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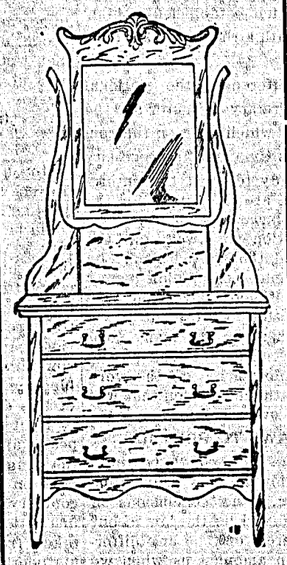

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DISASTROUS EXPLOSION

Entombs Fourteen Men--Some Get Out Alive--Superintendent Among the Dead

BOSWELL, Pa. Jan. 25—The Clarinda mine of the United Coal company at this place was the scene this evening at 7.30 o'clock of a disastrous explosion which entombed fourteen miners including the officers of the mine as follows:

L. G. Logan, supedintendent of the mine.

John Cole, night foreman.

The explosion occurred far in the workings and was caused by the ignition of a pocket of gas which had been released by the shots fired before the day shift left the mine.

At 12.30 this morning seven men had been taken from the mine and all of them had been overcome with after damp which had followed the explosion.

All are regarded as having a chance to escape but Logan, the superintendent who died shortly after being lifted to the surface.

SPENT IN HASTE REPENT AT LEISURE

Charles Westley Owens, a carpenter, lost a pocket wallet containing some cheques and money to the extent of about $90 odd on the 1st of November last. Information was laid with the police and payment stopped at the banks. It was discovered that they were cashed at the Kings and Central hotels on the 24th of December last. The police had no information as to the name of the man, but they succeeded in arresting his partner. The man had left the town but with the information received from his partner and with the assistance of police in other places, the man was finally traced to Kholt and arrested there. He was taken to Greenwood and the police informed here. Mr R. H. Clerke went to Greenwood on the 28th to bring the accused here, and is also bringing back a prisoner charged with obtaining goods at Hosmer under false pretenses. Great credit is due to the police as they had a great deal of work in following up the clue given them.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY

Louis Carosella was aroused very suddenly last Saturday morning by a noise, and on investigation it proved to be a burglar trying to enter his premises. Louis was commanded to hold up his hands which he did, but in one hand he held a revolver which he let blaze at the bold bad man. A few shots were exchanged and the burglar departed. Of course it was put down to Black Hands. No trace was left of the burglar.

TRAIN ROBBER GOES TO JAIL FOR LIFE

Frankhauser, ot G. N. Hold-up Fame Hears Fate--Makes Confession

HELENA, Jan. 28.—Judge Hunt in the Federal court to-day sentenced G. Frankhauser, the convicted train robber, to the military prison at Fort Leavenworth for the balance of his natural life.

Frankhauser was involved in a sensational robbery of a Great Northern train a year ago in which $40,000 was stolen from the registered mails and on this charge, and that of placing the custodian of the mails in jeopardy Frankhauser was indicted.

It is stated that he has made to his counsel a statement of the robbery and subsequent jail delivery which is soon to be published, and which promises to involve several other persons.

FERNIE GETS A BOOST

C. N. P. Coal Co. Planning to Build 1000 Additional Coke Ovens

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company are looking ahead towards doing a very large amount of building in the near future. Just at present things in this respect are in an embryo state but within a short time 1000 more coke ovens will be built here, and other improvements made that will put Fernie far away in the lead of any city in the Kootenay. The progressive policy of the management of the C. N. P. Coal Company is very commendable and shows that they have great faith in Fernie and their mines here.

FIRE AT PASTA'S

Fire broke out at 8 o'clock Thursday morning in the general store of Paul Pasta on Baker avenue, and before the flames were under control the interior of the building and the contents were badly damaged. The fire brigade responded quickly to the alarm and by their excellent judgment and good work prevented the flames from spreading to the adjacent buildings. An overheated stove was the cause. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

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U. M. W. of A. IN ANNUAL SESSION

At Indianapolis--World's Greatest Labor Organization Called to Order by Pres. Tom L. Lewis--Largest National Gathering Ever Held

MITCHELL SENDS MESSAGE TO CONVENTION

Indianapolis, Jan. 20.—The American coal miners' twentieth annual convention, which President T. L. Lewis called to order in Tomlinson Hall at 10 o'clock this morning, has developed into one of the largest national conventions the miners have ever held. Between eleven and twelve hundred delegates wre seated in the hall for the opening session, and President Lewis said he expected that the attendance would surpass that of two years ago which established a high-water mark with a record of 1301 delegates seated.

Factional differences, the national election of secretary treasurer and the vice-president, which falls on the convention at this time, and the necessity of getting ready to meet the anthracite operators, are the causes for the unexpectedly large attendance.

The convention got away on the right foot, and though there may be marked differences of opinion among factions no national convention ever got started better. President Lewis put the top sheaf on the many good welcoming speeches that took up the morning, and he started off the work with an emphatic declaration that was applauded by every faction.

UNION LAWS TO PREVAIL

"We may," he declared, "have differences of opinion in this convention, but, gentlemen, the conclusions of this convention will be the law of our Union and there won't be any difference of opinion amongst us when we go home to put the mandates of this, our highest tribunal, into effect.

"I want to emphasize the fact that if there were no differences of opinion among the men in this great convention, I would not wish to preside over it. Strong men have differences of opinion and where those differences of opinion are finally brought together they are the very things that make progressive institutions.

"Whenever one man does all of the thinking and all of the work in this organization it will be time for us to rap it out of existence and let some one more vital take up the work that it is created to do.

"Our organization was founded as a result of men of widely different opinions meeting and merging themselves into one body which took as its fundamental corner stone three great principles. They are first— religious liberty, second, political independence third, industrial freedom. And we, no matter what our individual opinions are, will never be satisfied until we have completed our united work and have established industrial freedom in every mining camp on this American continent. This, gentlemen, is our work."

TELEGRAM FROM MITCHELL

President Lewis had just completed his short speech when secretary-treasurer W. D. Ryan arose and read a telegram from John Mitchell in which he deplored his inability to get here until the latter part of the week. He expressed the hope that the fullest success would mark the convention, and that it would make the organization, even more than in the past, the great bulwark of strength of the American miners. Applause expressed the approval of the delegates of Mitchell's sentiment.

Though the rival factions are lined up in the convention and seemingly steadfast in their own opinions, ideas and bitterness all talk about a disruption of the organization in this convention is regarded as worse than rubbish, though such reports have been circulated.

There are indications that a peace party may spring up in the convention to serve as a buffer between the so-called Lewis and Walker factions. It may have retiring International Vice-President J. P. White as its head, with the Iowa miners as its nucleus.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The opening session was given to addresses of welcome. This afternoon the convention got down to business and the credential committee were called upon to report. The indications are that it would be night before the work of seating the delegates and organizing the convention could be completed. President Lewis said it was likely that the officers annual report, the first business of interest would not be reached until the next day.

Most notable of the addresses of welcome was the one by John Kern, who got such an enthusiastic reception that it seemed as though all of the delegates must have been his supporters last fall. He made his greatest hit on a declaration for trial by jury. In this connection he denounced the decision handed down by Judge Wright committing Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison to prison.

"Questions," he said, "of such great importance are before the common people of the country to-day that any man who stands in the way of the success of a great organization working for the betterment of mankind is a traitor to the cause."

MAY PROVE A BLESSING

He deplored the fact that under the present system of procedure any man such as Mitchell, Gompers or Morrison could be sent to jail without a trial by jury. "What crime have they committed?" he asked. "They have been committed to jail simply for standing for that right of free speech and a free press for which hundreds of patriots have died. I believe that their commitment will prove to be a mighty blessing to the masses of the people of this country.

"In it we find a more effective appeal than any that could be made from the stump, for a modification of our laws on the writ of injunction. It is contrary to American traditions and institutions that any man's liberty be taken from him except by a jury of his peers."

Referring to the work that falls on such organizations as the miners he declared that all the world was beginning to realize that the only way to make a nation great is to make the masses happy and prosperous, and he expressed the hope that the miners would in their convention harmonize the differences which were characteristic of strong men.

He said he hoped and felt certain that the delegates would go forth united for a continuance of the organization's work in behalf of the man who works and the people dependent on him.

JOHN J. KEEGAN SPEAKS

John J. Keegan, a member of the Central Labor Union's entertainment committee, who presided, created something of a sensation when he presented the cause of the Indianapolis striking brewery workers to the union.

"I can promise you one thing," he said, "that when you come to Indianapolis next year all of the beer made in Indianapolis will be union beer, or there will be no beer made here at all." To the last part of his statement the delegation of Protestant and Catholic clergymen on the stage gave hearty assent.

Father Gavisk of St Johns Catholic church; the Rev. John C. Day of the Irvington Presbyterian church and the Rev. H. C. Clippinger of the Edwin Ray M. E. church all addressed the convention and welcomed the delegates. Several other ministers accompanied them to the convention and were on the stage. The Rev. Mr. Clippinger made a great hit with the delegates, telling them how he ran afoul of a miner's electric mule on his visit as a greenhorn Methodist preacher down into a mine.

AS MAYOR'S SUBSTITUTE

City Attorney Crate Bowen appeared as Mayor Bookwalkor's substitute and welcomed the delegates on behalf of the city. "In every sense that is right, proper and cordial," he said, "Indianapolis gives you welcome."

He spoke of the debt of Indianapolis to the miners for the financial support given its growth by the location of their headquarters here and the holding of their national convention here.

William Prieger, president of the Central Labor union welcomed the miners in behalf of the Indianapolis trades unionists.

Edgar A. Perkins, president of the Indiana Federation of Labor, recalled that it had been a good many years since there had been a non-union coal miner in Indiana.

He recalled that twenty years ago the Indiana miners came to Indianapolis to raise funds, not to entertain a national convention, but to keep their wives and children from starving.

ORGANIZED LABOR WATCHING

"Organized labor," he said, "has its eye on this convention. I do not take any stock in reports that because men in this convention have differences they will disrupt the organization. Such reports are foolish and they are the statements of theorists." He declared that an organization without a difference of opinion would not be an organization composed of strong minded men.

Mrs. Anna Nichols, president of the garment workers, pleaded the cause of the female workers, many of whom working in the grind of piece work at $5, $6, $8 or $9 a week are trying to support people dependent on them. She effectively followed one of these workers through a week, declaring that she must get up at four in the morning, cook and do her housework and then go to work at sun up and toil until night.

She told how she had to then go home and do her cooking, and "then get out the washboard and do her washing." She said that thought the ordinary union wage for women workers is only $6 to $8 a week, many of them hae to support several children or an aged father or mother.

"Can you men do it?" she asked the delegates.

WHEN SICKNESS COMES

Then, into this dark picture, she threw the darker shadows of illness, and the broken up home. She pleaded for support for women in their fight for something better than life at $6 or $8 a week.

She also asked the men to patronize only those employers of female labor who are entitled to use the union label. She said that by thus doing they would at least support the highest wages paid to women, insufficient even those these wages might be.

She criticized the law making bodies that pass law for the birds, fish, and animals but that fail to give relief to women and children.

The report of the credentials committee, thi safternoon, seated W. B. Van Horn, president of the Indiana miners. Patrick Dolan, the deposed president of the Pittsburg miners has not made his appearance in the city, and the indications are that he is not going to come.

The American Coal Miners' convention got down to business this morning with 1200 delegates seated as the result of the first partial report of the credentials committee. Indications were that the final report would seat more than one hundred more delegates.

It was found in seating the delegates that John Mitchell has not been accredited to the convention as a delegate. It seems that he did not ask for a delegateship. He will come to Indianapolis to attend the convention solely as a visitor deeply interested in the work.

Former secretary-treasurer Congressman W. B. Wilson though bearing the credentials of a local union at Blossburg, Pa., was not seated in the first report of the credentials committee. His credentials, it is understood were held up on the grounds that he is not actively engaged as a miner and is not an officer of the organization, the two qualifications for delegate eligibility.

It is expected however, that inasmuch as he is a member of the organization in good standing, and also is one of the organizations seven delegates to the A. F. of L. convention, that the convention or the final report of the credentials committee, will seat him.

WILL BE PERMITTED TO TALK

Whether Wilson is seated as a delegate or not it is evident the floor will be given him whenever he wishes to talk. By unanimous vote the convention invited him to address the delegates this afternoon. Likewise, undoubtedly, will Mitchell, when he arrives the latter part of the week, be given the floor whenever he wishes it, though he is not an accredited delegate.

WILL STAND BY MITCHELL

The coal miners of the country will throw themselves between John Mitchell and the jail doors, which Justice Wright is opening to him. Indications are that the miners annual convention will make an appropriation for the collective defence of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison and that the organization will make a special appropriation for the defence of Mitchell.

His principal offense was that last year he presided over the miners national convention which put the St. Louis stove manufacturers on the miners' unfair list.

Mitchell has indicated that his case differs materially from those of Gompers and Morrison, and while the appeal to the higher courts may change Justice Wrights decision in their cases still it may not change the position so far as Mitchell is concerned.

In a letter to Secretary Treasurer Ryan he indicates that he believes that he is almost certain to be held. The miners probably will see that he, personally, has defense by some of the very ablest lawyers to be had in the country.

With the glad-hand farmalities and the annual and special addresses out of the way, the United Mine Workers' national convention was ready this morning to get down to serious and business affairs to come before it as a legislative body.

The national auditors, Harry Baker, John Mcssop and Patrick Fitzsimmons submitted their respective report.

It was unusually exhaustive and also very complete, including a recapitulation of the funds and finances of different departments of the national organization at the time when President T. Lewis came into office about a year ago.

The report of the distribution of the $950,085.24 at that time shows how the organizations funds are held available for immediate check and the interest rate generally received on the balance.

THE AMOUNTS DEPOSITED

The depositories and the amounts deposited in them in April were: Capital National bank, Indianapolis, $254,974.65; Capital National bank, Indianapolis, $67,589.78; Indiana National Bank, Indianapolis, $132,658.55; Fletcher National bank, Indianapolis, $132,484.32; American National Bank, Indianapolis, $122,498.40; Columbia National bank, Indianapolis $112,255.09; German American Trust Company, Indianapolis $86,231.68; Union National bank, Indianapolis, $30,796.30; Kanawha Valley Bank, Charleston, W. Va. $10,587.47.

The Indianapolis banks except the German American Trust company paid 2 per cent interest on their deposits. The trust company paid 3 1-2 per cent and the Charleston bank paid three per cent.

While the auditors were making the report the atmosphere became clouded with tobacco smoke and some delegates presented the annual resolution that there be no smoking during the annual sessions.

W. R. Fairley wished cigarettes put under the ban with pipes. A motion to table the ati-smoking resolution was carried and the delegates will therefore smoke as much as they please this year.

REPORT OF AUDITOR

The auditor's special report covering the checking out of the old administration included all loans made to district organizations, to officers and to others. It included also an inventory of all property.

President Lewis in making comment on the report declared that such a complete statement was a business method of correct auditing.

The auditor's report on the current year ending November 30, 1908 is summarized in the following statement:

Income

Tax	$756,055.38
Supplies	8,287.64
Journal	5,010.73
Assessment	968.14
Miscellaneous	36,560.60

Expenditures

Salaries and expenses	211,803.84
Supplies	16,498.29
Office expenses	5,397.74
Journal	7,410.02
Telephone, postage, express	6,666.81
Aid	749,937.44
Miscellaneous	78,319.79
Total	$1,076,033.93

CONVENTION COMMITEES

President Lewis announced the convention committees this morning, and in doing so he stated that the anthracite miners' demands on their operators will be submitted to the convention for consideration. He indicated that it was a matter of personal interest to every miner no matter in what field he might be employed.

He also said that district presidents had been reserved from too heavy committee duties in order that they may be available for special committee work. President Lewis did not appoint a scale committee and it is now thought that the special committee will also have to do with the anthracite demands.

The important committee chairmanships went to David Irvine of Central Pennsylvania, who was appointed to head the committee on officers reports, to Harry Bousfield of Kansas, who is head of the committee on resolutions, and to Jacob Ritter of Iowa, who was made chairman of the constitution committee.

Edward Harris of the Shamokin anthracite district is at the head of the committee on appeals and grievances. Harry Baker, Patrick Fitzsimmons and John Morrison, the national tellers and auditors, will serve as the transportation committee.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES

The committees are as follows:

On Officers' Reports: David Irvine of central Pennsylvania; Ben McEnneny of the anthracite; Martin Nash of the anthracite; John Moore of Ohio; Ben Williams of Illinois; George Manuel of Missouri; J. B. McDonald of Western Pennsylvania; James Morgan of Montana-Wyoming; William McCluskey of Kansas.

Constitution: Jacob Ritter of Iowa; LeeRankin of Ohio; T. J. Llewellyn of the anthracite; James Cawley of Michigan; Henry Fishwick of Illinois; W. B. Reid of Central Pennsylvania; Moso Clevenger, of Oklahoma; T. J. Rogers of Indiana; John Wilkes of Western Pennsylvania.

Appeals and Grievances: Edward A. Harris of the anthracite; James Cantwell of Indiana; George Baker of Kentucky; John R. Galvin of Canada; T. Powell of Central Pennsylvania, Percy Tetlow of Ohio; T. J. Reynolds of Illinois; Martin Fylzik of the anthracite, and Robert Maxwell of the Northwest.

Resolutions: Harry Bousfield of Kansas; James Mooney of Missouri; A. F. Germer of Illinois; Ben F. Morris of West Virginia; John Graham of Colorado; W. H. Brown of Iowa; Jas. Hennessey of Ohio; T. J. Smith of Tennessee; George Hargrove of Indiana; Thomas Brewer of Central Pennsylvania; William Harrison of Alabama.

CONVENTION OFFICERS

John Fallon of the anthracite, and John Lawson of Colorado, were appointed sergeants-at-arms, and Phil Finet, of Illinois and Matt Armitage of Ohio are to be the official messengers.

All resolutions must be presented to the committee to receive and apportion resolutions by Monday noon. The committee is composed of Secretary-Treasurer W. D. Ryan, J. S. McCracken of Tennessee, and William Diamond of Michigan.

The convention adjourned after a two hours session until to-morrow morning in order to permit the committee to get to work.

ORGANIZERS IN MEETING

John H Walker, the leader of the anti-Lewis forces, indicates that there is going to be trouble over national organizers being seated in the convention. They are representing local unions.

"It seems," said Mr. Walker, "that the Lewis people have tried to pack this convention. I have been told that there are 107 national organizers in the convention.

"I don't believe that there are that many but I have no doubt but what there are over sixty organizers here at present.

"According to Scranton papers, and the Labor World, published at Pittsburg, the organizers in the anthracite districts are here under instructions to come given to them by Mr. Lewis.

"All the organizers are in the employ of the administration and I think it unfair that they should be brought here.

"The seventeenth annual convention went on record against organizers coming to the conventions unelss they were paid by the local unions they represent, or come at their own expense. I shall oppose any movement to allow these organizers to draw their per diem while here and their expenses out of the national treasury and will demand that if they are reimbursed at all it must be by the local unions whose credentials they hold."

President T. L. Lewis, who was shown Mr. Walker's statement, refused to make any comment further than to say that if this matter did come up in the convention he would be heard on it. In the meantime he had no comment to make on it.

WOMEN IN CONVENTION

The mysterious something about this year's convention of the miners which is accountable for its drawing probably the largest number of delegates ever brought to a national meeting of its kind, has also brought to it more interested and interesting women than to he conventions of the past. Their assortment of millinery lights up the eastern side of the stage.

Mrs. Raymond Robbins of Chicago, president of the National Women's Trade Union league, who addressed the convention last evening, has been here for three days. Miss Agnes Nestor, secretary treasurer of the International Glove Workers union, is "that girl with the catchy, triangular shaped hat." Her attractiveness of appearance and her powers as a leader of workers attracted her picture to the editors of Everybody's Magazine so forcibly that she is now known as the "woman whose picture was in December Everybody's."

Miss Agnes Wilson, daughter of Congressman Wilson, who much prefers Indianapolis to either Blosbsurg, Pa., or Washington, D. C., is "back home," and like her father, she needs no introduction to the audience. She says that her father's constituency in Pennsylvania continues to give him enough time from farm seed distribution to permit him to get a few pensions and urge labor legislation.

Mrs. E. S. McCullough, wife of the president of the Michigan miners, is one woman who has been at the convention ever since she was married. And she is one of the few who has a husband who is a Socialist who has not succumbed to the doctrine. She is here this time she says, to see her husband elected vice president of the international organization.

Mrs. Adolph Germer of Belleville, Ill., used to be Miss Mabel LaRue, and she demurely played upon a typewriter for the Indianapolis News until one day during the convention three years ago, Germer, a Socialist, came up to make a kick on the anti-Socialist communications and reports. As he waited his turn in the outer office he began admiring the typist. The "kick" after a half hours wait was tame and the wedding was soon. Mrs. Germer is becoming an out and out Socialist. She toured Illinois on Debs Red Special and is about to break forth in oratory. She is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence LaRue, 1208 Temple avenue.

MISS LIEPER VISITING PARENTS

Miss Nellie Lieper, who was W. B. Wilson's private secretary while he was national secretary treasurer, is also here visiting her parents and her friends. She is now private secretary to secretary treasurer Frank Hayes of the Illinois miners.

Miss Sadie Kusiek who is President John Walker's secretary, in the same offices is here with Miss Lieper.

Miss Hannah Carr, private secretary of President W. W. White of the Iowa miners; Miss Beulah Overstreet, private secretary in the general offices of the Arkansas district; Miss Brashon of the Alabama offices, and Miss Mary Murphy, private secretary of President Francis Feehan of the Western Pennsylvania district are also in the city at present.

Mrs. E. S. McCullough, of Michigan is not the only woman who has a candidate for vice-president. By her side, or very close, sits Miss M. Dempsey of Scranton. She has at heart the interests of her brother, John T. Dempsey. She is his private secretary in the offices of the Big Scranton-Wilkesbarre anthracite district.

The visiting women are being entertained by the women connected with the national headquarters offices and also by representatives of the Indianapolis trade unionists. Something is scheduled for every night. A big card party is to be given at the German house to-morrow night and next Wednesday night a big theatre party is to be given.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 20.—T. L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, threw out a challenge to-day to his critics at the afternoon session of the miners convention. After reporting on the work of the year he said:

"In view of the many misleading reports circulated with reference to my official work you will pardon me for

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JUSTICE WRIGHT

It is Interesting to Know how He Became a Justice—People who Know Him Not Surprised at the Sentence

We forget things quickly in America, but not all have yet forgotten that the other day three labor leaders Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison were sentenced to jail for twelve, nine and six months respectively for contempt of court.

These men were not accused of stealing anything. They had not done what the trust owners do every day. They had not exploited the entire people.

They were not even accused of a real crime against any individual. The fact is that by exercising what they imagined to be their right, of free speech under the constitution, they hurt the feelings of a certain man on the bench.

Justice Wright sentenced these labor leaders to jail because they had done something that a judge in an injunction had told them they must not do. They were punished in fact, for disregarding the orders of one of the judges.

That sentence makes it clear that in this country a judge on the bench, even a petty, unknown, unimportant judge, with no more real record than a first class dachshund stands in dignity and majesty above all the people of the country.

For we know that a trust manager, committing a crime against all of the people notoriously, is never put in jail. And when he is fined, if his fine is big, it is remitted. (Ask Mr. Rockefeller.)

These labor leaders, not having offended the people, but having hurt the feelings of a judge, who gave them an order, are sent to jail promptly.

This is an interesting case, and in the future history of this country may be considered infinitely more important than matters which now attract wider attention.

The people of the United States have talked so much about money and its rights that they are inclined to forget the human being and his rights. We have rather lost sight of the fact that the rebellion against England, our first great war, was simply an assertion of the rights of man, and we have also lost sight of the fact that the war of the rebellion, our second great war, was the assertion of the rights of man—even of the friendless black slave.

When a nation forgtes fundamental truths it either sinks into apathy and disappears or it receives some shock that revives its consciousness and begins a career based on respect for manhood.

We are inclined to think that this decision which sends three men to prison because they offended the majesty of one unimportant judge, coupled with the innumerable decisions that refuse to imprison the really great criminals—the trust managers— may play an important part in the future history of this country. We shall not be surprised to see this case referred to in future writings as seriously as men to-day refer to the Dred Scott decision.

We do not expect any sudden realization of the importance of thees prison sentences.

As we have told you these are the days of money, not of men. Money is powerful and men are weak. The so-called perfect system of universay suffrage and government by the majority has become almost a first class joke in a country where the majority govern not at all.

But that will not always be so.

Meanwhile, while the people sleep, we invite our readers to consider with some attention the fact that Justice Wright of the supreme bench of the District of Columbia was taken out of Cincinnati and put on that bench by Mr. Roosevelt on the recommendation of Senator Foraker. And we ask our readers to remember that this Senator Foraker whose recommendations put upon the bench the man who puts labor leaders in prison in the same Senator Foraker that received those charming letters from John D. Archbold of the Standard Oil, enclosing much love, and affection with certificates of deposit of a comfortable size.

Readers, when your judges are chosen by men who get the certificates of deposit from the trusts and do their work in the senate, you have a right to suspect that you are not getting the best possible judges in the world. And this we say with no personal comment upon Justice Wright, of whom we never heard before, and of whom we should be quite content never to hear again.—Mine Workers Journal.

OIL COMPANY PAYS FINE IN BIG LOADS OF MONEY

EL PASO, Texas, Jan 25—Nearly 50 tons of silver in the form of dollars will be turned over to the State of Texas by the Waters Pierce Oil Co. according to a special from Austin.

The attorneys for the Oil Company which has been ousted from the state and fined $1,623,000 for violation of anti-trust laws announced at Austin that the big fine and the attendant costs will be paid to the state in silver dollars.

The state will have to employ a small army of clerks to count the wagon loads of coins.

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METHODIST

The Christian Endeavor meets at 8 o'clock on Monday night in the Methodist church to which all are invited to be present. The meeting will be in charge of Mr. Wetheralt and Mr. Quinney will sing a solo entitled "God that madest earth and heaven."

The Epworth league reading circle meets every Thursday night at eight o'clock; everybody is invited to be present as some of the best books are being discussed.

SPIRITUAL TRAINING LACKING IN COLLEGES

The colleges and universities give food for body and mind but they starve the spiritual. Do not mistake my meaning when I say religion. By religion I mean Christianity and by Christianity I mean the recognition of Jesus Christ as the master of the race.

I protest against any system which feeds the mind and body at the cost of the soul.

Yet that is what colleges and universities are doing to-day. They have done less than they ought.

True, the colleges have chapel services. But of what value is such service when those who attend know not Him whom they serve? Without the fundamental training necessary such services are shams. Many students attend merely for decency's sake and in obedience to a promise made at home.

Many universities and colleges number among the faculty and instructors men who are notable non-Christians. It is a sin deserving of the millstone to allow a student merely for lack of light to perceive the obstacles placed in his path by such instructors.—Prof. Pepper of the University of Pennsylvania.

LONGBOAT AND DORANDO

Cold water vs. wine is no doubt a leading factor in the training that has given the Canadian Indian the advantage over the pluckly Italian in the different races they have recently run together.

Speaking favorably of the Italian, an English paper admits the fact that total abstinence is an essential to athletic success and defends its Southern protege by claiming that if both had been abstainers, Dorando would probably have won.—Pioneer.

HEAD OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

For Canada Passes Away in Toronto--Long and Honored Career Terminated

TORONTO, Jan. 24.—Archbishop Sweatman having jurisdiction over the Toronto diocese died at 1.30 p.m. today, aged 74 years. He was ill one week with pneumonia.

Among possible successors in the Toronto diocese are Canon Cody, Provost Street, Macklem, Bishop Reeve, Archdeacon Sweeney, Canon Tucker and Canon Welch.

Rev. Arthur Sweatman, M. A., D.D., D.C.L., was born in 1834 in London, England, and was the son of an eminent London physician, the late Dr. John Sweatman of Middlesex hospital. He graduated in 1859 from Christ college in Cambridge and was ordained deacon in 1859. His first appointment was the curacy of Holy Trinity church Islington. Deceased came to Canada in 1865 to assume the head mastorship of the London Collegiate institute. Three years later he was married in England to Miss Garland of Islington. In 1871 the mathematical and science mastership in the upper Canada college became vacant and Dr Sweatman was selected, but left the college next year to become rector of Grace church at Brantford. From 1873 to 1879 he held the office of clerical secretary to the synod of Huron and secretary to the house of bishops.

In 1874 he became headmaster of Helmuth college and two years later rector of Woodstock and rector of Brant. He was administrator of the diocese of Huron in 1878 and 1879. Deceased was appointed bishop of Toronto in 1879 in a notable contest after a week's balloting. The synod was divided into two camps on the question of sacerdotalism.

The late Dr. Sweatman was consecrated in May 1878 and in 1907 he was given the highest gift in the powers of the Anglican church in Canada, being elected archbishop and primate of all Canada. During the thirty years that he has been at the head of the Toronto diocese the number of Anglican churches in the diocese increased from 163 to 246 and 176 missions. Deceased was deeply affected by the tragic death of his son several years ago and has for some time been in failing health.

U. M. W. OF A. IN ANNUAL SESSION

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calling your attention to the fact that my official acts are subject to the most rigid investigation and I challenge any one to prove that any official or personal act of mine has brought discredit to the United Mine Workers organization."

President Lewis brought the question of highest authority in the organization before the delegates in referring to the strike in Indiana district No. 11, when the district officers were suspended.

ASKED TO RETURN TO WORK

Efforts to reach an agreement between miners and operators failed and Mr. Lewis proposed that the miners return to working pending the investigation.

His advice was not accepted by the union of District No. 11 and the controversy resulted in the suspension order of those miners by the executive board.

"The question is brought up," said Mr. Lewis, "because it involves the authority and jurisdiction of the international organization. This convention should decide whether the international executive is the highest authority in the organization when a convention is not in session.

"It is worthy of your attention too, that there is a growing disposition on the part of the operators to have penalty clauses inserted in the wage agreements.

The principal reason assigned is that if contracts are of any practical use there should be no strikes during the life of the contract.

bership of 300,000 at the last convention it has 294,746 this year.

During the eight months from April

"We should also present some method that demonstrates that we are sincere in our desire to respect the terms of the contract.

AGREEMENT EXPIRES APRIL 1

"You know that the award of the strike commission expires April 1 of this year and the delegates should carefully consider such plans as will best protest the interests of the anthracite mine workers."

All of the reports said that, notwithstanding less than half time work for the men, the organization had maintained its strength. Against a mem to November the salaries paid to the executive board and to other organizers amounted to $56,219.30, and their expenses were $50,503.07.

This was $17,000 more than the expenses in the same period last year, and Secretary Ryan commented:—"It appears to me that the expense incident to the management is increasing out of proportion to the growth of the organization.

"Were I conducting the affairs of the United Mine Workers I should refuse to render assistance direct to districts where the officers and members had put forth no special efforts to help themselves."

INDIANAPOLIS, JAN. 25.—It was the John Mitchell of the old days, with the same old melodius, effective voice of the old days, that made to-day probably the greatest day of the convention of the greatest of all trade unions.

When the old time leader of the American coal miners appeared in Tomlinson hall at 11 o'clock this morning the miners national convention went wild. Seldom has any man received such an ovation; everybody cheered and many even had tears in their eyes for the joy of seeing their beloved old leader restored to health. He had just arrived in the city from New York.

Another visitor was speaking, but his speech was not finished. President Lewis in a beautiful manner presented Mr. Mitchell, and after another prolonged burst of applause, Mitchell, deeply moved, said:

"I feel deeply sensitive of the reception which you have given me this day. It would seem that at least in a miners' convention a former leader of working people loses none of his lustre because he is sentenced to jail."

There was another long burst of applause after which Mitchell expressed regret at his inability to be present at the opening of the convention, and also his regret over the fact that he will not be able to remain long. Unless he can get postponed an important conference set for Monday he will have to leave for Boston on Sunday afternoon. He is with Congressman W. T. Wilson and T. D. Nichols at the Hotel English, and around it at noon to-day there was a swarm of admirers, many Indianapolis people being among the miners.

TELLS OF HIS SENTENCE

After the tumult in the convention had subsided, Mr. Mitchell spoke at length to the delegates, first reviewing his sentence to prison with Samuel Gompers and Frank Morrison, and then making a plea for harmony in the ranks of the miners.

"What concerns me now," he declared as he touched sympathetically on the reported internal differences in the organizaiton, "is not the possibility of going to prison. I am concerned about this union. If my going to prison and staying there would help to organize the miners of this country, I would say without any hesitation: The prison for me. Gentlemen I earnestly hope that the legislation enacted by this convention and your conduct here may reunite—if that is necessary—all into one insoluble body that will continue to work for the interests of the many.

"Let us," he said, "go forward building up; not tearing down." He recalled the years it had taken to build up the organization and pointed out the weaknesses of dissensions.

DIFFERENCES SHOULD END

"Be careful," he said, "when you leave here that nothing has been or is done that would bring back the old days when miner fought miner and operator fought them all. Your differences will be your employers' opportunity. Much as I respect the coal operators, and I believe they are above the average in fairness, still as you divide they will unite and unite much to your cost."

He pointed out that this was natural and recalled how he and the miners had taken advantage of the dissensions among the operators three years ago.

"Though I may not be able to remain with you long, my spirit will be with you here. Let this ever be in our minds that back at home in the mines and in the modest little cottages are hundreds of thousands of men, women and children with eyes turned towards us here. As you act bear in mind that to them you must give an accounting."

He recalled that he had given so much of his life to the upbuilding of this union that he had come to regard it "somehow as my own child, and I will defend it as I would my own child."

ALL SHOULD JOIN UNION

Again, he said, with his wonderful impressiveness, "The man—I do not care who he is—who lays violent hands on this great organization will have to answer for that act. Settle your differences here and let every man go back and do his full share at building up this union until the time will come when no man shall mine coal in this country, unless he belongs to this union. This was my dream, my ambition; it is my dearest wish."

Touching on his own life he said: "Some one may have said: John Mitchell is out of the labor movement now; he won't see things as he used to see them when he worked in the mines or with the miners. Gentlemen I do not intend that the day shall ever come when I shall see things differently.

"Since going into new surroundings for fear that my view might change, even slightly, I daily train myself to be steadfast to the people of less favorable surroundings. I never let a week go by that I do not go down to the East Side of New York that I may see misery. I don't think that, even if I lived in a castle my views would change.

"But I propose to protect myself by going to see enough misery every week to keep me true. So long as I live I hope to be true and to defend the rights of these people and to advocate the cause of labor. I believe in this trades union movement and in the United Mine Workers of America and my heart is with you and in my hope of harmony."

LEWIS TO CONSIDER ANTHRACITE SCALE

Delegates from the anthracite district of Pennsylvania have complained that President Lewis of the United Mine Workers is not giving sufficient prominence to the anthracite situation.

In Central Pennsylvania where the anthracite coal is mined, about 170,000 men are employed. Only about 40,000 of these miners are organized and in any way identified with the United Mine Workers.

President Lewis heard yesterday of the criticism that had been made of his alleged indifference toward the anthracite situation. He said that at the proper time he would give the anthracite situation all the prominence it deserved.

It is probable that President Lewis will recommend that a joint convention of miners and operators in the anthracite district be held to make a scale before the expiration of the present scale on April 1.

The scale under which the miners of the anthracite district are working at the present time is the one which was made by a commission four or five years ago—a commission that grew out of a recommendation made by President Roosevelt, who when he saw that the miners and operators were at loggerheads, used his best efforts to restore peace in the anthracite district.

SAYS MINERS WANT RESULTS

Commenting on the anthracite situation last evening, President Lewis in part said:

"It has been brought to my attention that a few men in this convention complain that the anthracite situation was not given sufficient prominence in my annual report. Those men feel that the interests of the anthracite workers have to some extent been neglected. These same men do not appear to realize that results and not talk is what the mine workers of the country want. The interests of the anthracite men will be fully protected, and this convention will be able not only to outline, but approve of a policy with reference to the anthracite districts. This will be done at the proper time and in the proper manner. There is no need for a few men in this convention to complain until they know that they have a basis on which to find fault. I have clear and definite ideas with reference to the anthracite situation, which will be given to the convention for action.

My desire is to have a joint conference of the anthracite operators and mine workers in their respective districts. But I want to know definitely what action this convention will take with respect to enforcing and complying with the terms of wage contracts, when these contracts are once agreed to. If wage contracts mean anything to the mining industry they mean that miners should not suspend operations pending the adjustment of a dispute arising with reference to the terms of a wage contract."

The miners held a half day session yesterday adjourning at noon to permit the committees to transact business. The feature of the half day session was the address of John Mitchell, former president.

FERNIE RELIEF AND ITS DISPOSAL

As Viewed From the Outside--Timely Suggestions and How Worked Out

The following is from The Hosmer Times of January 21:

The civic elections have come and gone, leaving a new set of officials to look after the welfare of the city, with the exception of G. F. Johnson, who was re-elected as alderman. But the troubles of the elect begin after the event, as some of the elect of Fernie are beginning to realize. Many things were injected into the municipal campaign for votes which did not belong there, and among these superfluous subjects was the Fernie Fire Relief Fund.

Each candidate for the honorable office of mayor travelled out of his course to bring the remnant of the relief fund into play in hopes of gaining a vote or two, and now there is trouble. Mr. Eckstein, the defeated candidate, stated that he was opposed to the refunding of money to the relief fund which had been paid for lumber and other building materials, until some definite plan for the final disposition of the returned monies, as well as the dispostion of the surplus had been made with the consent of the majority of the beneficiaries.

Mr. Herchmer, the successful candidate, who is now mayor, took the ground that the miners who had signed an agreement to refund the money advanced to them in monthly payments of $2 for each hundred dollars received should be held for the fulfillment of their contracts. He also stated that he would be in favor of extending the time of payment of any of the miners who were unable to meet these monthly payments if they so desired. This was before, not after election, and subsequent developments shed a rather lurid light upon the ashes of the great fire.

The civic election was held on last Thursday, and it now appears that Sherwood Herchmer, who is a member of the relief committee to which the distribution of the relief fund was delegated by the citizens, went to the manager of the Crows Nest Pass Coal Company and asked that the amounts due from the miners on their so-called relief should be held out of their several monthly wage accounts. Manager Hurd did not like this procedure, deeming it unwise, and a very unpleasant thing to do; but after consulting the company solicitor, Mr. H. W. Herchmer, it was pointed out that it was impossible to disregard the assignments and the amount of the payments were held out of the miners' wages.

As there has been a shortage of work at the mines, and the severity of the weather, coupled with the fact that few of the homes are finished, there are very few of the men in a position to make payment. In one instance it is stated that a miner, with a family of eleven, had been able to secure but fourteen days work during the month of December, and after the deduction of the six dollars from his wages, to meet the refund of his aid, he had not enough left to pay his grocery bill.

As a result of this action of the committee, through Mr. Herchmer, there was an indignation meeting of about two hundred discontented miners on Sunday, at which very strong language was indulged in and some drastic resolutions adopted.

The first of these resolutions calls for an itemized account of the receipts and expenditures of the relief fund, and an auditing of the books of the committee by non-resident auditors.

Another of the resolutions states that there have been no plans for the final disposition of the remainder of the relief fund submitted for the consideration of the fire sufferers and that in consequence there should be no more refunding until it is definitely known what is to be done with the balance on hand, as well as with the refunded building advances.

Still another resolution calls for the distribution of the remainder of the fund to those for whom it was intended, between now and the first of June. A committee was appointed to circulate these resolutions for signatures among the fire sufferers and to present them to the relief committee, and to the provincial government. This last move has been decided upon in opposition to a move that is stated to be under consideration to ask the government for legislation under which a commission can be appointed to administer the fund. In this connection many schemes have been proposed for the utilization of the surplus.

Mr. Herchmer stated on the platform that it might be a good thing to invest the money in a recreation ground, or to expend it in beautifying the cemetery. Others thought that it might be used for sidewalks and street improvemnt; but the only proposition that might be considered as at all justifiable, was that suggested by ex-Mayor Tuttle, that whatever surplus there might be could be turned into an educational fund. Even this would be a diversion of these contributions from the evident purpose for which they were so freely donated to the people of Fernie from a very generous public, which seems to be lost sight of in the controversy now going on with some heat. More than $100,000 in cash was received from the outside public, besides large contributions of provisions and clothing and no one could expect that so much could be handled to the satisfaction of everybody, and it may be that some very unwise suggestions have been made, but the committee to whom the management of the fund has been entrusted should leave no room for criticism, by making a complete statement of all its transactions in detail, not only for the satisfaction of those who have participated in the relief, but for the satisfaction of themselves and the generous contributors.

Nothing short of this should be contemplated, and nothing less will be accepted by the public.

That a discussion as to what should be done with the remainder of this fund should have arisen before a thorough statement of what has been distributed, is unfortunate, and out of place.

There is no doubt as to the intentions of the many donors to this fund, and it will be time enough to discuss the uses to which any residue may be put, after it has been found that no more relief of any kind is needed and that all who have really been in need have received a fair share of it.

It is all very well to say that this or that person has received more or less than a fair share but it is the duty of the committee, which accepted the task, to see to it that this has been done as nearly as possible. If there is a surplus it would seem that an equitable division of it among those most needing and deserving should be made, instead of creating a commission through which to divert the remainder of the fund into channels not intended by the donors. It is stated that there is a remnant of a fire relief fund in the city of St. John, N. B., which yields just enough in the shape of interest to pay the expense of a commission to administer it, — which is a great aid to whoever is the commission, but it is safe to say that it was not the intention of the donors to provide a soft job for anyone.

Every dollar of aid extended to the people of Fernie was for the purpose of immediate relief, and if that relief was more than might have been necessary at the time the remainder should be used to make the homes of the loosers as comfortable through the severe winter as possible. These little controversies, which have sprung up as the result of too much political zeal will result in good, if the parties will be temperate and not lose sight of the object for which the fund was created.

There seems to be a growing impression in some quarters that this relief money belongs to somebody, some committee, or delegate of a committee; or that the City of Fernie has, in some way, become seized of the title and therefore it belongs to the city, to be handled by some city official.

IT BELONGS TO THE SUFFERERS OF THE BIG FIRE WHICH SWEPT THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE ELK RIVER, and the committee delegated to distribute it have no shadow of right to do anything else with it without the consent of all those concerned, expressed by vote. The fact that the committee exceeded its authority in demanding mortgages on the wages of miners extending over years of time before rendering aid to them to rebuild their houses, has been brought out in this controversy, and brings up a question which can be dealt with only by all parties, and any attempt to divert the proceeds of such a contract into other channels without first making a full and itemized account of all that has been done, will be looked upon as a gross violation of the trust reposed in the committee by the people who created it, through the authority delegated to Mayor Tuttle, not as mayor, but as a citizen of the district affected by the great fire.

The strictures of some of the miners regarding the administration of the old relief fund may be uncalled for, but it is an example of how such things are allowed to drag out a long existence, providing work for some one to look after it, long after the necessity for its existence has disappeared.

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WEBSTER'S Imperial Dictionary, page 1399: **RELIEF**, The act of relieving, or the state of being relieved; the removal in whole or in part of any evil or anything painful, oppressive or burdensome.

SYN.—Succor, support, release, extrication, alleviation, mitigation, aid, help, assistance, remedy, redress, exemption, deliverance, refreshment, comfort, consolation.

RELIEFFUL: Giving relief; able to relieve.

RELIEVE (2) To ease or deliver from, as any burden, wrong oppression, or injustice, by legal or legislative process or interposition. (6) To raise to life again; (7) to give mutual assistance to; to support.

RELIEVER: One who relieves; an agent of relief.

Fernie Fire Relief Committee definition:

RELIEF: To lend you something that is already yours by gift from the people, and force you to repay it.

WE PUBLISH elsewhere a complete list of the donations and the names of the donors to the Relief. We challenge the Relief committee to write to any of the donators and ask them if they wish the money returned.

WE WONDER if the citizens who lately donated to the earthquake sufferers in Italy wish the money paid back.

BE SURE and attend the public meeting tomorrow afternoon to discuss the all important question as to whether relief is relief, or relief is not relief.

WHAT is relief? Ask the committee! They have some rare ethical ideas.

CHEER UP, Maude, when you **DONATE** any money to the Salvation Army in future you can demand repayment according to the Fernie Fire Relief committee.

THERE IS NO RECORD ON THE MINUTE BOOKS OF THE FIRE RELIEF COMMITTEE TO SHOW THAT ANY ASSIGNMENTS WERE TO BE MADE BY THE SUFFERERS WHO GOT RELIEF (?) MONEY. We suppose Sherman is to blame for that too.

THAT RELIEF MONEY ONCE MORE

Was the money that the people from the outside sent to Fernie intended for the purpose of creating a fat job for one or more persons for the space of six or eight years?

We know for a fact that several of the contributors have already stated, and stated very strongly that they sent the money here to be given for the help of the needy.

Who gave the present committee any authority to act? The original general committee did. And now this committee absolutely refuse to be dictated to by this general committee whom they claim does not exist.

The following amendment to Mr. Herchmer's resolution which the majority of the committee (and please take notice who the majority were, and remember the clique they represent) turned down, shows quite conclusively that the present committee wish to have complete control of the affairs, so that they can do as they wish with the money that belongs to the people:

Amendment to Herchmer's resolution: That the matter of the disposition of the relief fund be submitted to a referendum vote of the fire sufferers.

1: Shall the money advanced for lumber and other supplies be repaid?

2: Shall the funds now in hand be given to the city for the improvements to streets, etc.?

3: Shall the funds now in hand be distributed by the committee to those now in need?

The vote of the committee on the amendment resulted as follows:

For: F. H. Sherman, T. Biggs.

Against: S. Herchmer, Reading, Pollock, Manson.

Mr. Herchmer, (who by the way seems to think that he has some extra divine or other connection with this fund and should act as spokesman and counsel) stated that supposing a vote of the people was called for, the men who had received any benefits so far should not be allowed ot vote. Well for cheek and presumption that takes the biscuit.

THE MONEY WAS SENT HERE FOR THE PEOPLE YET THE PEOPLE HAVE NO RIGHT TO SAY WHAT DISPOSITION IS TO BE MADE OF IT.

At a meeting of the general committee appointed by the Fernie Trades and Labor Council held in the little wooden shack in front of the Ledger Office on Wednesday evening, September 30th last, the following questions were put to the then Mayor, W. W. Tuttle, whom the Relief committee very generously sent to meet the T. and L. committee:

1: To ask (not demand) an itemized statement of receipts and expenditures.

2: To ask why J. Wilde was not allowed his seat in place of F. H. Sherman, who was away and had arranged with Tuttle that Wilde was to be seated.

3: A request (not demand) that the secretary and treasurer be bonded.

4. That we ask (not demand) that two auditors be appointed, one from the Trades and Labor Council.

The following answers were elicited from Mr. Tuttle after much long winded speiling had been indulged in.

In answer to the first request Mr. Tuttle gave his word to the committee "that a detailed statement would be prepared for the end of the month. He stated that he understood that there already was such a statement ready, and that on his return from Spokane, he would see that the statement was handed to the committee and also printed in the papers."

In answer to the second query **MR. TUTTLE STATED "THAT IT WAS HIS OWN PERSONAL WISH THAT MR. WILDE SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN A SEAT BUT THAT HE WAS ONLY ONE AND THAT HIS COMMITTEE OVERRULED HIS DECISION."** He stated that he did not disagree with them **FOR THE REASON THAT HE WISHED TO KEEP HARMONY IN THE RANKS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE."**

J. R. Galvin here arose and told Mr. Tuttle "that as he was the chairman of the committee, and had been given absolute authority to appoint men on that committee, he had also the power, and the full power to fill any vacancy that might occur in the ranks of the committee. Galvin further quoted legislative rules to show that Tuttle should have appointed Mr. Wilde pro tem at least."

In answer to the third request Mr. Tuttle stated "that the treasurer had already asked to be bonded and that he would present our requests as to the secretary being bonded to the committee."

"IN REPLY TO A QUESTION AS TO WHY THE RELIEF COMMITTEE REFUSED TO MEET OUR COMMITTEE MAYOR TUTTLE STATED THAT IT WAS AGAINST HIS WISHES."

Mr Tuttle last week denied that the Relief committee refused to meet the committee of the Trades and Labor Council. The above minutes, taken direct from the files of the T. and L. Council prove that the **RELIEF COMMITTEE DID REFUSE TO MEET THE T. AND L. COMMITTEE.** Why? God knows.

"Mayor Tuttle stated that he would arrange for the committee to get a meeting with the executive in two weeks, which will be on October 15th."

MR. TUTTLE DENIED THIS LAST WEEK TO MR. WILDE AND GOT VERY EXCITED WHEN TOLD THAT HE HAD. WHY?

Now then, why have the Trades and Labor people, (whom both Tuttle and Herchmer claim to love) been ignored in this manner. Why was no meeting called. Simply because the committee did not want any suggestions or interference at all.

Then they have gall enough (excuse the expression) to make a grand stand and heartrending appeal to **"FOR GOD'S SAKE KEEP IT OUT OF THE PAPERS; DON'T LET THE PUBLIC KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT OUR FIGHTINGS."**

Who are these men? What right have they to try and hush matters up? We will show them up, no matter who it hurts.

THREE DECISIONS

Three decisions from various branches of the United States judiciary of comparatively recent date, viz.: The Thaw Verdict, The Hains Verdict, and the result of the trial and sentence of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison comprise three more links in the chain of evidence which has of recent years threatened to undermine and eat into the very vitals of a system of justice, heretofore supposed to be free from the thraldom of monetary considerations, and the very aloofness of which from all ulterior interests formed the keystone of the fabric of an impartial dispensation of justice in the land to the south.

The Thaw case, with all its attendant filth and nastiness, was paraded before the public until the person with even the most meagre information, could not doubt the guilt of the prisoner, nor was it ever denied even by the defense itself, that Thaw killed Stanford White. His confinement in an insane asylum and the subsequent appeal to be considered shortly, will doubtless make him once more a free citizen of the land whose laws he so grievously digressed.

The Hains case, of more recent date, but in many essentials a similar one, provides new scope for the legalizing of murder, and the encouragement to that fast growing belief that it is safe for any person to go out and kill providing he has the ingenuity to form a plausible defense.

The case of the Labor leaders, who had offended no written law, who had conspired to injure or kill no man, but whose only offense was a refusal to obey the ipsi dixit of a hitherto practically unknown judge, forms a comparison so striking that even the most extenuating circumstances fail miserably to suggest any reason or cause why these decisions should differentiate one from the other to such a degree as to excite comment, also a certain amount of well founded suspicion.

Thaw is a murderer and yet on the highway to freedom—an acquitted man.

The Hains plotted and carried into execution a plot for murder—yet one of the principals goes free and the other brother may never have to come up for trial.

Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison dared to defy the right of injunction rule, and at once the strong arm of the law seeks to place them behind bars for sentences of various lengths with absolutely no thought of acquittal, such as was meted out to the two previously mentioned murderers.

The whole situation appeals to the unbiased thinker as farcical in the extreme were in not for the stupendous results and precedents attendant on the outcome of them all. Americans are wont to scoff at the conservatism and adhesion to well-founded principles of justice which are followed in British tribunals, and to be egotistical over their boasted independence and freedom from restraint, but until the judiciary of the Republic can free itself from the suspicion of lack of consistency with which it is now surrounded, the average Britisher will have no desire to participate in the new order of things.

A REPORT was spread that a certain firm had made an assignment here last week. There is absolutely no ground for the report at all, which seems to have been circulated with a deliberate intention to do harm. It is a pity that men will stoop to spread a report like this even for "business reasons."

WE understand that the police commissioners are going to enforce the laws, as promised by Mr. Herchmer. This is good news and we give the commissioners and the Mayor credit for their stand.

THE following inscription was noticed on a C. P. R. box car that was in the local yards:—"The wages of sin is death, but the wages of the C. P. R. are worse."

The Free Press admit that unless others mentioned the relief question they were going to do as the relief committee was doing "**KEEP IT DARK**." Since the public has become aroused and the "editorial mudslinger of the Ledger with his one-goose power brain" has dared to bring to light some of the fallacious ideas of the committee, the Free Press comes out with some fill-up penny liners, supposed to be a personal attack on a couple of gentlemen of the city. In their usual way they shelve the main issue and resort to personalities which have no bearing on the matter at all.

As to Tom Biggs and F. H. Sherman, they are above reproach as far as the Relief matter is concerned, and can rest assured that the general public (outside of the clique that is always opposed to them, because they are friends of the laborers) place more confidence in them than the Free Press need ever hope to get.

There is one thing that seems to hurt the Free Press, and their measly 50 supporters, and that is that there is such a paper as The Ledger, even if the editor is a nonentity. The same fact bothers the relief committee just at present. Truth always does smart you know.

SPEAKING of uses to which the remainder of that relief money might be put it has been suggested that it would be a kind act to buy a new set of brains for the editorial department of the Fernie Free Press.

SOME of the unemployed in Toronto object to working four hours a day for a bowl of soup. The nerve of some of these workingmen is certainly an awful thing!

THE FACT that 970 persons signed an "out of work" list in Toronto, many of whom are actually on the verge of starvation, would make encouraging news for the so-called elite of that city, who at this season of the year are spending thousands of dollars on at homes, afternoon teas and bridge, and other forms of wasteful amusement.

THE DESTRUCTION OF WESTERN FORESTS

The disastrous results which must follow upon the rapidly spreading destruction of the forests of the east slope of the Rocky Mountains has engaged the attention of the Dominion government, and last year an investigation into local conditions was commenced with a view to devising regulations such as would permit the full use of all resources while preventing devastation and waste.

The investigation is by no means complete, yet the section of the country already covered—the valley in which the Crows Nest Railway runs, an area of some 204 square miles—reveals a most serious state of affairs.

Fifteen years ago 184 square miles out of the 204 comprising the district were covered with heavy fir forest. To-day there are only 39 miles of standing timber. Nearly 80 per cent. of the merchantable timber of the region has been irretrievably lost through fire. Further than that repeated fires have destryed even the capacity for tree growth in one third of the total area, killing the second and third growths, and leaving 69 miles of bare gravelly waste, utterly unproductive.

That these conditions are typical of the entire eastern slope is not to be doubted for lumbermen who have investigated conditions at the sources of the Saskatchewan and Athabasca rivers, estimate that not ten per cent. of the forested area is to-day standing timber.

A conservative estimate of the loss by fire in the Crows Nest valley alone is four hundred million feet of lumber in less than fifteen years. If a similar waste has occurred in the other fifteen hundred square miles of the east slope which is entirely probable, the loss to the country has been almost incalculable.—Winnipeg Free Press.

ROSSLAND WINTER CARNIVAL

For the above event to be held Feb. 2nd to 6th the Canadian Pacific Railway announce a rate of fare and one third return. Tickets on sale from Fernie and West, January 31st to Feb. 4. Final return limit February 8.

Henry Douglas of the C. P. R. freight staff left last Saturday for Winnipeg where he intends visiting Messrs. Ford and Simmons to arrange about bringing back another citizen for Fernie. All the staff wish him every success in his new enterprise. We are all very pleased to hear that Mr. T. A. Bishop will be the next one.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES.

All members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles are requested to attend a special meeting to be held in the K. O. P. Hall on Friday, February 5th, 1909.

W. S. KEAY, Secretary

WORKINGMEN'S CLUB

One to be Started Here Soon—Enthusiastic Meeting

A meeting of the workers was held on Tuesday night for the purpose of forming a workingmen's club and institute. There was a goodly number present and persons who really meant business.

Mr. F. Woodyard was voted to the chair and gave a little of his experience in connection with clubs in the old country and also in the States. He advised the starting of a club in Fernie, because, he stated that it had a great influence on the young, for their uplifting and advancement in life. He expected that if the club was formed that it would be a boon to the young people and also to the families of this town, who at present had no place to go but to the saloons.

Mr. L. P. Eckstein addressed the meeting at some length. He stated that he had had some such project as this in mind for a long time, and he had seen the necessity for forming a workingman's club and institute, not solely for the selling of intoxicants, but for having a reading room, where all the news of the outside world and all the best periodicals could be read and enjoyed. Again, some men cannot settle down to a good book, but would like a game of billiards or pool, others would like a game at checkers or dominoes or cards, and all these should be looked to. Some men will drink, and if they would drink, give it to them at a reasonable price, so that they will have something left for their families not as at present when a man goes into a saloon, if his money is not all spent over the bar it is taken from him by the tinhorns that are around. Mr. Eckstein strongly advised the formation of such a club and if he were permitted he would become a member.

Mr. Sherman also spoke and advised that there was no time like the present to form a club, and promised his membership and influence for the good of the club.

He thought he could get a few volumes of good books with which to commence the library, and of course he said that a gymnasium would be necessary also.

Mr. Sherman claimed that the aim should be not only to develop the mental, but also the physical powers of the young men.

Others present spoke enthusiastically of the commencing of the club and the good they know it had done in places where they had lived.

Mr. T. Biggs was elected secretary. The club was formed and signatures taken and monies promised. An initiation fee of $5 was fixed and a committee of 12 appointed as follows:

T. Uphill, Corn Reece, J. Wilde, W. Dickenson, T. Chippendale, F. Shaw, J. Dudley, P. Atkinson, T. H. Wray, J. Parker, F. Woodyard, president, T. Biggs, secretary.

The charter list is left open for 30 days and all those wishing to join can do so by applying to the secretary or some member of the committee.

Workingmen, get in at once and help this thing along; it is for your benefit.

SCHOOL TAXATION

As the result of the discussion of what is acknowledged to be a sore point in school administration in British Columbia, a deputation from the Provincial Association of School Trustees, which met recently at Revelstoke, is at present at Victoria to urge upon the government the advisability of conferring on Boards of Trustees power to levy rates for school purposes instead of having recourse to the city councils as at present. The course which the deputation will now urge the provincial government to adopt in this matter has frequently been advocated in these columns as a necessary step towards the complete freedom of education and a means of simplifying the situation between the school boards and the city councils.

As matters stand at present friction between the school board and the City Council in any community may almost be regarded as a necessity of the situation, since the City Council, without control of the expenditure, is called upon to hand out the money which the school board may find it necessary to expend during the year. That heat should be generated between two bodies so situated that movement on the part of either results in friction, is inevitable and it is in complete accordance with reason and common sense that their relative positions should be relieved. If the total amount required for school purposes were raised by direct levy, the council simply furnishing the machinery for collection, the responsibility of the trustees would be much more apparent and the complete independence of the council which the present laws aim to give the board.

Twenty years ago the money spent on education in the province was raised by the provincial government but time brought modification of a system which was only justified in face of conditions that were merely temporary. We venture to think that the request which the school trustees association is now making for further modification of the method of raising monies for school purposes, besides being justified by precedent in the old country, and, to a lesser extent, in British Columbia, goes up to the provincial House with the full weight of a solid public opinion behind it.

SOCIALIST TEA

The Socialist party gave a very fine concert and tea on Wednesday evening in Bruces hall. A very pelasant time was spent by all. The following was the program rendered after which a dance was held, for which Campbell's orchestra supplied excellent music:

Chairman's remarks.
Cornet solo: March; Mr. A. Paton.
Recitation: Bishop and the Caterpillar: W. Owen.
Song: comic: Following fathers foot steps, J. T. Puckey.
Encore: Farmer Giles.
Song: Dear old Home, and encore, Mrs. Simpson.
Cornet solo: Miss Lottie Gray.
Song: Consolation: W. H. Evans.
Song: Holy City: Gladys Hughes.
Song: Stop your tickling: by W. Owen.
Song: Mrs. Sotchfield.
Song: My Daddy's a Gentleman: J. T. Puckey.
Recitation: The Collegian and the Porter: Mrs. E. J. Dicker.
Song: In the Shadow of the Place: Wm. Schofield.
Song: Big Ben: T. Biggs.

EFFECT OF HOME TRAINING ON LANGUAGE

It is exceedingly hard for the teachers at a preparatory school to overcome the influence of home training when this training has had a bad effect on a boy.

For instance take the case of a boy who hears continually at home the phrase "I done it." That boy will be obliged to make a conscious effort every time he substitutes "I DID" for "I DONE." And he will frequently slip back into the old ways in moments of excitement.

One curious phase of the situation in this country is the fact that boys whose parents are immigrants, and who come to this country when very young have a better chance of learning good English than the native boys brought up in homes where bad English is spoken. This is due to the fact that the immigrant boys have no bad English to unlearn. As soon as they arrive here they at once go to school and are carefully taught good English; hence they should grow up speaking that.

Lame Shoulder Cured

Lame shoulder is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles and it quickly yields to a few applications of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Mrs. F. H. McElwee of Bolstown, New Brunswick, writes: "Having been troubled for some time with a pain in my shoulder I decided to give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial, with the result that I got prompt relief." For sale by all druggists.

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The Official Organ of District No. 18, U. M. W. of A.

Fernie, B. C., January 30th, 1909

LIST OF DONATIONS TO FIRE SUFFERERS

Do any of these people wish the money returned

MR. W. S. STANLEY, ESQ.,

Dear Sir:—Referring to your letter of Jan. 26th we beg to say that we will endeavor to have the complete list of donors in your hands in time for publication in this week's issue of your paper. With regard to the itemized statment we beg to advise that the committee has authorized an audit to be made by Mr. E. B. McDermott, Esq. of Nelson, and when this is completed we will furnish you with a complete itemized statement for publication.

Yours respectfully,
FERNIE DISTRICT FIRE RELIEF FUND,
(per R. R. Webb, Sec.)

FERNIE, B. C., Jan. 27

The list of supplies shows only the full cars received, there was a large amount received by express and freight in smaller quantities, but on account of the great rush at the time there was not a complete record kept of same.

On behalf of those who suffered in the late fire the committee wish to extend their very hearty thanks to the public for their generosity in subscribing to the fund, also for the large amount of supplies sent.

Yours respectfully,
FERNIE DISTRICT FIRE RELIEF COM.
(per R. R. Webb, Secretary.)

Supplies received by the Fernie District Fire Relief Committee in car lots.

Spokane, 2 cars provisions, tents and other supplies.

Kalispell, Mont., 2 cars provisions and clothing.

Butte, Mont., two cars provisions and clothing.

Great Falls, Mont., two cars provisions and clothing.

Cranbrook, provisions, clothing and other supplies, two cars.

New Westminster, provisions and clothing, two cars.

Vancouver, two cars provisions and supplies.

West Robson, 1 car provisions and supplies.

Kelowna, 1 car potatoes.

Grand Forks, 1 car supplies.

Trail, car matresses, blankets and clothing.

Nelson, 2 cars provisions, blothing, hay and oats.

Edmonton, 1 car oats.

Strathcona, 3 cars hay, oats, bran and shorts.

Calgary, 6 cars provisions, clothing, tents, blankets, mattresses, flour and other supplies.

Pincher, four cars hay and 1 car flour.

Nanton, 2 cars hay.

Cowley, 1 car hay and 1 car supplies.

Lethbridge, 2 cars provisions and other supplies.

High River, 1 car hay and oats, 1 car provisions and supplies.

Medicine Hat, 1 car oats and other supplies.

Moose Jaw 1 car flour.

Regina, 1 car flour.

Winnipeg, 1 car flour and other supplies.

List of subscribers to the Fernie District Fire Relief Fund.

Phoenix	$ 500.00
Montreal Board of Trade	5000.00
J. A. Roy	100.00
Berlin	200.00
Red Deer	100.00
Prince Albert	500.00
Kingston	200.00
McPherson Shoe Company	100.00
J. L. Cassidy Co.	25.00
A. E. Trites	100.00
Soo	50.00
Spokane Elks	100.00
Erie City Iron Works	200.00
Woodstock	200.00
National Red Cross	1000.00
H. L. Stevens	100.00
Daley Red Company	1000.00
R. Ironsides	100.00
Hudson Bay Knitting Company	100.00
Vancouver subscriptions	4000.00
St. Johns, N. B.	1000.00
Mason Risch Piano Company	100.00
Trail, B. C.	212.25
D. Lowe	5.00
Forrest, Man.	100.00
North Vancouver	500.00
Victoria Trades and Labor Council	10.00
St. Johns church	23.25
Ottawa	2000.00
Laggan	36.20
Lake Louise Chalet	83.00
Edmonton	799.10
Methodist Mission, Nicolet	12.10
Medicine Hat Merchants Bank	49.00
Calgary, Merchants bank	29.00
Methodist church, Michel	13.00
St. George's church, Irvine	10.00
Cochrane	23.00
Manitoba Gypsum Co.	25.00
Montreal Rolling Mills	100.00
Hamilton Powder Company	200.00
Jeffrey Mafg. Company	100.00
A. Barnatt	50.00
Kindergarten class, Cardston	48.00
R. S. Wilkerson, Friend	20.00
Fort William Theatre	31.50
Hillhurst Baptist church	36.25
Calgary Hardware men	165.00
J. M. Phillips	100.00
Hillyard	230.00
Lacombe	175.00
Trail	777.17
North Vancouver	200.00
A. R. & I. Co., Lethbridge	500.00
Friend	5.00
Lethbridge theatre	90.20
Crannon	89.00
W. G. White	5.00
Saskatoon	500.00
Vernon	500.00
Friend	3.00
H. L. Lovering	25.00
R. F. Davy	5.00
The Ogilvie Flour Mills	1000.00
Revelstoke	12.00
A. G. Johnston	10.00
E. A. Morris	50.00
Mrs. Fernie	100.15
Canadian Rubber Company	100.00
J. A. McDonald, Winnipeg	100.00
Rev. John, Fernie	5.00
Vancouver Chinamen	17.60
Souris	100.00
Portage La Prairie	300.00
J. P. Hartman	25.00
Camrose	100.00
Winnipeg Driving Club	25.00
Medicine Hat	50.00
H. S. Suede	6.00
Banff	300.00
Princess St. Church, Vancouver	350.00
T. Crahan	100.00
Waterous Engine Works	100.00
Versey	5.00
Saskatchewan	2000.00
Winnipeg	5000.00
Spokane Chamber of Commerce	500.00
James J. Hill	5000.00
Wm. Fernie	500.00
Taber	500.00
Vancouver Portland Cement Co.	100.00
Lethbridge	1000.00
Kaslo	500.00
Vancouver City	5000.00
Bank of Montreal, Calgary Sub	563.00
Niagara Falls, Ontario	200.00
J. H. Grant	100.00
T. Eaton	1500.00
Phillips & Wrinch	25.00
Hamilton	500.00
Gegins	500.00
Toronto	5000.00
Calgary subscriptions	500.00
Cobalt	100.00
Coleman, Alta.	100.00
Carman, Man.	11.00
Blenheim	17.00
Ontario government	5000.00
Lord Strathcona	5000.00
Victoria	1000.00
Vancouver Club	214.50
Ladysmith	500.00
Quebec	1000.00
Golden	800.00
Grand Theater, Victoria	32.00
A. T. Larkin	5.00
Sandon	310.00
J. Todhunter	5.00
D. S. Crystal	1.00
Isabel Roue	5.00
Nicolet	.50
W. E. Hayes	5.00
Dan Stewart	50.00
F. W. Johnston	5.00
Calgary Commercial Travellers	25.00
Canadian Canners	50.00
Friend	1.00
Friend	1.00
Crane Lake	23.00
Belleville, Ont.	100.00
Nanaimo	982.75
Widow, Fort William	1.00
Sympathizer	1.00
Prince Rupert	800.00
Kaslo	881.00
Miss G. Worthington	5.00
James Davie	10.00
F. W. Herrindean	10.00
Lewis Hall, Victoria	99.50
Rosedale	50.00
Chilliwach	200.00
Alberta Grain Company	50.00
Vancouver Maccabees	10.00
Penticton	176.05
W. R. Jackson	10.00
New Denver	126.00
Winnipeg Paint and Glass Co.	25.00
Field	102.00
Casades	22.25
J. A. Lancaster	5.00
Great West Permanent Loan & Saving	50.00
Mission City	77.50
Harsoque Mfg. Co.	20.00
Nakusp	38.00
Miss Podley, Dublin	9.70
Medicine Hat	23.00
Port Arthur	500.00
Mrs. H. Scarf	50.15
North Star Mining Co and employes	264.00
Coleman, Alta.	828.25
Merritt	66.00
Grand Forks	500.00
Mt. Leahman	40.00
G. W. King, Dauphin	5.00
W. B. Van, Eggmond	10.00
Lake of the Woods Milling Co.	1000.00
Ingersoll	100.00
Girls Aux. St. Andrews church	8.50
Ladies Aux. Bro. Trainmen Medicine Hat	10.00
Masons, Whitewood	25.00
Japs, Northwest	94.70
I. O. O. F. Port Arthur	25.00
W. H. Tiffen	2.00
Wardner, B. C.	152.00
Spellamachene	100.00
H. Aspmall	5.00
Medicine Hat	10.00
R. C. Clark	5.00
Shuswap	100.00
T. H. Hoven	15.00
Dean, Quebec and others	30.00
Portage La Prairie	200.00
Employes Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Co., Middlesboro	200.00
Gleishen	100.00
Calgary	2600.00
Employes Western Fuel Company	600.00
Union Brewing Company	25.00
W. A. Letcher	5.00
Prescott	100.00
Banfff	71.65
Rosedale	50.00
Glace Bay	1000.00
Nicolet	250.00
Blenheim	8.50
Victoria Board of Trade	3000.00
Ladysmith	700.00
Carmon	21.00
Miss L. Duncan	5.00
Golden	200.00
Friend	1.00
In His Name	1.00
Cardston	87.50
Berlin Christian Endeavor Society	15.00
Mile Stone	5.00
Daily News Sub.	3.00
Printers' Union Victoria	10.00
Lagan	2.00
Brandon Times Subscriptions	19.90
Dr. Mallock	20.00
W. C. Ellis	1.00
Mission City	1.00
Summerland Baptist church	28.00
Standard Paint Co.	50.00
Crows Nest Pass Coal Co.	5000.00
Harrignton, Wash., Subs.	4.50
Port Simpson	72.00
Leduc	75.00
Seattle Commercial Club	475.00
Friend	2.00
Calgary	2600.00
Winnipeg Free Press	1553.15
Woodstock	1800.00
Banff	371.65
Princess Street church	350.00
T. Crahan	100.00
Waterous Engine Works	100.00
Veasey	5.00
Saskatchewan government	2000.00
Winnipeg	5000.00
Quebec	1000.00
Calgary Brewing Co.	100.00
Carman	5.00
Boden	3.00
Edmonton	214.00
Bobelstine & Company	25.00
New Westminster	420.00
Municipality of Burbanby	200.00
Penticton	8.00
Brownfield	5.00
R. B. Boden	10.00
Regina	104.40
Phoenix	78.50
Brandon Times	25.00
Oxbow, Sask.	10.00
St. Marys church, Calgary	75.00
Forrest, Man.	17.00
Nanaimo	5.00
Home Bank	500.00
Canadian Pacific Railway Co.	10000.00
Canadian Bank of Commerce	1000.00
H. C. Coppock	6.50
Summerland	100.00
Manitoba Free Press	114.73
Balance from Cranbrook Relief fund	761.00
Windsor	300.00
Kamloops	58.25
J. M. Phillips	100.00
Coquillen B. C.	31.00
Christian Endeavor, Berlin, Alta.	11.50
Leduc Masons	25.00
Haney and Hammond municipalities	50.50
Red Cross Society	13.50
Local Mine Workers of America Lille	525.55
Fishburn	3.80
Twin Butte	1.80
Ewelme	5.50
Ottawa subs	124.00
Geneva, New York	10.00
Canadian Bank of Commerce	1000.00
Employees Cumberland Ry. & Coal Co	450.65
Prescott	24.41
Cranbrook Subs.	32.00
Rebecca Lodge	15.00
Summerland Subs.	36.25
H. Clayer	5.00
A. Megrew	3.00
Ladysmith	65.50
Presbyterian church, Kitsilano	20.00
Montreal Board of Trade	1430.00
Princetown Subs.	3.00
Ironsides Lodge P. W. A.	165.30
Miniota Herald Subs.	16.00
Toronto Subs.	2640.50
Brandon	600.00
Victoria	500.00
Revelstoke	500.00
Government of Alberta	5000.00
Victoria Board of Trade	1709.25
Nanaimo	520.00
H. W. Herchmer	10.00
Victoria	500.00
H. A. Kenyon	4.00
London	300.00
Prince Rupert	8.25
Innisfail	2.00
Haney	3.00
Cranbrook	2000.00
Total	$139,205.46

Drafts Returned Unpaid

Banff	371.65
T. Crahan	100.00
Princess St Church	350.00
Waterous Engine Works	100.00
Veasey	5.00
Saskatchewan government	2000.00
Winnipeg	5000.00
Quebec	1000.00
Kaslo	500.00
Prince Rupert	800.00
Geneva, N. Y.	10.00
Wm. Fernie	500.00
Woodstock	1800.00
Calgary	3500.00
Canadian Bank of Commerce, Fernie	1000.00
Bank of Montreal, Victoria	500.00
Total	$17,536.65

Recapitulation

Amount deposited in bank	$139,205.46
Less drafts returned	17,536.65
TOTAL SUBSCRIPTION	$121,668.81

I certify the above to be correct.
R. R. WEBB,
Secretary.

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LASTING ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS

During this sale I am offering a nice range of Women's Whitewear at exceptional low prices.

Women's Corset Covers made of fine cotton, low style round neck, trimmed with laces and embroideries
FROM 25c UP

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COAL CREEK

From our own Correspondent

By an oversight last week we omitted to state in our report of the Presbyterian concert that Mrs. R. H. Nesbitt accompanied several of the singers.

Bill Dixon from Hosmer spent Sunday here with his friend Tom Coughlan. You bet we went some. There was nothing else to do.

The South African Veterans association has moved a step towards obtaining that 320 acres for each of its members. A circular has been sent out asking if they are willing to be sworn into a home defence reserve force. It is thought the consenting to do this will practically ensure the grant by the government.

Mona Bell was the lucky holder of the winning ticket in the drawing for Bob Tucker's organ.

Dan James is now afternoon boss and George Pounder fire boss at No. 8 mine, Michel.

We should have heard the pipes on the 25th. Some of you Jolly Beggars remember this next year.

The 150th anniversary of the birth of the Scotch poet Robert Burns was celebrated by a concert and dance in the club hall on Monday night under the auspices and management of the Jolly Beggars club. The snow and wind were fierce during the day and at the advertised time for opening the doors there was very little abatement, and more than one of the committee hed their doots about a big turn out. However at starting time there was quite a bumper gathering, showing with what reverence and respect the memory of Burns is still held by all who have a touch of nature left within them. Entering the ball one was bound to remark on the contrast from the rough elements outside. Everything bespoke comfort and brightness. The drapings and long running lines of intertwined and various colored muslin with here and there suspended electric fairy lamps, formed a scene of perfect animation. Right above the front of the platform hung a beautifully draped picture of "Rabbie" himself bearing in large type his immortal phrase "A man's a man for a' that." The Rev. Norman Macdonald was chairman and in his remarks gave a brief outline of the bard's career and touched feelingly on many of his charactoristics. The following program was admirably given, the accompanists being Mrs. Nesbitt and Miss Edith Biggs. The comic convulsed the audience:

PART 1

Selection: Mr. L. Campbell's orchestra.

Song: My love is Like the Red, Red Rose—Mr. R. Sampson.

Song: Jessie, the flower of Dunblane—Mrs. Simpson.

Cornet Solo: Mary of Argyle: Mr. A. Paton.

Comic song: Saftest o' the Family: encore Stop your ticklin' Jock: Mr. J. T. Puckey.

Song: Loch Lomond:— Miss M. Smith.

Recitation: Half past ten:— Mrs. Mathieson.

Song: Annie Laurie, and encore, —Someone: Mr. R. H. Nesbitt.

Song: Ye banks and braes: —Miss Taylor.

Five minutes interval during which orchestra rendered selections.

PART 2

Song: Down the Vale: Mrs. Simpson.

Recitation: Tam O'Shanter: Mr. A. McFegan.

Song: Pal of mine: Miss M. Smith.

Comic Song: Sleeping in the old Backyard, and encore, extra verse — Mr. J. T. Puckey.

Cornet: Scotch airs: Miss Lottie Gray.

Song: Chorus Gentlemen: Mr. R. H. Nesbitt.

Song: Always Me: Miss Taylor.

Song: Afton Water: Mr. R. Sampson.

Mr. A. McFegan proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman and the artists. Mr. R. Sampson seconded and it was enthusiastically carried. All joined in singing Auld Lang Syne and then dispersed well pleased with the entertainment. After the room was cleared Mr. L. Campbell's orchestra struck up the strains for the dance and kept it going in fine style until 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. Mr. Wm. Alexander was floor manager, and caller off and with a smiling face and courteous manner carried through without a hitch an excellent string of dances. Mrs. Taylor supplied a superb lunch which was served by the Jolly Beggars. These also carried out the other duties.

Wm. Alexander succeeds R. H. Nesbitt as outside superintendent.

"Take this bottle of milk over to Mr.—— house when you have time." Such was a written order picked up not more than a mile from the tipple. It is a dreadful malady when a man begins to feel too big for his shoes, but when he also requires a shoe horn to help him put his hat on, well it is time he took a tumble to himself. The introduction of more business methods and less of this nonsense would save some people from thinking ugly things.

It is a hard job to keep No. 5 mine track clear of snow drifts.

How many cars did you have to-day?

This is becoming a steotyped query amongst the diggers. Surely this car shortage problem is not going to be like the poor—always with us.

The repeated failure of the electric light is reaching a sore point. Last week end a section of the town had again to resort to candles and oil. It is high time this was looked into.

The following are the figures of the doctor's ballot:

For increase, Coal Creek	42
For increase, Fernie	41
Total	83
Against increase Coal Creek	144
Against, Fernie	9
Total	153

Majority against 70.

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	" "
Alberta Coal Co.	Morinville, Alta.

CITY COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the City Council was held last Thursday evening, and the usual routine business attended to. The city band was granted $300 on the motion of Ald. Cree and Barclay.

Fifty sanitary boxes were ordered on the motion of Ald. Gates and McDonald.

A. J. Fisher was appointed as city solicitor.

Ald. Gates and Johnson moved that the clerk write the provincial government through our sitting member, Mr. Ross, asking to have more fire wardens appointed for Fernie electoral district.

Property owners are to be notified through Chief of Police to have their premises cleared up and all rubbish removed.

Notices of motion were handed in to amend public health by-law; to regulate trade licenses; to weigh coal; re a sewer and plumbing by-law.

Tenders were ordered for the basement to city hall.

MARCONI SYSTEM SAVES 1,100 LIVES

The Scene of Accident off the Coast of Vancouver Island Seven Liners in Mix-up

Republic, White Star line, rammed by the Florida off Nantuckett and her passengers transferred to the latter vessel. The Republic sank later.

Florida, Italian Lloyd line, stood by to pick up Republic's passengers after the collision.

Baltic, White Star line, caught distress signal also from Republic's submarine bell, searched for and found the disabled ships and took the Republic's and Florida's passengers from the later vessel and brought them to New York.

Furnessia, Anchor line, picked up by wireless by disabled Republic, and was aiding to tow her to port when latter sank.

La Larraine, French line picked up wireless messages, sought and found the Republic but finding that she was not needed came into port.

Lucania, Cunard line, picked up distress signals from submarine bell and searched for disabled vessels.

New York, American line, warned by wireless messages of disaster, and searched for disabled vessels.

IN THE ATLANTIC

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The wireless telegraph on Saturday spoke but the prologue of the great drama being enacted on the sea behind the impenetrable curtain of fog out where the steamship Florida with 1100 souls on board had rammed the White Star line boat Republic with upwards of 800 souls aboard.

To-day by the same magic means the full drama was revealed before the attentive world and soon revealed itself a tragedy.

"Regret that first class passengers of the Republic, Mrs. Edward Lynch and W. L. Mooney were killed; also Mr. Lynch and Mrs. Murphy badly injured.—Ransom."

GOOD NEWS REFUTED

This wireless message received by officials of the White Star line grimly refuted the All Safe and No Lives Lost messages that had gladdened the watchers on shore. Science had done much to lessen the horrors of this great modern disaster of the sea but death had not been baffled. It came quick and terrible when the sharp prow of the Florida cut its way into the side of the Republic, crushing to death the two passengers as they were asleep in their berths and maiming those who slept but an arms length away.

It visited the hold as well as the deck of the liner and four members of the crew, believed to be coal passers at work deep in the hold of the ship were killed by the crushing blow that doomed the Republic.

DEAD AND INJURED

The dead and injured as reported by wireless are as follows:

The dead:

W. Mooney of Langdon, North Dakota.

Mrs. Eugene Lynch of Boston, Mass

Four members of the crew at present unnamed.

The injured:

Eugene Lynch.

Mrs. M. J. Murphy, Grand Forks, N. Dakota.

Those named above were first cabin passengers and occupied adjoining staterooms on the saloon deck on the port side of the Republic where the bow of the Florida crushed into the vessel.

THRILLING EXPERIENCES

Passengers of the Republic who lived through the peril passed through the most thrilling experiences yet recorded in the history of marine disasters. Transferred from a sinking boat by small boats in a black fog, abandoning their effects and glad of a chance for their lives, they found themselves aboard a vessel but little safer than the damaged hulk they had left and facing a rising gale.

For 19 hours they were crowded on the decks of the Florida with her 900 excited passengers sleepless and poorly nourished while the fog made the midnight of their peril never ending.

Helpless and with the knowledge that the rolling ship beneath them could not outlive the promised storm at almost midnight by the clock, they were told that they must face another twenty four hours of peril that they must be twice transferred from the sinking liners by means of small boats, must climb down the frail rope ladder thrown over the swinging sides of the ship until like human pendulums they were swung aboard the cockleshell's tossing on the waves below, only to climb the steeper ladders of the great Baltic, where at last they were to find safe refuge.

IN THE PACIFIC

VANCOUVER, B. C. Jan. 24— The last of the survivors of the wrecked American schooner Soquel, seven men including Captain Jamieson and Mate Swanson, were rescued by daylight Sunday morning from Seabird Rocks, Pachena Bay, Vancouver Island by the C. P. R. steamer Tees and a lifeboat crew from Bamfield which went to the scene of the wreck on the steamer Leebro.

The men were shortly after their rescue transferred to the United States revenue cutter Manning, to be taken to Neah Bay for medical treatment. They were utterly exhausted and had suffered intensely from a night of exposure on the wind swept and spray dashed rocks. Seaman John Herman, the second man taken off the rocks, was suffering from a broken leg, the injury having been received when the two aftermasts of the four master came down after the schooner drove on the rocks about midnight last Friday night.

INSTANTLY KILLED

It was these falling masts which killed the wife and child of Captain Jamieson; the woman and child were standing on the deck when the spars fell and they were instantly killed.

The bodies were made fast to the wreck and are still on board. To-morrow morning an attempt will be made by the Bamfield life savers to recover the bodies. With the exception of the wife and child of Captain Jamieson everyone of the fourteen people on the schooner when she struck were rescued.

Five seamen were heroically rescued Saturday afternoon by crews of the steamers Tees and Leebro and the life saving crew from Bamfield. These men at daylight Saturday morning left the wreck at low water and scrambled through the surf to a small rock that was almost awash at high tide. A boat was put off from the Leebro to which it was made fast with a line, and an attempt was made to approach the rock on which the men were huddled when the boat was swamped.

Luckily another boat had put off from the Lees and rescued the members of the swamped crew.

A second attempt was more successful and the crew managed to get near enough to the rock to throw a life line across it.

DESPERATE WORK OF RESCUERS

To the line was attached a lifebuoy and into this the shipwrecked men stepped one at a time and were hauled through the surf to the lifeboat.

Five men were taken off shortly before dark, but Mate Swanson refused to leave the rock until the men on the battered hulk of the steamer were taken off. As darkness descended nothing more could be done for the men on the Soquel and the Tees and Leebro proceeded to Bamfield where the five rescued men were put ashore for medical treatment.

CAPTAIN ON BOARD TO END

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Within considerably less than 72 hours after the crash between the ocean liners Republic and Florida off the Nantucket shoals which eventually sent the former to the bottom and rendered almost helpless survivors of the accident have found a haven at last. At nightfall to-night 1650 passengers of the two vessels were safe in this port, brought here by the Baltic, while nearing it were the rescued officers and crew on the derelict destroyer Seneca, to which they were transferred from the cutter Gresham, after staying up to the last moment by their sinking vessel.

At the dock in Brooklyn was the battered Florida, aboard which the crew had remained throughout her trying experiences.

Only the ill-fated Republic was then wanting to complete the entire list and she was in port, her last port of call.

Little could be learned from Captain Rochini of the Florida to-night, but according to others who had been on board something went wrong with the Florida's steering wheel when the collision was imminent. One story has it that the quartermaster had the helm when the commander yelled for it to be jammed at starboard. He put it to port instead and the liners crashed into each other. Another story has it that the man dropped the wheel in the panic. Both stewards agree in saying that the commander followed the quartermaster with an iron spike following what he must have considered the seaman's recreancy.

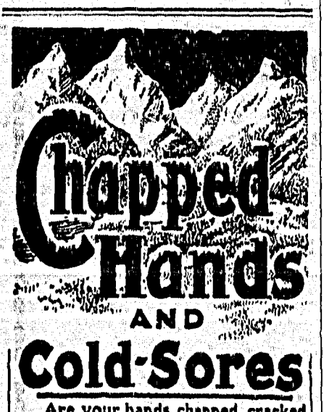
An injured quartermaster from the Florida was brought into port to-day but he stoutly asserted that he was not at the wheel when the accident occurred.

The Captain of the Republic refused to leave and the second officer remained at his side. An hour later when the searchlights of the tug Mary of Scully were playing on the scene two shots were heard from the bridge of the Republic, two blue lights were burned at the bow of the doomed steamer.

Just before she went down Captain Scalby climbed the mast while the second officer jumped from the rail. They were rescued by one of the Gresham's life boats in command of Gunner Johnson.

On the deck of the Republic as she went down rested two caskets, containing the bodies of Mrs. Eugene Lynch of Boston and W. J. Mooney of Langdon, N. D., who were killed in the collision between the Republic and the Florida.

The Republic rests on the bottom of the Atlantic with 38 fathoms of water over her.



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W. F. M. HOPEFUL OF AFFILIATION

With the United Mine Workers of America--Harmonious Convention Closes

Nelson Daily News.

The proceedings of the annual convention of the western union of miners concluded in Nelson yesterday. The delegates expressed themselves as being extremely pleased with the general results of the meeting and considered that the convention would be productive of several innovations that would greatly favor the status of the mine worker in the province and in the part of the state of Washington which is included in this division of the union.

Frank Sherman of the United Mine Workers of America was present as a delegate from that confederation and expressed for the workers whom he represented a wish that the two unions might become affiliated. This proposal was most favorably received by the convention and it was decided that Charles Bunting should attend as a representative of the W. F. M. at the fraternal meeting of the U. M. W. of A. which is to be held for the purpose of considering such an affiliation at Lethbridge on February 3 next.

A motion was passed at the convention that a proposal should be submitted to a representative referendum of the members of the Western Federation of Miners to the effect that the per capita tax should be so increased as to allow a paid organizer secretary to be appointed for the district.

A resolution was also passed that representations should be made to Messrs. Hawthornwaite, McInnes and Parker Williams asking them to use their influence towards the abolition of the clause in the election law that necessitates a candidate making a deposit of $100 before standing for election to parliament as the convention considered that this clause was a great hardship for working men, and they believed the object of the clause was to prevent members of the working class from electing independent members.

They also asked that an amendment should also be made to the present election act so that all workers who are constantly moving from one place to another may be able to be placed on the voters list in any constituency within a period of ten to twelve days.

A motion was carried to the effect that the convention placed absolute confidence in the above mentioned Socialist members of the provincial house of parliament as it considered that they were the only true representatives of the working class.

The following officers were elected for the present year: President: J. A. McKinnon of Rossland; vice-president T. M. McKay of Greenwood, and secretary, treaurer, A. Shilland of Sandon.

In his address Charles Bunting the retiring president pointed out that he considered it essential to the success of the organization that the members should on every occasion stand together as one man. At the tenth convention a resolution was passed calling upon their district to acquire and operate a newspaper in the interests of the union, and a committee had been appointed to take such steps towards securing a newspaper and would no doubt make a report on the progress they had made.

Referring to the proposed home for the sick and aged members of the union the president did not think that at the present time it would be advisable to levy a special tax for that purpose but thought that the matter should be more fully discussed when conditions were more favorable. They had been empowered to use the funds of the association for educational and political purposes and he believed that it would be more satisfactory if a portion of the per capita tax were set aside for this purpose. Dealing with the question of benefits allowed for disability he was of the opinion that a uniform scale should be set for all the districts in the union.

MACDONALD

And the Socialists—Proletarian Criticizes Article in Lethbridge Herald

A recent issue of The Lethbridge Herald contained a most vitriolic attack on the Socialist miners in the Pass by publishing an article culled from the Frank Paper which charged with them warning abroad, "breathing threatenings and slaughter" to all and sundry who differed from them.

Many of the statements made, if not actually libelous, sail very close to the wind.

The whole article was one of cowardice and by covert sneer and subtle suggestion tried to convey the suggestion: that the great miners organization is lending itself to parties of disruption.

The regrettable feature about the affair is both the Herald and Frank Paper lent themselves (possibly willing victims) to air the grievances of one Macdonald, erstwhile secretary of District 18 U. M. W. of A. That individual, a one time ardent Conservative, but now, having listened to the seductive flattery of Hon. Frank Oliver's satellites in the Pincher riding, finds it to his "interests" to become an ardent Liberal.

The incidents leading up to his departure were partly of a political nature, but owing to the advances made to him by certain prominent Liberal officials, Macdonald thought he was big enough to deliver the labor vote, the price, rumor hath it: he was to be the Liberal Labor candidate in the district at the forthcoming provincial elections and in the event of success—well, you can't keep a good man down.

But the day has passed when any so-called labor leader can deliver the vote.

By adopting certain tactics in the Macleod election Macdonald earned for himself the bitter emnity of the majority of the miners in the Pass; they resented being made the political football of time servers who would not hesitate to adopt any method to reach the desired goal.

The hard feeling was carried from the political field into the economic field, and now interested parties would have us believe that Macdonald was sacrificed to appease the insatiable appetite of that ogre—the Socialist party.

The statement that he was defeated because of his non-acceptance of Socialism as a political belief is manifestly absurd.

He was beaten just as the other officials might expect when the rank and file of District 18 agree upon the required number of candidates to be nominated in opposition instead of, as in the past splitting up their voting strength.

To the charge that the officials of District 18 are all Socialists it is an easy matter to brand the lie upon it for President F. H. Sherman is the only Socialist among them. Messrs. Galvin and Patterson have repeatedly refused to identify themselves with the Socialist party.

No; the whole business has nothing to do with the S. P. but simply the fact that the miners in the Pass endeavored to administer a well deserved rebuke which might also serve as a reminder to others interested.

The mills of the gods grind slow.
But they grind exceeding small.

(Proletarian in the Southern Alberta Labor Bulletin.)

A MISINTERPRETATION

A Manila mother in law had stayed so often with her daughter as to cause a quarrel with the husband; and one day when she came again to stay she found her daughter in tears on the doorstep.

"I suppose George has left you," she sniffed.

"Yes," (Sob.)

"Then there is a woman in the case I know," she said, her eyes lighting up.

"Yes," (sob.)

"Who is it?" she demanded.

"You." (sob.)

"Gracious!" exclaimed the mother-in-law. "I'm sure I never gave him any encouragement."

The brawny Irishman craned over the big glass case in the chemist's shop and eventually managed to locate the diminutive proprietor of the bpusiness.

"Wud yo plaze give me somothin' to kill moths?" he asked and was at once supplied with a package of moth balls.

Later in the day the Irishman returned.

"Are you th' mooney faced little imp that sowld me these balls?" he shouted.

In his nervousness the man of pills said he was.

"Well, thin," howled the Irishman, "jist you come home wid me, an' if ye can hit a single moth wid wan iv these little baythen pellets I'll spare ye th' thrashin' ye'll git otherwise, say nothin' about th' lookin' glass an' ornaminta meself and the missis broke."

The Pure Food Law

Secretary Wilson says "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven as no mention of them is made on the label. The remedy is not only one of the safest but one of the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by all druggists.

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OUTDOOR CANADA FOR JANUARY

The January number of Outdoor Canada appears with an attractive two color cover typical of Canada's winter season, and an index page laden with titles of good things. Among the leading articles is the story of a Musk-Ox hunt, entertainingly told by that king among explorers of Canada's north land, J. W. Tyrrell. John T. Hall of Medicine Hat writes of a Christmas Broncho Busting—a form of entertainment arranged for the benefit of the Medicine Hat General hospital, and furnishing before its conclusion at least one additional patient for that institution. A gripping tale of the Northern Ontario woods comes from the pen of Pollough Pogue in The Ombabika Pack, accompanying which is a clever frontispiece illustration by Arthur Heming, the well known Canadian artist—The Timber Wolf. Roden Kingsmill discusses sport in his usual breezy style, Montreal's winter carnival gets a pen picture as well as several illustration and the regular departments of the magazine are well represented. The number is in every way a most creditable one,—showing that the new management is determined to make of Outdoor Canada what it has right to be—an ever increasingly interesting and successful magazine.

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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 Lot in the name of Charles P. Hill, which certificate of title is dated the 19th day of April 1898, and numbered 715K.

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REGARDING THE BAR-ROOM

If more liquor is sold where there are no saloons than where there are, would brewers, distillers, and wholesale dealers, who own about seventy-five per cent of all saloons, pay license rent, taxes, insurance, attorney's fees and contribute large sums of money to influence the press, to publish and distribute literature and in other ways to obtain license, all to lessen the amount of their sales,

Would the liquor men now be maintaining five national organizations at heavy expense, to oppose all prohibitory measures, if such measures did not interfere with the traffic? Would they keep an expensive lobby at the national capital to urge the restoration of the canteen or army saloon if they were not at all financially interested?

Are beer wagons and "speak easies" and "blind pigs" and liquor agents alone, worse than all these evils plus the open saloon? Do not the records of hundreds of towns show that saloons do not lessen these nuisances, but acord additional temptation to drink, and are the spawning place of the most degrading vices?

How do saloons help a town? Do they make better fathers, husbands, sons or brothers? Do they make mothers, wives and children comfortable and happy? Do they help to build up churches and make it easy for the parents to keep the children in school?

Do not saloons mean drunkenness, and does not drunkenness mean less steady ad less skilful labor? Do not sober men work more and retain their earning capacity longer than drinking men? Do not the insurance companies say that an abstainer is from 30 to 40 per cent better risk than a drinker? Will not the business of a town be determined by the amount of goods which its citizens can buy and pay for? Is not the purchasing capacity of a man limited to his earning capacity?

Do not sober men as a rule earn more than drinking men, and do not their families consume more and therefore help business. Is the credit of a drinking man as good as that of an abstainer; if not, why?

Do not all political economists agree that the morals of a bread winner are fully as important a factor in his value to the community as his physical and intellectual qualities? Can a man buy beer and beef with the same money? Who pays the license and all the other expenses of the saloon keeper?

Who would that money go to if it did not go for liquor?

If it is such a disgraceful thing to sell liquor that you do not wish to associate with the man that does it, is it a good thing for you to vote for him to do a bad thing? If it is a bad thing to be a drunkard is it a good thing to license men to make drunkards? If a saloon is a good thing, why do those who patronize it desire to be shielded from view by screens while they do so, and why must it be kept away from churches and schools and out of residence districts?

Is there anything in logic, morals, reason, religion or common sense which says that the church should throw down her arms and strike her colors when sin forms a political alliance? Christ came not to regulate the works of the devil but to destroy them. Is it not enough for Chirstians that they be as their Lord?

Is it right to vote for a thing which no decent man can defend?

Is not the license system the strong tower to which the traffic doth resort in its every time of need? Is it not "the revenue which it pays" which is always mentioned by the trade when the evil is on trial for its life? Is not the license the most dangerous and deceptive expedient yet tried to defer or defeat the overthrow of the traffic?

If a thing is so demoralizing that it must be prohibited on Sundays and election days, and so dangerous that it must be forbidden in case of riots, fires or other occasions of great excitement, ought it to be permitted at any time?

Is the government more zealous of revenue than of justice? Shall we prohibit the slaughter of buffaloes and license the butchery of babies? Shall not the cry of the child and the mother be poured into the ear of the State, which is the ballot box, and the power of moral suasion be supplemented by the strong arm of the law? Are the devil and his minions weighing our arguments or counting out votes?

"Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by law?"—(Psalm 94, 20.)—Pioneer.

HISTORY OF CANADIAN JOURNALISM

Everyone who is interested in the history of *Canada* will welcome a new book "A History of Canadian Journalism" which has just been issued. The volume which furnishes in permanent form the first complete history of the press in Canada, covers a great deal of ground not covered by any other book extant in Canada. The reader as he peruses its pages is continually surprised to find in it hitherto unpublished sidelights on the careers of our public men, as well as full and first hand information regarding our great journalists and our great newspapers. Altogether it is one of the most valuable historical works which has appeared in Canada.

Not only is the mater fresh and interesting and important but the style throughout is quite equal to the best. This will be better appreciated when it is stated that the contributors include Goldwin Smith, Dr. Colquhoun, Deputy Minister of Education for Ontario; John Reade, F. R. S. C., Montreal Gazette; Arthur Wallis of the Toronto Mail and Empire; J. E. B. McCready, Charlottetown Guardian; J. P. Robertson, Winnipeg, R. Sellar, Huntingdon Gleaner; J. K. McInnes, Regina Leader; J. W. Bengough, Toronto and R. E. Gosnell of Vancouver.

One portion of the book presents an exceedingly interesting history of the Canadian Press Association, in honor f whose fiftieth birthday the book was first produced, with other sections devoted to the press in each of the provinces.

The book includes 268 pages with over 40 half tone portraits of prominent journalists. Typographically the book is very pleasing with its large type, heavy paper with rough edges and gilt top, and its handsome cloth binding. Orders may be sent in care of John R. Bone, Secretary Canadian Press Association, Daily Star, Toronto. The price is $2 a copy, postage 15 cents extra.

WAGE EARNERS PROSPER

Where No Bar Rooms Absorb Their Earnings

In a Scott Act campaign last month the Moncton Daily Transcript struck some sledge hammer blows against the liquor traffic and among the interesting items of information which it supplied to its readers was the following statement, which needs no comment to make it impressive:

Moncton city gave a crushing answer to the fallacious argument that the absence of the license saloon mars the prosperity of a community.

Moncton City has on its assessment list more than six hundred wage earners who own the houses in which they reside.

This estimate excludes all business men, employers of labor, professional men, etc., and only includes those ordinarily classied as wage earning working men.

At the last Dominion elections there were cast in Moncton city 2245 votes, which votes were based on virtually manhood franchise. There are some 1,244 property holders in Moncton, and over 600, or 50 per cent of these are wage earners.

It is doubtful if any city of its size in Canada has so many workingmen owning the houses in which they live as does Moncton. The percentage of houses owned by the workingmen here is phenomenal.

The workingmen and wage earners of Moncton have prospered without the saloon.

They have built their homes, they own their own residences, they maintain their families in comfort, they educate their children: despite their being deprived of the saloon or the licensed bar.

If a Scott Act city or town without a liquor license does not prosper will the advocates of license explain why six hundred of the wage earners of Moncton city own their own houses in which they reside?

Moncton city has been nearly thirty years without a licensed saloon, and such is the ecconomic record

The workingmen of Moncton are known as a rule to be industrious, sober and thrifty. There is much less drunkenness in their ranks than in those of any licensed town. Their property accummulation, their savings in the banks, and their payments to benevolent societies are all factors which challenge the admiration of students and economists.

If the license saloon had existed every few doors on Main street, and occasionally in the residential districts during the past twenty nine pears, enticing men therin to spend their wages, does any sane man for one moment believe that the showing in property would be approximately so splendid?

Business men and wage earners,—study these facts and let well enough alone. Can you afford to run the risk of marring this recoerd of prosperity by voting for license and voting against the Scott act.—The Pioneer.

MINING INSTITUTE

GREENWOOD, Jan. 25.—The fourth general meeting of the western branch of the Canadian mining institute was opened in the court house this afternoon.

In the unavoidable absence of A. B. W. Hodges chairman of the branch, the meeting was presided over by S. S. Fowler, Rondel.

The visiting members were welcomed by Mayor Bunting, alderman Dickson and Government Agent McMynn. After routine business had been disposed of committees were selected as follows to draft resolutions: first, congratulating R. W. Brock on his appointment as director of the geological survey; second, endorsing the proposal to apply to the Dominion government for monetary aid to the Nelson electric zinc smelter; third, expressing appreciation of the action of the provincial government in having assisted the same industry.

A suggestion was made that the provincial government be requested to subsidie the western branch of the institute as it already does farmers' institutes.

After a short session the meeting adjourned to to-morrow morning when several papers will be read and discussed. Later the visitors will be taken to the British Columbia Copper company's smelting works and the Mother Lode mine.

To-night they are being entertained to a dance by the Greenwood Cinderella club.

REMARKABLE COMBAT.

A Battle to the Death Between a Donkey and a Wolf.

A combat of most unusual character occurred near Paso del Norte, Mexico. The participants were a burro, or little Mexico donkey, and a wolf of a very large species, known as the lobo. During the night his burroship had broken out of the stable and wandered several miles out into the country. His owner, going to seek him, was an eyewitness to his fight with the wolf and thus described it:

"My burro was quietly grazing in a little grassy dell lying between two walls of jutting, ragged rock when the wolf came trotting along with his head close to the ground, as if trying to trail something—this being characteristic of that species. He did not see Dandy—as I call my burro—until he was nearly on him, and it was not till then that, raising his head, the latter saw the wolf. The moment they set eyes on each other I could see that a fight would surely follow. The wolf, with his jaws snapping and growling ferociously, made at Dandy, who wheeled sharply around and let fly with his heels, tumbling his enemy over and over and nearly pounding the life from him. This performance was repeated again and again until the wolf seemed to realize that the job on hand was decidedly more than he had bargained for. The last contact of Dandy's heels had sent him with a crash against the hard rocks that walled in the dell and stunned him for a minute or two. So, on recovering, he changed his tactics. Running up to Dandy, he waited until those terrible heels were elevated in the air, when, jumping around with surprising agility, he dodged the kick and made for his antagonist's throat. The latter, however, was on the lookout, and the lobo found that the burro's other end was also armed for battle. Before he could fasten on any part of the lively animal he was caught at the back of his ears by a set of powerful teeth, and in a second his neck was broken. Notwithstanding the fact that the wolf was killed instantly, Dandy held on to him and occupied himself for several minutes with beating his vanquished foe's body up and down on the ground. Then, feeling satisfied that life was extinct, he dropped the carcass, and upon calling him he followed me home as though nothing had happened to disturb his equanimity. After the boys heard the story they unanimously agreed that he was indeed a 'dandy.'"

Fat Babies Out of Fashion.

The fat baby is at a discount. He s no longer the admiration of his ond mother and the envy of other babies' mothers.

At the Edmonton Baby Show the nedical officer of health, Dr. Lawence, refused to have the babies veighed. The fat, pasty baby had not chance.

The Edmonton church schools were he scene of the conflict. A row of arriages was drawn up outside the loor, but they were baby carriages—perambulators, mailcarts and even a mall wheelbarrow. Inside the hall mighty roar greeted the casual isitor. It was not the babies crying—they were in the best of spirits—ut the mothers genially discussing he merits of their respective treaures.

One mother, the proudest woman n the room, sat in state on a large hair, with beautiful triplet girls on er knee.

Several lots of twins were to be een, and a pretty little couple dressd in pink would certainly have won he prize for the best complexions if ne had been offered.

Each baby was labeled with its nother's name and address, the date f its birth, and the food it had been rought up on.

Dr. Lawrence, who organized the how, considers these exhibitions to e one of the most radical remedies or high infantile mortality.

The babies to be prize-winners nust have "well-developed and traight bones, a bright color and a eneral appearance of health." Exessively fat and flabby babies have ot a chance in competing.

A Question of Sharpness.

"Best value in the world—2s. 6d. post free from Scrapem, Steele & Jo."—thus ran the advertisement. "Gentlemen," wrote Mr. S. Ponger, 'I have pleasure in inclosing postal order for 2s. 6d. Plese send me one of your razors by return. P.S.—As I don't possess 2s. 6d. at the present moment, I cannot send it. However, I have no doubt you will send the razor. In a large concern like yours one postal order more or less will not count." "Dear sir," replied Messrs. S., S. & Co., "we beg to forward you the razor and thank you for your esteemed patronage. P.S.—Our packer has carelessly forgotten to inclose the razor. To one with such a cheek as yours, however, one razor more or less will not count."

Measuring the Complexion.

The color of the hair, eyes and skin is measured by a new instrument—a simplified Lovibond tintometer—devised by J. Gray. The observer looks at the object under test through a tube and interposes Lovibond's standard color glasses in front of a white surface at one side of the aperture until the glasses transmit a color exactly corresponding to that of the hair, eyes or skin. The exact composition of the color is then obtained from the readings on the standard glasses.

An All Around Calamity.

A gentleman invited some friends to dinner, and as the colored servant entered the room he accidentally dropped a platter which held a turkey.

"My friends," said the gentleman in a most impressive tone, "never in my life have I witnessed an event so fraught with disaster to the various nations of the globe. In this calamity we see the downfall of Turkey, the upsetting of Greece, the destruction of China and the humiliation of Africa."

NOTICE

Notice to all organized labor, and friends of organized labor: Keep away from the McClure Mines at Tasker, 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.

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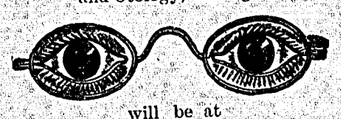

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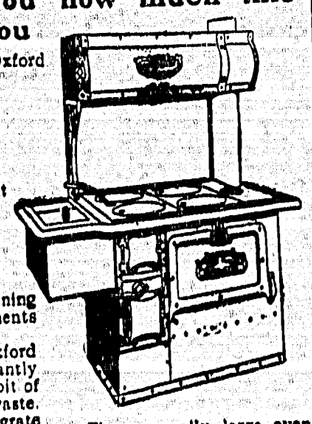

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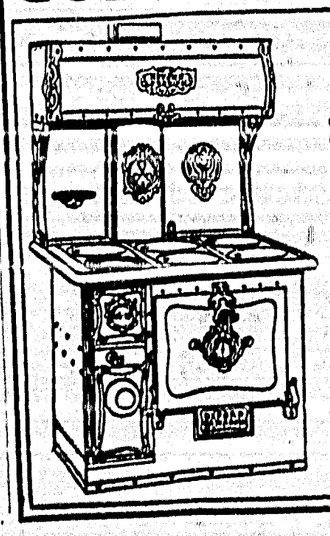

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CLUB LICENSES

Important Legislation Being Considered

VICTORIA, Jan. 26—The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was continued this afternoon by G. R. Naden, Greenwood; Dr. W. T. Kergin, Skeena and J. M. Yorston ,Cariboo, for the opposition and W. H. Hayward, Cowichan, for the government. A. E. McPhillips, K. C., the Island, moved the adjournment of the debate.

The opposition speakers devoted their remarks mainly to a review of the conditions in their respective constituencies. Mr. Yorston in a quaintly humorous speech kept the house in roars of laughter as he told of the work of the government road builders. Mr. Hayward's speech was notable for a vigorous attack upon the government's present fiscal policy in so far as the rural municipalities were concerned. He dealt principally with the question of the cost of school maintenance and alleged that under existing conditions, whereby personal property, income and poll taxes, all went into the provincial treasury, rural municipalities were unfairly handicapped, and the application of present school law was a failure so far as rural municipalities are concerned. The same speaker dealing with the liquor license law, said that in his opinion, what was absolutely necessary to-day was the appointment of one or more inspectors whose duty it would be to examine and analyze all liquor offered for sale and he believed that much of the stuff offered for sale was doctored and poisonous.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow, finance minister, presented a return of the special warrants signed by the lieutenant governor together with the expenditure thereon between May 1908, and Jan. 25 1909, which showed that the warrants amounted to a total of $707,750, of which $229,558.39 had been already expended.

Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney general, introduced a bill as follows: An act to authorize a revision of the statutes of British Columbia and an act to license clubs to sell intoxicating liquors. The main provisions of the latter bill are as follows: No liquor shall be sold or supplied by any society, association or club, whether incorporated or not incorporated, or by any member, officer or servant thereof, to any member of such society, association or club or to any person on the premises of said association, society or club, unless a license for the sale of liquor by such society, association or club has been duly issued as hereinafter provided.

A license to be known as a "Club License" shall upon application therefor, accompanied by the consent in the writing of the attorney general, be issued at any time by the superintendent of provincial police to any such society, association or club which is not by its charter of incorporation, or otherwise, prohibited from selling liquor to the members thereof, upon payment of a fee of $100. Such license shall remain in force until December 31 next ensuing and shall authorize the sale of liquor by the society, association or club, its officers or servants to any member of said society, association or club, or to any person bona fide entitled to the privileges thereof. The provisions of the Liquor License act of 1900 and of the Liquor Traffic Regulation act, not expressly applicable to such societies, associations or clubs, shall not apply thereto. Nothing in this act contained shall authorize the sale of liquor upon the premises of any society, association or club to any person who is not of the full age of 21 years. The superintendent of provincial police or any person authorized by him in writing so to do may at any time enter upon and inspect the premises and books of the society, association or club licensed under the provisions of the act. The attorney general may at any time cancel any license issued under the provisions of this act when it is made to appear to him that the society, association or club, or its members, officers or servants have violated any provision of this act, or that the society, association or club is not being conducted in a proper manner.

W. R. Ross K.C., Fernie, has been chosen government whip in succession to Hon. Thomas Taylor, now minister of public works.

PRESSURE OF ROCKY MOUNTAINS IS HIS EXPLANATION

In connection with the recent earthquake on the Pacific coast a professor of McGill university who is deeply interested in seismic phenomena stated that the occurrence of an earthquake in that region would not be at all surprising.

"While the science of seismology is still in its infancy," he said, "and none of us can speak with any certainty on it, still we know that such disturbances are due to the gradual cooling off and shrinkage of the surface of the earth. As the great planet shrinks in size the great planet has to accommodate itself to the diminishing body and a certain amount of shaking in and crumbling results from this adjustment. This very often, in fact nearly always occurs at the base of some huge mountain or range of mountains which by their weight place a great strain on the crust, causing it finally to cave in when the support of the central portion of the earth is withdrawn owing to shrinkage.

"Out on the coast there you have the huge range of the Rockies, one of the greatest ranges in the world, and the pressure with which they rest on the surface of the earth is enormous. Supposing the slightest shrinkage has occurred under the crust of the earth in a district where such mountains stand, then this enormous pressure simply breaks up the hollow crust and you have an earthquake.

"As for the reports that the earth moved several inches at Seattle," continued the professor, "I find it extremely difficult to give credence to any such statement. It is more than likely that it results from unscientific observation. The instruments which the scientists have now at their disposal for measuring the extent of the earthquakes and tremors show that the usual amount of vertical movement is only about two millimetres or about one twelfth of an inch."— Montreal Star.

SNOWSLIDE CAUSES FOUR DEATHS

GRAND JUNCTION, Col., Jan. 24.—Four men were killed and more than a score had narrow escapes from sudden death when a fifty foot high avalanche of snow swept over the Camp Bird mine at Ouray late yesterday.

The four men were talking in the cook house yesterday, when almost without warning the thousands of tons of rock, dirt and snow came upon them in its frenzied rush from the mountain side. They were hurled into the canyon and covered with snow. It will be midsummer before the bodies can be recovered.

Caught in the steep mountain trails by the blizzard which raged all day are eight six horse teams and the Camp Bird bullion stage carrying $6000 in gold and many passengers. It is feared that they were in the path of the slide and great anxiety is felt for their safety. The men who escaped narrowly were working in the mine. The shaft building was not in the path of the slide but was close enough to tremble as the avalanche thundered by.

A teamster saw the slide coming, and unhitched one of his horses and escaped on its back, the slide missing him by only a few inches. Dad Austin the hero of many a wild ride through the mountains and one of the oldest stage drivers in the west, heard the slide when it started. He was driving a six horse stage filled with people and when the horses were plunging along at a gallop he recognized the sound, instantly threw all his weight on the brake and succeeded in stopping the stage on the very verge of the avalanche. Two of the leading horses were cut off by the mass of snow and debris and carried down the canyon hundreds of feet below. The camp of the Ansfelder freight camp was completely wiped out. Forty or more horses were carried into the canyon and buried.

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GLASGOW, Jan. 28—The Canadian curlers at Crossmyloff to-day won the first out of three international test matches against Scotland with a score of 112 to 70. The trophy in this competition has been donated by Lord Strathcona.

BAYNES

The Fortnightly club met with Mrs. E. H. H. Stanley on Friday night and the meeting was a very successful one new life being given to our program by the addition of some young people from Waldo. Following is the program:

Solo: Mr. Lamb.
Reading, Mr. Fenson.
Recitation: Miss Gray.
Sam Weller's Valentine: Mr. D. W. Hart.
Paper: The Owl; Mr. Dan Curry.
Humorous reminiscences of the Boer war: Mr. Hobbins.
Duet: Messrs Green and Fenson.
Recitation: Forugner's Views of the Statue: Mrs. Hart.
Original remarks, Mr. Louis Fitch.

Mr. O. J. Johnson, an electrician from Spokane is having a house built at Kootonia. Mr. S. J. Morrow is doing the work.

Invitations are out for a farewell party to Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis of Waldo. It will be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robey on the 27th.

Mrs. J. D. Aye was calling on friends in the new addition Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ross, Mrs. Clemens and Mr. Barter took tea with Mr. and Mrs. Hart on Sunday night.

Mr. H. L. Crate is at work on his new house on Kootonia tracts.

Messrs. Bailey and Barret gave a bachelor dinner the other day and it is appalling the number of bachelors that were present.

The land agent reported the sale of so many tracts of land to young women, and the only way Dame Gossip can figure it out is that they must have sent their substitutes. Those young men probably believe with the author who said:

"Bachelor's Hall, what a queer looking place it is
Keep me from such all the days of my life.
Ah me, what a burning disgrace it is
Never at all to be getting a wife."

MICHEL

Have you seen the ghost? That's the latest now in Michel, No. 8 mine. We have been treated during the last week to a most amusing ghost story, which was supposed to wander around the mine in the form of a woman. It was on pay night that the wierd ghost first made her appearance, and was supposed to have been seen by some of the night repairers, who no doubt had indulged a little too freely during the day of Dame Liquor. Anyhow the ghost was the chief subject spoken of in the wash house during the week, and a good many were so scared that they intended drawing their time, until the welcome news was brought to the wash house on Friday night that the ghost had been captured by the brave driver boss and was kicked out of the mine to draw her time. It was a ghost of a woman after this pay—perhaps it will be the ghost of a donkey after next pay.

A sad case of suicide came to light on Friday last when it became known that Mike Simon, a Hungarian had been found dead hanging by the neck behind his shack door in Newton. A coroner's inquest was held on Saturday when a letter left by the deceased was read which showed that his wife, who was in the old country, had been unfaithful to him. He also desired that for the future his children should be looked after by their grandmother. Mike, who had been a long time in this town, was well liked by all who knew him. The jury returned a verdict of suicide while temporarily insane. The funeral took place on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster of Sparwood were in town on Saturday.

L. P. Eckstein of Fernie was in town on Saturday.

J. H. McMullin of Fernie was in town on Saturdya.

The banquet and dance held by the Michel Burns club on Monday night, the 25th inst., was one of the best ever held in Michel. About 200 persons sat down to do justice to the good things that had been provided. Mr. Frank Campbell presided and after giving the company Burns' grace before meals the following menu was handed out:

Scotch Haggis
Braised Veal and Spiced Beef
Boiled ha mand Pickles
Fruit Salad
Cakes assorted.
Tea and coffee
Fruit, wines, special Scotch whiskey, old Port wine, Three Star brandy German Lager beer.

A toast to his (Burns) immortal memory was drunk. The Michel orchestra played some fine selections in the evening. The chairman gave Burns' grace after meals after which the following musical program was carried out:

Song: Star of Burns; Mr. James McLeod.
Song: Village Blacksmith: Mr. A. Bastian.
Song: For the Nou (encored. Mr. J. Hotten.
Recitation: The man who was made to mourn: Mr. D. McDonald.
Violin solo: Blue Bells of Scotland—Mr. Joe Bonner.
Song: Southern Home (encored) — Mr. W. Ridley.
Song: The Football Match:— Mr. Stewart.
Song: The Campbells Are Coming.—Miss Jack.
Song: Bonnie Mary of Argyle: Mr. J. Mather, encored.
Duet: The Rowan Tree (encored)—Miss Jack and Mr. Stewart.

At 11.30 the dancing part of the programme was started which was kept up until 5.30 next morning, when the most enjoyable time came to a close with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Mr. Walter Moody of Frank was in town on Sunday on a visit to his parents.

A. M. Morrison of Coleman has been in town during tre week organizing the order of Eagles. The lodge is expected to start next month about 70 having already put their names in for membership.

E. Scentore of Calgary was in town on Tuesday.

H. H. Sharp of Spokane was in town on Tuesday.

A grand lime light lecture entitled A Trip to Klondike was delivered on Tuesday night at the Methodist church by the Rev. Robert Hughes, which was well attended. The lecture lasted about two hours during which time Mr. Hughes took the audience right to the Klondike and back.

The regular meeting of the K. P's was held on Wednesday last when the installation of the following newly elected officers took place:—E. K. Stewart, C. C., J. A. Murray, V. C., H. F. Weber, K. F. R. S., Tim Truan M. W., W. J. Mast, P. G., B. Steadman M. F. and M. E., W. Hewitt I. G., J. A. Martin O. G.

Roughead's living picture show was well patronized on Tuesday night.

The Church of England was again opened on Sunday last. It comes as welcome news to the people of Michel to hear that services will be held there on every Sunday night for the future. It is a great pity that the sacred house has been closed for such a long time. The Rev. C. Crowther has been appointed curate in charge. He occupied the pulpit for the first time on Sunday night and delivered a most stirring sermon.

We are soon to have a musical treat in Michel by the children of the Methodist church who are now practising a pretty canata under the able direction of their conductor, the Rev. Mr. Cook.

The Coal company had the misfortune to lose one of their most valuable horses on Monday night in No. 5 mine.

Mush is on the war path again trying once more to win a home. What will the lady in Vancouver say?

Mr. Joe Thomas, pitboss of No. 5 mine is resigning his position on the 31st inst.

Bennie is getting his name up these days as an Irish jigger. Why don't you buy clogs, Jim?

COLEMAN.

D. Evans of Pincher Creek visited Coleman on Tuesday.

John Sousus made a business trip to Fernie and Michel on Monday's local.

D. L. McPhee of Royal City was the guest of O. W. Benedict on Sunday.

Mr. McPhee reports business good in the new city of the plains.

D. J. Lewis, who has been spending the past few weeks at the Union hospital, is now out again and is able to get around by the aid of a pair of crutches. The fractures in his leg have healed very rapidly and he expects to take his place soon at the mine.

Robert Holmes of Burton City, B.C. is visiting his sitesr, Miss Holmes, at the boarding house. Mr. Holmes was formerly a resident of Coleman, but moved last April with his family to the far famed fruit growing regions of the Kootenays. Mr. Holmes reports prosperity in the district where he has made his new home.

The smoker for the benefit of the hockey team at the opera house on Saturday night was well attended and a good time was reported by those present.

Rev. Father De Wilde went to Michel on Monday.

D. F. Hughes, general merchant of Crows Nest transacted buisness in Coleman on Tuesday.

C. P. Willmott has been laid up for a week or more with a severe cold.

The International Coal and Coke Co. made a record day at the mines on Wednesday. They loaded 2500 tons of coal.

H. C. McBirney of Calgary visited Coleman last week.

F. H. Smith of Nelson B. C., route agent for the Dominion Express Company was in Coleman on Friday.

Two new passenger coaches and a baggage car passed through Coleman on Friday on their way to McGillivray. They are the property of the Eastern B. C. Railway and will be used to accomniodate the passenger trade on that company's line which runs from McGillivray to Corbin.

Quite a number of Coleman's hotel keepers, butchers, etc., are putting up a supply of ice. The ice was never better than it is this year, thanks to the forty and fifty degrees below zero weather which we had a short time ago.

J. B. Millar of Pincher Creek was a Coleman visitor on Tuesday.

W. J. Lightheart of Lundbreck was in Coleman on Monday looking for more plastering contracts.

Charles Longhurst of Nelson B. C. is in town and is staying at the Coleman.

H. W. Sharpe of Spokane is registered at the Coleman.

Wm. Wartston of Vancouver, who is selling the Fraser Heights division of New Westminster is stopping at the Grand Union. He reports business as good.

Alex. McKinnon returned a few days ago from Glace N. S., where he had been visiting under the parental roof for several months. Alex says that times are slow and that work is scare in the far east. He is glad to get back to the west again.

O. W. Benedict left last night on a trip to Nelson and to the Okanagan. He will probably be away for a week.

The Coleman Recreation and Debating club held its opening meeting on Tuesday night with a fair attendance present. The vice president occupied the chair during the former part of the meeting and after some routine business had been transacted a good program of about an hour and a half's length was listened to. Notice should be made of two solos by Mr. Hayson for which he received a special vote of thanks from the audience. S. Aitcheson, principal of the Coleman public school delivered an address on the educational advantages of debating, and was listened to with special attention. The evening on the whole was enjoyably spent by all who attended.

The hockey game at Moyie with the Moyie team on Wednesday night which resulted in a tie 3-3. This is the first game that Coleman has played away from home this year. They expect to play with team in Fernie on Friday night. The aggregation is a particularly strong one and it is said that in the last half of the game the play was very fast. The Coleman line up follows:

Goal: H. Grady.
Point: A. J. White.
Cover: Spence Lewis.
Center: W. Bawlf.
Right wing: Alex. Grisack.
Left wing: B. M. Stitt.

D. J. McIntyre representing the managing committee accompanied the team. A. McKenzie and R. H. Evans went as extra men.

A. Mutz of Fernie was a Coleman visitor Thursday.

F. Whitnay of Lethbridge called on Coleman Merchants on Thursday.

MERRITT

A meeting was held in Menzie's hall on Saturday night to form a voluntary fire brigade, appointing G. Hygh as fire warden. Another meeting will be held on Monday.

The Grand hotel is now open for boarders.

The hockey match between Middlesboro and Merritt resulted in a tie.

The miners of Merritt and Middlesboro are working in conjunction to start a co-operative store. J. Galvin, vice-president of district 18, attended a meeting of Middlesboro union to settle the grievances, but other business prevented him from remaining.

Dan Beaton arrived from the coast and is now working at the Diamond Vale.

There is a chinook wiud in the valley and everybody is smiling even the cattle in the fields.

James McCulloch of Fernie arrived on Fridays train and is working at the Diamond Vale.

Abel Warn and W. Stanton arrived from a trip to the coast on Friday's train.

At the meeting of the volunteer fire brigade held on Tuesday night it was decided to raise money by subscription to sink large wells and to secure hose piping.

J. Travers of Vancouver has secured a position in the Diamond Vale office.

Bob Boyd has taken over the Diamond Vale boarding house.

The local members of the order of K. of P. are working to start a lodge in Merritt.

Tom Bennett starts to work for the Herald first of the month.

A strong committee of the miners union is working to start a co-operative store in Merritt and Middlesboro.

Rod McKenzie has gone up to Joe Graham's camp.

Alex. Hoggan reports every room in his hotel is full. Well what about his license?

There is considerable agitation to have the site for the new school changed.

A lady of unknown age and character arrived on Monday's train and all the stage have gone crazy.

A bazaar will be held in Merritt in the near future. One lady was seen making some fancy work while the old man was mending his pants.

CORBIN

Corbin is a new mining camp situated about 14 miles from the famous loop of the Crows Nest branch of the C. P. R. It is supposed to be owned by the Spokane International Railway and controlled by O. C. Corbin, one of Spokane's leading millionaires. About 125 men are employed. Just at the commencement of winter a number of men were laid off and were encouraged to hang around the camp in the expectation of being re-employed after while. The only boarding house in the camp is run under the auspices of the company, $1 per day being charged for board, the men finding their own bedding, soap and towels.

After the men who were laid off had exhausted their savings in paying for board they were ordered out of camp and several of them tried to get to Michel in the bitter weather we experienced in the early part of this month with the result that several of them were badly frost bitten in the endeavor and were picked up by the railway section men.

There is no road into Corbin except by the railroad and it was blocked by snow, and no effort appeared to be made by the company to clear the track. The food supply having begun to run out some of the men came over the snow into Michel picking up some of their frozen comrades by the wayside, and wired to the Hon. Richard McBride, premier of British Columbia, acquainting him of the situation. Mr. McBride instructed the C. P. R. to send a relief train at once. The snow plow was put to work and the track cleared in two days. However the men have had to pay the $1 per day for board, grub or no grub.

Can the public wonder if some of those miners at Corbin turn revolutionists and emphasize their protest by voting the Socialist ticket.

The Pure Food Law

Secretary Wilson says "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven as no mention of them is made on the label. The remedy is not only one of the safest but one of the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by all druggists.

Seeds of Jealousy.

By COLIN S. COLLINS.

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Jimmie Blatchford sprang to his feet to greet Marcia as she entered, but the gravity of the girl's face arrested the greeting that hung upon his lips, and instead he gasped.

"What's the matter?" he cried when he had found his voice. "Is it anything serious—some of the family ill?"

"There is no illness in the family," said Marcia coldly.

"Then why this funereal countenance?" demanded Blatchford. "Here I am, just back from the west, and you don't even say 'How d'ye do?' Didn't you get my letters every day, or what is the matter?"

"I was induced to visit a motion picture performance yesterday," began Marcia, "I believe that they are called nickel theaters."

"I've heard the phonographs outside," murmured Jimmie. "If the pictures are as bad as the music your look of woe is explained. How did you come to patronize such a place?"

"It was curiosity," explained Marcia. "I happened to meet Belle Brewster and George Taylor and Henry Towne. Belle is perfectly crazy over the absurd motion pictures, and they were on their way to one of those places. I foolishly let myself be persuaded to go with them. They had a picture of you on the screen."

"That is flattering!" cried Jimmie mockingly. "I find you looking as if the end of the world was near, and you explain that you saw me in the motion pictures, which accounts for your state of depression."

"It was taken at the shore last summer," said Marcia meaningly.

"I admit that I am not a dream of beauty in a bathing suit," said Jimmie, with a smile, "but I did not know that I was almost fatal to the beholder."

"You were entirely dressed," interrupted Marcia. "You had on that gray suit I liked so much and the tie I gave

"YOU'D BETTER GET THE LICENSE ANYWAY."

you for Easter, the one you said you never would wear except when you were with me."

"And I never did," said Jimmie promptly. "Only the thought of being with you would tempt me to wear that circus necktie. What else did I have?"

"A girl," said Marcia explosively—"a girl who looked like an actress. You had your arm about her waist, and you were kissing her, and the people walking along the beach stopped and laughed at you, and suddenly you saw them and got up and ran away."

"And here's where I get the engagement ring and my letters back, and you tell me that I have destroyed your faith in the honor of men just because some motion picture actor happens to look like me."

"It was you," insisted Marcia. "There can be no possibility of a mistake."

"I'm from Missouri," declared Jimmie. "Would you mind taking me to the place where I can be confronted with the evidence of my perfidy?"

"Since you will not admit your guilt," said Marcia coldly, "I do not see how you can deny the picture when you must recall the circumstances."

"Please," said Jimmie pleadingly, and Marcia nodded an assent. The Nickelodeon was but a few blocks away, and presently they had paid an admission and had passed into the darkened hall.

For half an hour they sat there watching the flickering pictures thrown against the screen of whitewashed wall; then Marcia turned to Jimmie.

"We must have seen all the pictures," she said, with embarrassment. "This seems to be the place I was in yesterday, but I recognize none of those pictures. I hope you do not think I"—

"I think you are unfamiliar with picture theaters," said Jimmie, with a laugh. "Wait here a moment."

He slipped away in the darkness, and Marcia closed her tired eyes to shut out the tiresome flicker.

She felt more miserable than ever. Jimmie's attitude had somewhat shaken her confidence in the identification, and now she had even failed to prove her case with him. Presently a hand rested on her arm, and she opened her eyes.

"Slip out," said Jimmie. "I have solved the mystery in part. The same people come here every day, so they change the pictures each morning. The proprietor says there's a regular circuit, and he told me where I can find our scandalous film."

He hailed a street car, and a ten minute ride brought them to another place almost exactly like the first. One of the first things to greet their eyes was a huge sign reading, "By the Sad Sea Waves—Very Comic."

"I'm glad some one sees humor in the situation," said Jimmie grimly as he laid a ten cent piece on the cashier's shelf and led Marcia through the door. They had not long to wait, and Jimmie gasped as Marcia convulsively pressed his arm. A girl and a man were sitting on the sand in the shade of a huge umbrella. Oblivious of a gathering crowd, the two billed and cooed until a well directed pebble hit the sunshade and attracted their attention to the audience in the rear.

The man was so exactly like himself that Jimmie stared in fascination. Then he sought the box office, where two men were counting money.

"I want to make some inquiry about that film just shown," said Jimmie as he attracted the attention of one of the men.

"I've nothing to do with the pictures," was the surly response. The other man turned.

"I'm the man who makes them. Want to hire the service?" he asked eagerly. "We get all the big French stuff before any one else. We're the most up to date, and we get the crowd every time."

"I am merely curious about the picture 'By the Sad Sea Waves,'" explained Jimmie. The man grinned.

"Friend of yours?" he asked. "Great sell, wasn't it? It was made to order for a chap. He wanted to spring it at a bachelor dinner to the other fellow. He got us a suit of the chap's clothes, even to shirt and shoes. The picture stood him $200, but he said it was worth it. He let us use it for exhibition too."

"You don't happen to know the man's name, do you?" coaxed Jimmie.

"Sure," was the prompt response. "It was something like a city. It wasn't Villa; no, it was Towne. That's it. He's a broker chap. What? I say, you're the chap they took off! Towne said there wasn't no come-back. It was all a joke."

"It is a joke—on Towne," said Jimmie steadily. "You need apprehend no trouble in the matter. I thank you for your courtesy."

He turned to find Marcia at his elbow.

"Take me out of here, Jimmie," she said softly. "I was an idiot to fall so easily into Henry Towne's trap. He wanted to cut you out. That was his object."

"And he counted upon your freezing into icy silence and offering no explanation," said Jimmie understandingly. "Now, let's get home. I've seen enough pictures for one evening, and I guess you have. Let's walk. It is not very far. I want a chance to cool off."

"What are you going to do about it?" asked the girl curiously as they sought a more quiet thoroughfare.

"Three things," explained Jimmie. "I'm going to fire my man for letting Towne have my clothes; I am going to call on Towne—never mind that—and I'm going to get a license tomorrow and marry you before they can spring any more photographic seeds of jealousy on us."

"I think," said Marcia softly, "that in future the seeds will fall on barren ground, Jimmie, but—you'd better get the license anyway."

Women of Ancient Egypt.

Women always stood on a level with men in ancient Egypt, unlike the custom of other eastern countries. They were allowed to rule as queens as early as the second dynasty. Their palaces were of brick adorned with gorgeously painted walls, rich carpets, rugs of fur, ivory and ebony chairs and couches. Till the end of the eighteenth century there was little change in feminine attire, which consisted of a fine linen garment, extending from shoulder to ankle, supported by straps over the shoulders. Colored robes were not frequently worn. Gay plumage was left to the men. Women contented themselves with blackening their eyebrows, letting their hair down and decking themselves with innumerable rings, chains and bracelets.

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On the mighty deep.

The surface of the sea rose and fell with sickening monotony. The great ocean liner rolled and pitched.

The young bride covered her pallid countenance with her hands.

"Harry," she faltered, "do you still love me?"

"My darling, more than ever!" vowed her compassionate spouse.

An eloquent silence.

The surface of the sea rose and fell with sickening monotony. The great ocean liner rolled and pitched.

"Harry," she gasped, turning aside her pale and ghastly face—"Harry, I thought that would make me feel better, but it doesn't!"—London Answers.

Divers Diseases.

"What," inquired the Sunday school teacher of her youthful pupils—"what are divers diseases?"

Bashful or ignorant, the scholars clung tenaciously to the doctrine that little boys should be seen and not heard.

"Come," pursued the teacher, "can't any of you tell me?"

Then Johnnie's arm shot up.

"Well?" asked the teacher.

"Please, miss," answered Johnnie, "water on the brain."

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THE GHOST OF LOCHRAIN CASTLE

BY MRS. C. N. WILLIAMSON

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

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old wood which she had smelled every night when she had waked up in the wonderful bed in the tower room. Often she had told herself that these scents would make her think of that room, no matter where she might be, and how many years might have passed. Only last night she had thought that, not knowing she was not to sleep in that bed again.

But, she said in her mind, perhaps it was part of the dream that she had been changed to another room. Surely she could not mistake. No other bed could be just like that. And then, if she were not there, why should she be in bed at all? What about the fire shining behind the closed door in the corridor, her frantic knockings, her scream, and the hand that had choked away her breath? Had she really gone through that fearful scene? Oh, she could not doubt it. Perhaps, even at this minute, Mr. Kenrith and Captain Oxford were being burned to death. Somehow she must save them.

She tried to sit up, but something held her down. Her arms were crossed behind her back and tied together at the wrist; she could feel where they were bound. And her feet were bound also. She was powerless to move, but at least she could cry out.

Suddenly she remembered how near to the corridor of the burning room

She opened her door and looked out.

was the tower. If the fire spread it would reach the tower; and if in reality she were lying on her old bed in the tower room it was only the question of a little time before the fire should reach her, and she would be burned to death.

Elspeth Dean was young and strong, and the tide of life was high in her veins. The physical repulsion to death was intense in her, and the cry on its way to her lips was rendered even more piercing by the quick horror of this thought.

She screamed long and shrilly, but a voice within her seemed to say with the echo of her own shriek that rang in her ears: "If you are in the tower, no one will hear you. You might die a hundred deaths before any one would come."

The girl shivered from head to foot, and lying there helpless, waiting the horror that was to come, she felt that the bed had begun to move. There had been a click, and then slowly, smoothly, the bed began to glide along as if sliding in a groove.

CHAPTER XIV.

Elspeth's eyes were wide open, but the darkness was like a dark cloth laid upon them. She could see nothing; but as the bed slowly moved, inch by inch, she felt an intensely cold air which surged round her like the wind made by a pair of giant wings. Then the bed stopped, still in thick darkness, and she heard a sound of hurried footsteps and of light breathing. There was another, curious, clicking sound, and while the girl wondered in chill terror what would come next, the bed on which she lay tilted suddenly up at such an extreme angle that she rolled off.

There was a brief instant of horror, as she tried vainly to save herself, expecting a crushing fall, perhaps into the black depths of some hideous cubilette; but she rolled from the bed upon a solid floor, covered with something soft, like a thick rug. And the fall was so slight that she was not even jarred.

For a few seconds there was complete stillness, and then something that moved brushed against her cheek. She believed that it was the bed being rolled away again.

"Now I am to be murdered, perhaps," was the thought that crept coldly into Elspeth's mind; but she could do nothing to avert whatever fate might be in store for her, except to cry out, and if she did that, it would probably precipitate her death.

It was by instinct rather than calculation that she lay still, scarcely breathing.

Voices whispered near her in the darkness. She could neither recognize the tones nor make out the words, but she felt her fate was being discussed, perhaps hanging in the balance.

"If only they would believe me fainting," she thought. "They will wonder that I don't make a sound, and presently they'll strike a light and look at my face. I must lie with my eyes shut and hold my breath as long as I can."

Scarcely had she formed this plan of action, when a stream of white light fell upon her closed eyelids. With all the force of her will she kept them steady, her long lashes lying on her cheeks without a flicker.

"Fainted," came a whisper, louder than before.

"Can't be sure," murmured a second voice. "She may be shamming."

A moment later Elspeth felt the pressure of a hand on her chest. "She doesn't seem to breathe," was the whispered comment.

"Well then, let us leave her for the present. She can't possibly escape."

"She can scream."

"If she did, she wouldn't be heard."

"Yet we are whispering."

"Loud voices might rouse the girl to consciousness. It's more convenient that she should be as she is. We've no time to waste upon her now. Little wretch! If she hadn't spoiled our game down below with her yells, the fire would presently have saved us all trouble. Our two birds would have been killed with one stone."

"Too late to think of that. There must be no suspicion against us. We had better go now. But I would feel safer if I were certain she could make no noise."

"Simple enough to close her mouth."

"You mean"——

"Not what you think I do. We can't afford to risk the smallest telltale stain when we show ourselves downstairs among the people who've been roused by the fire, and, besides, I've another plan. The thing must be done before morning, and in such a way that she can be carried back to her bed and laid there quietly, with no one to guess that she met death by violence. A dose of laudanum is the thing; the bottle found by her side. It will be thought that she killed herself because she'd been discharged."

"You think of everything."

"I have had some experience; otherwise I shouldn't be where I am."

"Can you get hold of the laudanum?"

"Yes. I always keep plenty of stage properties. There, I've made a gag of a sort out of my handkerchief. A second's work to fit it in, and she can wake when she likes, without causing you a qualm."

Elspeth heard every word of this conversation; and when a hand pressed down her chin to open her mouth she lay limp and motionless as before, making no resistance. A great lump of cambric was forced between her teeth, and still she feigned unconsciousness. Her hearing seemed now almost abnormally keen. She heard the breathing of the two men. She heard the soft sound of footfalls on the thick rug or carpet, and at last a faint click, which seemed to come from a distance. After that all was still, and she knew that she had been left alone.

She had heard why the men were going, and it was reasonable to suppose that they would be gone some time. Still it could not be so very long, if she were to be disposed of "before morning," after the fashion which had with so much quiet grimness been suggested. They would need darkness to hide the deed, if she were to be carried through the house and laid upon the bed in the new room whose number they must already know.

It is difficult to recognize a voice from a whisper, and Elspeth could not have guessed the identity of either speaker from the murmurs she had heard; nevertheless she was sure that she had guessed the name of one man. The other was still a mystery to her; she had no idea who he could be. But, after all, it mattered little. Nothing, indeed, need matter much to her now, unless she could free herself and escape.

To expect to do this seemed like expecting to perform a miracle. And yet Elspeth could not believe that she was to die to-night.

For her there was but one ray of light in darkness. She had heard one of the men say to the other that she had "spoilt their game." That must mean, she thought, that the alarm she had given had been heard; that John Kenrith and Captain Oxford had been saved. And the idea that she had been able to do this gave her courage to attempt more. She did not know where she was, but if she could only free herself she could find out; and if, afterward, she could escape, she would be able to give at least one villain up to justice.

"Oh, if I could only loosen these bands that hold my arms," she said to herself. "If I could do that, all the rest would be easy, perhaps."

Elspeth Dean was a lithe and supple as well as a slender creature, with all the elasticity of youth and health. As a child she had been able to do all sorts of wonderful things with her lively little body, and she and her brother, two or three years older than herself, had often played a glorious play in which they were contortionists in a nursery circus. It was many years since the girl had practised any of the feats for which she had been famous among her little companions, and indeed, she had forgotten all about them until this moment.

Now, however, she suddenly remembered how well, in the old days, her body had been accustomed to obey her will. And in the desperate danger which threatened her she called up her ancient skill to her aid. So did she writhe and twist her slim arms and shoulders as to loosen the bonds made to hold less supple muscles. Presently she felt a slight relaxing of the bands which held her wrists. Slowly, slowly, grudging each moment, she twisted one hand out of bondage, the fiftieth part of an inch at a time. Then suddenly it was free, and she could have sobbed in joy and thanksgiving, though she was far from being out of danger.

With one hand at liberty, it was but the work of a few seconds to tear the gag from her mouth, and to release the other hand. Then she sat up, and unwound a long, narrow strip of woolly material which felt like knitted work, from her ankles. She was free to move, free to escape—if she could but find a way.

Tremulously, tottering a little at first, she scrambled to her feet, and for the first time since she had rolled from the moving bed seriously asked herself where she was.

Gropingly, she tried to find a wall, stumbling on, catching her foot in the wrinkled folds of a rug, and saving herself from a fall by seizing an edge of some hanging drapery. Thus she steadied herself, and found behind that drapery the wall for which she had searched. Her hand touched a surface of wood, and passing her fingers along it, she discovered that it ended as a door might end, in a framing of stone.

"The tower wall!" she said to herself.

(To be continued.)

AS TO REDISTRIBUTION

Frank Paper: The subject of redistribution to increase the membership in the legislature in accordance with the increase of population since Alberta became a province is very much in the public mind these days. Whether or not there is any good reason to expect such a redistribution at this session is problematical, but a recent news despatch from Edmonton announced it to be the intention of the government to effect some such legislation and the run of newspaper comment throughout the province would indicate that it is quite generally expected.

The talk as it affects the Pincher Creek constituency is that it is proposed to divide this district at about Lundbreck, putting all the coal mining section of this district into a section by itself. The Frank paper does not believe—yet—that such a thing is contemplated but in the event it is proposed we are inclined to think there will be protest from this district that will cause the members of the government to sit up and take notice.

While under ordinary circumstances there would be no objection or at least no very general or serious objection, under existing conditions there is a very serious and valid objection.

Should such a constituency be created it would of course mean that in all future elections for member of the legislature, the man elected would not represent an aggregate of $50,000 in property, whereas the property valuation of the district is far in excess of twenty millions. The people who own the property would have no representation at all. We do not hold that this would be so serious if a straight out and out labor man could be elected, but this would not be the case. The labor organization of the district is in the control of the Socialist party, and that means that the people who own the property would have to be represented by a man who would be nothing more nor less than the mouthpiece of an organization, whose chief tenet is the very antithesis of owning property.

And then there is another phase of the case that will meet with objection. Because of the fact that the creation of such a constituency would insure always the election as member, of a Socialist, all electors who do not happen to be of that persuasion would to all intents and purposes be disfranchised. It would not be as if they had a fighting chance of some time electing a member. In such a case the wrong would not be so great but they would never have that chance; there is no combination of circumstances that could be devised whereby they could ever elect a member.

These facts have been brought to the attention of Premier Rutherford and the members of his cabinet and they realize this is a correct statement of the case. The Frank Paper is not ready to believe that they will wontonly sacrifice every interest and every person who does not believe in Socialism.

But if they do they will simply be pandering to Frank Sherman and it is from him that the proposal emanates and it would be in his interests alone that it would be put through for the scheme is nothing more or less than a vehicle of his own building designed to gratify his overwhelming desire to sit in the legislature. Of this there is no possible question as it is already known to a certainty that Mr. Sherman will be the candidate of the Socialist party in this riding in the event the decision referred to is made.

The Frank Paper is not willing to believe the Alberta government would be guilty of an act that would have the effect of foisting anyone man upon any district, particularly a non-resident who does not own a dollars worth of property in the district, who has no interest whatever in it, who is not wanted by any man who owns a dollar's worth of property and who only seeks election in the district that he may gratify his ambition to sit in the house to be a perpetual thorn in the flesh of the government of the day.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Editor does not hold himself responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents

Miserecardia! All ye unregenerate, loud mouthed, slim pursed and propertyless disciples of Karl Marx, who still possess a lacteal streak of human kindness in your anatomy, hark unto the wail of the unfortunate editor from Frank, Alta., who sees asigns of sequestration of his goods and chattels (the inventory has not yet been made out) in the event of the contemplated redistribution of the Pincher Creek constituency becoming an accomplished fact. Ordinarily the Nestors of the Fourth Estate are vociferously loud in their support of the theory of vox populi vox dei, but when that majority constitutes, to their perverted imaginations a menace to vested interests, all previous rhetorical ebullitions are forgotten, and carefully laid upon the shelf until an election is approaching, when they are gayly trotted out for the purpose of alluring the unsophisticated.

The wielder of the facile pen has, however, overstepped the limits of discretion, and by his zeal on behalf of the minority ranged himself squarely on the side of the defenders of things and against human beings. Now there is not need to strip him of the mask of hypocrisy, as he has so ruthlessly torn it off himself, throwing so far beyond the reach of repossession that it is merely necessary to call attention to the fact.

"The greatest good to the greatest number *Majorities rule*."

The rights of the individual are superior to the rights of property, and sundry other mouth filling aphorisms are the stock in trade of the ordinary spell binder, yet this Frank (in a double sense) editor calmly estimates the aggregate wealth of the majority of the electorate in the proposed new riding as $50,000 whereas the property valution of the district is largely in excess of 20 millions.

Again, he sees no danger in a straight labor man, who regards a member of this ilk as merely a disgruntled individual willing to uphold the present system of exploitation but would ask the exploiters to be kind enough to dispense just a few more crumbs, yet the idea of reaching for the entire loaf is not to be considered.

The argument that in the event of this awful catastrophe taking place the electors of the other bi-colored stripe would be practically disfranchised is indeed sad! Not a single crumb of sympathy does he extend to the great number of practically disfranchised electors of the Fernie district, yet the only result this has had is a closing up of their ranks determinedly resolved to keep incessantly battering away at the walls of entrenched privilege, not with squeals, pleas, protests, but with irrifutable logic and a recognition that events are fast shaping themselves to bring out about a reorganization of society wherein humanity will cease to be everlastingly a secondary consideration.

The power which, from this gentleman's statement, Mr. Frank Sherman is credited with wielding, must, if he be a vain man, be exceedingly gratifying and this despite the fact that he "neither owns a dollars worth of property nor is he wanted by any man who does."

The editor of the Frank paper is either a victim of crass ignorance or wilful perversion when he states that the chief tenet of the organization — Socialism—is the very antithesis of owning property, otherwise its votaries in the constituency in which he lives ought to be thoroughly satisfied with the $50,000 they are credited with possessing.

If he has access to a Webster's Imperial Dictionary I would respectfully suggest that he look up the definition of Socialism, and whilst this is not the exact definition, it is nevertheless a refutation of his assertion and I would also urge him to make a study of economics because as a moulder of public opinion, if he considers the philosophy of Socialism to be illogical and unsound, it is his bounden duty to inform his readers wherein the fault lies. This philosophy has more than eight million adherents all over the globe and its numbers are constantly growing, therefore it cannot be swept aside by any such crude arguments as he advances, but must be dealt with calmly, scientifically and dispassionately.

Socialism is not the offspring of a few faddists, but is a growing recognition of the fact that a system which contains within itself the cause of the existing wide spread misery is inadequate to meet with the universal desire for betterment of the whole human family, and as it is incapable of being mended must be replaced by the reorganization of society on another basis.

Here's a question for the troubled gentleman: If the constituency remains unchanged and a Socialist candidate becomes elected, would it not increase the number of distranchised electors?

N.M.T.

Cardiff, Alta., Jan. 18.

Editor District Ledger,

Sir: There are at the present time a number of men who own and operate small mines in Edmonton and district, trying to do harm to the Workmens Compensation Act, which came into force on January 1st, 1909, by methods that are not at all above reproach. These mine owners formed a delegation and interviewed Premier Rutherford, in their endeavor to have the workmen's Compensation Act repealed. One of the delegates made a statement in this interview, it is said, to the effect that the act was not approved of by the workingmen of Alberta, for, he said, it would cause all married men to be discriminated again. I wonder if this delegate ever heard a workingman express such an opinion. I doubt it. Such a statement as this is absolutely ridiculous, for it is such a thing as the Workman's Compensation Act that the workingmen have been seeking. Why? Because if anything happens to the bread winner the employer must, under this act, pay compensation to the amount of $1,800 in case of death or weekly amounts in case of disablement, up to a maximum of $10 per week. As this touches the pocket book of the employers they do not like the act, and wish to bluff the government into believing it is the people who do not want it. One of the delegates has, I believe, gone so far as to discharge all married men in his employ. I doubt if that will avail him anything for the simple reason that any member of a family, or any person, wholly or in part, dependant upon the earnings of a workman includes wife or husband, father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, stepfather, step-mother, son, daughter, grandson, grand-daughter, step-son, step-daughter, brother, sister, half sister, half-brother, adopted child, foster parent." It further adds that "If the workman leaves an illegitimate child wholly or in part dependent on his earnings, or being an illegitimate child, leaves a parent or grandparent wholly or in part dependent on his earnings, they shall be included as dependants," and will therefore be entitled to claim under the Workman's Compensation Act.

How many workmen are there in Alberta to-day who have neither a "member of a family" nor a depend" ant" who could claim under this compensation act. In my opinion the number is small. There have been other things said to the detriment of the Compensation act by these gentlemen I have no doubt but the above will show sufficiently the very questionable methods being employed in an endeavor to repeal the Workman's Compensation Act and to strike another cowardly blow to the wealth-producers—the workingmen.

I might say, Mr. Editor that my opinion of the gentlemen (?) forming the delegation referred to generally, and the one that discharged all the married men in this employ, particularly, would not look well in print.

Yours truly,
JOS. N. MEIR.

THOMAS BIGGS, ESQ.,
Sec. Gladstone Local,

Dear Sir: I have in my office at the present time several cases where men have purchased property in Alberta and upon investigating I have found that the vendors have no title and while it is impossible, or seems to be impossible, to get a return of the purchase money I feel that something ought to be done to put a stop to what I consider little short of swindling the miners. Some time ago, I drew attention, through the public press to this kind of business, but doubtless what I then wrote has been entirely forgotten, because I find that people are still going on purchasing property from these agents. You understand, of course, that I do not say, or even think, that miners ought not to invest their monies, but it is not an investment where they pay for something and never get it. May I suggest, as a means towards stopping this objectionable practice, that your union draw the attention of its members to what has been done.

I trust you will pardon me in thus bringing before the local union this matter, but I feel that I may do so, because I know that if there is one thing more than another that unions want to prevent, it is practices which to my mind, are criminal ones.

Yours faithfully,
L. P. ECKSTEIN.

Women's Secrets

There is one man in the United States who has perhaps heard more women's secrets than any other man or woman in the country. These secrets are not secrets of guilt or shame, but the secrets of suffering, and they have been confided to Dr. R. V. Pierce in the hope and expectation of advice and help. That few of these women have been disappointed in their expectations is proved by the fact that ninety-eight per cent. of all women treated by Dr. Pierce have been absolutely and altogether cured. Such a record would be remarkable if the cases treated were numbered by hundreds only. But when that record applies to the treatment of more than half-a-million women, in a practice of over 40 years, it is phenomenal, and entitles Dr. Pierce to the gratitude accorded him by women, as the first of specialists in the treatment of women's diseases.

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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

ESTRAY—One horse, color black; weight about 900 pounds, branded 7L on left hip, blotched brand on right shoulder.—Came to my ranch on 7th January; owner can have same by proving title and paying expenses.—Chas. Stephenson, Gateway, B. C.

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.

FOR SALE: Fire proof safe—Appl to L P. Eckstein.

LOST: Pocketbook containing $145.45 near the C. P. R. express office. Large reward if returned to Adolph Anderson, Dominion Express office.

WANTED: A reliable girl to look after small child and do light house work by February 10. Apply M. s. R. W. Woods.

Mrs. King of Calgary was in town this week.

Mrs. Dr. Higgins of Hosmer was in town on Wednesday.

Just arrived, a few dozen of live chickens at the Fernie Meat Market.

The police arrested several drunks this week and also a man for stealing a watch.

The Central Hotel was caught selling liquors last Sunday and summonses issued against them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lowe have returned from their honeymoon and have taken up their residence in town.

J. H. McMullin, government agent, left by C. P. R. express on Wednesday for Victoria on business.

For fresh and best sausages go to Fernie Meat Market.

Miss Ruth McLean and her mother, both of Hosmer, were in town this week.

Col. J. McKay, fuel agent of the G. N. railway is in town this week looking over mines at Coal Creek, Michel and Carbonado.

Patronize Fernie Meat Market and save your money.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lowe have returned to the city from a trip to the coast. They will reside for the winter at the residence of W. W. Brown on Prior street.

Safety Deposit Vault

Safety Deposit Lockers can be rented at The Ledger Office. Most fireproof vault in the city. Reasonable rates. See the Manager for particulars.

The Brotherhood Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Fernie challenge the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners to a game of hockey any time they feel prepared.

A lantern lecture depicting scenes in the Klondyke was shown at the Methodist church on Wednesday evening. About 70 slides were shown and a large number of people were inattendance.

For fresh killed chickens go to Fernie Meat Market.

Al Rizzuto of the Roma hotel has been confined to the Fernie hospital for a few days undergoing an operation. He is reported as progressing very favorably towards complete recovery.

Tom Pugh who recently had his fingers amputated is progressing satisfactorily and is expected to be soon out of hospital. It is understood he intends going back to the old country.

J. Thompson, an elderly Englishman who was living in a tent near to the Catholic priest's residence and who had his two feet frozen during the cold snap a little while ago, had both amputated on Monday last.

Dating January 15th Mr. Frank Raymond is appointed local manager for Fernie and Fernie District; all orders or complaints should be reported to him. Kootenay Telephone Lines, Limited, (per Maurice Quahl, Supt.)

The soil of Ceylon is of volcanic origin, containing phosphorous and minerals in a large degree. This imparts to "Salada" (the well known packet Ceylon tea) a vollancy and fragrance that is incomparable.

FURNITURE FOR SALE

New No. 9 Kootenay Range, Etc. Owner going to leave city and will sell cheap.

C. J. JOHNSON
Next to Robt. Redhead

Valentine Post Cards at Bleasdell's Palace Drug Store.

The new depot should be ready the last of February.

Rochon has some real nice ice cream on hand. Call and see.

Miss Constance Stiven of Cranbrook is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charbonneau.

Baths hot or cold at the Club Cigar Store.

Mr. J. McMillan, superintendent of C. P. R. telegraph was in Fernie on Friday.

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

Charlie Shepperd of Hosmer was in town over Saturday and Sunday of last week.

Rochon has won the highest appreciation of the citizens as a Candy King.

There are a great many applicants for the position of chief of police of Fernie.

Rochon, that's all—the Candy King

The San Francisco Opera Company will play in Bruce's opera house in the near future.

Valentines at Palace Drug Store.

Coleman played hockey at Moyie on Tuesday and broke even, the score being three all.

L. T. English of the Free Press staff has been considerably under the weather of late.

Mr. E. V. Daugerfield, district baggage agent at Calgary was in Fernie Thursday and Friday.

The cuisine at the Napanee is unexcelled. The bar has the best in the land.

The committee of Italians wish to thank all who contributed to the relief of the sufferers in Italy.

The Club Cigar store every time if you want the best that offers in cigars and tobaccos.

Socialists meetings are held in the Miners hall every Sunday night at 7.45 and all workers are invited.

P. Burns and Co.'s new store is now near completion. It is expected that it will be occupied next week.

You can play on either English or American billiard tables at Ingram's. think you are being served as well

Eatons have received a rush order for six sets of boxing gloves, 6 punching bags and a few hand spikes for the Free Press composing room.

The bowling alley at Ingram's for an hour's sport.

The Ross-Whimster dance will be held on Friday evening February 5, in Bruce's hall; excellent music.

A large number from here attended the social and dance given in honor of Robert Burns at Hosmer on the 25th inst.

Hereafter hockey practices will be as follows: Monday and Friday nights from 7 to 8 and Wednesday night from 10 to 11.

Wright the Jeweler has a fine line of ladies Diamond rings which he is selling at great bargains, prices range from $10 up. Store next door to Hotel Fernie.

Rev. Dr. Chown, head of the Methodist department for moral and Social Reform will be in Fernie on Tuesday February 9.

The Socialist party desire to thank the following for the loan of dishes etc. for their concert and tea: Mr. Terry, Mr. Reid and Mr. Blundell.

The electric wiring of the new C. P. R. depot was finished this week by H. H. Boyd, electrical engineer of Winnipeg.

The yard engine has been temporarily removed from the C. P. R. yard here to relieve the congestion of work at Crow's Nest.

Mr. R. H. Nesbitt has severed his connection as outside superintendent with the Coal company and has been succeeded by Mr. W. Alexander.

Through special inducements W. G. Bruce has succeeded in getting the San Francisco Opera Co. with 40 actors to play Fernie at an early date.

The Ladies Benevolent association are going to give a tea on February the 5th from 3 to 6 in Blundell's store. Mr. Blundell very kindly offered his store and supplies for the occasion.

All the solicitors are now housed in their new quarters with the exception of Mr. L. P. Eckstein who will be removing to his old quarters in the Henderson block when it is completed.

In the Baptist church on Sunday evening Mr. Williamson will preach on the subject "A Worthy Purpose," Mr. A. R. Kennedy will also sing a solo. Service at 7.30. Everybody is cordially invited.

A naval seaman has once every day to salute the quarter-deck of his ship, even if no officer is upon it. "Salada" Tea is in such popular favor that many people feel like saluting a packet whenever seen.

Ladies watches at great bargains for to-day only. Wright the Jeweler next to Hotel Fernie.

The school board met on Tuesday and completed arrangements about the opening of the schools as soon as possible. The old building of the Home bank will be used and is now in the course of completion. As soon as more room is available extra teachers will be put on. It is expected that the school will be open within ten days.

Great changes have been made in the management at Coal Creek. Mr. T. Spruston, pit boss at No. 5 mine, has been promoted to assistant superintendent at Michel. Mr. Dave Martin, pit boss at No. 9 mine is taking charge of No. 5 mine and Mr. Tom Williams is taking charge of No. 9 mine. We understand these changes are to take effect on Monday next.

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

W. J. Blundell, the grocer has moved into his new quarters in the Johnson-Falconer block and is now comfortably situated and better prepared than even to meet the demands of his many customers. Blundell is one of our pioneer business men and hardly needs introduction as his choice groceries are to be found in nearly every home in the city.

Mr. Biggs' calling days are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, any hour.

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A. J. McCool of Michel was in town yesterday on business.

Mr. Ludwig from Winnipeg arrived here last Saturday and joined the Ledger staff.

Bert White of the Coleman hockey team stayed over for a short visit with friends here.

J. H. McMullin, J.P., left on Thursday for the coast on official business.

Would the Free Press editor (not near-editor) like to get the receipt for building 2 houses and luxuriously furnishing one on $300 of Relief money?

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Watson returned to town on Tuesday after having spent two weeks in Spokane, Seattle and Vancouver.

Master Leonard Dudley left for California on Thursday. He went as far as Moyie alone and from there he will go with his sister.

The hockey boys have issued tickets that entitle the holder to membership. They only cost $1 so buy one and help the boys along.

Pat Miller's orchestra, the best in the Kootenay, is going to play at Hosmer next week. They also have two or three other engngements ahead.

Wallowing around in the snow up to their necks seems to be a popular sport with some people. They call it snowshoeing.

The postoffice staff were busy Friday placing new boxes in. This will be welcome news to a great many people who have had to wait a long time for their mail.

The Teamsters' Union had an official visit from T. Briggs of Indianapolis Ind. Mr. Briggs is the general auditor of the International Teamsters union of America.

Fresh fish daily at the 41.

The Trades and Labor council meets on Monday evening at 8 sharp. All delegates are urgently requested to be present. The Miners delegates are especially reminded.

We have our phone connected now and any trates can save their family a funeral bill by phoning instead of calling. One called last week, but he was of the harmless nature. The number is 48.

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

The Monthly tea of the Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church will be held at the home of Mrs. W. Brown on Tuesday, February 2nd from 3 to 6 and at 8 in the evening.

The Tom Marks company are to return to play here on February the 25th, 26th and 27th. This will be good news to any one who saw the previous performance. Have you got a match.

For hotel accommodation the Napanee is the place.

Joe Aiello, one of our merchant princes left on Monday night's Flyer on a four months trip to his old home in sunny Italy. Joe will visit the scene of the recently stricken portion of Sicily.

For New Year Gifts see Wright the Jeweler's display of jewelry and of watches. Next door to Hotel Fernie.

J. Lundie was taken to Spokane last Sunday to undergo treatment at one of the hospitals in that city. He was accompanied by Mrs. Lundie and also P. R. Lundie. We are pleased to report improvement.

If your wife is angry get her a box of Rochon's Chocolates—that will win her over.

President F. H. Sherman left for Hillcrest on Tuesday; he will return Sunday morning to attend the public meeting of fire sufferers and then leave for the convention on Sunday evening's train.

The management of the Dreamland theatre are putting on a better show than ever these days. They have reduced their prices and if you want to see a good moving picture show give them a call.

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

Eastern capital ready to investigate legitimate investments, lands, timber or mines in British Columbia. Address in first instance with full particulars. "Capital," care of Noble & Co., Molsons Bank building, Vancouver.

He's back—who's back? Why don't you know. Bob Moore, the genial Irishman who has a heart as large as a wigwam and a pocket that is open to the needy at all times. Bob says Ireland is all right, but Fernie is better.

We have a nice range of Sterling Silver Toilet Sets and Military Brushes which we are selling at less than their actual cost. Call and get one before they are all gone. Wright the Jeweler in A. A. Gillespie's store,. next door to Hotel Fernie.

Some excitement was caused here on Wednesday, the report going around that the men imprisoned for a short while in the Carbonado mine had been killed, but when the true nature of the accident was known people breathed freely again. Many of the Slavs here had relatives there.

Two ex-soldiers of the Queens Own from the Free Press office engaged in a rough and tumble, let me down easy Fitzsimmons-Jeffries combat this week. Reports say that one of them *got slightly the worst of it.* Editor's note,—these are not the same two that locked horns a short time ago

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To the Editor of The Ledger:

Dear Sir: I want to call your attention to a case of so called relief by S. Herchmer, now mayor.

Mrs. Demaurez had some insurance on her house which was burned.

When she sent me up to get her money from Herchmer I found that between bills that did not belong to her and lawyers costs she had nothing coming out of the $600. Is this proper treatment to hand out to a woman with two children who has lost all. I am going to prosecute this case.

C. O. DEMAUREZ

THREATENS DISCLOSURES

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 25. — Piqued because a recent despatch from Ottawa intimated that discipline in the B. C. penitentiary was not perfect in the recent tenure of office of D. D. Bourke ex-deputy warden and for several months virtually warden, has written to the press intimating that unless justice is done he will "open up a new field for moral reformers by telling the world the truth about the escape of Bill Miner and his three convict companions" who escaped from the B. C. penal institution in August of 1907. Mr. Bourke states that the disclosures he may make public would be sensational and far reaching.

TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE

WINNIPEG, Jan. 28.—A special to this city from Big Falls, Minn, says that a fire which destroyed the Audit hotel and saloon here last night, caused the death of two men and two others were probably fatally burned at the same time.

J. J. Curley and Jos. Leblance, the homesteaders of Waukonda were cremated. Paul Lawrence and his wife who ran through the flames in their night clothes were terribly burned and are not expected to live. Nels Erickson who leaped from the third storey window was badly bruised about the head and his jugular vein was narrowly missed by the window glass which cut a deep gash in his throat. The buildings and contents were a complete loss.

DIES AT CALGARY

CALGARY, Jan. 25—George Machon an employee of the Great West Saddlery company left work this afternoon about 15 o'clock and died an hour later at his residence, Sixth ave. He was a resident of this city for a number of years and had been a member of the old volunteer fire department and very popular. He leaves a wife and family.

CARNIVAL

A fancy dress carnival will be held in the rink on Tuesday evening, Feb. 9. Prizes will be given for the best men's costume, best lady's costume, best dressed school girl and boy and the best comic costume. Mr. R. W. Wood will give a five dollar prize for a two mile race for men, and a prize will also be given for a half mile race for ladies and one mile race for boys, twelve laps to the mile.

HAMILTON LICENSE REDUCTION

HAMILTON, Jan. 25—The city council chamber was crowded to the doors by seven o'clock this evening when license reduction was considered. Temperance aldermen wanted a reduction of 15 to 60 but the council fixed the number at 68, the number now issued which is 7 below the commissioner's present privileges.

BIG STRIKE AT NEW YORK

NEW YORK, JAN. 27—A colossal strike in sixty trades to involve 150,000 men and women, planned by the United Hebrew Trades was inaugurated to-day by general strikes involving pantmakers throughout New York. *The object of the strike is to restore* the wage scale in effect before last year's depression.

INSTANTLY KILLED

BEACHVILLE, Jan. 25.—W. A. Drake of Leamington was instantly killed at the Standard White Lime company's works. His neck was broken by some falling machinery.

The new rink is indeed a great benefit to the young people. It is larger than the old rink, more comfortable, and should receive large patronage. There is one thing that ought to be remedied a little. The boys are allowed to play around too much. The caretaker or manager should quiet them a little as it is annoying to the ladies.

HOCKEY NEWS

HOCKEY CLUB IN LINE

A meeting of the hockey club was held on Sunday in the Napanee and the following officers elected:

Hon. President: W. R. Ross and R. W. Woods.

Hon. Vice-presidents: Rev. Grant, T. H. Whelan and W. G. Barclay.

President: S. Herchmer.

1st vice president: J. R. Pollock.

2nd vice president: H. W. Trenholme.

3rd vice president: W. C. B. Manson.

Manager: Con. L. Whelan.

Secretary treasurer: Chas. Fyfe.

Executive: M. A. Kastner, F. C. Armstrong, J. A. Scott.

The colors of the club will be red and black.

The Coleman hockey team played the Fernie boys on Thursday in our new rink. The game from the spectator's standpoint was very good. The Coleman boys won by a score of five to one, but when it is considered that this was the first game our boys played together (as they only organized on Wednesday) it is a very good showing indeed. The game at half time was nil and the Coleman team were the first to score in the second half. Our boys when they have had a few practices and get down to playing together will be able to skin the Coleman Moyie aggregation. Rev. Father McCulloch made a most impartial referee.

A game was played between a picked team and the Coal company boys this week and the picked team picked everything in sight. Modesty for the Coal company boys prevents up from stating the score.

The office staff of the Coal Company met the Trites-Woods boys at the new rink last night and after a very hard tussle managed by the use of a little overtime, to get the best end of the score to the tune of 4 to 3. It was a good game all through and the Coal Company boys earned their win.

THE ROARIN' GAME IS HERE

Two rinks journeyed to Cranbrook last week playing for the district medals, resulting in Fernie being 2 up at the finish. Following are the rinks and scores:

CRANBROOK		FERNIE	
A. Abbott		Wrigleworth	
McDougall		Johnson	
Ward		Liphardt	
McCowan		Blundell	
skip	0	skip	15
Small		Henderson	
Ingram		Brown	
Wilson		Wood	
Hoggarth		Grant	
skip	14	skip	10
	23		25

Curling is most popular at present and the stones are in great demand. The boys report the rinks to be in good shape.

SUICIDES IN JAIL

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C. Jan. 26.—Despondent over the loss of his personal liberty James B. Weston, a convicted horse thief and jail breaker, committed suicide in the penitentiary last night with a shoemaker's knife. His dead body was found by a guard as he made his morning rounds. Weston was sent down for five years having been sent down from Vernon for stealing horses.

LINOTYPERS STRIKE

PARIS, Jan. 26.—All the linotypers on the Paris newspapers struck tonight for more pay. The publishers were expecting the strike and had prepared, and only suffered slight inconvenience and delay.

THE FERNIE RINK CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Fernie Rink Company Limited will be held in the Provincial government offices at 8 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 1909.

G. G. HENDERSON
Secretary-treasurer

Crows Nest Trading Co.

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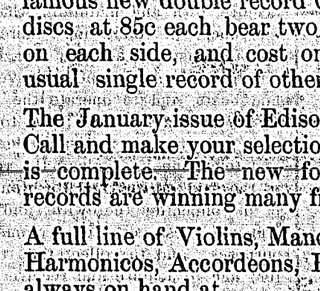

IN WINTER STORMS

look well to your feet. The advice of doctors when there is an epidemic of grip is

"KEEP YOUR FEET DRY"

You can do this by wearing shoes made of good leather and put together by the best methods. We have them. When you buy a McDougall shoe you are insured against damp or wet feet.

W. R. McDougall

MUSIC

A complete assortment of best music Vocal and Instrumental, received to-day

THIS has been carefully selected and comprises most of the favorites, both popular and classic.

We have now on exhibition a shipment of the famous new double record Columbia discs. These discs at 85c each bear two complete records, one on each side, and cost only 10c more than the usual single record of other makes.

The January issue of Edison Records has arrived. Call and make your selection early while our stock is complete. The new four minute *Amberol* records are winning many friends.

A full line of Violins, Mandolins, Banjos, Guitars, Harmonicos, Accordeons, Flageolets, Strings, etc., always on hand at

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CHOICEST MEATS

of all kinds. We keep a choice selection of hams, Bacon and Lard, (the well known Armour Brand) and Fresh Fish daily.

All our Meats are Specially Selected from our own Ranches

Hotels, Boarding Houses and Camps supplied at the lowest possible prices. We respectfully solicit your patronage.

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Our Specialties

Fresh, Smoked and Salted Fish, always a good assortment. Try our Mince Meat, Saurkraut, and Oysters.