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STEVERS JUMPED

Friends of Unfortunate Teamster Receive a Surprise

LOCAL TEAMSTER ARRESTED — CANNOT BE LOCATED AT PRESENT

Charles Stevers, for some time a trusted teamster in the employ of O. N. Ross, was arrested this week on a charge of stealing goods from the C. P. R. freight sheds. A local officer searched his house and found a number of articles, the property of other people. The accused frankly admitted the charge and was released on bail, to come up for hearing at an early date. It is now stated that he has left town and that the bail will be forfeited. It is understood the money was advanced by the teamsters union. The many friends of Stevers in the city are at a loss to understand his conduct, as he is well known here, and was very popular with the many men with whom he came in contact.

SCOUTS BEAT THE FATS

The Fats and the Scouts played a rather listless game of ball on Monday night, at many stages resembling the old time game "Here we go gathering nuts in May." It looked as though the Fats wouldn't have taken that game if it had been handed to them on a plate with parsley all around. Of course the chances are that they couldn't have pulled the game out had they tried, but the public don't like to see such flim-flam games. The Fats secured 8 runs for all their trouble and the Scouts ran off with 13. The teams were:

Fats: Goupel, Whelan, Brown, Dean Ross, Wriglesworth, Black, Scott, Blackstone.

Scouts: Smith, Spilman, Whelan, McMillan, Davey, McDonell, Hamilton Mills, Hicks.

At a meeting of the school board held this morning at 10 a.m. J. W. Gray was awarded the contract for the entire completion of the building for the sum of $4,883. The work is to be rushed at once.

ELEVEN DEAD FROM FIRE

Okanagan Hotel Burned at Vernon---Horrible Work of Flames

VERNON, Aug. 10—Fire broke out in the Okanagan hotel here about 2 o'clock this morning, resulting in the total destruction of the building and the loss of life to eleven of the guests of the house. The building which was of brick veneer, and three stories in height, with about 48 rooms, was a seething mass of flames by the time the fire alarm was turned in to the fire station.

Both the back and front stairways were on fire before the firemen arrived on the scene of the holocaust and the guests were escaping from the burning building down the fire escapes or at the rear, where some outhouses tended to make their descend less hazardous.

Only by the most strenuous efforts on the part of the firemen was the fire confined to this one building which is situated on the main street, and surrounded by prominent business houses on all sides.

Canada, P. Burns and Company, Prior's drug store and F. A. Loveridge's real estate office were considerably damaged. The Chinese were very active in their endeavors to save their quarters. Up to the time of writing 11 bodies have been removed from the smouldering ruins and a search for more is being carried on.

The dead are:

Wilbur Smith, carpenter.

J. P. Funston, laborer.

James Anderson, deliveryman for W. Glover.

Julius Fuerst, bartender, a relative of the proprietors of the hotel.

George Jarrett and George McKay, of Calgary.

George Settgast

A. Hickling

A. Chabree

A. Bohemin

A. Hickling lost his life in an attempt to save one of the domestics in the hotel after having saved one of A. Siegler's daughters.

The patients in the hospital are Hermer, Nichols, Seal, Stringant and Hall.

The damage is adjudged at $35,000 and is partly covered by an insurance of $12,000.

Local News

Go to Rochon's for ice cream.

As a fisher Tom Whelan is not well heeled.

While they last, window shades at 30c each at the Trites-Wood Co.

If you are a particular smoker get your smokes at Ingram's.

Dont forget the trades and labor council meeting on Monday night in the Miners hall.

No place in town just like it. Ingram's pool room.

Go to Whimster and Company's for bargains. Big reductions on regular prices.

Don't forget to ask for Michel beer—the best beer made.

The Ferguson hotel of cattle have an ad in this issue. They solicit the patronage of Fernie visitors.

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

Wanted—A good, strong nurse girl. No children need apply. Mrs. A. H. Cree.

Elk Valley beer popularity known as Michel, always on top at the leading hotels.

At less than wholesale? The Reid Furniture stock on sale at The Crow's Nest Trading Co. Ltd.

Mr. G. G. Moffatt is in Hosmer this week taking over the business of recently failed and of which he has been appointed assignee.

Baseball, football and tennis outfits at Suddaby's.

Don't forget cash talks in our furniture department. Trites-Wood Co.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay of Bellevue received the sad news of the death of their sister in law Mrs. William Lindsay, which took place in Durham, Eng. She was also a sister-in-law to Mrs. J. M. Carter of Gillingham, Alta.

The Nettleton "The Gentlemen's Shoe," regular $7.50 and $8.00. Saturday special $5.65 at the Crow's Nest Trading Co., Ltd.

Go to Rochon's for ice cream.

George Barton had the misfortune to lose a very valuable horse at Morrissy this week. The horse was killed by one of the G. N engines.

Try a case of Elk Valley Bottled beer. $2.50 per dozen delivered. Phone 79.

The Nettleton "The Gentlemen's Shoe," regular $7.50 and $8.00. Saturday special $5.65 at the Crow's Nest Trading Co., Ltd.

Ahem, have you tasted Michel beer? Isn't it good?

The best in the land. Stoves and furniture at the Trites-Wood Company.

Bought at 57 1-2 cents on the $ and selling at less than regular cost to clear the Reid Furniture Stock at the Crows Nest Trading Co. Ltd.

KASTNER IS CAUGHT

On Tuesday morning this week, a quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brown, Prior street, when their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, was united in marriage to Milton A. Kastner, this city, Rev. Grant officiating. After a tasty wedding breakfast the bridal couple left by the Soo-Spokane Flyer for points west, and will be absent three weeks. A large gathering of friends of the contracting parties were at the station to bid them bon voyage, and administered a shower of rice and old boots, etc., as a token of their respect. On their return Mr and Mrs. Kastner will reside on McPherson avenue.

Both of these young people are well and favorably known in the district. "Milt" is a "Bruce' boy by birth, but a Fernieite by adoption, and has seen the future Pittsburg of Canada from its inception. The Ledger joins with their many friends in wishing a long life of happiness, and may all their troubles be little ones.

Prima Donna with The Show Girl Co. Opera House August 17

SHOW GIRL COMING

This lady has been coming for a long while, but at last it is definitely settled that The Show Girl will appear in Fernie opera house on next Tuesday night (Aug. 17.) The Show Girl is simply the title for an exceedingly funny plot, which allows for the introduction of pretty singing and dancing numbers. It is one of those musical comedy shows, written for an evening of mirth and melody. It has had over ten years of success in the largest cities throughout all America and comes to Fernie with the prestige of metropolitan reputation. The company is said to be exceptionally clever and attractive, and the recent reports from Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Victoria, Spokane and Nelson, where they have played, is assurance that it is a good show. The prices are put at what is called holiday bargains, $1 for the best seats, 75c and 50c for lots of good ones, so that on Tuesday night we may safely anticipate a meritorious amusement and for a sum that will not necessitate our going broke in order to take the best girl to the show.

GREAT CLEBRATION

The Trades and Labor Council of Fernie are working hard to make a grand success of the Labor Day celebration which they propose to hold on Labor day in this city. Strong committees have been formed, and all of them are working enthusiastically to make it a record day. Arrangements have been completed to have a monster parade in the morning, when it is expected that the business houses and the trades unions of the city will be well represented. A number of speeches by prominent labor leaders will be given, and only the best talent will be secured. In the afternoon sports will be carried out at Baseball park, and a complete list of events have been drawn up that will insure a splendid afternoon's amusement. The chairman is Mr. J. Goupell, and W. J. Simmons, secretary, T. B. Howden, treasurer. All information can be secured from any of these gentlemen. Trades unionists are specially urged to remain at home on that day and help make the celebration a grand success. Subscription lists are being circulated in town among the merchants and others and are meeting with most gratifying results.

CITY COUNCIL MEET

There was considerable discussion at the city council meeting Thursday evening over the fire hall contract. This contract had been originally awarded to Al. Rizzuto at $10,420, but he appeared before the council and asked that he be allowed to correct a mistake in his figuring on the contract, which if allowed would bring the contract price up to $11,820. The next tenderer, A. J. Watson, was $340 higher than the latter price of Mr. Rizzuto, but it was decided by the council to give the contract to him rather than to call for new tenders, as it was thought not advisable to create the precedent of allowing tenderers to change figures.

Mr Watson expects to begin the work on Monday.

Arc lights are to be installed at the corners of Cox street and Pellatt avenue, Hanson and Pellatt avenue and Thompson street and Victoria avenue

H. M. and A. Whiddington are to be inspectors of the new fire hall.

The extension of the water works system on Dalton avenue from McEvoy street to Wood street was authorized.

MINERS WANTED

Two hundred miners wanted at once. Canada West Coal Mines, Taber, Alberta. Extra good conditions.

V. S. KIDD
Manager

MINERS' SITUATION NOW IN BRITAIN

REFERENDUM VOTE SHOWS THE MEN MEAN BUSINESS

An acute crisis is being passed through in the mining industry of the Old Country, the outcome of which is being watched with much interest by the many old coutnry miners in this District.

Not only are the miners in the old land vitally interested themselves, but the pending action on the part of the men is such, that if carried out, will be national in its results.

A clause exists in the constitution of the British Federation of Miners which stipulates that a general strike should be called in the event of any one of the countries in the Federation being brought into combat with the Operators.

'Tis not recorded that the clause in question (23 is the suggestive number of it) has ever been fully enforced, it having been placed and allowed to remain on the books, with the object that some day it might come to be useful. The threatened reductions by the Operators and other unsatisfactory conditions in many of the collieries of the British Isles has led the Federation to take a referendum vote on the wisdom of enforcing this much talked-of clause, as a means of bringing the operators to time and of protecting the interests of the miners working under the Federation.

The result of the ballot was a most decisive majority for the enforcing of section 23, and the manner in which the men turned out to vote showed that they were in earnest, even if their action meant the closing down of every mine in the Island empire.

Evidently the Operators recognize that the Federation of Miners is a force not to be trifled with, and they are taking them seriously. One of the first effects has been that the coal operators of Scotland have withdrawn their demands for a reduction of twelve and a half per cent in the wages of their men, which in itself is considered a huge concession on the part of the operators.

The British government was not slow to realize the appalling effect of a combined strike in all the collieries of Britain, and great activity is being displayed by the board of trade to bring things to an amicable settlement. The board of trade, unlike their contemporaries in this land, is official in nature in the old country, and the president has much to do with regulating the affairs of commerce and industry.

The matters in dispute have not yet been all settled, and the men are in no mood to trifle or accept the usual one sided compromise. However, with such immense interests involved, it is generally conceded that a general strike will be avoided, and that the determined action of the miners will have much weight on the future understanding between operators and miners.

Pres. Powell Visits Nicola

President Wm. Powell of our district has just returned from an official visit to Merritt, B. C. Many readers have asked where Merritt is. Merritt is just about forty miles from Spences Bridge in the beautiful and thriving Nicola valley, nature's garden The Middlesboro mines are situated about one mile from the hustling town of Merritt and it is there that the president has been fighting for the interests of the members of the U. M. W. of A.

There are about 90 men at present working in that camp, and 40 on strike, who are living in tents on the rivers brim.

On arriving at Merritt in company with Organizer James Pres. Powell was very cordially met by the management of the mines there and after a few days negotiations and investigation declared the strike off, requesting Mr. James Graham to reinstate the union members. He however, said he would only put back four, but since that date he has reinstated all but a few. Being told that Mr. W. H. Armstrong, the managing director of the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Company was in Vancouver, President Powell left for there only to find that he had gone to Seattle.

The President followed him to Seattle, and accompanied by Thomas E. James and International Organizer W. H. McClusky, finally located their man. Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Plummer, his secretary, treated the district officials very courteously. They however were firm and refused to recognize the union and declared that they liked a bit of fighting. However, if the company refuse to respect and recognize the men it is hoped that the men will respect themselves, and we believe that there is still a good field at Merritt for one of the best locals in the district.

While in Vancouver Pres. Powell met the secretary of the Seamen's union and a number of the men who are a fine lot of unionists.

At Seattle he met Int. Board Member Morgan of District 10 who was here a short time ago, and Mr. Ernest Cuisworth, also Mr. Wallace, the genial secretary of District 10, the man of mirth and laughter. The general topic of conversation naturally drifted to the organization of the land of rice eaters (Vancouver Island) and the Nicola Valley Camps. President Powell also met the well known Scranton school representative, Mr. F. X. Holl in Seattle. Mr. Holl is having quite a time there on account mainly of his open and frank way of handling the Socialist doctrine, from those who should be his friends, but it is hard to keep a good man down, and the Scranton people have found this out, and realize that Honest Frank Holl is the right man in the right place.

President Powell met a good union man in Merritt in the person of Mr. Bennett, the editor of the Nicola Herald. Mr. Bennett is a member of the Typographical union and has fought for the miners union. He is a hale fellow well met, and runs a fine little sheet for Merritt and deserves the patronage of the citizens and merchants of that thriving little town.

A GREAT GAME

Oh! you Crisler!
Oh! you Grady!
Oh! you Coal company!

The banner game of the season as far as enthusiasm is concerned, was pulled off last night at Baseball park the opposing teams being the Coal Co. and the Scouts. The Coal Co. team (with apologies to Master Bertie Whimster) started the frame up proposition last Friday night at 8.30. Con Whelan was content to play his own team up to that time, but hearing of the deal the White Sox boys were handing out by signing on a Moyie and Hosmer player as well as picking the best player from the Commercials, he decided to get the release of two players from the Fats, and also signed on another man whom he did not use. The White Sox thought they had better cinch matters by getting a catcher from Moyie to hold Crisler, and Con then decided to pick Jimmy McDougall up as well as Roberts who was on his way west. Roberts was the only man on Con's team who was an outsider and not a Fernie player, as Hall has been signed and played two or three games with the Scouts before, and is still on their list. However, the White Sox might as well have saved their money and put on their home battery, and they still would have had as good a chance of winning.

For the losers Brown made a nice clean three base hit to left in the second innings, but there were two men down and Kirkpatrick, the next man up failed to connect with McDonell's ins, outs and drops and the side was retired with Brown at third. The prettiest catch of the game was made in the third by Patterson in centre field. Spilman placed one that looked good for two or three sacks, but Patterson chased after it and stopped the chances right there. Crisler and Grady both played poor ball and they might be weeded out to Cokato or Sparwood for next season to ginger them up a bit.

For the winners McDonell pitched lovely ball all the time and passed only one man. He never lost control for a minute and worked hard all the time. Whelan caught a fine game and got a sensational foul from amongst the crowd in the 5th and drove the ball to 2nd like a bullet from a Mauser, catching a man there who tried to purloin that sack. It was a nice piece of headwork and showed the value of mind over matter. It would be unfair to specialize any of the others, but Davey, Spilman, Hall, Roberts, McDougall and McMillan were in the game all the time, and connected with the sphere at will. Smith also played a good game but was slow at base running. The game brought out the biggest crowd of the season and seats in the grand stand were at a premium. The following hard times tale will explain in detail how the trick was done.

Coal Company

	A.B.	H.	R.
Grady c	4	1	1
White s s	4	0	0
Patterson c f	3	0	0
Crysler p	3	0	0
McKellar 1st	2	0	0
Tutthill 2nd	3	0	0
Brown r f	3	2	0
Kirkpatrick 3rd	3	0	0
Quinlan l f	3	1	0
	29	4	1

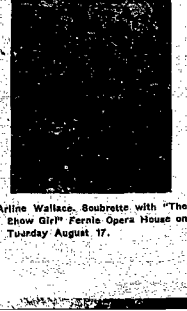
Scouts

Roberts 3rd	4	3	4
Spilman s s	5	3	3
Whelan c	3	1	2
Davey 1st	3	1	1
McDonell p	5	2	1
McMillan l f	5	1	0
Smith r f	5	2	1
McDougall c f	5	2	1
Hall 2nd	4	1	1
	38	16	14

Summary 3 base hit Brown; double plays Whelan to Hall; struck out by McDonell 8; by Crysler 8. First base on balls Crysler 4, McDonell 1.

This places the two teams a tie for first place and the deciding game will be pulled off in the near future. Friday the 13th will be remembered by Messrs. Quinlan, White and Co. for some time.

Dr. Wriglesworth umpired and his decisions were eminently fair at all times.



Arline Wallace, Soubrette with "The Show Girl" Fernie Opera House on Tuesday August 17.

Local News

Don't forget the football match tonight.

Will somebody please ask Bertie Whimster who is a bone head now?

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Couzens returned to their home in Moose Jaw last night on the Flyer. They have been visiting with Mrs. W. S. Stanley, sister of Mr. Couzens.

If you want the best—call for Elk Valley beer.

The Nettleton, "The Gentlemen's Shoe," regular $7.50 and $8.00. Saturday special $5.65 at the Crow's Nest Trading Co., Ltd.

For ladies and gents' cleaning, pressing and repairing go to Bill the Nifty Tailor. Will Seccombe's old stand. Ladies' work a specialty. Give us a trial.

Mr. C. E. H. Morton, accountant of the Home Bank of Canada, has been transferred to the Toronto branch, and leaves on Tuesday for the East. His successor is Mr. Woolmach, late of the Ilderton, Ont., branch.

Wall paper display at Suddaby's.

Fishing tackle outfits at Suddaby's. Finest in the land—Ingram's bath room.

Going Some.—The Adolph Lumber Co. Mill at Baynes cut 82,500 feet of lumber on August 7th, ten hour run. The sawyer Peter Backs was the man behind the levers., "Every one worked but father," and he watched them saw wood.

The best Sewing Machine on the market for $31.50 at Trites-Wood Co.

See Rochon, the Kandy Kid.

Gourlay's hotel at Hosmer have just put in some swell carpets and new furniture and furnishings, supplied by the Trites-Wood Company of this place.

Lost—A valuable diamond ring.—Return to H. Rochon and receive good reward.

Balance of Reid Furniture stock on sale at the Crow's Nest Trading Co. Limited.

Clearing up sale at Whimster and Company's to make room for new stock arriving.

When thirsty nothing but Michel beer for me.

Get your screen doors and window screens at the Trites-Wood Co.

A sample order of Elk Valley bottled beer will convince you of the superiority over all others. $2.50 per doz. delivered at your door. Call up phone 79 and we will do the rest.

SAMPSON IN THE TOILS

Mr A. Sampson, chief of provincial police of this city, and Mrs. MacKenzie were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at Coeur d'Alene City on Tuesday, Rev. Father Purcell officiating. After a tour of the coast cities Mr. and Mrs Sampson will take up their residence on McPherson avenue. The Ledger extends congratulations.

C. J. Digby made a flying trip to Spokane for steel for the Trites-Wood block.

Rev. Scott of Hosmer occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church here last Sunday, preaching two impressive sermons. Tomorrow the Presbyterian minister from Coal Creek will have charge.

CHARGE IS WITHDRAWN

Rainsforth In Unpleasant Position But is Vindicated

R. L. Rainforth, who is was alleged was wanted for a shortage of some $700, appeared here yesterday voluntarily and this morning the charge was withdrawn. It seems there was some mix up. Mr. Rainforth's friends will be pleased to hear the news.

Scouts and Coal Co. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The many friends of Frank Dunlap will regret to hear that he is passing through a serious illness. Latest reports say he is improving.

The residents of the Recreation grounds will be pleased to hear that the city council have decided to put a 6 inch water pipe right down Dalton street. This means that all houses there can be supplied.

The Cox street hill is being rapidly cut down, and by next week the grade will be done and the sidewalk laid. The Ledger claims some of the credit for this as it has kept everlastingly at it till the work was started.

W. H. McCluskey, International organizer from district No. 14 U. M. W. of A. is in the city. Mr. McCluskey came in on Wednesday with President Powell and they both went to Hillcrest Wednesday night, returning here on Friday morning.

LEDGER DOWN

One bad innings at the start put a damper on the Ledger's chances of beating the Scouts on Wedensday evening. The rest of the game was evenly contested, but too great a lead was registered at the start for the Prints to overtake.

The final score was 11 to 18 with the Scouts holding the big end of the figures. The teams:

Ledger: Kirkpatrick, McLeod. McDougall, Rochon, Pearson, Buckley, Gates, Rush, Glover.

Scouts: Smith, Spilman, Whelan, McMillan, Davey, McDonald, Wrigleworth, Mills, Hicks.

BURGLARS BLOW SAFE

G. N. Station Visited and Neat Sum Secured--A Perfect Job

Tuesday night last was the time chosen for some professional yegs to visit the Great Northern station, and loot the contents of the strong box at that place. Residents near the station heard a loud report about midnight or after, but thought nothing of it, as blasting operations in the Annex of late had accustomed them to such sounds. Nothing was known of the happening until Wednesday morning when the railway men turned up at the station for the day's work. Then it was seen that there had been something doing about the "time when the graveyards yawn." The burglars, for the police think they were several in number, gained an entrance to the ticket office from the waiting room, and once inside went to work only on the safe, and evidently they knew something about the shortest and most effective means of opening safes. The crack between the door and wall of the safe was lined with nitro-glycerine, which did its work well and after the explosion all that was left to do was to gather up the shekles and hike—which, they seem to have done most effectually. Nothing else was tampered with, and positively no marks were left to identify the men.

A lone silver dollar slept peacefully on the floor when the station was opened on Wednesday morning. Some 125 of his pals had left during the night to circulate in new quarters of this big round world.

FAILED TO SWIM CHANNEL

DOVER, Aug 12—Montague Holbein the well known English long distance swimmer, has failed in his seventh effort to swim across the English channel. He left Cape Grisnez on the French coast at 5.45 p.m. yesterday, and after a splendid all night attempt was forced to give up after he was a few miles from Dover.

OUR SOCIALIST PAGE

Conducted under the drect on of "Proletaran"

Address all matter for this page to "Proletarian" District Ledger

THIRTY CENTS AN HOUR

The street car employees of Chicago are asking that their wages be raised to thirty cents an hour. The employers are theratening to fill the streets with armed thugs, trained to brutality and skilled in inciting to riot if this request is pressed.

The only thing striking about the request of the men is its mildness. Thirty cents an hour for guiding a mighty juggernaut through the crowded centres of the second larest city on this continent.

Imagine one of these hours, and then ask if you would like to change places with motorman or conductor. Twenty times, and often more, within that hour you will hold a human life in your hand.

A single misstep or careless action on your part, or on the part of someone who is an utter stranger to you, and the awful horror of having killed a fellow creature is with you the rest of your life.

Add to this the fact that your employer is constantly devising ways and means of making the work more deadly, that the weight of the car behind you grows greater each year, that the profits are constantly demanding a greater speed and more passengers, and less perfect safety devices; remember the "death strip," the imperfect fenders, the long and irregular hours, the crowded aisles and weary, irritable men and women who are always packed in the car.

Then ask whether you would like to collect fares or handle a controller on such a car for one hour.

Go back to the home from which that street car employe comes. You will not find him there, for he seldom has a chance to get acquainted with his family. Talk to his wife and his children.

Ask them about the hopeless struggle to make a very slowly rising wage catch a swiftly flying price. Talk to them of the sort of family life that accompanies "swing runs," and the condition of the father's nerves after an all-day struggle with the difficulties of a conductor or motorman.

Then go back and study the figures of the millions of dollars that are poured into the coffers of the stockholders. Read the story of bribed councils, watered stock, multiple bond issues, wasteful litigation, highly paid "traction experts," and the hundred and one other methods by which the wealth that flows from the riding public of Chicago reaches the capitalists who own the traction securities, and then ask whether thirty cents an hour is not so small as to be ridiculous.—Chicago Daily Socialist, editorial.

This is only one of many. In all cities and towns we find the same thing, and the same facts and figures apply equally to them. How many men get remuneration commensurate with the risky position they hold in life? Ask yourself this question, study it and seek the remedy.—Ed.

THE SOCIAL REVOLUTION

The Social Revolution is not something which is going to take place in the far distant future. It is something which is taking place now. We are in its very midst.

Social revolutions pass through 3 stages. There comes first the revolution in industry. Then follows a revolution in thought; then the revolution in thought is translated into political action and is impressed upon art, literature, science, religion, ethics, law, government and marriage.

Europe and America are now in the second stage of the social revolution. The first stage has been passed.

During the last three hundred years but more especially during the nineteenth century, the material foundations of society have been undergoing radical changes.

The agricultural states of the old world and the new have become great industrial nations. The peasantry have been converted into factory operatives and population has been steadily but surely flowing from the country to the cities.

One industry after another has been transferred from the home to large manufacturing establishments. Large scale production has supplanted small scale production. Minute division of labor has supplanted the craftmanship of the middle ages. Local markets have expanded into world markets. The machine has displaced hand labor. Steam and electricity have become the menials of humanity. The great industry has crushed or absorbed the small industry. The big capitalists have swallowed the little capitalists. Trusts and combines have sounded the death knell of competition. The industrial revolution, —though not yet completed—has proceeded far enough to necessitate a revolution in the social institutions that rest upon economic foundations.

Of no less significance than the revolution in industry is the geographical revolution, if so we may term it. Industry, not only has developed extensively, but it has developed extensively, that is to say, it has overspread the earth, and to such an extent that there is now scarcely any new territory for it to conquer. The virgin wilderness of the west has been brought under cultivation. Surplus population is finding its former outlet, emigration to new lands being rapidly closed up.

Now, all these changes impress themselves upon the people's minds. Their ideas must change as their environment changes. And this we find to be the case. The philosophy of individualism is being superseded by the philosophy of Socialism because the mode of production has ceased to be individualistic and is not socialistic.

Society, as Engels points out, finds itself confronted wtih a contradiction which it must solve, the contradiction that though production has become social in its nature, the ownership of the tools of production and the appropriation of the wealth collectively produced remains individual. Hence the revolution in thought.

Now this revolution in thought is being rapidly translated into action. It is making itself felt in the parliaments of the world. It is changing the policies of labor organizations. It is influencing legislation. It assumes many forms, the most advanced of which is the international social-democratic movement. If this movement continues to grow in teh future as rapidly as it has in the past, and there is every reason to believe that it will grow even faster, then the revolutionary working class will triumph in the next fifteen or eighteen years. That will mean the consumation of the social revolution. The last great class struggle of history will be fought out by the human race. The emancipation of the workers will be achieved for once and for all.

Social evolution will have borne its fruit and humanity will enter upon an era of unparralled culture.

THE END OF UNIONISM

By Robert Hunter in Chicago Daily Socialist:

"I really feel sorry for your people,' he said.

"The Senators and Congressmen here know what is going on. The leading men in the country come here to talk over plans, and they are determined to crush unionism and socialism. In the next few years," he went on, "you will have the fight of your life. Every agency that money can command will be used to destroy you. Have you ever realized all you are up against?" he asked.

"Perhaps not,' I answered.

"Well, let me tell you." He pulled out a drawer of his desk to rest his foot upon and threw himself back in his chair. "The most dangerous and subtle thing is corruption. The Civic Federation is using that method with masterly skill. It does not buy leaders outright. That could not be done. It wins them—with dinners, conferences, patronage. The second method is warfare. The Manufacturers Association takes care of that. Wherever there is a strike it supplies the funds, leads the battles and uses its influence, financial and political, to crush the strike. The third method is disruption. The hired men of the civic federation and other organizations foment division inside of the organization. They divide the sheep from the goats, the Radicals from the Conservatives. They awake suspicion and hatred by creating two warring factions that make united action in the Labor movement impossible. And above all they want to drive Socialists out of the unions and to force them to declare war on the unions."

"The Civic Federation?' I asked of him.

"Yes, the Civic Federation, as well as other organizations. It is the work of all organizations and the aim is to divide you," he replied.

"Spies, traitors and false leaders are employed to foment disorder and to bosses, keep them informed as to to the bosses, kep them informed as to what is going on, and in time of strike use their efforts to encourage violence and other causes for bringing in the militia.'

"Yes, that I know," I said.

"And the greatest power wielded by the opponents of Unionism is their political power. They own the political machinery and through them control the police, the militia, the governors, the legislators and the courts. When a strike is too powerful to be overcome by any of the methods I speak of they then force the state to take a hand and through some arm of the government break the strike. The injunction is the supreme method, but how often we see no wthe courts tying up the funds of the union, suppressing all the rights of the union and even sending to jail the leaders of the union."

"But this opposition," I declared, "will strengthen unionism in the end, not weaken it."

"Yes," he answered, "open opposition; but that is the least of the measures taken to destroy unionism. It is the disintegration within, the growing hostility inside, encouraged by enemies outside that will prove the ruin of unionism. When Socialists and Unionists come to hate each other more than they hate their bosses, —your finish is near. And I want to tell you without mincing words that the trade unionists will never win another great industrial battle.

"Well then, new organizations will be formed," I declared.

"And there too, you are wrong," he insisted. "The courts intend to make any form of industrial organization impossible. Strikes have heretofore been legalized revolts, hereafter they are going to be considered riot and sedition."

"Well, then," I said "there will be riot and sedition."

"And that's where you'll lose," he answered.

"I am sorry, but that will be your ruin. The trouble with you visionaries is that you have lost control of the State. You have the votes, but no intelligence to use them. You could today possess the legislatures and the courts.

You could dictate legislation, direct the police and the militia, but you have not the intelligence.

Rome was once a Republic and so WAS America.

Rome became a tyranny and America is following in her steps. It's sad, God knows, but it's true. Democracy required intelligence and your people are innocent of any suspicion of intelligence.'

SOFT SNAPS

"Under Socialism wouldn't everyone want the soft snaps?"

Some occupations are naturally a great deal more laborious and dangerous than others, and in order to get people to work in the streets or dig sewers it may and probably will be necessary to give extra pay or larger time checks to secure this labor.

The average number of hours per day would be greatly shortened under Socialism. Economists say less than four hours per day for each worker. But we might require the teacher to work five hours while the street paver works three hours; or six hours might be required for the teacher or bookkeeper and two hours for the street paver. This seeming difficulty can be easily adjusted on this plan.

Personally I always enjoy better health when doing heavy out door labor and would now be a mechanic or farmer if I could get decent hours and gather as much money as I can do at my profession. I therefore would select the so-called dirty work as the hours would be shorter and the pay better. I know of many others who would join me because it would give us more leisure better health, the wherewith and the time to gratify a number of the ambitions that now remain ungratified. What satisfaction can there be in acquiring a liberal education in the arts and sciences, in music, literature and painting, and then not have the time or the means to enjoy them?

The average university man never finds time to enjoy or further develop the grand and noble ideas that were taught him while at college, or get in touch with nature even for a short outing. At least this has been my experience and that of most of my acquaintances. Under Socialism all useful labor would be honorable.

The nurse who ministers to the want of the sick, the man who keeps the sewers clean and prevents epidemics, the women who cook our meals, do the washing, and rear our children; the men who dig coal that society should not freeze, or who furnish food, shelter or colthing for the people, are rendering a thousand times greater service to society than the banker, the bond clipper, the rent taker and the interest and profit gatherers of today, and every one of them should have better pay.

Under capitalism the useless parasites are your society people; yet in most cases they do not even speak to the workers. Under Socalism an individual would be rated by his intellect, his culture, his accomplishments, and his abiliyt and willingness to render valuable services to society.

Now people are judged by the number of almighty dollars they have been able to squeeze out of their victims. This is all wrong and will be corrected when the working class wakes up one of these days.

And finally if the present talented managers of industries refuse to act as managers under Socialism because they imagine there is no incentive,—but prefer to work in the sewers—they can be easily accomodated.—Men and Mules

As Capitalism has not snatched woman from the domestic hearth and launched her into social production to emancipate her, but to exploit her more ferociously than man, so it has been careful not to overthrow the economic, legal, political and moral barriers which had been raised to seculde her in marital dwelling. Women exploited by capital, endures the miseries of the free labor and bears in addition her chains of the past. Her economic misery is aggravated; instead of being supported by her father or husband, to whose rule she still submits, she is obliged to earn her living; and under the pretext that she has fewer necessities than man, her labor is paid less, and when her daily toil in the office, the shop or the school is ended, her labor in the household begins. Motherhood, the most sacred and highest of social functions, becomes in capitalistic society a cause of horrible misery, economic and physiologic. The social and economic condition of woman is a danger to the reproduction of the species.—Paul La Fargue in "The Right to be Lazy, and other Studies."

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C.P.R. PAYS DIVIDEND

Income of Twenty Five Millions---Report a Good Year

MONTREAL, Aug. 9—At a meeting of the directors of the Canadian Pacific railway company today a dividend of two per cent on preferred stock and three per cent on common stock for the half year ending June 30 was declared.

An additional payment of one per cent on the common stock will be paid at the same time out of the interest on the proceeds from the land sales.

The results on the fiscal year to June 30 last were:—Gross earnings $76,313,310; working expenses $53,357,748; net earnings $22,965,573; net earnings on steamships in excess of on steamships in excess of amount included in monthly reports $399,910; income from other sources, $1,906,578; total net income $25,262,064; reduction for fixed charges $9,427,033; surplus $15,835,028.

CASTLE CASE

NEW YORK, Aug. 9—With her brother, Capt. Henry Scott, by her side, Mrs Mary Scott Castle, the Californian woman who on Tuesday last in a corridor of the Waldorf hotel shot and slightly wounded William B Craig, a lawyer appeared in the court today for preliminary examination.

Capt. Scott who reached here yesterday from the south, accompanied her sister on the bridge of the Jefferson Market court when the case was called. Mrs. Castles attorney immediately asked for and secured an adjournment of the examination saying that Captain Scott had not had time to go over details of the case with the attorneys.

NOTICE

IN the matter of an application for the issue of a duplicate Certificate of Title to ot 15 Block 21 town of Fernie (Map 734).

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 Michael J. Casey, John Robert Ross and William A Ross which certificate is dated the 5th day of October 1907 and numbered 7649A.

H. R. JORAND
District Registrar

Land Registry Office, Nelson B. C.
July 21st, 1909.

TO TRY THE LEMIEUX ACT

Company Issue an Order Cancelling Boats on Lake Service

MONTREAL, Aug. 9—As soon as word of the strike trouble at Fort William among the dock laborers reached the C. P. R. headquarters today, prompt measures were taken to deal with the matter.

An order was issued at once withdrawing two boats from the upper lake service, the Alberta and the Athabasca, and these will be laid up until the trouble is over or the demands of the western wheat business call them into service.

This brings to an end the five boat-a-week service which was inaugurated a month ago. It was stated at the C. P.R. offices that owing to the sudden manner in which the strike was sprung on the company, efforts would be made to enforce the Lemieux law and see if it was valuable against the men as well as the company.

It was attested that already more than a score of strikers had been arrested at Fort William on this behalf.

Vice President McNicoll intimated this afternoon that the company would resist the demands of the strikers, who were trying to take advantage of the prospective big demand for labor on account of western harvest, and that it would if necessary be taken by the all-rail route so that the trouble would not disturb business at all.

FIERCE HEAT

NEW YORK, Aug. 9—The official thermometer of the local weather bureau registered 93 degrees at 3 this afternoon, the hottest day of the summer and within 3 degrees of the hottest August day ever recorded here by the bureau. Prostrations were continually being reported and five persons, four of them infants and one old man died from the heat at the seashore.

FOOTBALL

Carbonado travel to Moyie on the 21st to play a return with Moyie, the latter having won the first game at Carbonado on the 24th inst. It is expected that there will be a big crowd travel to the Lead city and a good time is expected. Moyie will play the same team as at Carbonado. The Moyie boys speak in high praise of the kindness of the coal diggers, nothing being too ood for the visitors.

SPRINGHILL MEN OUT

U. M. W. A, Men Vote to go On Strike--Strikers Gaining Ground

SYDNEY, N. S. Aug. 11—U. M. W. of A. officials returning from Springhill give a positive assurance that a strike will be called at the mines there this week. The date set for the men coming out has not been definitely settled but it is almost certain that work will cease Tuesday.

The strike will not be of a sympathetic character and will have nothing whatever to do with the Glace Bay difficulty. Conditions existing at Springhill are worse than at Glace Bay from the U. M. W. of A. standpoint.

Shorter hours and better wages and improved conditions generally for the miners are what they will demand at Springhill.

A meeting of the U. M. W. of A. is called for Tuesday evening at Sydney mines when the advisability of calling the men out from the Nova Scotia coal mines will be considered.

The decision to strike calls out the body of men employed by the Cumberland Railway and Coal Company except 100 men belonging to the Brotherhood of Railway Employees and it will soon effect them also because of the fact that if the mines are tightly tied up it leaves nothing for the men to do and they will be idle whether willing or not. While the men are thus unanimous the company are just as determined.

General Manager G. R. Cowans will put up posters in the town stating that if the men desire to return to work now they may do so on the same wages and on the old terms. But if they do not return and he has to close down the mines, he will never take them back except at a reduction of ten per cent.

SPRINGHILL, Aug. 9—Tomorrow morning the mines of the Cumberland Railway & Coal Co. at Springhill will be idle, tied up by order of the mine workers. The situation at Springhill will be different from that at Glace Bay because in Cape Breton the P. W. A. has a good share of the workmen, but at Springhill every man in the mines belongs to or is in sympathy with the U. M. W. of A. The decision to strike was reached at a mass meeting of the miners in the drill hall, where 4200 of the company employees, men and boys, were assembled.

The resolution declaring a strike was passed unanimously. The vote was shown by hands and apparently there was not one dissenting vote.

FOR CAMPERS

Dont's That May Save Many Thousand Dollars

1. Don't when in the woods, throw down a lighted match, cigar stub or other flaming object; make sure that the alfme has been thoroughly extinguished before throwing it away on the ground.

2. Don't build your camp fire larger than necessary.

3 Don't under any circumstances, leave your fire unguarded, even for a comparatively short time; see that it is dead out before you go away from it.

4. Don't build your fire in leaves, rotten wood or other inflammable material.

5. Don't build your fire against a large or hollow log, where it is hard to be sure when it has been entirely put out.

To these don't it may be added that in windy weather or in a dangerous place, it is well to confine the fire in a hole dug clean out down to the mineral soil. A fire may smoulder in the humus or "duff" for days only waiting for a strong breeez to fan it into a flame that may burn over an immense area.

Summer tourists and campers generally have a bad reputation with the owners of timber, as being often a cause of fires. Such fires could be prevented almost without exception, by a little care exercised on the part of the campers, who have been the unintentional cause of much forest destruction and who have just as real an interest in the preservation of the forests as the owners of the timber themselves.

DIED

PARNALL.—At Bristol, England, on July 20, Thomas Luxton Parnall, aged 60 years.

Will Henry Thomas Parnall, supposed to be in British Columbia communicate with his relatives. The executors are searching for him.

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Copy of an Agreement

Entered Into Between the Canada West Coal Company and Dist. 18, U. M. W. of A.

It is hereby agreed between the Canada West Coal Company Limited, of the first part and the employees of the said company as represented by the United Mine Workers of America, District No. 18, of the second part, that the following agreement and scale of contract prices and wages shall govern the parties hereto for the period from July 30th 1909 to March 31st 1911, it being understood and agreed that the parties hereto will meet in conference sixty days prior to the expiration of this agreement to discuss a renewal thereof.

Article 1—

The Company gives the United Mine Workers of America a full recognition, and concedes the check off system; that is to say, upon the individual request, in writing, of any of the company's employees, the Company shall deduct such monies from their wages as is designated for dues, assessments, fines and initiations fees; in other words, the company will retain from wages due employees any sum they may have given orders upon the company for, in writing, payable to such officers of the United Mine Workers of America as may be designated in such orders.

SETTLEMENT OF LOCAL AND GENERAL DISPUTES

Article 2

In case any disputes or grievances arise under this agreement, or any local agreement made in connection therewith, whether the dispute or grievance is claimed to have arisen by the company or any person or persons employed, or by the men as a whole, then the parties shall endeavor to settle the matter as hereinafter provided. But before any grievance shall be submitted to the pit committee, the person or persons affected shall endeavor, by personal application to the pit boss, to settle the matter, and in the event of their agreeing, their decision shall be final.

(b) In case of any local dispute arising in any mine, and failure to agree between the pit boss and any employee, the pit committee and mine superintendent shall endeavor to settle the matter, and in the event of their agreeing, their decision shall be final.

(c) In the event of the failure of the Pit Committee and the Mine Superintendent to settle any dispute so referred to them, as well as in the event of any other dispute arising, the matter in dispute shall be referred to the General Superintendent or the General Manager of the Company and the officers of the United Mine Workers of America, District No. 18 for settlement, and if they agree, their decision shall be final. Should they fail to agree, it shall be referred to a joint committee, said committee to be made up of three persons appointed by the Canada West Coal Co., Ltd., and three persons appointed by District No. 18 of the United Mine Workers of America for settlement, if they agree their decision shall be final and binding upon both parties. A majority of the full committee must vote in favor of any action before it can be declared carried.

In the event of a failure to agree, the committee shall endeavor to select an independent chairman, and failing to agree on an independent chairman, the Minister of Labor shall be asked to appoint such chairman; the decision of the Committee thus constituted shall be binding upon both parties.

(d) In the meantime, and in all cases, while disputes are being investigated and settled, the miners, mine laborers, and all other parties involved must continue to work pending investigation, and until final decision has been reached, but where miner, mine laborer or mine laborers, has or have been discharged by the company while his or their case is being investigated and settled, he or they shall not remain in the employ of the company. If a claim be made within five days where a man or men have been unjustly discharged, the case shall be dealt with according to this article, and if it is proven that he or they have been unjustly dealt with he or they shall be reinstated.

If claim is made for compensation for time lost, in case where reinstatement shall follow, it shall be left to the Joint committee to decide what amount, if any, is to be paid.

(e) Any breach of this agreement by any of the parties hereto, is not to void the said agreement, but the same is to continue in full force and effect. It is not intended, however, by this subsection to abridge the right of the men to suspend work after final settlement as herein provided, if the Canada West Coal Company Ltd., refuses to be bound by any decision given against them under this article.

Article 3

No miner working at contract work on coal shall be allowed to hire laborers.

Article 4

The company will furnish screened coal to their workmen at $2.50 per ton, within a radius of one mile from the mine. Beyond this radius haulage will be charged.

Article 5

The Company will deliver all materials as near the working face as possible.

Article 6

The Company will furnish duplicate statements to all workmen and will pay by check semi-monthly.

Article 7

Any person desiring to leave the service of the company, shall on his request, be paid all monies due him within two days after his stoppage of work.

Any person desirous of leaving the employ of the company will be expected to give at least two days notice.

Article 8

The company will make deductions from all contract miners for wages of checkweighers, some to be paid over to the secretary of the local union.

Article 9

The matter of doctor and hospital arrangements is to be arranged between the employees and the management, and when so arranged the company agree to make the collections for that purpose.

Article 10

In case any employee is thrown out of employment, unless discharged, he shall be given preference over new men.

Article 11

A working place in the mine where water drips from the roof in quantity sufficient to wet a man's clothing, or where standing water is sufficient to wet a man's clothing above his knees, shall be considered a wet place; a place where the use of gum boots will keep a mans feet dry shall not be considered a wet place.

Article 12

Any loader sending up dirty coal shall be warned by having his name placed on the check board at the mouth of the slope. Three offences in any two months shall be considered sufficient cause for dismissal.

Article 13

If a man is charged with careless shooting of coal, he shall be warned for the first two offences, and on the third offence the pit boss shall take up the case with the mine committee, and if the case is proven he may be discharged.

CONTRACT PRICES

All coal to be paid for on run-of-mine basis, one ton being 2240 lbs.

Loading to include shooting, loading of coal, putting up props and laying of track in rooms.

Machine work to be divided between machine runners and scrapers as follows:

Machine runner 4-7
Scraper 3-7

All cutting to be done in clay underneath coal.

Pick Mining

Pillars in machine rooms, per ton 80c.
Pillars over 12 ft. up to 20 ft. 90c.

Rooms, Under Top Coal

Cutting 25c. per ton and 30c. per lineal yard in rooms up to twenty feet, over twenty ft. yardage to be paid in proportion.
Loading 50c. per ton.

Rooms, Taking Down All Coal

Cutting 25c. per ton.
Loading 50c. per ton.

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Cutting, 25c. per ton and 35c. per lineal yard.

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Loading 50c. per ton and $1.00 per lineal yard.

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8 cents per inch per lineal yard, if put in cars or stowed in cross cuts without loading in car.

10 cents per inch per lineal yard if put in car, moved away and stowed.

Room necks and widening out rooms, ten yards narrow work. This applies to both cutters and loaders.

Timbering

Flat booms per set 20c.
Round booms in entries, per set 50c.
Clod in entries where there is no brushing done by miner; loading and stowing, ten cents per inch per lineal yard.
Loading company taking away dirt six cents per inch per lineal yard.
Stowing over one hundred yards from working face to be paid extra.
Miner to furnish explosives.

Clod Scale

The clod to be removed by the miner for nothing for the first four inches; for five inches 12 1-2 cents per lineal yard and 5c. for each additional inch.

Rooms ordered to exceed sixteen feet to be paid extra in proportion.

Management of Mine

The right to hire and discharge men, the management of the mine and the direction of the working forces, are vested exclusively in the company, and the United Mine Workers of America shall not abridge this right.

Handling and Pushing of Cars

The loader to receive and deliver his car at the mouth of the room.

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Timbermen helpers	2.50
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Tracklayers helpers	2.50
Miners	3.00
Pumpmen	3.00
Pushers	2.50
Pick Carrier, boys	1.10 to 1.25
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Machine men helpers	3.00

In witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set the hands of their proper officers this thirtieth day of July, 1909.

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Several years ago a certain prominent judge is reported to have made the statement that the poor man had no show in the courts. This may sound like the words of an obscure agitator, but the man who said them was no less a personage than President Taft. This remark is quoted from an address he gave before the Virginia Bar Association.

It is becoming more and more apparent every day that money talks louder in the courts of America than any other commodity. "Equal rights for all, special privileges for none," was a famous American slogan. Yet among the rich men who have been tried in the United States during the past ten years, very few have been convicted. Even the capitalist papers confess that Charles L. Morse, recently sentenced to serve several years, has been allowed to leave jail to attend to his business affairs.

Rich men come from the exploiting class. When their piratical methods smell to the heavens, and they are unable to conceal their deeds—when the hue and cry against them can not be smothered, these men receive the support of their class. The best lawyers are retained for them, appeals are made; stays are granted and quibbles framed. In fact the rich man, who has been indicted, may feel almost certain that, all else failing, his case can be prolonged for years—that he will be able to end his days peacefully in the full possession of his liberty.

If rich men were often sent to prison it would only be a short time before we would see a marked improvement in the places of confinement. The ruling class would not long hesitate to take care of the members of its own class at the expense of bettering the conditions of the wage worker prisoners. For the men in power are thoroughly class conscious. A Senator or Congressman can not be arrested during the time he is in office. And it is almost impossible to prosecute a police officer or a judge. If they are brought to trial, we usually find several big politicians giving them their support to the last extremity. Generally the accused has been closely allied with them and his "crimes" are so honeycombed with their own shady affairs that self preservation compels them to see him through.

Have you ever attended court and observed the austerity and dignity of the average judge? If you have not, make it your business to be present occasionally at the criminal or higher court proceedings. And mark well the judge! The man who decide the fates of the poor wretches that come up before him. With what calm unconcern he designates the starving workman, who has stolen a few dollars, to the slow death-breathing horror of Sing Sing! Or with what off-hand certainty measures the "crimes" of the hold up man, who is but the product of society and the proof of her failure. She hath sown the wind and reaps these men, the whirlwind, therefore let us punish the whirlwind.

The constitution provides that "excessive bail shall not be required," also "that cruel and unusual punishment shall not be inflicted." But in such things, of course, the constitution is out of date. In the matter of injunctions, however, and where its provisions can be cited to their ends, the constitution is ever on the tongue of our judiciary.

Gilson Gardner in an article that appears in the Appeal to Reason, credits (?) Judge Wright with saying that "there is always somebody that has to be ground in the mud." Evidently they do not intend that it shall be the judiciary.

Not long ago, President Taft is reported to have said that we would probably soon eliminate the jury system. The first action I have seen to this end has already been taken by the District Attorney's Association of Southern California. It was decided to recommend to the State Legislature important changes in the laws governing grand juries, civil and criminal cases, viz: a reduction in the number of grand jurymen, the return of a verdict by three fourths of a jury, reduction of the number of challenges allowed the defense, and a broadening of the scope of indictments.

All over the country from Maine to California, the state legislatures, urged by the prosecuting attorneys, officialdom and members of the exploiting class, are assiduously at work cutting off and curtailing rights and privileges. In this way they will make it almost impossible for a member of the working class to escape the clutches of the law, once he is placed under arrest—be he guilty or innocent.

Do you know the men who "chance" (?) to be drawn on juries year after year, who never have any other jobs, and yet manage to live somehow in comfort? It has always seemed strange to me particularly when I noticed that the juries on which these men served invariably brought in a verdict against the defendant. Perhaps some one more closely connected with the administration of "justice" could explain this phenomenon.

No man is ever wholly unprejudiced, a judge least of all. He usually comes from a well to do or a wealthy family. Often he has been a corporation lawyer. His friends and interests are with the exploiting class. He sees things as they see them. His advancement is dependent upon their continued prosperity. Actual bribes may very rarely be paid our judiciary. At any rate, cases where this has been done rarely come to light. But the judge is often influenced just the same. A more potent, a more dangerous and subtle factor—a desire to serve those who are powerful and can return the service, accomplishes the result. And even where a judge has nothing to gain, his associates, his own experiences and the experiences of his class, all tend to incline him toward leniency in his dealing with the rich. The same may be said of all prosecuting attorneys. Even juries hesitate to convict a rich and powerful man. Besides, should a case be decided against him the Supreme Court can always reverse the decision.

Nothing can shatter the beautiful faith (of the exploiting class) in the "integrity of the courts." The courts have never yet failed to protect the property holder. And this is as it has always been. The law has ever been the bulwark of those who possess economic power. Always as new economic forces have arisen, the laws have changed also to foster and maintain them.

Gradually the courts are becoming stronger. The attention of the people has been diverted towards other matters until the working powers of our judiciary are becoming a huge menace to the working class.

Backed by the press, this great force is slowly but surely enmeshing us, threatening the few liberties the proletariat still possesses. It will only be a question of time before the poor man who once falls into the hands of the police may well abandon hope.

Already is the man who has served one sentence regarded as the legitimate prey of official power. For him at least a government even nominally "of, for and by the people" has ceased to exist.

Eaton's family bible has appeared once more. Throw them in your fire and buy from your local merchants. What does Eaton care for Fernie. Does Eaton pay local taxes? Does he help to build up the town. No, Throw him down as he does you.

In connection with the 24 hour power proposition we understand that the only extra cost to the city would be about $6 a day. Get the 24 hour service by all means. What is $6 a day? Progressive Fernie will not stop for that amount.

A correspondent writes about the post-office. It certainly is a shame and disgrace that this post office was not finished long ago. The present place is neither satisfactory to the officials or the public and it is a strange thing that other citizens and merchants are compelled to move their temporary quarters while the government can leave an old fire trap like that for an indefinite period on our main street. There are several good locations available for a post office. Good fire proof buildings, and one of them should be rented at once. Why make fish of one and flesh of another?

C. P. R. TIME TABLE

	Arrive Fernie
No. 213 West	8.48
No. 214 East	17.55
No. 236 Local East	8.48
No. 235 Local West	20.50
No. 7 West Flyer	10.40
No. 8 East Flyer	20.08

Change takes effect Sunday June 6.

G. N. TIME TABLE

NO. 252		No. 251
10.55	FERNIE	1.00
11.13	HOSMER	12.35
11.25	OLSON	12.27
11.50	MICHEL	12.05

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CALGARY, Aug. 13—That there will be a serious coal shortage this coming winter is the opinion of Mr. J. Russel, a coal mine operators who has been making a visit to Taber and Lethbridge during the last few weeks.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 13—Orders were received from Ottawa this afternoon for the Royal Canadian Mounted Rifles to leave by special train immediately for Fort William, where serious riots are occurring between special constables and the striking dock laborers.

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THE DISTRICT LEDGER

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

Fernie, B.C., August 14th, 1909

COAL CREEK

From our own Correspondent

Teddy Trafford blew into camp on Thursday morning looking in his usual good spirits and resplendent in a brand new suit of the latest Paris cut. He informed your correspondent that he now contemplates a trip to the old country. Teddy appears to have struck a gold mine during the two months he has been gone.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Watson, on Saturday, July 31st, a daughter.

The monthly examination was held last week for miners certificates of competency. We notice a Mr. T. K. Knox has succeeded Mr. George O'Brien as secretary of the examining board. We understand the said Mr. Knox has only been in this country some two months or so and consequently does not hold any tickets of any kind in this country. The appointment has not given satisfaction to any one. It is really wonderful how these government appointments are received, the only qualification necessary seems to be to be well in with the company. There are not a few men who have lived in this district a number of years who hold first class papers, and some hold responsible positions at that, who would gladly have accepted the appointment, and who feel somewhat slighted in being passed over in favor of a stranger.

Robert Lowe and his wife from Fernie visited their many friends in Coal Creek last Sunday.

James Cole, the check boy on the tipple, had the top of his forefinger taken off in quick style last Saturday. Jim was trying to "wood up" with the result as stated.

We are informed that Mr. and Mrs. A. Berridge are leaving here shortly for Seattle. Mr. Berridge has been in the employ of the C. N. P. Coal Company for about eight years, and earned the respect of both employers and employed. He was most courteous to all who had business with him. He was a great favorite at all our local concerts, always being ready and willing to assist at any local gathering. Their numeorus friends regret their departure and wish them success in their new venture.

Mr. Balderson has returned to the Creek office from Morrissey. We understand he is to succeed Mr. Berridge as accountant.

Supt. Black of the M. F. & M. desires it to be known that his company intend to put a stop to the practice of riding on the platforms of the cars. The practice is a most dangerous one and we hope the men will see the advisability of abstaining from doing so in future. It will save further trouble because the company are determined that the practice shall cease, and will prosecute offenders after fair warning has been given.

Died—On Tuesday, the 10th, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stephenson. Interment took place at Fernie cemetery on Wednesday the 11th.

An accident occurred at the foot of No. 24 room, 19 incline of No. 5 mine on Saturday morning. Two men were replacing some broken timbers, and had to put three centre props under three broken timbers. They were making ready to put in a new set when a side crush came and knocked the broken timbers out. One of the men named George Rutherford was caught in the crush, one of the booms caught him across the back and pinned him to the ground. Fortunately his injuries are not as serious as was at first thought. We hear he is progressing favorably and hope for a speedy recovery.

A cave-in occurred in the 2nd left 47 incline on Saturday which laid that side of the district idle all day. The cave affected some nine pair of men.

Mr. and Mrs. Syd. Walley left here on Sunday last on a two weeks vacation. They intend taking in Spokane, Seattle and Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson gave a grand party in their boarding house on Friday last. Amongst those present we noticed Mr. and Mrs. Markiam, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbersty, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Atherton, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster, Miss Hunt and Mrs. George Hunt and others too numerous to mention. Singing and dancing were indulged in until the early hours of the morning. The proceedings were enjoyable in the extreme and reflect credit on the host and hostess.

Supt. and Mrs. Heathcote left on Saturday on a short vacation. Mr. R. Roaf is acting as superintendent in his absence.

District 19 No. 5 mine was idle on Wednesday through the breaking down of the hoist.

An exciting bear story was brought to our notice during the week. It seems that Mr. Ireland, Mrs. Ireland, and Miss McCliment had climbed the mountain above No. 2 mine on a blueberrying expedition. They were a short distance from the top, and feeling tired they rested a little and partook of some refreshments. During the time they were thus engaged the ladies several times mentioned that they heard something moving about in the bush, but Mr. Ireland reassured them that there was nothing at all near them. The berries were plentiful in the spot and Mr. Ireland made preparations to commence picking. He had proceeded but a few yards from the ladies when suddenly he was startled by a low growl and looking into the bush beheld a large brown bear. The ladies had heard the growl also, and were panic stricken. Uttering a scream they started down the mountain and Mr. Ireland followed. He repeatedly requested them to be cool, as there was no danger of the bear following. Finally they reached the bottom without further adventure, the ladies being in a state of collapse, but made the best of their way home. Now comes the sequel. Two well known individuals spread the tale around that they were the bear impersonators.

A dance was given in the club hall on Monday night which was well attended. The music was good and everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Mr. Thomas Wakelem was master of ceremonies.

The following gentlemen were registered at the club during the week in the visitors book:

Mr. H. Snow, Fernie
Mr. J. Dodd, Michel
Mr. Beryl Simpo, Fernie
Mr. George Sikora, Fernie
James McLaughlan, Frank, Alta.
J. L. Stephenson, Hosmer
Dan Alton, Hosmer
Jos. Blakemore, Fernie.
G. H. Shaw, Fernie
A. J. Carter, Fernie
E. H. Goldman, Coleman, Alta.
C. Stubbs, Bellevue, Alta.
J. W. Chesterton, Hosmer
Charles Butoda, Fernie.
A. Baugh, Frank

Aleck Adamson and James McLaughlan of Frank Alta., were in Coal Creek last Saturday. Aleck was taking part in the football match at Hosmer and took advantage of the occasion to look up his many friends and acquaintances in Coal Creek. He stayed over until Sunday night and left by the six o'clock train to catch the Flyer at Fernie.

It will be of interest to the many old country miners in the camp and in the Pass generally to learn that the result of the ballot in the different countries comprising the British Miners Federation shows a substantial majority in favor of carrying out rule 23 which provides that a general strike should be called in the event of any one of the three countries in the Federation being forced to a fight with the operators. The immediate result of the ballot is that the Scottish coalmasters have withdrawn the notices of a twelve and a half per cent reduction and the government through the president of the Board of Trade is using its influence to avert what would be a national catastrophe, the consequences of which would be far reaching.

Adam Cruickshanks returned from the States last Sunday and looked up his friends in Coal Creek. He left on Monday morning for Passburg where he has secured employment.

Dist. Sec. A. J. Carter and acting Vice-President Stubbs visited the Creek last Sunday. Mr. Stubbs has been singularly successful in bringing about amicable settlements in several camps in the province of Alberta, and though a young man he seems to have a strong grasp on the labor problem.

Billy Hughes and Billy Ireland played another quoit match in the early part of the week to decide the championship of Coal Creek. Hughes was again successful the score being 41 for Hughes and 31 for Ireland.

MICHEL

In last week's issue we announced that J. Evans had met with an accident. We regret to announce that his arm has had to be amputated just above the elbow owing to the condition of the arm below the elbow.

Wm. Sharrocks is out of the hospital again where he has been for five weeks.

Old Warriot Thomas left here on Friday the 6th for Corbin, where he will take up the situation as afternoon shift firebossing.

Jack Crawford visited Cranbrook last week to see his wife who is in the hospital there. We are pleased to hear she is progressing favorably.

Arrangements have been made for Rev. Mr. Wilkinson of Fernie to visit Hosmer and Michel on Sunday the 15th. He will be in Hosmer in the morning and Michel St. Paul's in the evening. Rev. Crowthey of Michel will be in Fernie in his stead.

Mrs. Blinston left here Sunday last along with her husband for Blairmore where they will reside in future.

Percy Hesketh, Michel's left full back left here on Sunday night for Blairmore where he has obtained a better situation.

Joseph Travis and son left here for Taber on the 6th; his wife and family will follow later.

Several parties made another trip down the Elk river fishing last week end and some nice catches were made. J. B. Stedman, Moore and Carney also went down the Elk.

Mr. Jack Bastian, late pit boss of No. 8 mine and present superintendent of Canada West Coal Co. at Taber, visited Michel on Sunday last and took back several men.

Another accident happened in No. 8 mine this week to one of our foreign brothers, who sustained a broken leg.

Evan Williams left her on Monday night's flyer for Lethbridge.

A christening was held on Sunday evening last at Tony Delukas in old town. Quite a crowd went down and had a good time.

R. Moore and son left here for Taber this week.

The Hungarian society will hold their annual sports on the football grounds here on Monday the 16th. The Fernie band will be in attendance for the day.

A handsome reward will be paid to any person giving any information in regards to who changed the wheels on McLeod's (alias Scotty) and Condon's rig. It appears that they hired Fishers rig to go to the Elk river and whilst getting everything in shape some person unknown changed the wheels back to front. Away drove the bright pair and never noticed anything wrong until they returned, when Fisher wanted to charge them up with new springs. Then George saw the joke and let them off Scot free.

A whisper is going around that Geo. McKay, real estate agent is about to be married.

Dr. John blew himself to a new suit this week. May he him that changed the wheels.

A case of unusual interest came up for hearing in the court house in Michel on Wednesday evening, August 4th, before J. B. Steadman P. P. After the preliminary hearing the case was again adjourned until Friday, the 6th, when it was brought before H. F. Weber J. P., when it was again adjourned until Saturday at 3 o'clock so that two justices could be present. In the opening of the case Harry Carr was accused of haivng entered the Balmoral house on August 4th and having taken one lounge, the property of Harry Ryan, the proprietor. On the charge being read the defendant pleaded not guilty. The defendant produced his two daughters to give evidence on his behalf. The next witness called was J. Rushton, who it may be stated, was one of the partners of H. Carr and Co. Balmoral house, but during his evidence he admitted to the bench that he took no part in the transaction of the sale of the effects of the Balmoral house whatever. Harry Ryan was next called and stated that he had had an inventory drawn up on June 1 containing the household furniture and accessories of the Balmoral boarding house, and after a careful perusal of the same he agreed to purchase for the sum of $1500; an agreement was drawn up in proper form and presented to H. Carr to read and sign which he did. If at that time any defect was noticed that was the time the alterations ought to have been made. E. Barnes was the next witness and corroborated the evidence of Ryan. This was all the evidence and court adjourned for about 15 minutes. On resuming the lounge was ordered to be returned to its rightful owner and sentence was passed on defendant for 30 days.

A voting day took place here last week on the doctor question. Four outside doctors and Dr. McSorley being in the running. Dr. Wilson of Vancouver came out with a majority of 318 against McSorley 232, but another vote was taken on the pay roll books on Thursday in the Company's office.

On Wednesday August 11th an inquest was held by the coroner A. Murray and six jurymen, Harry Rogers, foreman, Harry Carr, Harry Gregory, D. Robinson, Pete Mancuro, Thomas Yates, touching on the death of Gueseppi Boretia, who was killed on the mountains by a tree falling and crushing his skull. A verdict was returned of accidental death, attaching no blame.

In the comments of Michel Reporter last week we notice a comment on the progress of the development of the Michel mines with the statement of one day last week the output amounted to 16000 tons. We fancy the editor carries a large stock of naughts.

P. J. Horgan and wife of St. Paul, yardmaster of the N. P. Ry., have been visiting W. C. Cavanaugh and wife of New Michel, and have returned home after a very successful fishing trip in Michel creek. P. J. caught the largest trout ever seen here—weight 8 1-2 pounds.

Letter Box

(The Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.)

Corbin B. C. Aug. 8

Editor District Ledger:

Sir:—I take this means of informing the officers and members of District 18 U. M. W. of A. and the general public who are in sympathy with the trades union movement, that a man by the name of John Bulko is travelling from camp to camp, and is trying to organize the miners into a new union, which he has named the Canadian Miners' Union. John Bulko was expelled from the local union, 2715, Cardiff, Alta, near Morinville, 24 miles north of Edmonton on September 22nd, 1908, as per the following notice which was published in the Ledger:

"Local Union 2715 Cardiff, Alta., Sept. 22, 1908:

"We expel from the U. M. W. of A., John Bulko and Harry Johnson for breaking their obligation by helping to bring scabs into camp to fill union men's places.

Descriptions: Bulko is about 5 ft. 11 inches, white hair, weight about 170 lbs., nationality Austrian; has a moustache, and has also been in business in Fernie. B. C. Johnson is about 5 ft. 9 inches, weight about 160 lbs., slim built, round shouldered, hair dark grey and moustache, and also has worked in Frank in 1907. Nationality of his own.

So brothers, beware of those two men, and if any of you come in contact with them, pass them on and keep them going.

W. M. ROBERTSON,
Recording Secretary.

He then went to Taber, Alta., secured a job and joined the union. He only worked a short time at Taber, obtained a transfer card and went to Bellevue, got started to work, and turned his transfer card into Bellevue local.

Shortly after the inauguration of the strike of this spring, John Bulko began to agitate his fellow countrymen and on account of his previous connections with the U. M. W. of A., and the fact that he is supposed to understand the English language, he was able to mislead those who were looking to him for explanation and guidance.

The extent to which he imposed on the credulity of his followers may be gathered from the meaning of the "closed shop," as he stated that it meant work for English speaking people only, and all others would have to leave the country.

Within two weeks of the commencement of the strike he was making attempts to repeat his actions at Cardiff.

Shortly afterwards the officers found out about Bulko having been expelled from the Cardiff local, called a meeting, and on the strength of a letter written by Thomas E. James, international organizer of District 18 U. M. W. of A., John Bulko was expelled again from Bellevue local.

In replying to the charges made against him and for the purpose of protecting himself, he stated that on the request of the manager, he had gone to Edmonton, and in the company of others, had sworn to statements embodying a detailed account of what had transpired at a business meeting of the Cardiff local union, thereby adding further condemnation by his own evidence.

Then John Bulko got up on his dignity and swore eternal vengeance on the U. M. W. of A. and threatened that he would disband and disrupt every local in district 18, and destroy the International union and establish a new Canadian union.

How much he has succeeded the following will show.

There are about 27 Slavs and one or two English speaking men at Coleman at the headquarters, and about a dozen at Bellevue. There are no more at any other camps I know of, and I should know for I travel from camp to camp all over District 18. This does not concern me much, or alarm me in the least and I would not take up a pen against John Bulko if he was fair and truthful, but when he slanders our grand and battle scarred union, the U. M. W. of A., which has withstood the onslaught of the combined force of organized capital and operators, and is marching on triumphantly all over the American continent, stronger in purpose than ever, and growing in numbers—when a man of Bulko's character in connection with the labor movement attacks and slanders this grand old organization, I as an officer of this union, feel it my duty to stand up in its defence and show up the slanderer in his true light. John Bulko told the Slavs at Corbin that District 18 U. M. W. of A. had ceceded from the national organization, and was now an independent district organization, which is a falsehood, and he knows it is untrue, and that is the means, along with various others, by which he persuades the Slavs to sign up to his new union. He also tells the Slavs every place he goes that all the Slavs in Coleman joined the new union numbering 250, which is a falsehood, for there are not 30. He states that all the Slavs in Bellevue and Michel are in the new union which is also a falsehood. Bulko was in Corbin a few days and then held a meeting.

Only two men came to his meeting, one Angus Chalo, Bulkos secretary at Corbin, and one other, and Bulko left Corbin in disgust after that meeting. Bulko has the brazen effrontery to approach the very men whom he has deceived and betrayed in almost every struggle and strike when the men were out for better conditions.

The few men who tolerate a man like Bulko as a leader of a labor organization are to be pitied and left alone. Perhaps very soon the wool will drop from their eyes and they will behold the monster who had on various occasions tried to strangle the labor cause, but who has always miserably failed.

It is evident that this last effort on his part to disrupt our organization will be short lived, judging from the progress he is making. It will all go up in smoke like the hot air he is peddling, and then old John will be obliged to seek other pastures green.

Yours truly,

A STAUNCH OFFICER

Editor Ledger:

Sir: Can you enlighten your readers as to when the post office building will be completed? Why all the delay? Is it because the Liberals here are so few that they may almost be counted on the fingers? They say that $7 a day is being paid for an inspector, for what?

Oh do, Mr. Editor, tell the people why this building is to take an eternity to finish. The good Liberal government sent money to San Francisco and to Italy but had no thought for its own suffering people here in Fernie, not even the thought of giving them their post office.

Soon will come the winter and the double toboggan slide in front of the present post office will land some on —where. Won't the city have to pay damages for accidents that may happen? Can't the government rent one of the brick blocks until the post office building is finished. The Todd block looks as though it might be open for rental.

If the post office was moved there it would be almost a permanent tenant.

I have another complaint, Mr. Editor, which is as follows: Some business men have spent large sums in erecting large buildings. Others go on staying in their temporary (shall we call them permanent) quarters. Is there no limit to this occupation of temporary builindd dihtmtm aahtrtc temporary buildings?

You see, Mr. Editor that those who have built will be taxed for their energy but those who have not built will go almost scot free.

Is there a new game patented in Fernie—the game of favorites?

Thanking you for your valuable space.

Not a Favorite

Coleman, Alberta, Aug. 7

To Mrs. J. Emmerson and Family, Coleman, Alta.

Dear Madam: We, the fellow workers and brothers of the Coleman Local No. 2633, U. M. W. of A. wish to tender our heartfelt sympathy in this your hour of need. We therefore resolve that whereas the Great and Supreme Ruler of the Universe has, in his infinite wisdom, removed from amongst us one of our worthy and esteemed fellow laborers, Joseph Emmerson, and whereas the intimate relation held with him in the faithful discharge of his duties in this society, makes it eminently befitting that we record our appreciation of him therefor. Resolved: That the sudden removal of such a life from among our midst leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be realized by all the members and friends of this organization, and will prove a serious loss to the community and public:

Resolved: That with deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives of the deceased, we express our hope that even so great a loss to us all may be overruled for good by him who doeth all things well:

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this organization, a copy printed in the local newspaper and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

Signed on behalf of the U. M. W. of A.

Ed Holmes — Wm. Graham
President — Secretary
J. O. C. McDonald, H. Smith, H. James, committee.

MONTREAL SHOOTING

MONTREAL, Aug. 10—Because of a trivial quarrel over the point as to who was the better coal shoveler, J. St. Marie tonight fired five shots from a revolver at an Italian named Audetti. One of them pierced his boot and the others went wild. St. Marie has made good his escape and the city is being systematically hunted for him. That the murder was premeditated was shown by the time that elapsed between the quarrel and the shooting. St. Marie was lying in wait five hours after the quarrel at the time when Audetti was coming from work.

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HARRY THAW DECLARED INSANE

White Plains, N Y. Aug. 12—Justice Mills handed down a decision this morning declaring that Harry Thaw is insane. He dismissed the writ of Habeas Corpus under which Thaw endeavored to secure his release from Mattewan and remands him to the custody of the state authorities of that institution.

Sporting Items

Football, Lacrosse and Baseball. Racing

FOOTBALL

The league competition is drawing to a close and the lack of interesting fixtures is being generally felt. We have not had a game at this end of the Pass for three or four weeks and interest is on the wane. Only one game in the competition was played last Saturday. Hosmer and Frank were the contesants.

The game was played at Hosmer, and was well contested, Frank gaining the points by the odd goal, the final result being Frank 2, Hosmer 1. Frank now occupy the fourth position on the table while Hosmer are in the unfortunate position of not having a solitary point to their credit.

The league table to date is as folows:

	Pl.	Wn.	L'st.	Dr.	Pts.
Michel	10	8	1	1	17
Coal Creek ..	9	7	0	2	16
Fernie	10	3	2	5	11
Frank	8	4	2	2	10
Frank	7	3	2	2	8
Coleman	9	4	4	1	9
Bellevue	9	1	7	1	3
Hosmer	11	0	11	0	0

Two points for a win and one for a draw.

The games on the card for today are:

Fernie vs. Frank at Fernie.

Coal Creek vs. Coleman at Coal Creek.

It is doubtful if either of these two games will be played today. We understand that Coleman have notified the Coal Creek club that they cannot fulfil the fixture and request another date.

As the season is so far gone and the Fort Steele cup ties have still to be played it will be almost impossible to arrange another date for this game. Fernie has dropped out of the competition as they find it impossible to raise a team. We are informed that the Frank club are trying to fill in the vacancy with a game vs. Coleman. Coal Creek have been in communication with Michel during the week trying to arrange a date for the replaying of their protested game, but we are informed that nothing definite has transpired.

What may be the deciding game in the competition will be played at Michel next Saturday, August 21st. Coal Creek supply the opposition and a good game should be the outcome. Coal Creek usually run a special train for this game, and if arranements can be made, will do so again. Should Coal Creek win this game the championship will be decided for another year, but if Michel wins or draws, another game will be required to decide its destination.

Both teams will be out to win and no effort will be spared to secure that end. Michel have the ground advantage which is a consideration.

The Michel team is built on strong lines and they have a decided advantage in weight. Coal Creek have the lightest team in the league, their forwards being especially small but what they lack in inches they make up in tricky play. We hope to see conditions favorable to a good display and we trust that the best team will win.

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL

WINNIPEG, Aug. 13—Canada's Exposition committee is busily plugging away to complete the work which is to put the Exposition project into shape for another presentation to the Dominion government in the fall. At the time of the first presentation of the committees memorial Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked for more detail; requested the committee to produce figures of cost of other expositions, derived from authoritative sources, Sir Wilfrid also asked teh exposition committee to find out definitely what the western provinces will do toward supporting the Exposition, and to meet these very reasonable requests made by the premier the Exposition committee is diligently at work.

British Columbia Favorable

In pursuanec of its search for definite information the committee delegated Mr. A. L. Johnson and Mr. C. N. Bell to wait upon the British Columbia government to ascertain just what the big western province would do in support of the exposition. British Columbia has been favorable toward the project from the start, and the very great importance of having a complete exhibit from this province has been one of the foremost things in the minds of the exposition committee. The conference had by Messrs Johnson and Bell with Premier McBride at Victoria last week, lacked finality, but only for the reason that a full attendance of the British Columbia cabinet could not be obtained at that time. The same sharp interest that has been shown all along was manifested, and a definite answer was promised as soon as it is possible to deal with the matter at a meeting attended by all the members of the Cabinet.

SUDDEN DEATH

BELMONT, Man. Aug. 13—Donald Cummings, 38 yeras of age and one of the pioneers of this district dropped dead this morning. Dr. Stevenson is investigating.

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PRINTERS IN CONVENTION

Fifty-Fifth Session Opened Monday at Saint Joseph, Mo.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. Aug. 9—The 55th convention of the International Typographical convened today in the Coliseum, St. Joseph's big convention hall. Addresses of welcome were made by Mayor Clayton, President Burnham of the local typographical union and others, and a response by President Lynch of the International Typographical union, after which the convention began consideration of a large volume of business, ultimately adjourning until Tuesday morning to hear the report of the credentials committee on contested seats.

The reports of President Lynch and Secretary-Treasurer Hays show great progress made by the union during the last year.

The International Typographical union is fifty seven years old, and with the present gathering has had fifty-five gatherings within its life time. In 1896 and 1898 biennial conventions were held. The International Typographical union claims to be the oldest national or international organization of skilled labor in the world. Its sessions here this week are attended by three hundred delegates and eight hundred visitors.

Matters of importance that are to come before the convention are propositions for the establishment of an insurance feature, and certain changes proposed in the pension policy that was made effective by the union one year ago.

The relations between the union and American Newspaper Publishers association will also be up for consideration.

The International Typographical union has many features that are unique with labor organizations, and which stamp the union as one of the most porgressive in the labor field. The pension policy, for instance, is distinctive with the International Typographical union. Under the pension law the members who have reached the age of 60 years and are unable to secure sustaining employment at the trade are paid $4 a week. The payment of pensions has heretofore been considered the function of the government, but in this instance the union evidently believes that its veterans should be taken care of independent of state or nation. The payment of pensions began with the first of last August, and up to May 31, when the union's fiscal year closed, $67,580 had been paid to pensioners while the administration of the fund had cost only $2000.

The union also conducts a home at Colorado Springs, and contributed during its fiscal year to this institution $86,518.31. The actual expense of conducting the union printers home was $72,598.94, and there was a balance in the Home fund of $32,237.63. The receipts and expenditures of the Home from its inception to May 31 1909, were $867,801.29 and $835,463.66. The Home property at Colorado Springs is valued at $1,000,000.

The union pays a burial benefit of $75.00.

During the fiscal year there were 500 deaths and the benefits paid in all amounted to $38,175.

For advertising its union label the union paid out $7,617.48.

The expenditures of the International Typographical union during its fiscal year were $161,544.45.

From the year 1891 to 1909 the union received $6,188,045,75, and expended $5,950,898,90, this sum including the expense of conducting the Union Printers home.

The Union has a membership of 47,174.

The union also conducts a technical school at Chicago for the benefit of its members and apprentices who desire to perfect themselves in their trade.

The sessions of the convention will continue throughout the week.

THE AUGUST HOME JOURNAL

Thirty two pages of seelct reading including new fashions, short stories, and beautiful illustrations make the August issue of the Home Journal the best ever published of that progressive womans' magazine.

Special articles and illustrations on "The Pure Milk Campaign" tell about the splendid work being done in the vicinity of Toronto. "Regatta Day in St. John's Nfld," is a graphic description of one of the greatest celebrations of that ancient colony. It is written by Lady Gay and is in her best style.

The second big instalment of the serial "The Mystery of Barry Ingram,' will doubtless be read with interest by those having read the opening chapters of this absorbing mystery story in the July issue.

The Household Hints and Culinary Conceits pages are brim full of interesting notes Cabbages and Kings, and But That's Another Story, are in a lighter vein and the splendid illustrations and descriptive matter of fashions for young and old help to make the August issue the largest ten cents worth ever offered to Canadian women. The special fashion number will be out August 25.

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Sunday School Suggestive Questions

On the Lesson by the Rev. Dr. Linscott for the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

AUGUST 15, 1909

Paul's Third Missionary Journey—Ephesus. Lesson Acts xviii:23 to xix: 22.

Golden Text—The name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. Acts xix—17.

Verse 23.—Is a systematic "follow up system" as essential in Christian work as it is to successful business?

Are any so strong that we cannot derive "strengthening" from the prayers and the experience of others, and are any so weak that we may not strengthen others?

Verses 24-26—What is the minimum of knowledge necessary in order that one may be a true child of God?

What are the minimum qualities essential to become a preacher of the gospel?

What good qualities for a preacher did this man Apollos possess?

What did the baptism of John include and what did it lack of full-orbed Christianity?

What percentage of present day preachers will exceed Apollos (1) in their zeal and ability, (2) in their Christian knowledge, i.e., personal experience of Christ's gospel?

If Apollos had been conceited or anything less than a man of God, would he have submitted to teaching, from a layman and his wife?

Verse 27—Should laymen use the pen more frequently to help preachers whom they know are going to other towns?

Verse 28.—Why is it that God has conditioned all human progress and betterment, including a knowledge of the gospel upon the zeal, ability and goodness of those who already enjoy its benefits?

Chap. xix:1-7—Were these twelve persons whom Paul found at Ephesus actually the reconciled children of God at this time?

What proportion of present day Christians have practically the same experience as these twelve disciples, when Paul met them?

Is the Holy Spirit, as spoken of in this lesson, generally received at or subsequent to conversion?

If it is now the privelege of every Christian to receive the Holy Spirit and to walk in Him thereafter, how may He be received?

Was the gift of tongues and prophesying then, or is it now a necessary accompaniment to the baptism of the Holy Spirit? (See I Cor. 12: 4-11; 29 30.)

Is there anything necessarily implied in receiving the Holy Spirit, other than the constant realization that God dwells in us to keep us holy, to guide us in all things, and to give us necessary power and wisdom to carry out God's purposes concerning us?

Verse 8—Why ought, or ought not, the pulpit now, as Paul did then, to "dispute" or argue and bring convincing proofs, compelling mens reasons by powerful evidence, of the truths of Christianity, and not be content with simple declamation as is now so common? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club)

Verses 9-12—Apart from the miraculous power that Paul had, what was the secret of his success?

Verses 13-17—Why do some today blaspheme the name of God and dare the power of God; are they possessed with the devil?

Verses 18-22.—Does conversion always imply restitution, and the forsaking of every evil way?

Lesson for August 22, 1909—Paul's Third Missionary Journey.—The Riot in Ephesus. Acts xix:23-xx:1.

AUGUST 22 1909

Paul's Third Missionary Journey—The Riot in Ephesus. Acts 19:23 to 20:1.

Golden Text: He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness. 2 Cor. 12:9.

Verses 23-27: Does the successful presentation of truth always mean a war with evil?

When the general welfare of the people is injured by the business of the few, is it or is it not the business of the state to make such business illegal?

Can you give examples where the spread of Christianity as in this case, has closed up injurious business enterprises.

Should a worker for God cease his efforts if he sees he is hurting some person's business?

If the spread of Christianity hurts a class of business men should we compensate the losers.

If Demetrium himself had become a Christian, would it have been in his business interest in the long run?

Can a man be true and honorable who protests, for business reasons, against the application of Christian principles to the community?

Verses 28-29: How much sense or reason is there in an angry and excited crowd?

Which is generally the more unreasonable, if not insane, an angry individual or an angry crowd?

Was it the danger to their business or their religion, which most stirred the anger of these people?

Which interest most influences the average man, his business or his religion?

Who were Gaius and Aristarchus, and what influenced their illegal arrest?

Verses 30-31: Should a man risk his life for ever so good a cause when he knows it will do no good?

Should a man ever refuse to risk his life for a good cause if by so doing, he can conserve its interests.

What principles should guide us in running risks for the cause of God, which is always the cause of humanity?

Was Paul's first impulse right to rush in among this agry crowd?

When should we and when should we not be governed by the first impulse?

Verse 32: In the usual riot or mob, what proportion of the crowd know what they are contending for?

Verses 33-34: What did Alexander want to say to this mob?

Why did the people cry down Alexander?

Can any man reason correctely who is blinded by religious prejudice?

Verses 35-41: How do you estimate the character of this town clerk?

Are we under as much obligation to take good advice from a heathen or an infidel as we are from a Christian? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Who was the goddess Diana supposed to be and what was her worship for?

Was it superstition pure and simple or is there any ground for belief that the image of the goddess Diana did fall down from heaven?

Is it ever wise to act when under the influence of anger or passion.

Does it often happen that one cool, level headed man can disperse a mob?

Chapter 20:1—Do Christians in these days show the love they have one for another as they ought?

Lesson for Sunday, Aug. 29, 1909.—Paul on Christian Love. I Cor. 13: 1-13.

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Mr. W. R. Ross will continue the business at the old offices.

Dated this 8th day of July, A. D. 1909.

NOTICE

The partnership hitherto existing between Messrs. Rinnan, Kaminski & Albert Lund has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, Albert Lund continuing the business. All debts due the firm are to be paid to the said Albert Lund and he will defray all liabilities.

Dated at Fernie this 15th day of July 1909.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, situate in South-East Kootenay, British Columbia, Block 1593: Commencing at a post planted at or near one mile east of 23-mile post of the present C. P. R. survey line, and being the southwest corner of W. H. Darby's claim; thence running east 80 chains; thence running north 80 chains; thence running west 80 chains; thence running south 80 chains to a point of commencement; making 640 acres more or less.

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Dated at Fernie B.C. this 8th day of June, 1909.

JOHN SORKIE.

FIND INFERNAL MACHINE

VICTORIA, Aug. 13.—A sensation was caused at the Victoria Machinery depot today by the discovery of an infernal machine in the tool box where the boiler makers store their tools. In a yeast tin powder, rivet heads and iron filings were placed with matches so arranged that the slightest friction would explode the powder and scatter the missiles. The bomb was found by a boiler maker who took the top off to investigate the contents and miraculously the machine failed to explode. No trace can be found of the man who put it there and no reason is known, because there is no trouble with any of the men in the shops.

TWO DROWNED IN FAR NORTH

ATHABASCA LANDING, Aug. 13.—News of a double drowning in which two members of Count Alfred Von Hammerstein's party lost their lives running the Grand rapids, was received today by the Mounted police who went at once to investigate and look for the bodies.

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Sophy of Kravonia

by

ANTHONY HOPE

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too, the general showed that he applied them to the captain also. Anything seemed better than that—aye, it would be better to ride to Praslok behind Captain Hercules! In that adventure a man might, at least, risk his life!

"An odd world!" said the valet, puffing out his cigarette smoke. "Honest men for prisoners and murderers for jailers! Are you a prisoner or a jailer, Captain Markart?"

Chapter Twenty-five

To say the truth, the word "murderers" seemed to Captain Markart more than a little harsh. To use it was to apply to Kravonian affairs the sterner standards of more steady going, squeamish countries. A coup d'etat may well involve fighting. Fighting naturally includes killing. But are the promoters of the coup therefore murderers? Murderers with a difference, anyhow, according to Kravonian ideas, which Captain Markart was inclined to share. Moreover, a coup d'etat is war. The suppression of information is legitimate in war. If the Prince of Slavna could not find out for himself what had happened in the palace, were his opponents bound to tell him? In fact, given that an attempt to change the succession in your own interest was not a crime, but a legitimate political enterprise, the rest followed.

Except Mistitch! It was difficult to swallow Mistitch. There was a mixture of ingenuity and brutality about that move which not even Kravonian notions could easily accept. If Starnitz had gone—nay, if he himself had been sent—probably Markart's conscience would not have rebelled. But to send Captain Hercules—that was cogging the dice! Yet he was very angry that Stenovics should have divined his feelings and shut him up. The general distrusted his courage as well as his conscience. There lay the deepest hurt to Markart's vanity. It was all the deeper because in his heart he had to own that Stenovics read him right. Not only the brazen conscience was lacking, but also the iron nerve.

Getting no answer to his unpleasantly pointed question, Lepage relapsed into silence. He stood by the window, looking out on the lawn which sloped down to the Krath. Beyond the river the lights of Slavna glowed in the darkening sky. Things would be happening in Slavna soon. Lepage might well look at the city thoughtfully. As a fact, however, his mind was occupied with one problem only—where was Zerkovitch and how could he get at him? For Lepage did not waver. He had taken his line.

Presently, however, his professional instincts seemed to reassert themselves. He opened a cupboard in the room and brought out a clean pair of sheets, which he proceeded to arrange on the bed. Busy at his task, he paused to smile at Markart and say: "We must do the best we can, captain. After all, we have both camped, I expect! Here's the bed for you—you'll do finely." He went back to the cupboard and lugged out a mattress. "And this is for me—the shakedown on the floor which I use when I sleep in the king's room—or did use, I should say. In my judgment, captain, it's comfortable to go to bed on the floor. At least one can't fall."

It was 8 o'clock. They heard the outer door of the suit of rooms open and shut. A man was moving about in the next room. If they could judge by the sound of his steps he also paid Dr. Natcheff a brief visit. They heard the clink of dishes and of glass.

"Dinner!" said Lepage. "Ah, that's not unwelcome! Have I permission?" Markart nodded, and he opened the door. On the table in the sitting room was a savory dish, bread and two bottles of wine. Captain Sterkoff was just surveying the board he had spread, with his head on one side. There was nothing peculiar in that. His head was permanently stuck on one side—a list to starboard—since the Virgin with the lamp had injured the vertebrae of his neck. But the attitude, together with his beaked nose, made him look like a particularly vicious parrot. Markart saw him through the open door and could not get the resemblance out of his mind.

"Supper, gentlemen!" said Sterkoff, with malevolent mirth. "The doctor can't join you. He's a little upset and keeps his bed. A good appetite! I trust not to be obliged to disturb you again tonight."

Markart had come in by now, but he was too surly and sore to speak. Without a word he plumped down into a chair by the table and rested his chin on his hands, staring at the cloth. It was left to Lepage to bow to Sterkoff and to express their joint thanks. This task was performed with sufficient urbanity. Then he broke into a laugh.

It was left to Lepage to bow to Sterkoff and express thanks.

"They must think it odd to see you carrying dishes and bottles about the palace, captain!"

"Possibly," agreed Sterkoff. "But, you see, my friend, what they think in the palace doesn't matter very much, so long as none of them can get outside."

"Oh, they none of them spend the evening out?"

"Would they wish to when the king has an attack of influenza and Dr. Natcheff is in attendance? It would be unfeeling, Lepage!"

"Horribly, captain! Probably even the sentries would object?"

"It's possible they would," Sterkoff agreed again. He drew himself up and saluted Markart, who did not move or pay any attention. "Good night, Lepage." He turned to the door. His head seemed more cocked on one side than ever. Lepage bade him "Good night" very respectfully, but as the key turned in the door he murmured longingly, "Ah, if I could knock that ugly mug the rest of the way off his shoulders!"

He treated Markart with no less respect than he had accorded to Sterkoff. He would not hear of sitting down at table with an officer, but insisted on handing the dish and uncorking the wine. Markart accepted his attentions and began to eat languidly, with utter want of appetite.

"Some wine, captain. Some wine to cheer you up in this tiresome duty of guarding me!" cried Lepage, picking up a bottle in one hand and a glass in the other. "Oh, but that wry necked fellow has brought you a dirty glass! A moment, captain! I'll wash it." And off he bounded—not even waiting to set down the bottle—into the little room beyond.

His brain was working hard now, marshaling his resources against his difficulties. The difficulties were thirty feet to fall, Sterkoff's sentries, the broad, swift current of the Krath—for even in normal times there was always a sentry on the bridge—then the search for Zerkovitch in Slavna. His resources were a mattress, a spare pair of sheets and a vial half full of the draft which Dr. Natcheff had prescribed for the king.

"I've not the least notion how much would kill him."

"It's very unfortunate, but I've not the least notion how much would kill him," thought Lepage, as he poured the medicine—presumably a strong sedative—into the wineglass and filled up with wine from the bottle Sterkoff had provided. He came back, holding the glass aloft with a satisfied air. "Now it's fit for a gentleman to drink out of," said he, as he set it down by Markart's hand. The captain took it up and swallowed it at a draft.

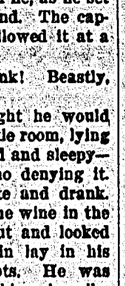
"Ugh! Corked, I think! Beastly, anyhow!" said he.

Captain Markart thought he would smoke his cigar in the little room, lying on the bed. He was tired and sleepy—very sleepy, there was no denying it. Lepage sat down and ate and drank. He found no fault with the wine in the bottle. Then he went out and looked at Markart. The captain lay in his shirt, breeches and boots. He was sound asleep and breathing heavily. His cigar had fallen on the sheet, but apparently had been out before it fell. Lepage regarded him with pursed lips, shrugged his shoulders and slipped the captain's revolver into his pocket. The captain's recovery must be left to fate.

For the next hour he worked at his pair of sheets, slicing, twisting and splicing. In the end he found himself possessed of a fairly stout rope twelve or thirteen feet long, but he could find nothing solid to tie it to near the window except the bed, and that was a yard away. He would still have a fall of twenty feet, and the ground was hard with a spring frost. There would be need of the mattress. He put out all the lights in the room and cautiously raised the window.

The night was dark. He could not see the ground. He stood there ten minutes. Then he heard a measured tramp. A dark figure, just distinguishable, came around the corner of the palace, walked past the window to the end of the building, turned, walked back and disappeared. Hurriedly Lepage struck a match and took the time. Again he waited; again the figure came. Again he struck a light and took the time. He went through this process five times before he felt reasonably sure that he could rely on having ten minutes to himself if he started the moment Sterkoff's sentry had gone around the corner of the building.

He pulled the mattress up on to the sill of the window and waited. There was no sound now but of Markart's stertorous breathing, but presently the measured tramp below came, passed, turned and passed away. Lepage gave a last tug at the fastenings of his rope, threw the end out of the window, took the mattress and dropped it very carefully as straight down as he could.



"I wish I knew the safest way to fall!" thought Lepage.

The next moment, in spite of Sterkoff, somebody had left the palace. Why not? The runaway was aware that the king was not really suffering from influenza. He could spend an evening at Slavna without reproach!

"I wish I knew the safest way to fall!" thought Lepage, dangling at the end of his rope. It swayed about terribly. He waited awhile for it to steady itself—he feared to miss the mattress—but he could not wait long or that measured tramp and that dark figure would come. There would be a sudden spurt of light and a report—and what of Lepage then? He gathered his legs up behind his knees, took a long breath—and fell. As luck would have it, though he landed on the very edge of the mattress, yet he did land on it and tumbled forward on his face, shaken, but with bones intact. There was a numb feeling above his knees—nothing worse than that.

He drew another long breath. Heavy bodies and even mattresses fall quickly. He must have seven or eight minutes yet!

But no! Heavy bodies, even mattresses, falling quickly, make a noise. Lepage, too, had come down with a thud, squashing hidden air out of the interstices of the mattress. The silence of night will give resonance to gentler sounds than that, which was as though a giant had squeezed his mighty sponge. Lepage on his numb knees listened. The steps came, not measured now, but running. The dark figure came running around the corner. What next? Next the challenge—then the spurt of light and the report! What of Lepage then? Nothing, so far as Lepage and the rest of humanity for certainty knew.

Of that nothing, actual or possible, Lepage did not approve. He hitched the mattress on to his back, bent himself nearly double and, thus both burdened and protected, made for the river. He must have looked like a turtle scurrying to the sea lest he should be turned over and so left for soup in due season.

"Who goes there? Halt! Halt!"

The turtle scurried on. It was no moment to stop and discuss matters.

The spurt of light—the report! There was a hole in the mattress, but well above Lepage's head. Indeed, if hit at all, he was not most likely to be hit in the head. That vital portion of him was tucked away too carefully. He presented a broader aim, but the mattress masked him nobly. There was another shot—the northwest corner of the mattress this time—but the mattress on the river's edge. The next instant it was floating on the current of the Krath, and Sterkoff's sentry was indulging in some very pretty practice at it. He hit it every time until the swift current carried it around the bend and out of sight.

The whole thing seemed strange and rather uncanny to the sentry. He grounded his rifle and wiped his brow. It had looked like a carpet taking a walk on its own account and then a swim! Superior officers might be accustomed to such strange phenomena. The sentry was not. He set off at a round pace to the guardroom. He did not even stay to notice the white rope which dangled in the air from a first floor window. Had he stopped he would have heard Markart's invincible, drug laden snoring.

Lepage had separated himself from his good friend and ally, the mattress, and dived under water while the sentry blazed away. He welcomed the current which bore him rapidly from the dangerous neighborhood of the palace. He came to the surface fifty feet down stream and made for the other side.

"The king died at five o'clock, M. Zerkovitch!" he said.

He made land a quarter of a mile below the palace. Ah, it was colder on the road there than struggling with the cold water! But his spirit was not quenched. He laughed again, a trifle hysterically perhaps. In spite of Sterkoff he was spending the evening out! He set his feet for Slavna—briskly, too! Nay, he ran, for warmth's sake and because of what the sentry might even now be reporting to Sterkoff and, through him, to General Stenovics. The thought brought him to a standstill again. There might be a cordon of sentries across the road! After a moment's hesitation he broke away from the main road, struck due south and so ran when he could, walked when he must, two miles.

He was getting terribly tired now, but not cold—rather he was feverishly hot inside his clammy garments. He turned along a country cross road which ran west and passed through a village, leaving the Hotel de Paris on the main road far to his right. At last he reached the main road south and turned up it, heading again for Slavna and for the bridge which crossed the South river. He passed the bridge without being challenged as the cathedral clock struck midnight from St. Michael's square. The worst of his task was accomplished. If now he could find Zerkovitch!

But he was sore spent. Running was out of the question now. He slunk slowly and painfully along the south boulevard, clinging close to the fences of the gardens, seeking the shelter of the trees which overhung them.

Draggled, hatless, dirty, infinitely weary, at last he reached Zerkovitch's house at the corner where the boulevard and the Street of the Fountain meet. He opened the garden gate and walked in. Spent as he was, he breathed a "Bravo!" when he saw a light burning in the hall. He staggered on, rang the bell and fairly fell in a lump outside the door.

He had done well. He, a man of peace, busy with clothes—he had done well that night! But he was finished. When Zerkovitch opened the door he found little more than a heap of dank and dirty raiment. He hauled it in and shut the door. He supported Lepage into the study, sat him by the fire and got brandy for him to drink, pouring out full half a tumbler. Lepage took it and drank the better part of it at a gulp.

"The king died at 5 o'clock, M. Zerkovitch!" he said. He drank the rest, let the tumbler fall, with a crash, in the fender, buried his head on his breast and fell into blank unconsciousness.

(To be continued.)

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The police, holding on to the man they had were fighting and struggling and had proceeded a short distance when the bullets began to fly. Five shots were fired straight at a knot of struggling men but by that time the McTavish police station was reached. The man arrested gave his name as Tom Andronichos. He is supposed to be one of the ring leaders in the strike. He had a new revolver and other deadly weapons.

"We would rather die than leave Fort William, and we will shoot the men who come to take our places," is an utterance attributed to the men and they are said to have sworn this on the crucifix.

All night long they kept up a patrol of the railroad from the West Fort to the coal docks. They made no attempt to cross on to C. P. R. property but were determined to keep others from doing so. The pickets kept up communication with each other by whistling all night.

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I am not speaking cynically but seriously, when I say that that will be a great improvement over their present stage. Already I hear the rumble of the coming revolution—a revolution not of bullets and blood but a revolution of ballots and ideas. The revolution that shall break every yoke and let the oppressed go free"—May Beals in the Rebel at Large.

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thence running south 80 chains to the point of commencement, making 640 acres more or less.
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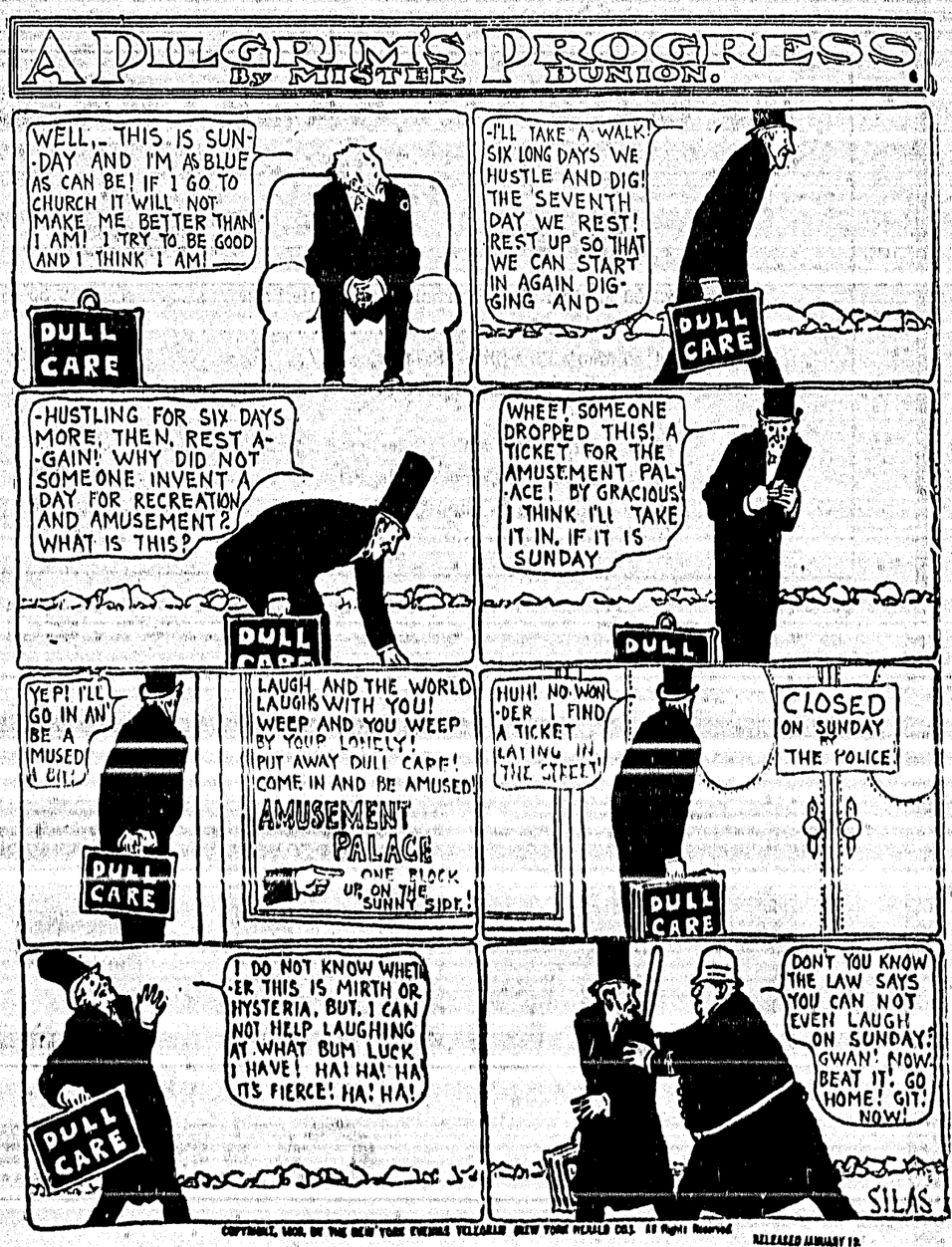

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