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FUNNY SORT OF A FUSS

Latest Tempest in Our Local Teapot is on--Subject of Public Prayer for Those Without the Pale

Do you want to be prayed for? or do you hereby serve notice on the community that you want not to be prayed for? Or do you simply want to be prayed for in a bunch and without being individually pointed out to the throne of Grace as a special object of solicitude?

And how does King Edward feel about it all?

This town is getting all worked up on the subject of prayer. That much of a dint, at least, has been made upon the sinful public mind of Fernie by our evangelistic visitors. The question is coming at us in several sections—like a coal train wrestling with the uppety-up grade which in pursuance of its generally high and mighty policy is affected by the C. P. R.

The first section makes inquiry as to whether prayer is of any dad-binged use whatever, outside of enabling the prayer maker to impart a choice line of information to his audience while ostensibly making good the defective vision of the Almighty. This motion, to the credit be it said of Fernie's good old folks back home, is generally settled in the affirmative—"Otherwise, why pray for King Edward?"

But the next section comes humming along with a query not so easily disposed of, to wit and namely: Is it a covert insult, or a sign of being regarded with particular affection, when one is singled out conspicuously and publicly and placed under the limelight, as it were, as a person for whom public solicitude at the throne of Grace is peculiarly desirable? Why thus peculiarly desirable? Is it because everybody is anxious for you to become a particular favorite of Heaven? or is this concentrated attention to be taken as a delicate hint that unless your conduct shows some marked change from what it has been, you will be ridden out of town on a rail or presented with a seat on the ducking stool? And again butts in the question as to what conclusions King Edward may have arrived at in this matter after all these long years during which he has been a conspicuous object of prayerful attention on the part of the public?

MINERS

Keep away from Nicola as there are too many men there now, and the market is overcrowded.

For be it known that this is regarded as no light matter in the streets of Fernie at this present writing. After the manner of all mining camps we pride ourselves on the worship of our women. As has been rumored of good King Edward himself, we stand ready to "perjure ourselves like a gentleman" if the honor of our ladies is called in question. And now it is rumored that as a sort of Parthian shot—quite possibly as a consummately shrewd device for compelling us to discuss and investigate the nature and efficacy of prayer—our departing evangelist friends have signalized the eve of their departure by singling out in special mention of their calling, and for special presentment to the attention of Heaven, a small but select group of our town ladies by whose merit and grace we are all as willing to swear as we are by their beauty.

And so the question burns and throbs. "If those evangelists did do such a thing, what on earth did they mean by it?" To the glory of Fernie manhood, be it said, we posit this alleged evangelistic action as placing the ladies in question on a parity with Royalty. Long live the King! The ladies forever!! God bless em!!!!!!!

Mrs. H. Biggs and four children left over the G. N. on Wednesday on an extended trip to their old home in Wales.

Mrs. H. Biggs and family left for the Old Country on Wednesday. They left by way of G. N. and intend to cross the pond on the Adriatic. It is their intention to stay some considerable while in England. Tredegar is their final destination.

Mike Michovick, Mike Novick, Alex Succo and Mike Klemoch, who were arrested last Sunday evening by police officer Sampson, appeared before Judge Wilson last Tuesday afternoon, and contributed $225 to the treasury for occasioning actual bodily harm to Jacob Jzigz and Tom Kosic.

Three local inebriates appeared before Magistrate Whimster on Tuesday morning. Two of the trio were arrested on Saturday night, allowed out on bail and arrived Monday morning in court in an intoxicated condition. The cases were remanded and they spent a comfortable (,) night in the city jail and next morning contributed $5 and costs to the city treasury. The remaining gentleman was allowed to go on suspended sentence.

GRAB RESOURCES RESIST TAXES

CORPORATION MADE WEALTHY BY FAVORS RECEIVED FROM ALLEGED SERVANTS OF THE PUBLIC PROVES VERY RELUCTANT ABOUT PAYING TAXES TO KEEP UP THE SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC.

NELSON, April 16—Decision was handed out by R. S. Lennie, appointed by the provincial government to hear the appeal of the C. P. R. from assessment of lands in B. C. southern land grant. He upheld the assessment made by Assessor Lucas, whereby the C. P. R. pays a tax of $150,000 annually. An appeal to the full court will be made by the company. All of which is strictly in line with the policy of the C. P. R. in resisting to the last possible moment the collecting of taxes on its vast holdings in the prairie country, notwithstanding that they are every year increasing rapidly in market value as a result of the labors of the settlers on the even-numbered sections.

Private Corporation wants to get a large slice of the bounty intended by Nature to relieve the working class.

VICTORIA, April 18—Ultimately the B. C. Electric Railway Company will establish a generating plant at Jordan river forty or fifty miles from here. This is assured. Yesterday it was authoritatively announced that the results of the investigations that have been in progress there for over a year, has been the proving that there is a sufficient flow of water from the stream and its tributaries to provide 10,000 horsepower the year around.

But one thing stands in the way of the immediate commencement of the work involved in the installation of such a plant as is proposed, which it is conservatively estimated, will cost $2,000,000. That is due to the failure of the Company and city to come to an agreement in regard to the power and lighting business of this city.

If the agreement now under consideration is carried, which stipulates that the city must purchase the local holdings of the B. C. Electric Railway Co., at a valuation before undertaking to supply the public with that in which they deal, it is probable that there will be no further delay. In fact it is affirmed that in such an event, the matter of obtaining an appropriation of the amount required to give the tramway power needed for the proper conduct of their system, would be taken up with the directors with all possible despatch. That the sum wanted would be granted it is affirmed, is beyond question.

STILL "DODGIN' AND DEVIATIN'"

DEFEATED COAL OPERATORS STILL UNABLE TO SCREW THEIR COURAGE UP TO THE POINT OF DISREGARDING THEIR SECRET MASTER IN THE BACKGROUND AND MAKING MANLY WITHDRAWAL FROM THEIR PRESENT POSITION AS INDUSTRIAL OBSTRUCTIONISTS. AN ASTUTE CAMPAIGN OF INTENTIONAL BACK-STAIRS FALSEHOOD IS INAUGURATED BY WAY OF FILLING IN TIME.

Obvious Lie From Ghost-Dancers' Home Camp

From Lethbridge Herald of April 20:

"A private despatch to the Herald from Hosmer, B. C., says regarding the strike that the men are very anxious to get back to work and are becoming very anxious and more dissatisfied every day. Unless a lot of support is forthcoming from the Union there will likely be a break very soon in the ranks of the men."

Flat Contradition From Frank Sherman

From letter received April 19 from Pres. Sherman:

"There is nothing new in the situation. A large number of men are leaving the Alberta camps for various parts, and all appear to be enjoying their holiday. Miners are wanted at Michel."

BRIDE'S LUCK FOR DISTRICT NO. 18

MINING CAMPS OF THE CROW'S NEST PASS HAVE A SURE HARBINGER OF VICTORY OVER THE HEBETUDINOUS CRANKS WHO IN SUPPOSED DEFERENCE TO THE UNHOLY AMBITIONS OF THE C. P. R. ARE HANGING BACK FROM ADHESION TO ORGANIZED LABOR'S JUST DEMANDS, ALREADY CONCEDED BY THE MAJOR COAL OPERATING INTERESTS.

Big Inducement For Operators to "Sign Up"

District 18 U. M. W. of A. has a sure enough Mascot. Let all opponent devils believe and tremble.

This advance agent of fair fortune is not a goat or a horse shoe or a pink-eyed albino or any other specimen of the common or garden variety of good luck charm, but rather a rarely radiant representative of the choicest of all Heaven's kindly antidotes to the internecine strife in which humanity ordinarily loves to grovel.

For the Luck of the Crow's Nest Camps has come in the form of a bonny, blushing, beauteous bride, a broad-browed Juno girl of the Typical Mountain West, a girly girl and a womanly woman, so intimately blended and rolled into one that no fellow is able to guess where one ends and the other begins, a girl with the roses of Sharon in her dimpled cheeks, the laughter of Aphrodite encircling her pearly teeth, and the scent of the apple blossoms in her wavy hair—a girl to start one half the camp on a hot foot hike for the Fount of Youth, and set the other half to praying for Joshua's power to stop the wheels of time!

For this vision from Paradise International Board Member J. E. Morgan is primarily responsible. John Edward had a hard time of it last week during the Miners Delegate Convention—he being halted thereby in the Valley of Decision. On one hand his position as a Western man made him naturally sympathize with the determination of the men of District 18 to be governed from the ground up instead of from the top down; and to stand for no dictation from the central International Board as long as they were not yet driven to ask for money assistance from that Board. On the other hand, Morgan's position as a member of the International board made him a buffer for all the local indignation that had been created among the Miners of this District by Stockett's attempted use of International President Lewis' decidedly Delphic telegram of April 1st to try and convince the miners and the general public that District 18 was about to be invaded by precisely that form of Headquarters autocracy which they were resolved not to submit to.

Taking it by and large this placed poor Morgan in that mighty small space whose geographical location is between the upper and the nether Millstone. Naturally enough he concluded that by way of compensation for his troubles some consolation from High Heaven was coming to him; and evidently the High Gods thought so too. At any rate they first put it into his head to take a three day's furlough in search of a consoler; and then granted him the object of his search by throwing into his eager arms this charming woman who has come upon the scene of our local conflict like a Venus arising from a stormy sea.

Evidently, too, Morgan has formed his own ideas on the extent to which fair woman is worshipped in these Rocky Mountain mining resorts, for he smuggled his prize into camp in the wee sma' hours of a Sunday mornin', and, with the exception of meal times, has kept her under double lock and key ever since. It is to be hoped, however, that our esteemed International Board Member will presently become willing to relax all this vigilance—accepting our tearful assurances that, our conflagration of last August to the contrary notwithstanding, we sojourners in Fernie are not so heavily bonded to take example from our neighbors of France that before permitting ourselves to canonize the objects of our admiration we find it first necessary to imprison and burn them.

Pending this hoped for softening of Morgan's heart let it be known of all men that the bride's value as a Mascot is if anything enhanced by these precautions for her seclusion. The charm is not in any way affected by any possible combination of bolt and bar and interdictory incantation. The essence of the Spell which the bride's presence casts upon all persons and operations that may be hostile to our local labor movement consists in three facts only (1) that she is here; (2) that she is beautiful (3) that she is securely annexed to a Labor representative. These conditions having been fulfilled it is useless for the recalcitrant managers of our minor coal camps to hold out any longer. Let them quit their Ghost Dancing and come back to the Reservation and "sign up." If they do we will let them kiss the bride.

How is that, brethren of the opposition, for a juicy and large sized concession and inducement? Just glance back over the above specifications, and then come a'runnin!

Mr. Robert Moore, booster for New Michel arrived in the city on Monday.

Mr. Manager of the Fernie Opera House, Sir: Please wipe the dust off the chairs before the performance starts.

Mr. "Billy" Rollins, the popular proprietor of the Royal hotel in Cranbrook, arrived from that lively city on Monday last.

Mr. James Falconer died on Thursday night from typhoid fever. The deceased was a native of Ireland and had no relatives in this country. The funeral was held from Scott's undertaking parlors on Sunday at n.30 p.m.

On another page will be found A. C. Liphardt's ad. telling of some good values in his particular lines.

The Lockhart case came up before Magistrate Whimster on Thursday, and was remanded until the 29th inst.

Tom Pugh, well known in Fernie, started for an extended trip to Wales last Wednesday travelling via the G. N. R.

The quarterly meeting of the Fernie Industrial and Provident Co-Operative society limited will be held in the Miners hall Wednesday April the 28th at 7.30 prompt. All members are requested to be present.

"Parson" Rolands, one of the best known prints throughout the west, stopped off at Fernie for a day or two on his way to Edmonton.

E. McDiarmid, liquidator of the Reid estate is advertising a special sale commencing to-day (Saturday) of several lines of household furnishing. See ad on page 8.

Mt. Fernie Lodge No. 47 I. O. O. F. will attend divine service tomorrow at 3 p.m., parading to the opera house, where Rev. Wilkinson will deliver a sermon. All Odd Fellows are requested to be at the K. P. hall at 2.30 p.m. Visiting brothers invited.

FARMERS

Take with a large grain of salt any report on the coal situation which may appear in newspapers controlled by C.P. R. influences.

Mr. Philip Carosella informs us that the new Roma hotel will be open for business at 7 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Mr. Hermann Frey left the city last evening to take charge of the bottling department of the Elk Valley Brewing Co.

Irene Culshaw, aged 20 days, died last Wednesday morning. The funeral was held from the home of her parents to whom much sympathy is extended.

All you have to do is to take a walk to the Napanee hotel and buy your tickets from Tom Whelan for the Grand Derby sweepstakes. Tom guarantees a square deal and his word is always good.

"Dad" Ross has secured the contract to excavate the Kings hotel. He also has the contract for How Foon's new concrete block. The Celestial gentleman intends to have a first class Japanese and Chinese store.

A delightful social evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Webb on Wednesday evening. Amongst those present were: Misses Gladys Andrews, Carol Campbell, May Lamb, Annie Brown, Jeannette Strachan, Messrs. McLea, Shanley, Ross, Charles Fyfe. All those present report that Bob is the candy singer.

The marriage took place at the Catholic church on Monday of Mr. Domenico Nicoletti, and Miss Maggie Carosella. The ceremony was performed by Father Meissner. Both the contracting parties are well known in Fernie, and many friends join in extending congratulations and best wishes. They will take up their residence in Fernie.

Fernie is to have a park. At the last special meeting of the council it was decided to accept the offer of the C. N. P. Electric Light and Power company for one hundred and eight acres of land in the south end of the city for park purposes, the price being $50 an acre, and the payments are to be spread over a number of years. The council are planning to make a public park that will be a credit to the city, and fill a long felt want.

FRANK AND "PHARISEES"

Our Family Squabbles Viewed By an Esteemed Cotem-- "O Wad Some Power The Giftie Gie us"

(From the Calgary Albertan.)

Mr. Frank Sherman, the well known labor leader has been expelled from the Socialist society because he wrote a letter to Hon. W. H. Cushing during election, and recalling the good work done by the minister of public works, wished him success in his contest. Mr. Cushing was a candidate for Calgary. Calgary has two representatives and the Socialists had but one candidate. However, the Socialists in this city have conceived the idea that anyone however worthy, is worse than nothing unless he has been subjected to the laying on of hands by the Calgary executive.

So Frank Sherman has been fired by the Socialists. Of course that does not prveent him from being a Socialist just the same... Socialism is somewhat larger and more important and older than the Socialist society in Calgary or the organization in Canada.

No absolute potentate ever showed a more narrow, tyrannical spirit than the Canadian Socialists in dismissing, on such a flimsy charge, the ablest man in their ranks in Western Canada.

The trouble was that he was too strong for them. It was not the letter that caused his expulsion. That was the excuse. Long before that Calgary Socialists were boasting that they were laying for Sherman and would throw him.

And that is the organization which by the aid of the sacred principle of Socialism undertakes to usher into the world a new commercial system and what practically is a new civilization.

Mr. Sherman will not be injured by the action of the Socialists, but the Socialist society will be injured by the loss of a good man.

FARMERS DOOM COMING NEXT

ALREADY IN THE HOTEL BUSINESS AND COAL BUSINESS, THE C. P. R. NOW REACHES OUT FOR THE PROFITS OF THE TRUCK GARDENER AND FLORICULTURIST. THUS ONE BY ONE THE SMALL CONCERNS ARE CROWDED OUT, AND AGGRESSIVE CAPITAL HASTENS THE DAY WHEN ITSELF WILL BE GOBBLED UP BY THE WHOLE PEOPLE.

VANCOUVER, April 21—The C. P. R. is pulling on its cowhide boots, and buying plows preparatory to becoming a truck farmer on a huge scale on land just outside of the limits of the city of Vancouver.

Twenty acres of land from which all the C. P. R. hotels and dining cars in British Columbia will be supplied with vegetables and garden produce, and from which the coasting steamers and transpacific steamers of the company will draw their requirements of similar nature, is now being prepared on the company's land at Kerrisdale. The location is on the line of the Vancouver and Lulu Island railway.

It is also the intention of the company to erect large greenhouses on the property so that hotels, dining cars and steamers may be supplied with flowers of all kinds throughout the year. At present all requirements of this nature are filled by purchase from privately owned hot houses in Vancouver and Victoria.

A large donkey engine is now at work stumping the property, and as soon as it has been cleared the land will be grubbed and plowed. No attempt will be made to raise vegetables this season, but everything will be in readiness for the planting of roots of all kinds next spring. In the meantime the greenhouses will be erected, and it is probable that by next fall the great quantity of flowers and of plants required by the companys hotels will be supplied from Kerrisdale.

As soon as clearing operations have advanced sufficiently work will be started on the erection of a house for the manager of the farm and quarters will also be built for the labor which will be employed. A large force will be maintained when truck gardening is in full swing.

This is the first occasion in its history that the railway company has engaged in truck farming; and the experiment if successful, may bring about the establishment of similar farms at other points on the transcontinental system. The quantity of vegetables consumed by the dining cars and hotels of the company in British Columbia, and by the coast and transpacific steamers, is enormous. According to all accounts this twenty acre farm will be too small to meet demands, and it is possible that in time the acreage under cultivation will be extended.

OUR SOCIALIST PAGE

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THE PASSING OL REFORM PARTIES

The lesson taught by the Alberta elections goes to show conclusively that the position held by those individuals who would rather the workers "go slow" is untenable, they have been routed horse, foot and baggage; never again can a purely Reform Labor party be considered seriously by any earnest student of Labor politics.

Such a party was on trial in the city of Lethbridge; its platform covered almost every palliatable measure that could be imagined and the only clause that smacked of a revolutionary spirit, which demanded "The socialization of the means of production, the complete emancipation of Labor from the domination of capitalism, and the economic equality of the sexes," was repudiated and eliminated rrom this platform what time the election took place.

Donald McNab went to the legislature without a contest and sat for one session as the choice of the newly organized reform party and again became the standard bearer for the "something now" element; he was careful not to jeopardize his chances by being "Socialist" and confined himself to advocating reform measures, hoping to win the support of the Lethbridge wage-earners.

Mr. McNab claimed that Capital was beneficial to the working class, but was apt to forget the duty it owed to Brother Labor.

I am not criticizing his position; he and his supporters no doubt thought themselves right, and the extreme stand of the Socialist party wrong, but I wish to point out what happened in spite of their efforts to clear themselves from the "taint of Socialism.'

The Labor party of Lethbridge presented an alluring platform to the workers and solicited their votes, the candidate pledging himself to work in their interests and hoped to see some of the "demands of labor" considered.

But mark the result. When the capitalist candidates, Liberal and Conservative, made their appeal to the workers for their votes, they out-Heroded Herod and even went one better than the Labor candidate, promising considerably more for Labor than was even hoped for; they were in favor of the union label, shorter hours, a fair wage, and as for the bi-monthly pay, they were enthusiastically in favor of a WEEKLY PAY DAY.

The result was inevitable. Donald McNab was deserted by those who had been his most active supporters, and the majority of the wage earners voted for the friends of labor, to the discomfiture of their own nominee.

In contrast, C. M. O'Brien in the Rocky Mountains district, stood as a "straight" Socialist, refusing to compromise his position with "reformers", demanding that the workers vote for their class interests, thereby compelling the political henchmen of capitalism to take notice that not merely "reformers" alone were going to satisfy the wokrers, but nothing short of taking over the reins of government that they might enact purely class legislation to the utter undoing of the capitalist class.

This sort of electioneering has been ridiculed by labor leaders (who at present have a good grip on this world's goods) reformers, and "political Socialists" of the Ramsay McDonald type; it has been condemned as "vague and visionary," "impossibilism" and impractical, yet in spite of those Superior Persons it is being accepted by the wage earners in increasing numbers as the only logical position to assume.

THE UNEMPLOYED HIGHER UP.

Mr. Roosevelt says: Of course I did no work myself in connection with the Panama canal and did not bother my head with the business details, but Mr. Pulitzer's article is false—he is an infamous liar.

Mr. Pulitzer says: I am the proprietor of the "World," it is absurd to accuse me of working even with a pencil. I was yachting at the time that article was written. Roosevelt is another.

Mr. Rockefeller says: I haven't been in the office of the Standard Oil Company in a dozen years. My work is golf.

Mr. Archbold says: My business is to clamor for dividends.

Mr. Gould says: Other men made my money for me. It accumulates while I sleep. This work is all fallacy.

Mr. Workingman says: I begin to suspect that these brigands who hurl mud and thunderbolts at each other over the spoils of my labor and these non working gentry who coolly confess they are riding n my back with a strangle hold around my neck are not necessary to my comfort or happiness—in fact the sooner I get rid of them the better. Maybe I was born a jackass but the capitalists are kind enough to enlighten me.—From Wilshire's Magazine.

LESSON OF THE PARIS STRIKE

Parliamentary action, under the bourgeois dispensation, has proved exceedingly disappointing in every country. England is in this respect scarcely worse than Germany, France, Belgium, Holland or Austria. But the State employees in France have taught the workers a lesson all over the world. The complications of modern life are so great that the whole of the social machinery can be thrown out of gear by postal and telegraph servants, railway men, pitmen, sailors stevedores, and so on, with the greatest ease.

They can be thrown out of gear we say, by each of these sets of people separately, and can be absolutely brought to a standstill by each of them acting together.

Why should not this be done as the first step to the Social revolution? We ourselves know from what we hear all around us and from the ringing applause that greets any reference on the platform to the lesson taught by the postal employees of Paris, that before long the workers of Great Britain will begin to ask themselves whether there may not be a shorter cut to the pacification of the existing class war and the organization of the present anarchy than any route which leads through the Westminster Gas Works.—H. M. Hyndman, in "Justice.'

PRESERVE THE HOME

(By Franlin H. Wentworth.)

In their hearts the privileged classes know well that it is not because the Socialist does not desire to preserve the home that sets them quaking with grave concern; it is because at last he does.

For the first time in history the workers of the world are now evincing a determination to preserve their own families—to preserve them from exploitation.

And when the worker actually begins to preserve his own family and demands for their consumption the products of his labor, the idler knows he will at last have to bestir himself to preserve his.

Indeed who cannot see that as the family of the working man rises at last out of its collective misery, the idle, the parasitic family, so long secure in its unproductive uselessness, must cease to fatten at the cost of the families of the poor.

INDUSTRIES?

Did you say that the nation can't run these industries for itself successfully? Well if the nation can manage a state university, it can surely run a packing house.

If it can feed a fighting arm it can run a hotel.

If it can build bridges it can build factories.

If it can irrigate land it can sell groceries.

If it can sell postage stamps it can sell coal.

If it can manage a navy it can manage telegraphs, telephones, express companies and railroads.

If it can make cannons it can make stoves.

If it can manage experimental farms at the agricultural colleges it can manage farming.

If it can pave the streets it can also make the materials with which to pave the streets.

If the people can run the public schools they can run factories or any other public utility.

COME THEN, TOGETHER ALL

(By Alfred Budden)

Come then, together all;
This is no time to dally;
Can you not hear the trumpet call,
The call to the final rally?
Fling out the standard to the wind,
The red, red flag of old;
We fight the battle of humankind
'Gainst the powers of greed and gold.

Come, then, together all,
This is no time to loiter;
Can you not see our comrades fall
By the hand of the cruel exploiter?
Fling down the gauntlet to vice and shame,
The mailed hand of truth;
We fight the battle in freedom's name
Gainst deniers of justice and ruth.

Come, then, together all,
This is no time to falter;
Our comrades stand in felon's stall
Or swing on hempen halter.
Fling out the challenge across the land;
The foe is brought to bay;
Close up the ranks for the final stand,
Victory shall crown the day.

CLASS CONSCIOUSNESS

Class consciousness is the only thing that can save the world from individual revolt, blind, stupid and cruel. To make a man class conscious is to make him a safe man, whose revolt is always against the system and never against individuals; it is to make him a just man, too wise and just to hold individuals responsible for the faults of the system; it is to make him a wise and patient man, too wise to attempt to make things better by venting his personal anger in savage deeds, patient enough to work with his fellows year after year, to bring about the economic changes which will make freedom possible for all mankind.—John Spargo.

THE CAPITALIST TO THE SOCIALIST.

(By Henry Waldorf Francis)

Your theories, I'll not deny, are beautiful indeed;
You would Mammon's power demolish, and you'd do away with greed;
And for honor, not for dollars, spur him on to noble deeds;
You'd have no man through another's labor profit reap;
But have each get his full earnings, all-sufficient him to keep;
Not might, but right and justice you would have reign in the world
Self from its throne oppressive your aim 'tis to have hurled!
You'd have all men given leisure to improve and real men be,
And the future not have clouded by the fear of Poverty!
You would see there was no reason why a woman herself sold
And was wrecked in mind and body for a paltry piece of gold!
And the children, helpless children, whom He said "Let come to me."
Their lives you'd not have blighted in the heartless factory!
Youth should have its golden glory everywhere upon the earth,
None be doomed to toil and hunger by the accident of birth!
You would make all mankind happy, blessed with Comfort, Health, content,
With an utter disregard of all ancient precedent!
But see you not, wild dreamer, that the idea is unsound,
Do not the law books tell us that by precedent we're bound
And should governed be by dead men moldering ages underground?
Ah! those clods of dust long lying silent in forgotten graves—
It is sacrilege to ask us not to be their abject slaves;
And vested rights—shall we defy that sacred bugaboo!
It is awful just to think of all the things you'd have us do!
To each one of us make happy is your desire, you say,
But how'd you make ME happy taking what I've got away?
Man you'd free from my dominion, the dominion of the few,
When so plain it is they like it! To the devil, sir with you!

WHAT PEOPLE ARE READING

By Leslie M. Shaw, ex-secretary of the U. S. Treasury:

"Do you realize that our public libraries are full of Socialistic literature? *I recently visited a large public library* in one of our largest cities and I observed the sitting room, a large, spacious one, filled with many men and women.

It was during a time of temporary business depression. I felt pleased that so many workers should be reading, and I asked the librarian what they were reading.

He replied "Socialism."

He said it was a public library and that it was supposed to supply the wants of the public.

He further said that the demand was for Socialist works and that the library had many volumes on Socialism in many languages."

ECONOMIC LIBERTY

An ideal home and economic liberty is the desire of all. Yet few are economically free, and few own their homes.

The opportunities that were once free to all are gone. Lands are in the hands of the few, machines have been developed and monopolized and there is no chance for economic liberty unless we have access to the land or to *the machines.*

Men can work now only by permission of the owners of the land and machines, and then on such terms as may suit the owners.

Under Socialism men would have access to the land and the tools by which they made their living. Then there would be economic liberty and a desire and a chance for the worker to have an ideal home. Children would not be compelled to work prematurely to obtain a common living and so miss the pleasure of early youth. It seems to me that with such homes marriage would not be the failure that it is now. —F. G. Runion.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to Superintendent of Provincial Police for a renewal of my retail liquor license for the Krag Hotel, Krag B. C.

Mrs. M. Palmer.

Krag, B.C. 24th April, 1909 5t

THE SOCIALIST TIDE

Oh, we are the waves of an Ocean!
An Ocean of surging scorn,
Whose spray is the salt of devotion,
O'er which winged ones of Freedom are borne—
An ocean that ever is beating
'Gainst headlands of Mammon and Greed,
Where the currents of Reason are meeting,
And whose depths are unfathomed indeed.

Oh, we are the waves of an ocean!
And our song is a chorus of might,
With a volume that, ever increasing
Strikes a fear in the Armies of Night.
And the strain of the sea as we listen
Is the jubilant note of the strong,
As each wave stretches farther and farther
O'er the shoals and the quicksands of wrong.

Oh we are the waves of an Ocean!
Sweeping on in the cause of the Right,
And the swirl and the swish of commotion
Is our heritage, pride and delight.
For we know that its power is resistless
To bear up the wronged one who weeps—
Or to swallow up those who oppress us
In its abyss of bottomless deeps.

Oh, we are the waves of an Ocean!
Some tomering in wrath to the skies,
Some tremulous, small, hesitating—
Just ripples of "zephyr kissed" size.
Yet the great and the small in one purpose
Shall unite in one billowy roll
That shall rise to its ultimate triumph
—In a glorious harmonious Whole.—

Oh, we are the waves of an Ocean!
An Ocean of fury and power!
And headland and fortress shall crumble
When the future shall sanction the hour,
And the stress of the storm will be over
When the end of oppression is seen,
And the Sun will shine out o'er that Ocean
And the waves be for ever serene.

Yes, we are the waves of an Ocean
Whose tide never ceasing shall rise
On the buttress of wealth 'tis encroaching
Undismayed by the backwash of lies—
And the fair barque of truth shall be carried
On its bosom in sight of the shore,
Straight into the haven of Justice
To bring peace to the world evermore.

H. Starr

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PETTIPIECE WANTS PEACE

"PARM" GETS AFTER THE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION, WHO SEEM TO WANT WAR, WITH STINGING RESOLUTION ON THE CONDITIONS THAT MAKE FOR CONFLICT.

VANCOUVER, April 16—At last night's meeting of Vancouver Trades and Labor council a communication from the Conservative association asking Labor to lift its voice in support of the so-called *Imperial Defence* movement, received a scorching excoriation from Secretary Pettipiece:

"The country is feeling the effects of a wave of jingoism," he remarked, "but I would like to know why the working classes should support this "Dreadnought business. War is never made by the workers and the workingmen of Germany and of England at labor conferences have passed resolutions condemning these armaments. War is promoted for the selfish ends of capitalists and if the working classes only refused to assist in these schemes it would become a thing of the past. It is the workers who do fighting, not the capitalists, but it is the capitalist whose ends are promoted by the foolishness of the workers *in fighting their fellow workers of* other countries. I have drafted a resolution which I would like to see passed, and which is taken from resolutions at a labor conference at Berlin at a meeting of the independent labor party of Great Britain and the Trades and Labor congress of Canada."

Parm's resolution was as follows:

"Whereas the Vancouver Trades and Labor council has been invited to participate in a meeting having for its purpose the strengthening of the British navy in order that the empire may be safeguarded from the dangers alleged to threaten it from without.

"And whereas such aid on our part would be to place an engine of war in the hands of the governing class within the empire which could and would be turned against the dispossessed working classes whenever their necessity should drive them to such relief from the conditions forced on them by their industrial masters;

"And whereas the real enemies of the working people of the empire are not without the empire but within it;

"And whereas the working people of this empire can have no possible quarrel with the working people of other nations, but on the other hand have a real quarrel with the classes which today have the government of this empire within its hands, and who are directly responsible for the condition of dependency of the workers in the midst of the plenty their labors alone has created;

"And whereas the augmenting of the means of murder, such as navies, and armies must be a standing menace to the peace and welfare of working people not only without the empire but of those who dwell within it;

"Be it therefore resolved that we refuse to countenance the jingoistic campaign which seeks to enlist our support for increased naval and military equipment; that we are opposed to naval and military establishments of any nature, and we look forward to the day when labor will have asserted its right to the fruits of its toil and therepy abolish the fundamental cause of war, viz, a struggle for the possession of the wealth which labor creates, and

"Be it therefore resolved that we call upon all workers to refuse to countenance or support in any way the schemes of those jingoes who, under cover of "patriotism," seek to embroil our class in war; and we insist that, since capitalists create war, capitalists should do the fighting."

HAMILTON, Ont., April 21.—Promise is made that the next session of the Kinrade inquest, which opens on April 22nd will develop sensational evidence that may help the police to soon clear up the mystery.

It is said the attorney generals department has had fen at work in several parts of the States hunting up evidence, and that they have secured some that will prove of the greatest importance.

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WINDING UP THE LITTLE BALL OF YARN

(Continued from last week.)

Taylor: Have you cashed very many cheques?

Not a great many.

Taylor: Can you remember cashing any other cheques, and what ones they were?

Shanley: I remember cashing one for Webb.

What date?

Shanley: It was in December, and was a pay cheque. I also cashed cheques for some of the workmen, but he could not remember anything particular about them.

Taylor: How is it that you remember this particular cheque of May Lamb's and the amount, and could not remember the one for Webb which was later?

Shanley: I remember this cheque as it was the only cheque he cashed for May Lamb.

Taylor asked again how it was he had such a keen recollection of this cheque.

Shanley: I suppose there are some things that a man will remember more than others.

Taylor: Did she get the money the same day the cheque was drawn up?

I cannot remember.

Taylor: Have you any memorandum to say that it was cashed in September?

Shanley: No.

Taylor here pointed out to the magistrate that Lockhart drew up a voucher for the cheque. The cheque was apparently endorsed with the same ink as the voucher.

Taylor: Did May Lamb carry the cheque around with her before she cashed it?

Shanley said he did not think so, but thought she cashed it as soon as she got it.

Taylor: Did you carry it around

Shanley: I do not think so.

Taylor: Here we have a voucher with you?

made out by Lockhart, signed by Lockhart, dated September 10th, and we have a cheque in Lockharts handwriting and do you mean to tell me that you cashed that cheque?

Shanley: I do.

Taylor: Who told you that this May Lamb cheque would come up here?

Shanley: No one.

Taylor: You are living with Webb are you not?

Shanley. I was living with him up to the 15th of March.

Taylor: Webb and you had dinner together last night, did you not?

Yes.

Taylor: You talked over the case did you not?

Shanley: Yes.

Taylor: Did you talk over what evidence you should give?

Shanley: No sir.

Shanley said he had ascertained all that had taken place in the court room from newspapers.

Taylor: Then in September you were handling cash belonging to the relief fund?

Shanley: I believe so.

Taylor: Did you assist Webb in the office during the month of September?

Shanley: I do not think I had to work in the office with Webb in September.

Taylor: You had practically all the handling of the money throughout the month that followed belonging to the relief fund?

Shanley: No sir.

Taylor: Did you deposit all the money.

Shanley: I do not think so.

Taylor: Did you not practically make out all vouchers?

Shanley: After the 1st of December I did.

Taylor: Did you make out vouchers in October and November?

I might have.

Did y ou make any out in September?

I don't think so.

Taylor: You were not present were you when Lockhart turned over the cash to Webb?

Shanley: No sir.

Taylor: Did you see the cash balance sheet or paper upon which the cash was turned over to Webb?

Shanley: I never saw it.

Taylor: You know to what I am referring.

Shanley: I do not, but I gather it is a trial balance.

Taylor: Did Webb go away in February back east?

He did.

Taylor: Webb said he left everything in the office for the auditor and this paper was amongst the other

Shanley: I don't recollent seeing papers.

it.

Taylor: What date did the auditor come here in February?

Shanley: On Monday. He asked for a calendar and reading from same, he said he believed it was on the 22nd. It was the last week in February he was here.

Taylor: You were in sole charge, were you not?

No sir.

Taylor: Where did Webb go to in the east?

Shanley: He went to Winnipeg and was away about six days.

Taylor: You gave the auditor particulars of things?

I did.

Taylor: Did the auditor get the statement referred to?

Shanley: I don't know.

Taylor: Did McDiarmid ask for any other things that were not produced?

He ased for particulars of cash sales, but outside of ledger entries I told him that there were no particulars.

Taylor: Does the ledger give particulars of cash sales?

Shanley: It gives the amount.

Shanley in reply to question said he did not sell any supplies outside of the $10.

Taylor: And did you keep any book of sales?

Shanley: I had no instructions to keep books of sales. The money was turned over to the secretary and it was his place to keep books.

Coming back to the May Lamb cheque again, Taylor said they were not there to hear fairy tales but they wanted the truth about the cheque.

Shanley said he know he cashed the cheque and turned it over to Webb.

Taylor: I want you to say whether you have an index recollection, such as you have, that you cashed partly out of your own pocket, and partly out of relief money, this particular?

Shanley: My recollection is that I had enough money in my own pocket to cash it.

Taylor: Was your money mixed with relief money?

Shanley: I don't think so.

Taylor: Did you turn over the cash sales in lump amounts?

Yes.

Taylor: When you turned over the money to Webb for cash sales did you take receipts?

No.

Taylor: When Webb turned over the money to Lockhart he took receipts and how is it that you did not get any?

Shanley: I did not think it was necessary.

The only money he turned over to Lockhart was a $10 cheque for supplies sold to Carlisle.

Taylor: How many toilet sets did you sell in Fernie?

I do not know.

Taylor: Were one or two sold in Fernie?

Shanley could not say.

Taylor: Does the book only show one or two?

Shanley: I do not know.

Taylor then showed him exhibit 47 in Shanely's handwriting prepared on March 17th in response to a resolution passed by relief fund committee.

Shanley said he would not say that this exhibit was true, part of it having been made from memory.

Shanley asked for a journal filed and he would tick off the items.

Taylor: You said you prepared part from memory, so please tick off items.

Shanley refused to do so until the journal was produced.

On going over the journal this was not found in a very satisfactory state, and Taylor asked him why he did not keep the books of the relief committee as carefully as he kept the books of the Fernie hotel.

Taylor said: I understand Ambrey had refused to take over the slips and accounts until they were audited.

Shanley said that as soon as he could get the books he would soon prepare them. They had been in court and he could not use them.

Taylor: Can you tell me whether you deposited the monies received or turned them over to the secretary?

Shanley: Everything that I got I turned over. Shanley said that he had started new books in March so that he could turn over his stewardship to the committee.

Taylor asked him when it first occurred to him that he wanted new books.

Shanley: It first occurred to me when I told the committee that I was going to leave.

Taylor: I notice that your statement of cash received, $5703.96 has been erased with a knife, and it appears that something less has been put in after knife erasure.

Shanley: Yes.

Taylor also saw some other figures erased with a knife and asked Shanley to explain.

Shanley said he might have made an error.

Taylor: I don't ask what might have been, I really want to know what you did.

He explained that it was in the account of the Western Canada Wholesale company. He received a cheque from Western Canada Wholesale Company for $500 and put it in accounts receivable before, and had to put it in cash receivable.

Taylor, after some more examining: I see that some of this $5703.96 was received for sales of supplies, lumber, etc. was made out after McDiarmid made his audit.

Taylor: How many accounts did you receive after the auditor made his report?

Shanley: I think one.

Taylor: That one is $782.58, this made $1976.62 whereas auditor shows accounts receivable $1655.38.

Shanley: But I accounted for fifteen days more than the auditor put in his report.

Taylor still questioned him as to where he got particulars of exhibit 47 cash sales, made partly from memory. Shanley said he was not responsible for the books before March 1.

Taylor asked where he got total of $5703.96 cash received. Shanley said he got it partly from page 24 in the ledger.

Eckstein here interposed and said that whilst the committee **did not** wish to interfere with an investigation into Shanley's accounts, he did not see what bearing it had upon the case. If Shanley's accounts are wrong and money misappropriated the committee will prosecute. He gave Shanley to understand that they wanted him to answer all questions put to him.

Taylor asked Shanley how long it would take him to figure up cash received, to which Shanley replied that it would take him a day and a half, as that was the time it took him to prepare the staement.

Counsel said something and Magistrate Whimster turned to Shanley and told him to figure up the statement and and keep them a day and a half listening to his jokes.

Shanley spent some considerable time in checking up books to show how he arrived at this amount of $5,703.96, but his efforts were unavailable.

Taylor suggested that he come into court after night adjournment and go through the books with some one representing the Crown. The court here adjourned for lunch after various questions dealing with the March accounts the difference between two statements prepared by Shanley was $37.10. To the latter statement had been added $414.20 on McDiarmid's audit, not accounted for and above result arrived at. This concluded cross examination. His accounts had been shown to be in pretty bad state during cross-examination.

Eckstein then proceedd to ask him more questions on behalf of Crown.

He asked Shanley if he handled any money of the amount that was turned over by Lockhart to Webb.

Shanley; No.

Eckstein: Do you know how much was turned over by Lockhart to Mr. Webb?

Shanley: No.

Eckstein: Did Lockhart turn any money over to you?

Shanley: No, only pay cheque.

Eckstein: Did Webb turn over any money to you except pay cheque?

Shanley: No.

Eckstein: Was it possible for you to get hold of this $900?

Shanley: I do not think it would be.

Eckstein: Take Dobson & Willingham supplies $10 did you have anything to do with this?

Shanley: Yes.

Shanley: What did you do with the money?

Shanley: I turned it over to Lockhart.

Eckstein: Are you willing to vouch for accuracy of exhibit 53 which was statement made out by Shanley in trying to arrive at amount of sales supply?

Shanley: No.

Eckstein: Do you want any time to go over books and make out fresh statement?

Shanley replied no; he had said previously that he did not vouch that the both statements were correct.

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WHERE ABDUL GETS OFF AT

Turkish Revolutionists Think the Old Man Has Been Acting Rather Treacherously

LONDON, April 19—"The Macedonianian troops intend to enter Constantinople to-day and enforce their demand for the abdication of the Sultan.

The new ministry is tottering.

"It is believed adequate steps have been taken to guarantee public order."

The foregoing statement was received in London to-day in a code message from Constantinople. It was sent by the local agent of a well known banking firm.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 19—It is expected in Constantinople to-day that the main body of troops loyal to the young Turks that have concentrated outside of Constantinople will begin soon to march across country to Yildiz Kiosk, with the object of forcing the abdiction of the Sultan.

The troops loyal to the young Turks continued their advance on Constantinople last night and it is believed here that they will soon occupy Makrikemy a town about ten miles from the capital.

Two advance guards precede the main body of the soldiers. One is composed of 300 men, half of whom are officers, while the other numbers 1000. These two columns are expected to occupy Pera and Galata the foreign and official quarters of Constantinople, as soon as possible in order to protect foreigners in the event of rioting. Many of the troops in Constantinople favor young Turks and resistance is hardly expected.

BERLIN, April 19—In a despatch from Constantinople the correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger says:

The situation is extremely serious. A general massacre can be prevented only by the speediest success of the Salonikan troops.

The liberal unionists at last understand to what purpose the Yildiz Kiosk used them and as a result they are partly downcast, and partly incensed against the palace. The sentiment of the troops in the city is turning now against the palace.

Calls for Old Man's Head

The movement of the troops loyal to the young Turks to Tchatalja appears to be proceeding with the greatest order. Everything was planned long beforehand even to the minutest detail.

Tchatalja is the key to the girdle of fortifications around the capital. Four military trains arrived there Sunday morning. Mukhtar Bey is in command of the advance guard of the Salonikans. When a deputation of pacification from Constantinople greeted him he asked gruffly:

"Have you brought the head of the old man. We cannot negotiate as long as you come here without that head."

This deputation consisting of 30 men wanted to proceed to Salonika, but it was compelled to return here. Mukhtar Bey threatened to give orders to have them shot immediately if they attempted to get in touch with the soldiers.

"The troops which arrived at Spartakule Saturday afternoon under the command of Niasi Pasha, proceeded last night to Kuptchuk and Tchekmedje where it is believed they will await the coming of reinforcements. They will embark on vessels and, avoiding Constantinople, march direct to Yildiz Kiosh.

"Many officers have deserted their commands and have joined the Salonikans.

"Izzet Pasha, chief of the general staff, went with 10 officers in the afternoon to Kutchuk to pacify the soldiers, but persons well informed say the real purpose was to transfer the entire general staff to the Salonikans."

Volunteer by Thousands

The foregoing despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger came out of Constantinople by way of Smyrna. The Turkish warships stationed at Smyrna are loyal to the young Turks.

The volunteers in the vilayet of Kossovo number 80,000; Albania has furnished 70,000 more and Salonika 6000.

The committee of union and progress has accepted an offer from Bulgaria to organize a militia for emergency purposes. A local writer says it will take three weeks to transfer the third corps to a position in front of Constantinople, but that the defeat of the third corps before its concentration is impossible. The sultan will have time to make preparations to meet the Salonikans.

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The price for hacking ties is small,
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It used to be a better job
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The Tie Hack is a hardy man
A man to do and dare,
Amid the waving forest trees
The Tie Hack's camp is there.

His home is in the pathless woods
Where roam the graceful dear,
'Tis ther the Tie Hack swings his axe
The railroad's pioneer.

And first he hacks it true,
The Tie Hack with his broadax then
So smoothly does it hew.

But tho' the Tie Hack works so hard
To mage a littel dough,
Too often when he goes to town
That money he does blow.

Yet, though he is a reckless man,
The Tie Hack has a heart,
And to a brother in distress
Will his last dollar part.

So good luck to the Tie Hack
Wherever he may roam,
For some day he will settle down
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The Tie Hack is a happy man
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"How Ban returned to Fernie" will be published in book form and will be for sale at Suddaby's in the near future.

Maloney, Miller and Finlayson of the Home bank, Fernie, were Elko visitors Easter Monday for business and pleasure. They made several fast friends in Elko while some people would be getting acquainted, and bought a large consignment of Indian curios and souvenirs of Elko.

There was a report in Elko that Hannington of the Bank of Commerce was in town but we have no foundation for the report. Mr. Banwell was seen carrying a clothes basket and a Japanese fan.

Miss Kidd of the general hospital in Fernie was down to Elko Easter Monday.

Alex. Watson of the government offices in Fernie was in Elko Good Friday between trains.

Jim Thistlebeak says there's at least ten girls in Elko that have rugs in front of their mirrors to cover the holes they had worn in the carpet.

There's a report in Elko that John Mott, who left here some time ago to tour Alberta was seen lying on his stomach northwest from Lethbridge, holding on to the grass roots, defying the wind to blow him back to Lethbridge.

Archie McKee is on the strike again in Elko.

Elko was filled with visitors during Easter.

Miss McShane proved beyond a doubt that she is the best entertainer in Elko'

C. M. Edwards and party were encamped on Pine Apple creek, Roosville, this week.

Game Warden Lewis and Mr. Tuck of the Crows Nest Pass Coal company were eating hot cross buns and double yolked eggs at Roosville Good Friday.

Fred Roo is down at Roosville this week attending to some land deals.

LABORS PROTEST

PORT ARTHUR, April 20—The Trades and Labor council at a meeting last night had a fresh batch of reports of alleged grievances of men working on railway construction. Correspondence has been received from the labor department to the effect that it has no authority to institute an investigation on its own initiative. A strong resolution was passed identical to that passed by the Fort William Trades and Labor council, urging the government that it is absolutely necessary in the interests of British justice for a royal commission to be held here or at Fort William to investigate and clear up these cases which are alleged to be nothing short of a blot on our civilization.

If only fifty per cent of what the men state is true, a shocking condition of affairs is allowed on construction work and in the interests of humanity a stop should be put to the inhuman practices prevalent at the present time.

LENNOX Mass, April 23—Six people lost their lives, three others were badly burned and a property oss of between $200,000 and $300,000 was caused by a fire in the heart of the business section of the town yesterday.

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THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT AND THE SOCIALIST PARTY

Despite every consideration of personal safety, and private advantage, Pres. Frank H. Sherman of District 18 U. M. W. of A., is making the fight of his life against a cunningly managed attempt on the part of the employing class to force upon our local miners' unions a form of alleged "agreement" which would not only effect an immediate reduction of the financial ability of our miners to support the working class cause, but would also render that disability permanent by virtue of ultimately destroying the union itself.

It is a typical illustration of that vagary of human nature which sometimes induces even the sincerest champions of the working class to make thoughtless assault upon the under pinning of their own cause, that at this particular crisis in the struggle of our local coal mining unions for fairer conditions, a number of members of the Socialist Party of Canada have deemed it proper to make President Sherman the object of a widely published attack such as is admirably calculated to cause dissension in the ranks of our local miners, and to that extent to give to the common enemy a degree of aid and comfort for which they would undoubtedly have paid good hard coin if extended by purchasable members of Labor's army, and which must, therefore, be all the more gratifying to them when it comes, as in the present instance, from a group of men whose financial integrity seems to be unquestionable.

The action referred to consisted in the public expulsion of our friend Frank from that branch of the Socialist movement which is known as the Socialist Party—the technical ground of the action being the publication, albeit without Sherman's own knowledge or consent, of a paragraph contained in a private letter written by him and expressing belief that the labor legislation enacted during the recent session of the Alberta legislature at the behest of the Liberal administration of that province had not been entirely devoid of benefit to the working class.

In thus mentioning and characterizing this action it is not intended to condemn it; and that for several reasons. In the first place, because to do so would be to quarrel with an accomplished and unchangeable fact, and therefore to question the effectiveness of that unseen force of whose workings all such facts must necessarily be a resultant—in the second place, because under the rules of the Socialist Party the Committee to whom the charge had to be referred, when once it was made, could hardly have decided otherwise than they did on the evidence adduced—and in the last place because, after all, the verdict is not likely to diminish the serenity of Frank Sherman, or to lessen his usefulness to the working class movement.

Indeed if any criticism whatever may be indulged in, without going beyond the lines prescribed by up-to-date philosophy, it would seem to attach rather to those forms and methods of organization which are not yet beyond reach of change and which permit and encourage the venting of thoughtless and uncharitable impetuosity in the initiating of charges at a time when its victim has got his hands tied up in a fight with the common enemy; but the episode in its entirety will serve at least this useful purpose that it will call widespread attention to the difference which necessarily exists between a great economic movement, and the many, many different forms of propaganda and organization that may be established with the intention of furthering that movement. Such organizations will not only be marked by that defect which is common to every organization whose membership fails to be conterminous with all mankind—the defect, namely, that the man who builds a fence to keep the other fellow out, succeeds also, by the same device, and to the same extent, in shutting himself in—but will also reflect in their action and character the human imperfections of those who compose them; and will, therefore, receive their own appropriate share of whatever failure or set-back or suffering may come to such component members in the working out of that great and inevitable Law which prescribes that every deficiency of action shall be punished by its own consequences, and that every defect of character shall eventually be polished out of existence as a result of the experiences thus obtained.

In other words, the great Socialist movement will grind its resistless way to that ocean of Past Achievement in which it also will ultimately be labelled as a finished and accomplished stage of the evolution of human affairs; while organizations established for the purpose of accelerating that glacier-like progress will meantime do their work, and have their day, in accord with the varying merit of their action—and with the consequently varying strength of their right to exist. The extent, for example, to which the expulsion of Frank Sherman from one of these subsidiary organizations has been dictated, if at all, by feelings of jealousy or Pharisaical self-pride on the part of his accusers, will mark also the extent to which, in the final working out of inevitable law, that organization will suffer defeat and disruption as a consequence of such selfishness; and, on the other hand, the extent to which Frank Sherman himself shall give way, if at all, to a feeling of resentment because of this attack upon him, will mark also the extent to which he himself is under the dominion of the selfish nature—and therefore, the extent to which his own character will be disciplined and refined by the suffering which by that selfishness, if he shall give way to it, will inevitably be brought to his door also.

The whole question of responsibility in regard to this episode and its consequences is therefore purely an academic one, depending simply on the existence or non-existence of motives whose exact degree of control over the self-nature of our neighbors, or even of ourselves, it is not given to any one of us to find out. All that we can say is that the Spirit of Life can never be fooled in these matters, and that in the long course of events exact justice will inevitably be meted out to all parties concerned.

As for Frank Sherman, it is obvious that, whatever his present or future status may be in relation to the Socialist party, he has not been and cannot be debarred from such activity as he may be pleased to exercise in that great Socialist Movement which includes not only the work of the Socialist Party, but also that of a dozen other different forms of honest effort for the emancipation of the working class. The very ground of his exclusion from official recognition in the 'Party' form of action—the charge that is to say, that by admitting beneficial working class action on the part of a section of the Liberal party he did injury to the Socialist party—is a charge that stands very widely open to question. To assume that oneself and one's associates are the sole repositories of such common sense and integrity as may have been vouchsafed to our day and generation is not only, to put it mildly, an extremely large assumption, but also looks very like a survival of that spirit of mere party fanaticism which has been the disgrace of both Canadian and American politics in times now happily receding; or like a retrogression to that spirit of priestcraft and Pharisaism which posits its own pretensions of superior virtue upon a denial of any possession of virtue by others, and which places itself in antagonism to that elementary dictum of both evolution and philosophy that acknowledges the element of usefulness in each successive phase of evolution and in each individual manifestation of physical or mental or spiritual life. The most widely esteemed exponents of our own Socialist doctrine display no hesitation whatever in acknowledging that even capitalism itself has done certain services to the advancement of mankind; and we ourselves are surely planted on very wobbly legs indeed if for the maintenance of our upstanding and for the proving of our own movement's right to exist, we find it necessary to make sweeping denial of either kindly intention or partial performance on the part of men as honest as ourselves, but unfavored by the Gods with our degree of economic light.

If we really love our cause beyond all other considerations we will avoid prejudicing its advancement by any display on our part of egotism or intolerance or boorish inappreciation of kindly intention on the part of those who may not see as clearly as we do. By our insistent and persevering efforts to convert those around us to an acceptance of Socialism, by our constant and repeated financial sacrifices in the printing and spreading of Socialistic literature, we are making daily acknowledgement not only of our own deep-seated conviction that social justice will not be established of its own motion and without our earnest individual effort to prepare the way for it, but also of our belief that the persuading of our fellows is a necessary part of all this preparing of the way. Let us therefore be consistent with ourselves by going about this work of persuasion and propaganda in a spirit which will demonstrate to all beholders that it is for the winning of allies in a noble cause, and not for the gratifying of our pride of opinion or the pedantic display of our ability to repeat abstruse economic arguments industriously culled from the books, that we are so actively bestirring ourselves. "Hearts are trumps," dear comrades, and the more years of experience we may acquire in our labor of love for our class the more keenly we will realize that if, by inconsiderate display on our part of any manifestation of that self-nature which is the one universal outlaw (detested by each one of us in others no matter how much we may pet it and cosset it, and make excuses for it in ourselves) we shall close against us the hearts of the one whose adhesion to our cause we are trying to win, then at the same time, and by that very action we shut tightly the door of his head against the entry of our arguments, no matter how consecutively we may marshal our facts, or with what masterly logic we may deduce the conclusions that can properly be based upon those facts.

In other words, comrades, the conquering of this self tyrant in our own hearts is by far the most important part of this work of "preparing the way" which, in so many ways, we declare by our actions to be necessary. Is it not therefore a proper and desirable thing that we shall so conduct ourselves in our propaganda of the Socialist Movement, that, in the long roster of those whose actions shall be of record as causing delay and obstruction to the final success of that Movement, our names and that of the Socialist Party shall be conspicuously absent.

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Certain of our unesteemed cotems, being seduced of the (C. P. R.?) devil and their own evil imaginations, have sought to sow seeds of discord among the friends of justice in these parts by characterizing District President Frank Sherman as a mean and unsociable "Czar," too fond to rule alone.

They have another guess coming. If there is one Mine Workers' official in America who is insistent upon receiving constant instructions from the rank and file, who consistently abstains from any attempt to dictate such instructions, and who frankly and independently keeps everlastingly hammering it into his constituents that they can have his resignation whenever his conduct ceases to suit them, that man is Frank Sherman. Such attacks may to some extent serve their malodorous purpose by prejudicing against the miners' cause the opinions of unthinking persons remote from the scene of action; but they excite nothing but a smile in Frank's own bailiwick, where he is known and liked not only as one of the most unassuming of men in his own demeanor, but also as a resolute opponent of those autocratic methods and policies which are the persistent curse and ultimate destroyer of any organization—whether in labor or in politics or in society—whose members may prove sufficiently—asinine—and—sufficiently servile to adopt such methods or stand for them.

The fact that without personal appeal from President Sherman the various local unions of this District so unanimously sustained and endorsed his action in refusing to entertain as a completed agreement those incomplete and unfinished, but none the less treacherous, proposals of the Macleod conference—proposals, which in Sherman's absence, and with such indecent haste and unseemly disregard of honest methods, the enemies of fairplay and true unionism in this neck of the woods were endeavoring to rush along from the tentative to the officially accepted stage—ought to give pause to editors who, however grossly their ignorance of modern industrial conditions may prejudice them against the uplifting of the man who works, have yet managed to retain some remnant of respect for their reputation for veracity and reasoning power.

COYOTE DIPLOMACY

It is now generally recognized that the campaign of suppression and duplicity—ushered in by the now notorious Macleod telegram of March 31—has ingloriously failed in its purpose of misleading the public as to which party was really responsible for the breaking up of the Macleod negotiations, and for the failure to conclude that renewal of agreement which was necessary to the continuing of coal mining operations in the mines of the unsigned minority of our local coal operators.

It is therefore highly probable that if there were no higher power in the background, possessed of a secret whip which the recalcitrant coal managers fear to face, this failure of the originally planned style of campaign would have been gracefully acknowledged by the signing up of legal and binding agreements similar to those to which the larger coal interests of the Crow's Nest Pass country have so cheerfully subscribed their assent, and that throughout this District the mining of coal would by this time be humming along as merrily as the chime of a marriage bell, and everybody be as harmonious and happy as may be possible under existing social conditions.

Held back by their secret masters, however, from the adopting of this manly policy of honest retraction to which, otherwise, their own good sense would probably incline them—and prevented as they are by the now awakened intelligence of the public from any return to their original policy of open, albeit mendacious, attack—these poor devils of coal operators seem to be driven by the tightness of the squeeze in which they thus find themselves, to resort to that "dodge and deviate" policy which is perhaps sufficiently indicated by the appearance in eastern newspapers of press items such as the following:

"A private despatch from Hosmer, B.C., says regarding the strike that the men are very anxious to get back to work and are becoming more restless and dissatisfied every day. Unless a lot of support is forthcoming from the union there will likely be a break very soon in the ranks of the men."

Apart from the impudent falsity of the above statement (as shown by the fact that the signed up and union scale town of Michel, only a few miles away, is unable to get as many miners as it needs) its animus and status as a stupidly inspired and clumsily fabricated canard ought to be apparent to any news editor who might be sufficiently awake to take note that it comes from the home camp of the ghost dancing minority coal operators; that it characterizes as a "strike" a situation which is really a holiday unasked by the men but enforced by the bucking coal managers; and that its asserting of local discontent and restlessness is all of a piece with that attempted stirring up of trouble in that same town which only a few days ago was universally stigmatized by the newspaper correspondents on the ground as a ridiculous farce worked up by the hired secret service men of the company itself.

Such stealthily mendacious tactics as these will avail as little as did the brazenly mendacious tactics adopted at the initial stage of the fight. Union men are braced and fortified by too many hard fought campaigns against unscrupulous employers to be lightly stampeded by such transparent attempts to produce disaffection in their ranks; and even the oftimes too credulous public has by this time heard the cry of "wolf" resounding once too often from the vicinity of the minority coal operators' stentorian lungs.

The fire department is adding to its equipment a chemical fire engine, at a cost of $2450. This engine is intended to be used for small fires, where a large amount of water would cause more loss and damage than the fire itself. The new member should materially increase the efficiency of the department.

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COAL CREEK

From our own Correspondent

The action between Connell & Scott and the C. C. L. A. A. came before his honor Judge Wilson at the court house in Fernie April 15th. The former are large contractors in Fernie and they claimed from the defendants the sum of $659, amount of balance due for work done at the Coal Creek club under contracts made in July and October r1908. The defendants contend that the stipulations under the contract have not been carried out; some parts of the works have not been done in a satisfactory manner, it is claimed, and other parts not being complete. For the plaintiffs William Connell and C. H. Archibald were put on the stand. The hearing of the case was adjourned until Tuesday, the 20th. On the resumption of the case on this date P. A. Taschereau and E. A. Kummer were examined and cross examined. The defenders' case was then begun and the evidence of A. Younger, E. Hesketh and G. S. Rees was taken. The case was then adjourned until next day when J. Combe, George O'Brien and E. W. Hughes were put up. During the day his honor intimated that he would go to Coal Creek and make a personal inspection on Thursday if possible. Mr. Sherwood Herchmer appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. L. P. Eckstein represented the defenders.

Tom Jenkinson, Jack Oleston, Fred Kirkpatrick and Red the barber walked up here from town on Sunday afternoon to see friends.

George Hunt was squeezed between some cars on the New Slope, No. 9 mine on Saturday and was lucky to get off with a bruised thigh.

Norman Henderson was through on a visit last week end.

Some of the chief government officers of the public board of health are expected here any day. It is up to some people to get a move on and get their backyards and other premises cleaned up.

There was another case of breaking into a man's locker on Sunday night. Several dollar bills were taken from the pockets. The Coal Co. has again offered $50 for information which will lead to conviction.

A person in Coal Creek has lost a silver watch. Another person has found one and up to the time of writing has not given it up to the proper quarters. This ought to be a hint to save further trouble.

Ted Lawrenceson, Lewis Davis and Leicester Longden enjoyed the fragrance of the atmosphere at Coal Creek Saturday and Sunday last.

The lightness of the air at Coal Creek never did agree with Bill Simpson, and on the doctor's advice he has gone to Great Falls, Mont.

Mrs. Skilling in honor of friends staying with her from a distance gave her boarders a dance on Monday evening.

A pretty wedding has been quietly solemnized between Fred Varlow and Miss Ruth Stevens of Newfoundland. They have received many nice and useful presents as well as universal congratulations. May their troubles be little ones and come one at a time.

Steve Morris is proud of his hen with its brood of 13 fine strong and healthy chicks. Steve is not superstitious and does not mind the unlucky number a little bit.

Very few people in Coal Creek but who remember the familiar figure of the blind lady, Mrs. O'Brien, who with the younger end of the family, left here for the States some time ago. The ones left are George, Jack and Mrs. Mulgrew. These have received word that their mother is lying in a precarious state at Boston from injuries received through a fall downstairs. Our sympathy goes out to them and we hope that later news will give brighter hopes.

The first trip of cars from No. 3 since the tipple was burned down came out on Saturday.

Percy Hesketh from Michel visited his brother and friends on Sunday.

One of the boys is sore at an experience he had in town on pay night. He went into a store and asked for 50 cents worth of candies for which he tendered a five dollar bill. In the act of picking up his purchase the bag slipped from his hand and the contents were scattered over the floor. He hurriedly gathered them together and walked out. Before getting far he remembered that he had forgotten his change in the splutter. He immediately returned to the store but could get no satisfaction. He has vowed a vow to keep his weather eye open for the future.

Bill Stockdale has quit fire bossing, and Pete Hurt succeeds him at No. 1.

Dave Bissett and Jack D. Smith are off to Moyie.

The wife of Herbert Lyon of French camp introuced a tiny car repairer to our notice early on Wednesday morning. The Ledger fellow will call and drink to its success in life on behalf of the community. Get the teapot polished up, Herbert.

For behaviour and general conduct our camp will compare favorably with any in the west, and it was unfortunate that some of the boys over stepped the line of decorum over the week end. Magistrate Booth imposed small fines and for the sake of our good reputation we hope this will be a warning to all of us.

Bill Hodson and the wife are retiring from the boarding house business at the end of this month. Mrs. Mitchell of Coal Creek has bought them out and will start upon May 1st.

A. Younger booked for Birmingham, England, and left for New York on Tuesday. He will cross the pond on the Lusitania. Give our kind regards to old Joey when you hit up against him.

A breakdown at No. 5 fan on Wednesday morning knocked the morning shift off in No. 19 district.

Tom Pugh, who has had the best part of both hands amputated through frost bite left for South Wales on Wednesday.

The extra demand for turkey and chicken in Fernie lately is due to the insatiable and Epicurean tastes of a certain fellow called Hughes of the community.

The accommodation for out of court witnesses at the Fernie court house is practically nil. Parading backwards and forward outside especially on cold days such as we have recently been experiencing, is not pleasant.

A concert to help the funds of our football club was given in the club hall on Wednesday night. Mr. Dave Paton presided and in an apt opening speech explained fully its objects and thanked all for their splendid patronage. The committee are to be congratulated on the high tone and quality of the programme, each artiste receiving well merited applause. Mrs. Nesbitt in her well known graceful style was the accompanist. Programme was provided by J. D. Treharne, G. Paton, C. Claridge, J. Stephenson, R. H. Nesbitt and J. D. Treharne, J. T. Puckey, J. W. Bennett, Mrs. H. Strelthorst, J. Stephenson, R. H. Nesbitt, G. O'Brien, C. Claridge, G. Paton.

Dave White, a digger working in No. 5 Mine Coal Creek, received injuries resulting in a broken leg. White, who works in the district known as the Slope, while working a maginty on Thursday morning by some means the empty car coming up struck him on the left leg, breaking it below the knee. He was taken to Drs. Bonnell and Corson hospital.

A dance followed and music was supplied by Mrs. Nesbitt and G. Paton.

J. W. Bennett of Scranton's did more than take our football concert in. He gave two good turns and made us laugh.

The football committee desire to thank the artists and any one else who contributed in any way to the success of their concert.

The Kings Business is still going on. On Saturday afternoon an open air meeting was held alongside the coaches when the Rev. Buswell and Professor Weaver attended. In the evening there was a children's service with lime light views and illustrated songs. Sunday morning's service was held in the Methodist church. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon a mes's meeting in the club hall was addressed by Mr. F. Davis of Minneapolis and at 7.30 in the evening a mass meeting was held with an after meeting continued until a late hour. The last meeting in the campaign will take the form of a mass meeting on Sunday night in the club hall. It is intended to hold a farewell social to the missionaries in one of the churches on Monday night.

Bob Macpherson's living picture show gave good exhibitions on Monday and Tuesday night to large audiences.

A lad named Wilson narrowly escaped being thrown over the cliff on to the railway track the other day. He had ridden his horse out of No. 5 mine and its feet caught under some of the ties outside. The horse was thrown and the lad was pitched and just missed being thrown over the edge. Some of the ties had to be sawn in order to release the animal.

Amongst visitors to Coal Creek during this week were: P. C. W. G. Stephenson, J. Belanger, J. E. Yeist, R. McIntyre, J. R. Armstrong and R. E. Conover.

His honor Judge Wilson, Messrs. Herchmer and Eckstein, solicitors, Mr. Watson, crolk of the court and some of the witnesses interested in the case of Connell & Scott vs the C. C. L. A. A. were up at Coal Creek on Thursday afternoon and inspected the work in dispute between the parties. Before leaving and after business was done, the visitors were both surprised and delighted with what they were shown on the club premises.

Shortly after noon on Thursday David White was caught by an empty car on the slope in No. 5 mine and had his left log badly factured. He was removed to Fernie hospital after first aid had been rendered by his workmates. David is well respected in Coal Creek and we hope to see him well again soon.

BAYNES

Mrs. W. S. Stanley and friend Miss Katherine Cody are visiting Mrs. E. H. Stanley.

Mr. Fieldman, who was here last summer taking views for the Kootenay River land company, writes that he will be at the Seattle Fair all next summer, where he will have charge of the Spokane Publicity work for the Chamber of Commerce.

Some of our young people enjoyed their first boating on the lake this week.

Mrs. W. H. Griffith was in Fernie on business Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. D. W. Hart has been ill for several days with an attack of acute bronchitis, but is now able to be around.

Mr. J. A. Tormey returned to his home in Spokane after a couple of weeks stay in Kootenia.

Mrs. Joe Ross will entertain at whist next Wednesday afternoon in honor of her friend, Miss Ashdown.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingham and son Frank called on Baynes friends on Sunday.

Mr. Joe Clemens went to Fernie on business Monday.

The Adolph Lumber company are planning to enlarge their store.

IMPERIAL CHANGES HANDS

The Rizzuto Bros. have bought the Imperial hotel from the former proprietors. Mr. Al. Rizzuto is well known around the city so his name guarantees a good patronage. He stated to one of our reporters that he intends to take possession of the hotel on the first of May and also intends to start construction of the new hotel immediately.

MICHEL

The football season has started well here. A practice match was played on Saturday between the married and single men which resulted in a win for the married stiffs, score one to 0. The outlook promises, judging by the form of some of last years players, a strong team for Michel. Whitehouse was in great form on Saturday, so was Mason and Oakley. Harris and Joyce played a good hard game for the stiffs. For the singles Barnes was the pick of the side, he is as fast as ever. Jenkins also did some very fine playing. Matt Mather did not show anything like his old form on Saturday. Moody proved a very useful man for the singles. The club now have to undergo some hard training and keep well together, and there's no doubt the championship will remain in Michel for another season.

Pay day and Bock beer made the camp very lively on Saturday night.

Harvey Wallace, a well known old timer, blew in on Monday from the Coast.

Bob Macpherson's moving picture show drew a big crowd to the hall on Sunday night.

The dance held in Martin's hall, New Michel, turned out a big success. A large number of the old town folks took in the good time.

Duncan Robinson, late of Coleman, is in town, living with the Molly Canuck's.

The local lodge of Eagles met on Tuesday night when the installation of officers took place. The Coleman team came down for the installation. The officers elected were as follows.—W. P.: F. Campbell; V. P., J P. Beynon; P. V. P. R. Jones; L. J. Rushton Hon. sec., W. Toner, Treasurer John Ooakley; W. C.: W. Savage; G: F. Wheatcroft.

Big crowds were seen going to have their photos taken at Hammond's photo car on the east end.

Rumor says that there is a movement on foot to build a new town hall between the hotel and the Trites-Wood store.

Ed. Stacey surprised the boys when he dropped in from Seattle. Every one thought he was in the hospital down there. He states he only went down to buy a suit of clothes.

The Molly Canucks orchestra are now open for engagements; for terms apply to Li Hung Chung, conductor.

A great horse is Johnny; if you don't believe it ask Scotty or Mast.

Mrs. Charles Simister of Fernie was visiting her old friends in Michel during the week.

Look out for the football match on Saturday. Chambers and McQueene, late of Hosmer are going to wear the Michel shirts.

Mrs. J. Worthington and children are here from Carbonado on a visit to her parents.

R. W. Woods of Fernie was in town on Sunday on a business trip.

The football committee meets next Sunday to arrange the sports program for May 24.

The members of the English church are going to have a concert and dance on the 17th of May.

C. B. Staples of Cranbrook was here on Monday.

Dan James of Coleman was here on Thursday.

The I. C. school had a grand smoker on Thursday night. Each of the students present was presented with a very nice pocket book.

R. P. Williams of Rossland, registered at the Michel hotel on Monday.

The Molly Canucks are willing to take a team to New Michel and bowl any other team in town.

F. H. Hall of Seattle was in town on Tuesday on a business trip.

ELKO, ROOSVILLE AND TOBACCO PLAINS

W. C. Leacey, the chief of police, is nursing a severe case of la grippe.

A ten acre lot on the old Mott ranch was sold Monday morning to Mr. Downing of Eureka, Montana, for $1000.

We noticed in the Fernie Free Press that the editor of this Breezy Rag was away at the coast; we were confident of the fact when we read our notes

Even the brightness of Elko sunshine was somewhat dimmed to the baseball boys when the Fernie bankers failed to come last Sunday and play the Elko Lightnings.

Mr. George Hanbury of Brandon, Man., is visiting with Mr. C. E. Ayre at the North Star mill here.

The sweetest music heard in Elko for a long time is the North Star mill whistle.

Bert Whimster and a party of sharp shooters were visitors to Elko Sunday, driving out to Long Prairie and Black Tail mountain.

Mr. Moon of Fernie was shaking hands with old friends in Elko this week.

The Kootenay Indians return from the Mission this week to their reserve on Tobacco Plains.

Jake Arnold of Gateway is looking over Elko with a view of purchasing.

If you want to know the true value of money go borrow some.

Eighty acres of the best fruit land in Roosville to be cut up into 5 acre tracts and sold. There is no better location is south east Kootenay, right in the centre of the Big Red Apple country.

And soon I'll have an orchard
A blooming like the rose
For Roosville is the Peerless place
Where the Big Red Apple grows.

The society editor of the Fernie searchlight protests because a young lady he was eating lunch with in Elko recently scratched her head with her umbrella.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Gladwin were in Elko Sunday. Mrs. Gladwin returned to Corbin on Monday and the doctor went west to Vancouver.

Dr. Bell was in Elko this week inspecting some Roosville thoroughbreds. They will be used on the Crows Nest Coal Co. pine trails this summer.

Glen Campbell is back in Elko and a resident of the North Star park.

Our news on has been called to the fact that in the Elko correspondence printed in our last weekly edition there is an allusion to the "Dean trial" and what appeared in our pages relating thereto. We beg to say that in the absence of our editor the Elko correspondence was never read, editorially, and we were unaware of the offensive lines or we would not have permitted their publication, as we have no reason or wish whatever, to criticize justice as administered by Judge Wilson. At the same time we will always maintain the right of Britons to free speech, also free criticism whenever occasion requires such.

CRESTON

Creston says nothing but saws wood. The country is flooded with literature regarding British Columbia fruit lands. Districts all over the length and the breadth of the province are extolled to the skies by real estate firms who spread broadcast pamphlets and booklets beautifully illustrated, explaining the advantages of the particular locality in which they are interested. Creston has not been advertised. It is not owned by a real estate firm or any number of real estate firms. It has not been cornered. But it is being cleared. There was a representative here last week of some of the officials of the Great Northern Railway company sent specially to look over the fruit lands of British Columbia for their private investment purposes, and before he left he stated that although he had been from oen end of British Columbia to another he had never seen so much or so healthy signs of progress as he saw here, and that he would report accordingly.

People who know have quietly settled on the land and improved their holdings with the intention of staying here because they know how good it is and what there is in it.

The strike situation in the Crows Nest Pass does not affect us but it interests us, and has our sympathy. With us the laboring man works for a few months steadily and then gets itchy feet and wanders off to parts unknown, but he finally returns to his Mecca, and we can count on his reappearance in about three months. Any one who has been here for any length of time always plans to make this his home.

The local market in the Crows Nest Pass will make our fruit growers here rich and in a year or so we will be shipping fruit by the carload to the coal towns. Of course we expect the coal towns to progress faster than our district because we are limited to 30 or 40 thousand acres. What we have is good, very good and in a few years every acre of it will be under cultivation. There are uncultivated lands to be had at a moderate price, which will repay investigation and purchase. In the district there are three schools and four churches and the government is building a graded school this summer. We have good roads and a water system besides the natural creeks and springs. At the Spokane apple show last winter we took 11 prizes, mostly firsts on 13 exhibits. An acre of strewberries here has mdae a gross income of $1000 a year, and many acres are devoted to strawberry culture.

Creston is also the outfitting point for the free milling gold district on Summit Creek and Sheep Creek but this will be more fully dealt with later on.

CROW'S NEST

Andy Good, proprietor of the Summit hotel at Crow's Nest, B. C., has suffered the loss through death of his monster baby bear "Jim." Jim was the largest baby bear in captivity in the Rocky Mountains country, and Mr. Good has had numerous overtures of purchase from Jim from animal collectors throughout the States. Jim was valued at $1200. The hide is now being mounted in a natural erect attitude and it will be on exhibition in the hotel office.

Owing to the lapse of business due to the miners' strike, the C. P. R. have handed many of their employees here the invitation to remove themselves from the company's pay roll.

Anticipating the increase of transient guests the coming season, Andy Good is building an annex to the Summit hotel. The building when completed will contain 20 sleeping rooms, office and smoking room.

Mr. Good will also have a collection of comfortable and spacious tents erected to satisfy those who desire to enjoy camping life in the Rockies.

ONE MORE SQUEEZE

Pittsburg, April 21—It was stated today that the $10,000,000 bond issue recently authorized by the Republic Iron and Steel company would be utilized in the construction of a new plant, to cost anywhere from ten to fifteen millions, at Youngstown, Ohio, where the company already has a large plant. The new plant will be for the manufacture of tubes which have not heretofore been made by the Republic Co. Heretofore the Republic has had a contract for the sale of 50,000 tons of billets and skelp annually to Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. The latter has erected its own plant, and the former finds itself without a market for this class of product.

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Conciliation Board For Greenwood

OTTAWA, April 23—The Minister of Labor has appointed a board of conciliation and investigation under the Lemieux act to inquire into matters in dispute between the British Columbia Copper Co. of Greenwood and its miners. Edward Cronin of Toronto will represent the company and John McInnis M.P.P. will represent the men. A chairman of the board is to be chosen.

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THE INVADING HOST

(From the Nicola Reporter)

They are invading Canadian territory by hundreds and thousands every week! Not the Fenians, nor the Flying Rollers, but intelligent, active, clear-headed American settlers who mean business.

Wealth is pouring over the borders into Canada from the United States at the rate of nearly a million a week, according to the estimates of those who are in touch with the immigration movement. The influx is exceptionally large and the train service is working overtime to handle the crowds. Special setlers trains with large numbers of cars loaded with effects are also being operated. It is estimated that, between 75,000 and 100,000 Americans will come in this season, taking up between 20,000 and 25,000 homesteads. At several points in Saskatchewan and Alberta the rush has been so great that the government has arranged to supply large furnished tents.

No one but a rabid alarmist will view this "invasion" as a menace. History shows us that American settlers make good Canadians. They like our laws and our style; they like our schools; they like the opportunities afforded them, and they bring their children up in this faith as loyal Canadians. This is the class of immigrants that will help to make Canada the greatest of nations. We have had enough experience with the scum of Europe and Asia thank you. Hail the American settler."

SAP'S RUNNING

(From the Western Clarion.)

"Under the above heading and with the appropriate date of April 1st, the Toronto Globe forecasts the coming of form 70000 to 100,000 land hungry April Fools from the States. It's a safe bet that inside of a year a good many of these will be hungry in other ways.

There is plenty of land in 'our' broad Dominion all right, and these moss-backs can get it, too—on the same terms as the wage slaves get jobs, to wit., that they shall toil and sweat their best and shall deliver up to the capitalists all the product of their toil over and above their own bear cost of living.

The Globe is, of course, rejoiced at their advent, is, in fact, licking its chops in anticipation of the toothsome sugar that shall come t this sap. It urges all good Canadian citizens "to have on hand a good supply of kettles, and buckets and spiles. "Commonsense, it continues, "suggests that every man should do his part to make sure of his share of the sap. He owes it to his country, his family, himself." And forthwith it proceeds to reinforce precept with example by hastening to secure its own share of the sugar in advance, by offering to provide the sugar hungry horde with the aforesaid spiles and buckets, and kettles in the form of "Publicity."

Where is the sugar harvest to come from? Why, from those seventy thousand odd sapheads who are escaping from the "Land of the Free," expecting to find relief under "our glorious Empire," by renewing their labors in those sunny prairies and park like pastures so feelingly described in the immigration literature. "Wealth is pouring in over the border at the rate of nearly a million a week," enthuses the Globe's Winnipeg correspondent, and he tells no lie. Those homely, rough clad homeseekers are walking repositories of wealth. They are of that class from whom all blessings flow. Concealed beneath their unattractive exteriors lie the well springs of wealth. They are full of sap, they have but to be tapped.

Given the opportunity this horde will settle upon thousands of homesteads, and will wrestly mightily with the prairie sod and the willow roots, and will toil and beg and borrow and scrimp and save and will eventually bring forth a greater harvest than has been and will dutifully deliver it into the hands of their masters. The hearts of the Globe and its clients will be made glad, and as they suck their lumps of sugar, they will occasionally praise the sinewy sons of toil for their thrift and industry and delicately refrain from making any reference to their monumental stupidity."

WINDING UP THE LITTLE BALL OF YARN

(Continued from page 3)

Eckstein: Did you make items on page 16?

No.

Eckstein: Did you receive these items?

No.

Eckstein: Did you receive the Carlisle item?

Shanley: I did and turned it over to Lockhart.

Eckstein: Tell the court how much was received from supplies during the months of August and September outside of the item of $250.

Shanley $413.05.

With regard ot the Dobson and Willingham account of $483.50 Eckstein asked him if he knew whether it was a cheque or not.

Shanley said that he believed it was a draft. Shanley said he did not get it. He believed it went into the bank.

Eckstein: Do you know from what a trial balance is made?

Shanley: It is supposed to be made from the ledger.

J. R. Lawrie, sworn, said he was manager or agent for the Bank of Hamilton. He had been asked to go over the bank books with Williams Lockhart's auditor and see if a cheque for $50 drawn upon relief fund, and deposited in Home Bank and seemingly sent to Bank of Hamilton on the 13th, and find out whose cheque it was. Lawrie said the 13th was a Sunday. There was no cheque received on the 14th, 15 or 16th. He said there was one received on the 12, deposited in the Home Bk, on the 11th. In the cash book belonging to bank were two cheques for $50.00. One for J. T. Alexander and one for W. J. Blundell. He did not think it would be one of these.

Miss Mary Lamb, sworn, said during last September she was working for the relief committee.

Eckstein: Did you receive a pay cheque in that month?

She replied that she received her first pay cheque on September 11th, her month being up on that date.

Eckstein: Who cashed that cheque?

Miss Lamb: Mr. Shanley cashed it for me.

Eckstein: Do you know why you never took it to the bank to be cashed?

She could assign no other reason except for its being out of banking hours.

Cross examined by Taylor: I suppose your cheque was signed before you had it?

Miss Lamb did not know, but she believed it was.

Taylor: Who was in the office at the time it was cashed?

Miss Lamb: Mr. Webb and Mr. Shanley.

Taylor: Was there anyone else?

Miss Lamb: Not that I remembered.

Taylor: Who made out the voucher?

I cannot say whether it was Mr. Lockhart or Mr. Webb.

The cross examination was continued at length, it being maintained by the defense that it was Lockhart who had cashed the cheque, and not Shanley, which she admittted to Mr. Fisher the previous Friday.

Miss Lamb stoutly maintained that it was Shanley who had cashed it for her.

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Counsel asked her if Webb had asked her to swear that it was Shanley who cashed the cheque, but he denied emphatically that he had done so. She had been several times to Webb's house and they had discussed the case in a casual way.

Mr. Eckstein re-examined her for the prosecution, and asked her if she remembered having a conversation with him, Eckstein, in the post office on the Friday referred to.

She replied yes.

It was a few minutes after Mr. Fisher and Mr. Lockhart saw her, and she had told him then that it was Shanley that cashed the cheque. She was positive about this.

E. F. Ambrey, sworn, said he was the present secretary of the Relief fund committee. He took office on the 16th of March in succession to Mr. Shanley. As secretary he had custody of the files with the exception of the ones in court. He was asked to produce several trial balance sheets that he found upon files with the exception of those in court. He produced several trial balance sheets which were pinned together and marked exhibit 57.

Cross examined: Asked if he had taken over Shanley's books, he replied no that they were not balanced.

Asked how long he had been in that position he replied since the morning of the 17th March.

Taylor: Has Shanley produced any books with regard to the sale of supplies.

Ambrey: I have, but Shanley said he never saw them.

Taylor: Has Shanley said anything to you about a supplementary cash book.

Ambrey: He has not, nor have I seen anything of the book.

This fin'shed the case for the crown.

The defense next presented its case. J. H. Williams was sworn and said he was the auditor employed by the defense for the purpose of checking up the books and accounts and he had spent five or six days at the books. He had given special attention to the cash book; he found upon examination that Lockhart could not have taken the $900, and this was a mathematical certainty. After going through a lot of figures and showing on a slip how he arrived at his calculations he stated the most Lockhart could have taken was $460.20, and this was the amount that was probably turned over to Webb so that the whole of the $900 was accounted for.

He went through another process to explain that Lockhart had accounted for the $900. Eckstein put him after this through an arduous cross examination. He elicited the information from him that he was not a chartered accountant, but he had had experience as an accountant for about thirteen years. He had an office in Calgary especially devoted to accounting. Eckstein went through many figures to prove that Lockhart took the $900, and conducted a very skilful cross examination at great length.

H. G. Lockhart next sworn said the book produced was his cash book. He entered upon his duties about the 2nd of August but he was not actually appointed until about the 10th. Asked if there were any monies came into Fernie on the 2nd of August, he said there was a matter of about $500 came in from Spokane, but it was turned over to Lawrie immediately. After that $500 there was no money came in for several days. A cheque for $1000 from Lethbridge came in before August 10th. After the 10th the money began to come in.

Taylor: For the first few days in August how were you fixed for books?

He did not have any. He had a few slips of paper in the Coal Company office to start with. He had a shed for an office on the school ground to start with. After that he got into a tent, and after that go into a temporary building 10 x 12. Into this small building were crowded himself, city clerk, city engineer, two stenographers and the city police generally. After being through with these quarters about the 3rd of September, they started to move into the building which the Relief committee have now. They got settled there about September 5th. Under the conditions named he had to carry on business and handle money. Asked when he first got books he said he could not tell, but he had no books in the tent, neither had he any in the 10 x 12 place for some length of time. Boulton and himself could not do anything in the small building on account of the overcrowding. In reply to question he stated that Boulton and himself had been appointed to go round and get a list of those requiring relief lumber, etc., and all he had for his books then were slips of paper. Asked where the slips were now he could not say if they were all over at the relief office now.

When did you first get an opportunity of writing up cash book?

Lockhart: Some time after moving into the present building, which was some time after September 5th. In reply to question he said it entailed considerable amount of work to make up cash at any time. Lockhart said if a person made up a deposit slip in a day he would do fairly well with the lots of people calling and with the interruptions.

Taylor: Amongst the various items is an error of $900.

Lockhart: If I wanted money I would not enter it in such large figures as that. I should say it would show a lack of brains.

Amongst other amounts he received a communication from Mr. Cameron, mayor of Calgary, stating that recipts on hand amounted to $3600 or $3700, which, allowing for local expenses, would leave about $3500, and he would be pleased to accept draft for that amount. It was upon the strength of this communication that entry was made in cash book. In the meantime he received another communication from the mayor of Calgary stating that he had made a mistake of $900, and the amount of the subscription was not likely to be over $2600 or $2700, leaving a small amount for local accounts to be paid. He enclosed a cheque for $2600. He had entered up $3500 on the books. He called it $2600 and took deposit slip $2600 and struck out $3500, instead of putting through an adjusting entry of $900 on the other side of cash book, which would have squared the matter. He admitted that the adjusting item had not been put through in his time. The Calgary draft was marked returned by bank on 2nd September, it went through Sept. 25th, and the adjusting item should have been put through by Webb at the end of the month.

Taylor: Up to what page was written in when you turned over the books to Webb?

Lockhart: I believe it was page 17 in cash book when I turned over to Webb.

Lockhart stated that Webb worked as general assistant in his office before being appointed secretary, Shanley was also there in connection with the sale of supplies.

Asked if Shanley kept any books he replied that he did. There were supply books kept and also a supplementary cash book. It was a small, cheap cash book of a red color with a cheap binding. It was supposed to be a record of items of cash received for sale of supplies, sale of tools, deductions from men's salary. The book was kept jointly by Shanley and Webb he believed. He could swear positively that Webb's handwriting appeared in it, but he could not swear as to Shanley's. He had to check up the book sometimes in connection with the money he received. Lockhart could not describe the other books in connection with the supplies.

Taylor: Did you see these books in your examination of the relief office or in the court room. Lockhart said he had not seen them. He read McDiarmid's report and was very much surprised to read that he could not check up the supplies received and sold, and he spoke to Shanley about this in the Fernie hotel about the 10th of March.

He asked Shanley where they were, and why it was that McDiarmid had never seen them.

Shanley said "Oh, they are down there where they have been. McDiarmid never asked me for them and I was not going down into the back room and dig them up for him. He heard Shanley's evidence in the court but it was not true.

On another time when Williams and Lockhart went to the relief office to hunt up some cash books, they went through the place but could not find any books. On coming back he said to Shanley: Shan, where are the books?

He replied: I don't know, ask Bob. (meaning Webb) he will know where they are.

Lockhart replied: You told me the other day when McDiarmid was there that they were over in the relief office.

He said: If there are any books, Bob will know where they are, but for myself I don't remember having seen any.

Taylor: What was done the night you passed the cash over to Webb?

Lockhart: Webb, Boulton and myself were present. I made out a statement and ticked off from the deposit slips. He made out 2 columns. One column consisted of supplies and sundries received from the sale of supplies and the column totalled up. I set another column consisting of cheques, drafts, money orders, cash. I put the denominations of the various bills down and totalled up the two columns; various amounts were put down and this made the balance sheet. Mr. Boulton counted the money and checked slips. Mr. Webb then took charge of it and he did not count it then to the best of my recollection. Webb pulled out a drawer where he kept money during the day and put it in there. This was the last I saw of it. Webb asked me what accounts should be put in ledger and I told him. The balance sheet made out that night was the same balance sheet as the one referred to by Webb as lost and would show the denomination of the bills and the amount of currency turned over.

Taylor: Can you say from recollection how much was turned over in currency.

He could not swear positively to the amount, but it was a very large amount it could not have been less than $500, and it could have run between $400 and $700.

Taylor: You saw that Webb deposited $1, $5 and 40c in silver, with others making $63.40, and he had $15.03 in hand.

Lockhart: This was not the amount of cash by no manner or means, nor were the cheques the full number of cheques, or not the same.

Taylor: You heard him say that he deposited everything that he got from you.

Lockhart: That is not so.

(Continued next week)

THE WEST FERNIE PRIDE

One of the certain indications of spring is the awakening of the soul of the spring poet. Spasm 1:

There's one small spot in the British
land, that will always be dear to
me,
It's a little lot on a sunny hill in the
west part of Fernie, B. C.
This lot is sheltered on the north and
west by mountains tall and grand
The east and south are bordered by a
pleasant valley land.

Trees and stumps, that decked the
ground have all been cleared away
By days and days of labor, but from
now on 'twill be play.
For when you're passing to and fro,
you will be surprised to see
Growing where those stumps stood,
some thrifty apple trees.

When the April clouds break over and
send their welcome showers down
The beauty of my orchard flowers will
be the talk of all the town.
And their fragrant perfumes will blend
the air so sweet
And be wafted by the west winds down
through all of Fernie's streets.

Strangers coming into town will be
surprised to know
That apple trees when planted will in
Fernie ever grow.
And some will be so anxious to buy
my orchard land
For the winters here are pleasant,
and the summers are so grand.

When the long, bright sunshine days
of June are on the wing,
I'll be strolling through my orchard
just as proud as any king,
And you'll hear my voice re-echo
through this mountain air so free,
As I sing that well known song: Under
the shade of the old apple
tree.

Soon, oh soon July and August will go
flying swiftly by,
And the apple harvest season in its
splendor will be night,
Ah, 'tis then twill keep me hustling
from early morn till night
But the picking of the apples will be
a sure delight.

When you're out a shopping on Fernie's busy street,
You will be surprised at the rosy apples that your wandering eyes
will meet,
Through the windows if you'll notice
you can look to any side,
The leaders among the apples are the
West Fernie Pride.

You will know them by their color,
you will know them by their size,
Go north, go south, go where you
will, from east to farthest west,
'Twill be the same, same story, Fernie apples are the best.

Go to the rich man's dwelling where
luxury does reside,
He always uses apples and they're the
West Fernie Pride,
Go to the poor man's humble cottage,
where poverty doth reign,
You'll find that when he uses apples
it's the Fernie Pride again.

You can travel o'er the continent either walk or ride
But wherever there are apples you'll
find the Fernie Pride.
There'll be so many orders from near
and foreign lands
In fact it will keep me pondering to
supply the demands

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Sophy of Kravonia

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He sighed, and his sigh puzzled her.

"Oh, well," she cried, "at least you know I'm Sophy Grouch, and my father was as mean as the man who opens your lodge gate."

The sky had gone a blue black. A single star somberly announced the coming pageant.

"And his daughter high as the hopes that beckon me to my career!"

"You've a wonderful way of talking," smiled Sophy Grouch—simple Essex in contact with Paris at that instant.

"You'll be my wife, Sophie?"

"I don't think Lady Meg will keep me long. Pharos is working hard, so Marie Zerkovitch declares. I should bring you a dot of 2,500 francs!"

"Do you love me?"

The old question rang clear in the still air. Who has not heard it of women or uttered it of men? Often so easy, sometimes so hard. When all is right save one thing, or when all is wrong save one thing, then it is hard to answer and may have been hard to ask. With Casimir there was no doubt save the doubt of the answer. Sophy stood poised on a hesitation. The present seemed perfect. Only an unknown future cried to her through the falling night.

"I'll win glory for you!" he cried. "The emperor will fight!"

"You're no emperor's man!" she mocked.

"Yes, while he means France. I'm for anybody who means France." For a moment serious, the next he kisses her hand merrily. "Or for anybody who'll give me a wreath, a medal, a toy to bring home to her I love."

"You're very fascinating," Sophy confessed.

It was not the word. Casimir fell from his exaltation. "It's not love, that of yours," he said.

"No—I don't know. You might make it love. Oh, how I talk beyond my rights!"

"Beyond your rights? Impossible! May I go on trying?"

He saw Sophy's smile dimly through the gloom. From it he glanced to the dying gleam of the white houses dropped among the trees, to the dull mass of the ancient home of history and kings. But back he came to the living, elusive, half seen smile.

"Can you stop?" said Sophy.

He raised his hat from his head and stooped to kiss her hand.

"Nor would nor could," said he—"in the warmth of life or the cold hour of death!"

"No, no! If you die, it's gloriously!" The hour carried her away. "Casimir, I wish I were sure!"

The spirit of his race filled his reply. "You want to be dull?"

"No—I—I—I want you to kiss my cheek!"

"May I salute the star?"

"But it's no promise!"

"It's better."

"My dear, I—I'm very fond of you."

"That's all?"

"Enough for tonight. What's he thinking of down there?"

"The emperor? I'm not so much as sure he's there really. Somebody said he had started for St. Cloud this morning."

"Pretend he's there!"

"Then, of anything except how many men die for what he wants."

"Or of how many women weep?"

Her reply set a new light to his passion. "You'd weep?" he cried.

"Oh, I suppose so!" The answer was half a laugh, half a sob.

"But not too much! No more than the slightest dimness to the glowing star!"

Sophy laughed in a tremulous key. Her body shook. She laid her hands in his. "No more, no more! Surely Marie and the student are bored? Isn't it supper time? Oh, Casimir, if I were worthy, if I were sure! What's ahead of us? Must we go back? Tonight, up here, it all seems so simple! Does he mean war? He down there? And you'll fight!" She looked at him for an instant. He was close to her. She thrust him away from her. "Don't fight thinking of me," she said.

"How otherwise?" he asked.

She tossed her head impatiently. "I don't know—but—but Pharos makes me afraid. He—he says that things I love die."

The young soldier laughed. "That leaves him pretty safe," said he.

She put her arm through his, and they walked down. It had been a night to be forgotten only when all is. Yet she went from him unpledged.

Chapter Eight

THAT feverish month of July—fitting climax to the scorching arid summer of 1870—had run full half its course. Madness had stricken the rulers of France. To avoid danger they rushed on destruction. Gay madness spread through the veins of Paris. Perverse always, Lady Meg Duddington chose this moment for coming back to her senses, or, at least, for abandoning the particular form of insanity to which she had devoted the last five years.

One afternoon she called her witch and her wizard. "You're a pair of quacks, and I've been an old fool," she said composedly, sitting straight up in her high backed chair. She flung a couple of thousand franc notes across the table. "You can go," she ended, with contemptuous brevity. Mantis' evil temper broke out. "She has done this, the malign one!" Pharos was wiser. He had not done badly out of Lady Meg, and madness such as hers is apt to be recurrent. His farewell was gentle, his exit not ungraceful, yet he, too, prayed her to beware of a certain influence. "Stuff! You don't know what you're talking about!" Lady Meg jerked out and pointed with her finger to the door.

Early on the morning of Sunday, the 17th, having received word through Lady Meg's maid that her presence was not commanded in the Rue de Grenelle, Sophy slipped around to the Rue du Bac and broke in on Marie Zerkovitch, radiant with her great news and imploring her friend to celebrate it by a day in the country.

"It means that dear old Lady Meg will be what she used to be to me!" she cried. "We shall go back to England, I expect, and—I wonder what that will be like!"

"You're a pair of quacks."

Her face grew suddenly thoughtful. Back to England! How would that suit Sophie de Gruche? And what was to happen about Casimir de Savres? The period of her long, sweed indecision was threatened with a forced conclusion.

Marie Zerkovitch was preoccupied against both her friend's joy and her friend's perplexity. Great affairs touched her at home. There would be war, she said, certainly war. Today the senate went to St. Cloud to see the emperor. Zerkovitch had started thither already on the track of news. The news in the near future would certainly be war, and Zerkovitch would follow the armies, still on the track of news. "He went before, in the war of sixty-six," she said, her lips trembling, "and he all but died of fever. That kills the correspondents just as much as the soldiers. Ah, it is so dangerous, Sophie—and so terrible to be left behind alone! I don't know what I shall do! My husband wants me to go home. He doesn't believe the French will win, and he fears trouble for those who stay here." She looked at last at Sophy's clouded face. "Ah, and your Casimir—he will be at the front!"

"Yes, Casimir will be at the front," said Sophy, a ring of excitement hardly suppressed in her voice.

"If he should be killed!" murmured Marie, throwing her arms out in a gesture of lamentation.

"You bird of ill omen! He'll come back covered with glory."

The two spent a quiet day together, Sophy helping Marie in her homely tasks. Zerkovitch's campaigning kit was overhauled—none knew how soon orders for an advance might come—his buttons put on, his thick stockings darned. The hours slipped away in work and talk. At 6 o'clock they went out and dined at a small restaurant hard by. Things seemed very quiet there. The fat waiter told them, with a shrug: "We shan't have much noise here tonight. The lads will be over there!" He pointed across the river. "They'll be over there most of the night, on the crowded boulevards. Because it's war, madame. Oh, yes, it's war!" The two young women sipped their coffee in silence. "As a lad I saw 1830. I was out in the streets in 1851. What shall I see next?" he asked them as he swept his napkin over the marble table top. If he stayed at his post he saw many strange things. Unnatural fires lit his skies, and before his doors brother shed brother's blood.

The friends parted at half past 7. Marie hoped her husband would be returning home soon, and with news. Sophy felt herself due in the Rue de Grenelle. She reached the house there a little before 8. The concierge was not in his room. She went upstairs unseen and passed into the drawing room. The inner door leading to the room Lady Meg occupied stood open. Sophy called softly, but there was no answer. She walked toward the door and was about to look into the room, thinking that perhaps Lady Meg was asleep, when she heard herself addressed. The Frenchwoman who acted as their cook had come in and stood now on the threshold, with a puzzled, distressed look on her face.

Sophy helping Marie in her homely tasks.

"I'm sorry, Mlle. Sophie, to tell you, but my lady has gone."

"Gone! Where to?"

"To England, I believe. This morning after you had gone out she ordered everything to be packed. It was done. She paid us here off, bidding me alone stay till orders reached me from M. le Marquis. Then she went. Only the coachman accompanied her. I think she started for Calais. At least, she is gone."

"She said—said nothing about me?"

"You'll see there's a letter for you on the small table in the window there."

"Oh, yes! Thank you."

"Your room is ready for you tonight."

"I've dined. I shall want nothing. Good night."

Sophy walked over to the little table in the window and for a few moments stood looking at the envelope which lay there, addressed to her in Lady Meg's sprawling hand. The stately room in the Rue de Grenelle seemed filled with a picture which its walls had never seen. Old words re-echoed in Sophy's ears: "If I want you to go I'll put a hundred pound note in an envelope and send it to you, upon which you'll go, and no reasons given! Is it agreed?" As if from a long way off she heard a servant girl answer, "It sounds all right." She saw the old elm trees at Morpingham and heard the wind murmur in their boughs. Pindar chuckled, and Julia Robins' eyes were wet with tears.

"And no reasons given!" It had sounded all right—before five years of intimacy and a life transformed. It sounded different now. Yet the agreement had been made between the strange lady and the eager girl. Nor were reasons hard to find. They stood out brutally plain. Having sent her prophet to the right about, Lady Meg wanted no more of her medium—her most disappointing medium. "They" would not speak through Sophy. Perhaps Lady Meg did not now want them to speak at all.

Sophy tore the envelope right across its breadth and shook out the flimsy paper within. It was folded in four. She did not trouble to open it. Lady Meg was a woman of her word, and here was the hundred pound note of the Bank of England—"Upon which you'll go, and no reasons given!" With a bitter smile she noticed that the note was soiled, the foldings old, the edges black where they were exposed. She had no doubt that all these years Lady Meg had carried it about, so as to be ready for the literal fulfillment of her bond.

"Upon which," said Sophy, "I go."

The bitter smile lasted perhaps a minute more, then the girl flung herself into a chair in a fit of tears as bitter. She had served—or failed to serve—Lady Meg's mad purpose, and she was flung aside. Very likely she had grown hateful—she, the witness of insane whims now past and out of favor. The dismissal might not be unnatural; but, for all their bargain, the manner was inhuman. They had lived and eaten and drunk together for so long. Had there been no touch of affection, no softening of the heart? It seemed not—it seemed not. Sophy wept and wondered. "Oh, that I had never left you, Julia!" she cries in her letter, and no doubt cried now, for Julia had given her a friend's love. If Lady Meg had given her only what one spares for a dog—a kind word before he is banished, a friendly lament at parting!

Suddenly through the window came a boy's shrill voice, "Vive la guerre!"

Flung herself into a chair in a fit of tears.

Sophy sprang to her feet, caught up the dirty note and thrust it inside her glove. Without delay, seeming without hesitation, she left the house, passed swiftly along the street and made for the Pont Royal. She was bound for the other bank and for the Boulevard des Italiens, where Casimir de Savres had his lodging.

The stream of traffic set with her. She heeded it not. The streets were full of excited groups, but there was no great tumult yet. Men were eagerly reading the latest editions of the papers. Sophy pushed on till she reached Casimir's house. She was known there. Her coming caused surprise to the concierge. It was not the proper thing, but he made no difficulty. He showed her to Casimir's sitting room, but of Casimir he could give no information save that he presumed he would return to sleep.

"I must wait—I must see him," she said, and, as the man left her, she went to the window, flung it wide open and stood there, looking down into the great street.

The lights blazed now. Every seat at every cafe was full. The newspapers did a great trade. A wave of infinite talk, infinite chaff, infinite laughter rose to her ears. A loud voiced fellow was selling pictures of the king of Prussia, as he looks now, and as he will look! The second sheet never failed of a great success. Bands of lads came by with flags and warlike shouts. Some cheered them, more laughed and chaffed. One broad faced old man she distinguished in the cafe opposite. He looked glum and sulky and kept arguing to his neighbor, wagging a fat forefinger at him repeatedly. The neighbor shrugged bored shoulders. After all, he had not made the war—it was the emperor and those gentlemen at St. Cloud! As she watched the stir grew greater, the bands of marching students more frequent and noisy. "A Berlin!" they cried now, amid the same mixture of applause and tolerant amusement. A party of girls paraded down the middle of the street, singing "J'aime les militaires!" The applause grew to thunder as they went by, and the laughter broke into one great crackle when the heroines had passed.

She turned away with a start, conscience of a presence in the room. Casimir came quickly across to her, throwing his helmet on the table as he passed. He took her hands. "I know. Lady Meg wrote to me," he said. "And you are here!"

A loud voiced fellow was selling pictures of the king of Prussia.

"I have no other home now," she said.

With a light of joy in his eyes he kissed her lips.

"I come to you only when I'm in trouble!" she said softly.

"It is well," he answered and drew her with him back to the window.

Together they stood, looking down.

"It is war, then?" she asked.

"Without doubt it's war—without doubt," he answered gravely. "And beyond that no man knows anything."

"And you?" she asked.

He took her hands again, both of hers.

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Selous, who is a passenger on the Admiral, would not promise to continue with the Roosevelt party after it erached Nairobi, but if Col. Roosevelt entreats him he will probably be persuaded to alter his own plans to that extent.

Selous has spent most of his life hunting big game and knows as much about the African jungle as any white man.

"For a man who has never seen Africa Col. Roosevelt knows more about the country than any man I have ever seen," declared Selous to-day. "It is hard to imagine a more enthusiastic sport. I shall be pleased to hunt with such a man."

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Mrs. T. S. Dougall of 523, Flora avenue, Winnipeg, says: "My baby girl was arranging some of her doll's washing on a clothes rack beside the stove, when she fell, and her hand, being thrown out to try and save herself came in contact with the side of the hot stove. She sustained a serious burn, and her cries and screams were terrible.

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NEW YORK, April 20—The first of the new international money, or travelers' checks of the American Bankers' association are being carried by travellers sailing this week. They are printed on scientifically protected paper which cannot be counterfeited, and are of $10, $20 $50 and $100 denominations European bankers are co-operating with the American bankers to make the new checks in every way international.

JIG IS UP WITH JACK LNNDON

HONOLULU, April 19—According to a report which has reached here from Sydney, Jack London, the novelist has given up his plan to encircle the glibe in his yacht, The Snark, and is endeavoring to sell the craft at a big sacrifice preparatory to starting for San Francisco.

London is quoted as saying that he will reach San Francisco some time in June.

NOTICE.

IN THE matter of an application for the issue of a duplicate certificate of Title for Lot 3 Block 2 of lot 5455 Group one Kootenay district (Map 735.)

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 Eden Harper which certificate is dated the 19th of March 1906, and numbered 7495A.

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

Mrs. R. Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reading of this city, arrived Saturday evening for a brief visit to her parents.

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

Mr. George Martin, manager of the Spokane Brewing and Malting Company, took around the city on Saturday last and left on the Flyer, the same evening for Lethbridge.

You are right. The Trites-Wood Co have big values to offer in furniture and stoves. Special inducements for cash.

Did you ever wear a lodge pin? If not, you can get a pin or button of your lodge at Wright the Jeweler's.

Mr. Tinsley of the staff of the Bank of Hamilton, who has been laid up for several days, is improving under Dr. Anderson's care.

Now is the time to get yourself a ring. Wright the jeweler has the largest stock of rings that has ever been shown in the city.

There is a young man in this city
And the girls all consider him witty,
But he blushed very red
When a young lady said
Oh! isn't he awfully pretty!

A slight accident happened when Saturday evening's west bound local ran into a few railroad ties which had fallen across the track. Fortunately no passengers were injured and no serious damage done.

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

The cheapest tea to use is not the lowest priced. You can buy tea a few cents a pound cheaper that will make a drink, but if you want an absolutely pure, healthful, cleanly prepared, delicious and decidedly more economical than other teas, because it goes farther.

They're all talking about it. What? Why Ingram's bowling alley.

Dan Anderson and F. Joinson, arrested by Constable Gorman on the drunk and disorderly charge, were allowed out on bail Sunday evening, but appeared in court on Monday morning in an intoxicated condition. They were gently, but firmly taken to jail to sober up and their case remanded.

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

Messrs. George and Alex. Taschereau returned Sunday evening from a short trip to Spokane. The only regret they had was that they did not buy return tickets when they left Fernie, as those "return' pieces of cardboard would have saved them considerable expense in telegraphing if they had had them.

Furniture for sale. Address Ledger office.

The PIE men of the Royal hotel defeated the P.E.I. men on Tuesday night by a majority of 24 points. Get busy and challenge the printers, champions, we're waiting.

Stanley's hot house radishes at the Palm.

The Fernie firemen can now fall off the roofs of the ten storey buildings with impunity, as the council has placed $1000 insurance on the life of each member.

Rumor has it that the chartered banks of this city are to have another competitor in the shape of the Imperial bank, which has property in town. It is expected that they will erect their own building.

George Card who was sent up from here to the provincial jail at Nelson to await trial at the assizes on the charge of indecent assault has been taken to the insane asylum at New Westminster.

Mr. J. D. Moir, representing the Mosler Safe company arrived in the city on Wednesday morning. He reports excellent business throughout the country, but in his own words, "Fernie for Mine."

The C. P. R. have under contemplation the increasing of their track mileage in the Fernie yard. A reliable report says that two miles more switching is urgently needed to handle the traffic of this busy burgh.

Doctor McKidd, who is well known throughout the Crow's Nest Pass, arrived in our city Tuesday evening on the local, passed a pleasant five minutes telling jokes to Mr. Reading of the C. P. R., and continued on his way to Calgary.

Mr. "Sammy" Walters, one of our local enthusiastic fishermen, discovered three Slavonians with a mess of trout in a gunny sack on Tuesday morning. Sammy, being a firm believer in the law (at least that part of it which applies to catching fish out of season) immediately confiscated the deceased inhabitants of the deep and informed the three fishermen that their presence would be required before the magistrate on Thursday afternoon. They ought to make you a game warden or a policeman, Sammy!

Imitation and literary theft are the sincerest forms of flattery. To the end and purpose therefore that certain photographic rivals may again have an opportunity to pay me the compliment of cutting my advertisement from our local paper and putting it on view (minus my name) in their own window, I once more desire the attention of those of my fellow townsmen who realize that however valuable the faculty of imitation may be in various phases of business piracy, the true field of art is to encourage originality, and if they will examine my display in the window next Pat Burns store, and compare it with any other in town they will be able to decide for themselves who turns out the best photos in Fernie—It is Spalding.—Com.

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We guarantee this to be the best flour ever sold in Fernie. Satisfaction guaranteed or your money cheerfully refunded.

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Fernie, B. C.

Why be without a Sewing Machine when you can get one for $3.00 a month?

J. P. HOULAHAN, Agent, opposite Coal Co.'s office, Pellat Ave.

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The sale will commence
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Morlock Mattresses, regular	$ 4.50	now	$ 2.75
Barber Mattresses	" 5.50	"	3.50
Barber Mattresses	" 15.50	"	12.50
Restmore Mattresses	" 8.50	"	6.60
Restmore Mattresses	" 13.00	"	10.80

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When I placed my advertisement in this paper last week I did not expect that it would be adopted and placed in other photographers windows with my name cut out

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Remember my offer of one dozen regular $6.00 Cabinets and one beautiful FERNIE MADE enlargement for only $5.00

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If you want the real thing in photos go to Spalding's

for them. Look at my display in the window next to Pat Burns' store and compare it with any other display in town. There's the test and I'll abide by your good judgment. A good photo is cheap at any price but a poor one is dear at any price. Those turned out by me are all good.

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