatever happens, I intend to get mine back. They shan't be sold to pay your debts."

"Ring the bell, some one, and let us send for the doctor," said Lady Lambart. "This woman has completely lost her senses."

"I think," said one of the others, "that we had better not ring. It is best for everyone concerned that we keep this among ourselves. You may as well know, Lady Lambart, that the Countess also suspected Lady Hilary, though on what grounds, of course, none of us can tell you. She seemed to be certain, however; and so, you see, whether dear Lady Ardcliffe is right or wrong, she isn't in the least mad."

"What a monstrous and horrible accusation!" ejaculated Lady Lambart. "It could only have entered the head of a jealous woman. We all know that 'hell hath no fury like a woman scorned'—especially an elderly woman scorned for a young girl. Both these women have been madly jealous of my poor, innocent child. This is a plot against her. I understand now the mystery of the Countess Radepolskoi's sudden flitting. Mr. McGowan, the manager, has doubtless heard of this disgraceful scheme, and has simply turned her out. I shall see him, and then, Lady Ardcliffe, I warn you that you had better make your preparations to go also."

It was now Lady Ardcliffe's turn to laugh, which she did, shrilly and hatefully. "Miserable fool!" she cried, "don't you know that you and your daughter are walking on the edge of a precipice? Perhaps at this very moment a detective has discovered the proofs which will send your daughter to prison."

"It may be, Lady Lambart, that she is a kleptomaniac," said one of the ladies, who was neither rich nor important, and who had been snubbed on an unforgettable occasion by the proud Countess of Lambart.

The persecuted woman did not deign to answer, but, finding that she was in danger of falling into vulgar recrimination, without another word she swept out of the room. Thence she went straight to her own, where she stood for a moment or two behind the hastily locked door, thinking deeply.

She remembered the Countess's earring caught in a frill of Hilary's dress, for, though she had not been in her daughter's room at the time of the odd discovery, she had heard the conversation between Elspeth and Hilary. Yes, she thought, it was certain that there was a plot—an incredibly wicked plot—hatched by two jealous, unscrupulous women. But—would it be easy to prove it a plot? Had they not played their game perhaps more cleverly than she yet knew? In spite of her serious indignation against Lady Ardcliffe, the Countess Radepolskoi and all their friends, Lady Lambart began to be very much frightened.

Suppose there really were a detective in the house? Indeed, there probably was one, for no doubt the manager would have sent off in hot haste

(To be continued)

PROMISING OUTLOOK

VANCOUVER, B. C, Feb. 17—Mr. Hodges, general superintendent of the Granby company, in speaking of their enlargements intimated that he considered the outlook promising, the improvement in copper prices having an effect for betterment on the industry. The payroll of the Granby at present includes 550 men employed in the mines and 350 men employed at the smelter.

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By order of the Board

JAMES MASON, General Manager

Toronto, Jan. 23, 1909.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 KING STREET, WEST, TORONTO

FERNIE, B. C.

W. C. B. Manson Manager

LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY

Companies Act 1897; Canada, Province of British Columbia

(No. 464.)

THIS is to certify that the "Pugh & Livingstone Lumber Co. Limited," is authorized and licensed to carry on business within the province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at the Town of Okotoks in the Province of Alberta; the amount of capital of the Company is Seventy-five thousand dollars, divided into Seven hundred and fifty shares of one hundred dollars each.

The head office of the company in this province is situate at Elkmouth, and William Stewart Herron, lumberman, whose address is Elkmouth aforesaid, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this fifteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
(Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.)

The objects for which this Company has been established and licensed are: The purchase of timber limits, the manufacture and sale of lumber, including the manufacture of timbers, telephone poles, ties, shingles, laths, boxes and all other kindred products that can be made from timber; to purchase or sell other lumber industries or the stock thereof, and generally to carry on the business of manufacture and sale of the products of timber and lumber. Mch 6 09

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the parliament of Canada at the present session thereof for an Act incorporating a company under the name of the Kootenay and Alberta Railway company, with power in behalf of the company to:

1. Construct, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway (a) From a point on the Crow's Nest branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway between Cowley and Pincher Creek, stations in the province of Alberta, thence in a southerly direction passing through Beaver Valley to the North Kootenay Pass, thence in a southerly direction down the Valley of the Flathead river, in the province of British Columbia, to the international boundary. (b) From, at or near the aforesaid point on the Crow's Nest Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway, thence in a southerly direction, passing at or near the town of Pincher Creek through the Fishbourn settlement, through the Blood Indian Reserve, down the Milk River Valley to the International boundary at or near Coutts. (c) A branch line from a point at or near the crossing of the Waterton river in the province of Alberta, thence in a southerly direction down to the South west corner of the Blood Indian Reserve, passing in the vicinity of Mountainview, thence down the Valley of Lees Creek to Cardston.

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3. Construct, control and operate telegraph and telephone lines.

4. Enter into agreements with other railway companies.

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Dated at Ottawa this 25th day of January 1909

ADVERTISE IN THE LEDGER

LOCALS

C. P. R. TIME TABLE.

No. 8 Flyer Eastbound	24.18
No. 7 Flyer Westbound	1.55
No. 214 Eastbound Regular	18.25
No. 213 Westbound Regular	9.46
No. 236 Eastbound 1st class	9.00
No. 235 Westbound 1st class	20.16

G. N. TIME TABLE

No. 252		No. 251
12.40 a.m.	FERNIE	4.00 p.m
12.58	HOSMER	3.40
1.10	OLSON	3.27
1.35	MICHEL	3.05

TO RENT—Furnished rooms with bath at Howland avenue, opposite the Baptist church.

WANTED—Partner in good paying buisness, with five hundred dollars capital; apply post office box 238.

LOT FOR SALE—Lot 13 block 2, Hosmer, apply A. J. Limb, Coal Creek.

Lady operator wanted for telephone. Apply by letter to box 306.

To-day is pay day at the mines.

Fresh fish daily at the 41.

W. Liphardt of Macleod was in the city over Sunday.

Doughnuts, just like mother used to make at the Fernie Meat Market.

Mrs. F. Ship leaves this evening for Calgary on a short visit.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness — Ingram's for a bath.

Charles Sheppard was in town on business on Thursday.

F. W. Adolph of Baynes was up on business the early part of the week.

Lettuce and Celery at the Palm.

Mr Whatmough preached both morning and evening in the Baptist church last Sunday.

For a good comfortable smoke get Dorenbecker's brands. They are home product.

Sec. Treas. A. J. Carter was up from Michel on Thursday, returning the same evening.

For a birthday gift nothing more appropriate than a piece of fine jewellery. Wright has a choice selection.

The Rev. I. W. Williamson will return to-day, and will preach in the Baptist church to-morrow.

The cuisine at the Napanee is the best in the city.

Do not forget the boxing contest at Coal Creek club Monday night. A good evening's sport is assured.

Call up Phone No. 77 for fruits and confectionery delivered at your home.

Edmonton hockey team wanted too much money to stop off at Fernie—another way of getting cold feet.

Valentine Post Cards at Bleasdell's Palace Drug Store.

J. H. McMullin is leaving for the coast this week to take up the position of provincial superintendent of police.

Do you play pool or billiards. Ingram has the goods.

J. F. Armstrong of Cranbrook was in Fernie on Wednesday and heard the preliminary trial of the Michel assault case.

The Fernie Shooting Gallery is a good place to practice at. Next door to the Fernie Meat Market.

The argument of the Protesso Compensation case was gone into before his honor, Judge Wilson on Monday. The decision will be given later.

Wright the Jeweler for bargains in ladies diamond rings from $10 up.

Monte Christo, the play that has stirred the hearts and lives of countless thousands will be Mr. Bruce's offering on March 11th.

The Napanee hotel is prepared to handle travellers and other guests.

No other company that ever played Western Canada has gained such a reputation for itself as has the San Francisco Opera company, that plays Fernie, March 5th.

Meat pies, the best make, at the Fernie Meat Market.

Say, while speaking of the probable influx of foreign immigration, it reminds us of another subject, that is the oratorical ability of some of our citizens. When it comes to platform orations Pat has them all cheated.

Ladies' and gents' watches in the best movements at Wright's, next to Fernie hotel.

The Edmonton hockey team passed through the city last night after a series of games at Nelson and succeeded in taking in the Patrick aggregation on both occasions, the last game standing 8 to 5.

Patronize the rink. The management are supplying a fine sheet of ice and every attention is given to the comfort of the patrons.

We received a letter from Cardiff in regard to the relief question. There are some pretty strong statements in it, and unless the writer sends his name as a matter of good faith only, and not for publication, we cannot print the communication.

Last Tuesday night at Coleman Jim Burrows put Johnson away in the ninth round. We are told he did the trick in the fifth, but the time keeper got excited and overlooked the count, Johnson getting up after being out for two minutes and the fight continued for another four rounds. Nothing like getting your money's worth.

In Fernie its Hawthorne for
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R. Harris and wife of Vancouver were in town this week.

Cut flowers every Saturday at the Palm.

T. Lebel of Pincher Creek was in town on Friday.

For hotel accommodation the Napanee is the place.

Mrs. Hamilton of Cranbrook was in Fernie on Thursday.

Patronize home industry and smoke Crow's Nest Specials and Extras

Business lot and building for sale—Apply to W. R. McDougall.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Drinnan of Hosmer were in town on Thursday.

Make a big score and win a cash prize at Ingram's Bowling Alley.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis of Hosmer were in town on Thursday.

The Rev. S. Cook of Michel preached in the Methodist church last Sunday.

The shooting gallery for sport. Next Fernie Meat Market.

A case of common assault was heard before Magistrate Whimster on Wednesday.

Miss Thompson arrived from Macleod to take a position as telephone operator here.

Mr. Brickenridge, the coal man from Lundbreck, visited here the early part of the week.

Beef, mutton, pork, veal, hams, bacon, lard, etc., only of the very best. Phone 41.

A. Bowkins of Pincher Creek was in town on Thursday and registered at the Fernie Hotel.

Military brushes make a useful gift and can be bought from Wright the jeweller, next Fernie hotel.

N. E. Macdonald of Nelson was in town this week and registered at the King Edward.

Oh Shoot, at the Fernie Shooting Gallery. Next to the Fernie Meat Market.

M. A. MacDonald of the law firm of Harvey and MacDonald, Cranbrook, was in town this week in connection with the court.

The purity, flavor and strength of 'Salada' tea make it incomparably the best value on the maret. It is infinitely more delicious and decidedly more economical than other teas.

For pure, unadulterated mirthful, side splitting, rib tickling jollity, don't fail to see the splendid musical comedy presented by the San Francisco Opera company, Bruce's opera house March 5th.

The Fernie opera house are making a hit with their shows. We heard one gentleman remark that we get a better moving picture show than Calgary. Pat Miller's orchestra is supplying the music, and it is A1 music too.

Mr. Watson will be in charge of the Provincial office here and Mr. J. F. Armstrong will be supervising, and will come to Fernie every Wednesday, but next Wednesday being a holiday he will come on Thursday.

Your cigars and tobacco give satisfaction when you buy from the Club Cigar Store.

Bills are out announcing a boxing contest at Coal Creek club on Monday, February 22nd, which promises to be a lively affair. Two main bouts are billed with a good preliminary for an opening. See large posters for particulars.

It has been called a "hilarious sufficiency" and this title probably fits it better than any other for it is one continuous laugh set to music, and has the distinction of being the only one of its kind that has attained any degree of marked success.

There were a number of judgment summons for distress heard before his Honor Judge Wilson on Friday. Many were put off until the next sitting of the court on March 17th and several settlements were arranged without the interference of his honor.

Phone 41 for the best of meats.

The Strollers comes to us with the prestige of a metropolitan reputation, having played many different engagements in New York covering a period of an entire year. It was also seen for four months in Chicago, many weeks in Boston and in all the principal cities, where it scored the greatest success of any musical production in the past dozen years.

Two large C. P. R. cars went off the track at Morrissey on Wednesday night. One was a large 50 ton steel flat car and the other a large box car, both loaded with coal. It was midnight when they got both off of the track. Traffic was delayed considably. The east bound and west bound Flyers had to go around the G. N. track by way of the loop heer, as also the east bound local on Thursday.

Stick pins and society emblems in all the latest designs at Wright's.

The firemen are generally good at everything, but they excelled themselves as entertainers on Tuesday, the occasion being their annual ball. It was one of the best balls ever held, and great credit is due the committee and others who assisted. The ball was under the patronage of his worship Mayor Herchmer and the council. Everyone reported a real jolly time.

The Michel case, where the carpenters are charged with running some other carpenters out of town came up for hearing before Judge Wilson on Friday morning. A large number of witnesses for the defence were present. Bail had been placed on the defendant by Mr. J. F. Armstrong at the preliminary hearing at two sureties of $200 each, which defendant had not been able to secure. Mr. L. P. Eckstein, who appeared for the defence said that he would prefer that the case be adjourned although he was able to go on with it, and asked that bail be reduced or that the men be let out on their own recognisances. Mr. H. W. Herchmer who acted as crown prosecutor said it was a serious case, and he would ask his Honor to allow the bail to remain as it was. Mr. Eckstein asked as an alternative that the case be proceeded with, but Mr. Herchmer stated that he was not prepared to go on with the case. After some more arguments by Mr. Eckstein, his honor stated that he would look over the preliminary evidence and fix bail later.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathieson of Hosmer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Digby.

W. J. Millirony K. C. of Calgary was in town this week in connection with the court.

Miss C. H. Pitblado of Hosmer was in town this week and registered at the Fernie Hotel.

D. C. Corbin and G. H. Roberts of the Corbin Coal company passed through Fernie on Wednesday.

Some changes have been made in the working arrangements of Coal Creek. The midnight shifts for diggers at Nos. 5 and 2 mines have been dispensed with and about 26 men laid off at No. 9 mine.

A small fire occurred in the Henderson block on Sunday evening. The fire originated from a stove that was left burning to dry the plaster. One of the men put the fire out with the small hose before any great damage was done.

Everybody has either seen or heard of the San Francisco Opera company, therefore the announcement that this the biggest musical attraction that has ever toured Western Canada, will be presented in Fernie on Friday, March 5th, conveys with it a deal of pleasurable anticipation from our lovers of good comic opera. The piece that will be presented is The Strollers.

The equipment carried by the San Francisco Opera Company for The Strollers in a scenic way is a very large and massive one. It is also said to be very expensively and beautifully gowned, the wardrobe consisting of ten complete changes and representing an investment of more than ten thousand dollars. The company is the largest that ever toured Western Canada, numbering forty people and including a beauty chorus of twenty, while the cast embraces the names of last visit and many new people who will be seen here for the first time.

F. F. Eddy and wife of Michel were in town this week.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING

A general meeting of the Fernie Bd. of Trade will be held on Wednesday evening, February 24th, at 8 p.m. in the city office. A good attendance is requested as business of importance is to be dealt with.

O. N. ROSS,
President.

A FAMOUS PLAY

The title of "Monte Cristo" is most familiar to readers and theatrical patrons. As a book it enjoyed the distinction of being one of the most widely read stories every published. As a play it held the boards for ten long years, and season after season reaped a grand harvest of financial success; it was through this play that the well known romantic actor Mr. James O'Neil became so prominent a figure in the theatrical world. The play is of a romantic order and brings out all the interesting incidents of the book.

The role of Edmond Dantes, the sailor boy and the Count of Monte Cristo will fall in the hands of the talented and popular leading man, Mr. Frederick Clarke. Mr. Clarke has made the hits of his theatrical career in the characterization of plays of this order and it is safe to predict that in this play he will add another to his already long list of dramatic triumphs.

Monte Cristo will be produced at Bruce's opera house on March 11.

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A REVEREND CURLER

CRANBROOK, Feb. 17—Rev. H. R. Grant of Fernie, the original sky pilot in Ralph Connor's book of that name, won the Corby trophy in the bonspiel here to day and MacLean of Macleod, the Grand Challenge. MacLean of MacLeod, Grant, of Fernie, and Henderson of Fernie are still in the Gault. McCowan, Blundell and Johnson are still in the Consolation.

A later despatch says:—Cranbrook has been taken into camp. His reverence the Sky Pilot has cleaned up the bunch. In fact Fernie has done the deed, winning the Gault cup and the Consolation.—Nelson News.

CURLING TOURNAMENT

Last Tuesday and Wednesday three local rinks went to Cranbrook to participate in the annual tournament at that city. The efforts of the Fernie team were more than triumphant, as they succeeded in capturing no less than three first prizes and one second. There were thirteen rinks in all in competition, five from Cranbrook three from Fernie, two each from Macleod and Lethbridge, and one from Calgary. The trophies are now in display in A. C. Liphardt's window, and are in themselves beautiful. We regret that we cannot give the scores but they will appear next week.

The local competition for the P. Burns trophy started last night with Henderson and Brown, and Johnson and Blundell in play.

CITY HAS TO PAY

VANCOUVER, Feb. 17.—W. A. McPhelan was awarded $3,500 damages yesterday for the loss of an eye. The accident was due to a defective sidewalk, and suit was brought against the city.

NO PEACHES AND CREAM THIS YEAR

Storm Raises Havoc in the Peach Belt Down East

SANDUSKY, Feb. 17.—The city has been beyond the reach of the outside world by wire since six o'clock Sunday night when the last telegraph line between here and Cleveland went out of service as a result of the heavy sleet storm. There is no light at night except from candles, lamps or gas jets, and the supply of gas is low.

It is not believed communication can be re-etsablished within a week. Business is suspended. The storm is the worst in the history of the city. No estimate of the damage can be made. Thousands of fruit trees have been ruined and the effects of the devastation will be apparent in the coming season's crop. There is said to be absolutely no hope for peach crop in the entire famous Lake Erie peach belt.

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