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PRESIDENT ON 8 HOUR LAW

Scores Alberta Government on Their Lax Methods

The following communication was received from President Powell, and speaks for itself:

Edmonton, Sept. 14.

Dear Sir:

Since writing you on the question of the order-in-council suspending the statutes of Alberta, 1908, regarding the limitation of hours of work below ground, I have thought it best to send you a copy of the order itself.

You will note first of all that the order recites the reasons for which the act should be suspended. It begins by stating that the heavy crops are responsible for the necessity of working machine men longer than 8 hours per day. On this point it is my candid opinion that the Canadian Pacific Railway is the octopus stretching its tentacles even into the legislative halls.

The next reason which seems to be alleged is the fact that there is a reduction in the duty on coal going into the United States. It would be something deplorable if the fluctuations of tariff should cause the whole province to be affected to the extent of repealing laws which have barely been in force. If the economic conditions are disturbed by an international arrangement, it seems that that condition ought to be met by securing a larger number of expert men (and which can easily be done by a large corporation like the C. P. R.) by paying the proper prices. Let the C. P. R. and the coal operators, who can well afford to do so, pay reasonable prices and plenty machine men will be available in this and other countries. The same argument can be set forth to meet the reason alleged in the order that a large number of settlers have come into the province. This is a question of demand and supply, and if the population increases so rapidly, the powers that be should have foreseen the tendency of the times early enough so as not to allow the men to be idle during the greater part of one season and not to overtax them during another.

Working a little all the time is far better than working a man to death only a part of the time. These legislators and large companies have a great deal of foresight when it is a question of gathering votes at the time of the election, or when it is to their own interests financially, but they care little for the worker who receives at all times the minimum of his earnings.

You will note that the order merely says that machine men are exempted from the operation of the act. As I said already in the interview with Mr. Cushing, the minister of Public Works, both Mr. James and myself, the interpretation of the order was made by him as giving the machine men the opportunity of working more than eight hours a day if they so wished, but that they are not obliged to do so. It would seem that this interpretation is correct, and consequently I would be of the opinion that it is useless to raise meetings

of protest, but it is for the United Mine Workers of America district 18 not to work more than eight hours a day, and if the operators require more coal, if the demand is greater than the supply, then it is up to the operators to secure more help and more experienced men, which they can do by paying proper salaries, and then we will have economic conditions adjusted by giving a larger number of men work to do and thus help the unemployed.

This is my order as president of the United Mine Workers of America, in District No. 18. I would feel sorry to see any man belonging to the union accepting work for more than eight hours at the cost and detriment of other men who cannot obtain work.

Yours truly,
William Powell
President District No. 18

The copy of the order-in-council is as follows:
The executive council has had under consideration the report of the honorable the minister of public works, bearing even date, wherein he states that there is a possibility of a serious shortage in the supply of domestic coal throughout the prairie provinces during the coming winter, 1909-10. The following conditions exist, which will affect the supply of domestic coal during the coming season.

Owing to the heavy crop throughout the west there is evidently going to be a shortage of cars available for the shipment of coal during the period of crop movement. The recent reduction in the duty on coal entering the United States will have a tendency to increase the consumption of domestic coal, thereby creating a larger demand for this class of fuel than has existed during previous years. During the past spring and summer the large mines which produce over eighty per cent of the total output from all the mines in the province were closed down for a period of three months, thereby reducing the supply of coal on hand much below what it has been in previous years, and in a large number of places the supply of stock coal has been entirely exhausted. During the period of inoperation the work and working forces at the various mines became disorganized to a certain extent, and as a consequence the output of some of the mines has been decreased nearly forty per cent. This is a question of demand and supply, and if the population increases so rapidly, the powers that be should have foreseen the tendency of the times early enough so as not to allow the men to be idle during the greater part of one season and not to overtax them during another.

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Sad Fatality at No. 5 Mine

Mansell Rees, a young man of eighteen years, who is employed at Coal Creek mines as a driver in what is known as District No. 19 Level 2nd left No. 5, was killed by a fall of rock on Thursday evening, death being at most instantaneous.

From enquiry by our reporter the following information was obtained relative to the sad accident: Mansell Rees had taken an empty coal car into the working place of two Italians named Joe Farbo and Frank Rizzuto for them to load. It appears that by some means the empty car got off the track, and Rees hitched his horse to it to pull the car nearer to the track so that it could be more readily put on again. In doing this the car struck against one of the legs of the "bridge stick" which came out, causing the timber from the side to break away.

Young Rees and Joe Farbo got pinned under the timber, as they were standing near the car at the time the timber fell. Frank Rizzuto pulled his companion out immediately, but the timber falling had loosened the rock and it came crashing down on Rees, completely doubling him up, and breaking his back, which caused instantaneous death to the young fellow.

Joe Farbo was not very severely hurt as his companion got him out before the rock fell on him. The horse that Rees was driving at the time was also killed instantly by the immense quantity of rock that caved in on him.

Rees' parents reside at Coal Creek, his father being D. Rees, who is well known here. To the family the sympathy of a wide circle of friends will be extended in their hour of sorrow, in which The Ledger begs leave to join.

The funeral of the unfortunate lad will be held tomorrow (Sunday.) A special train will leave Coal Creek at 2 o'clock p. m.

hour bank to bank law these men could come and go when they desired, all that was required of them being that rooms assigned to them be kept up so that the rest of the miners could work without hindrance. Under the operation of the eight hour law this is not possible and it is also found that the number of men available who are skilled in this class of work is not sufficient, owing to the restrictions of the eight hour law, to keep the mines working to their full capacity.

Upon consideration of the foregoing report and on the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, the executive council advise pursuant to the provisions of Section 3 of an act to amend the Coal Mines act for the purpose of limiting the hours of work below ground, being chapter 17 of the Statutes of Alberta 1908; that the class of workmen known as machine men and machine men helpers be exempted from the operation of the said act from the date of this order until February 1 1910.

AMONG THE DISTRICT OFFICERS

President Powell and Organizer T. James are still actively engaged at Edmonton. Pres. Powell is expected in the city on Monday.

Vice-Pres. Stubbs and Sec. Treas. A. J. Carter met President Sockett of the Operators association at Hosmer on Wednesday. They went to Coleman on Thursday to interview Mr. O. E. S. Whitesides, but he way away, and a meeting has been arranged for Monday. They went back to Frank and met the management of the Canadian American company there. On Friday morning Sec. Treas. Carter returned to Fernie, Vice-Pres. Stubbs going to Bellevue.

HAYWOOD A SURPRISE

W. D. Haywood is one of the strongest men in the labor movement today. He is both powerful in body and also strong in mind. He is a whirlwind speaker and much after the style of J. H. Hawthornwaite, the Socialist of Nanaimo. In Morley hall last Saturday evening he spoke for almost 2 hours and there was not a dull moment while he was on the platform. Of course a great many of his statements were radical; he was bitter to a marked degree against the capitalist class. His recital of his imprisonment in the Caldwell jail with Moyer and Pettibone for 18 months touched the hearts of his hearers deeply. Marcus Martin and James Lemmon were on the platform with Mr. Haywood and both of these gentlemen also made short talks. —Moyie Leader.

MILLIONAIRE BECOMES INSANE

Is Victim of Strange Delusion—Parades in Military Dress

VANCOUVER, Sept. 15.—Muir Wilson, a millionaire from Sheffield, England and British consul to Serbia, this morning became violently insane at the Hotel Vancouver and is now confined in the police station pending an inquiry into the case by physicians.

Mr. Wilson's condition is believed to be due to his failure to receive the nomination for parliament, which had preyed upon his mind and led his physicians to recommend a long journey.

Returning from a journey to the Yukon Mr. Wilson put up at the Hotel Vancouver. Early this morning the guests were startled to see him attired in military uniform, and waving a sword, marching through the halls and shouting out that he was lord high executioner.

Last night he sent for representatives of the press and told wild stories based on his advocacy of the All Red route and concerning fleet cruisers to circle the globe.

Major Harris of this city was sent for, and to placate Wilson had to sit up half the night putting on and off Wilson's court costumes. When the man broke out this morning, Harris was sent for again but Wilson grew steadily worse and was finally taken to the station, where his shouts could be heard several blocks. Harris will secure authority to take the demented man home.

Mr. Muir Wilson was a visitor to Nelson a short time ago and invested a sum of \$20,000 in fruit lands in Kootenay.

Local News

The timber commission did some good work here this week. We trust some attention will be paid to what the members of that commission have said on the matter of bush fires.

All members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles are requested to attend the meeting in the Miners hall on Monday night. The meeting is called for 7.30, to be over in time for the smoker.

Good progress is being made with the Triton Wood block, the Imperial bank, the Bank of Hamilton and Kootenay's block. The new Henderson block and others are being rapidly finished.

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

The local B-chance will dedicate the new castle hall on October 5. Grand Chancellor R. A. Townley of Vancouver will be present, he having accepted an invitation to assist in the ceremony.

Don't forget the baseball game tomorrow at Elko. The game was postponed last Sunday owing to the Odd-fellows excursion, but the battle will be on tomorrow. Hosmer has a strong team and a good game is assured. Remember the boys need the money.

The bachelors gave a most delightful dance in Bruce's hall last night. The music and floor were in perfect condition and a very agreeable time was enjoyed by all. The bachelors are to be congratulated on their ability as entertainers.

TO I. C. S. STUDENTS

Editor Ledger:
Sir: In response to request as to what would be done on behalf of I. C. S. students who lost their bound volumes in route 13 who lost their bound volumes, etc., in the fire at Coal Creek B. C.

Yours truly
J. W. BENNETT
(Copy)

Mr. T. J. Foster has referred to me your letter regarding a number of students in route 13 who lost their bound volumes, etc., in the fire at Coal Creek B. C.

Mr. T. J. Foster states that he will furnish these students with bound volumes under the same conditions that we did those in the Fernie B. C. disaster.

Full paid students will be furnished with bound volumes free of charge. A student on the active list or one who has not paid in full will be furnished with duplicate bound volumes upon payment of one full installment.

Very truly yours,
HARRY S. ROBINSON
(Chief Corr. Dept.)

A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

A prominent attorney of Fernie has just received communication from the London agent of the proposed Canadian Mortgage bank now being organized in London for the purpose of making investments in the shape of mortgage loans on real estate and to invest in municipal debentures, asking for information as to the advantages of Fernie as a field in which to establish an agency to represent that institution and to transact the business locally. The Canadian Mortgage bank is a new venture and has such men as Lord Strathcona, the Duke of Argyll, Major General Graham and others interested in it. That Fernie should be selected as one of the western points at which such an institution wishes to establish itself shows the importance of the centre of the Crows Nest Pass Coal district. This matter will be laid before the Board of Trade and no effort will be spared to bring the project to a successful issue. —Lethbridge Herald.

THANKS EXTENDED

The Labor Day committee desire to thank the business people of Fernie for their liberal support toward making Labor Day a success, and also all others who assisted in same, and the judges for their fair decisions in the sports.

COMING TO FERNIE

(St. Catharines Standard)
The members of the Busy B. Company of the 19th Regiment met in the armory last night to say good bye to their captain W. S. Lane, who leaves today to take up his work in Fernie B. C. On behalf of B Company Lieut. Stevens presented Capt. Lane with a fine brace of pipes enclosed in a case bearing the words "To Captain Lane from B company, 19th Regiment." Lieut. Stevens spoke of the high regard in which Captain Lane was held by all members of the regiment who were sorry to lose him "the best captain of the regiment." Captain Lane made a fitting reply saying that the greatest regret he had in leaving St. Catharines was in leaving the 19th regiment and especially B company. The boys then gave three cheers for Captain Lane and all wished him every success in his new home out west.

After the company presentation Capt. Lane was called to the officers quarters, where the officers of the regiment had gathered. Lieut. Colonel Campbell on behalf of the officers of the regiment presented Capt. Lane with a wrist watch suitably engraved which he asked Captain Lane to accept as a remembrance of the 19th regiment. The Colonel predicted a judgeship for Captain Lane in Fernie inside of ten years. Captain Lane expressed his thanks. He expressed the opinion that if there was a regiment in Fernie he would continue his military career. He then bade farewell to the officers and asked them when out west to look him up.

Capt. Lane has the honor of having commanded the best company in the 19th regiment, winning for two years in succession the prize of the commanding officer for the best drilled company. Last year he also won the prize for the best average attendance during the year, and for having the best drilled section in the right half of the regiment. Captain Lane also had the honor of commanding the company from the 19th regiment to go to Quebec last year to the Tercentenary, which carried off the honors of being the best company there.

PROGRESSIVE FERNIE

J. F. Spalding, our progressive and up-to-date photographer, is now located in his new permanent quarters over Muirhead's boot store on Victoria avenue. It has been built especially for him and is replete with every requirement for his business. Our representative paid Mr. Spalding a visit this week, and was shown over the premises and though the wall display cases have not yet arrived, was surprised to find such a large and well arranged set studio, which is undoubtedly the best one in the interior of British Columbia.

Mr. Spalding is recognized as one of the best photographers in Western Canada and he assures us that from now on his work will be better than ever, which is going some, as we thought it would be hard to beat what he has turned out since the fire.

We recommend the public of Fernie to support Mr. Spalding who helps to pay the taxes and keep the money in Fernie instead of patronizing itinerant photographers who take the money out of town and inflict indifferent work on you.

See his large ad on page 8.

The Lyceum Concert Co. put on a high class concert at the opera house on Monday night to a large and appreciative audience. The soprano Miss Mattie Clark, especially made a hit with her soprano voice. All the members of the company were really good with the exception of the would be comedian, whose work was very much that of an amateur. The company should have full houses wherever they go.

NEW TUNNELS ARE NOW OPEN

Citizens of Calgary Examine New Line—Pretty Spot

Calgary Albertan—A number of the citizens of Calgary took advantage of the excursion to Field on Saturday, and examined the new tunnels which had been opened on the day previous. The party left on Saturday afternoon, arrived in Field early in the evening, and left Field yesterday afternoon, and reached home again shortly after 21 o'clock.

On the journey home ample opportunity was given to inspect the remarkable engineering construction, a piece of work which ranks as the very best in America. At a cost of over a million dollars the entire face of affairs on the Big Hill has been altered. The grade has been materially reduced but in order to do so tunnels are cut for some distance right into the mountain and brought out again almost to the exact starting point, only at a very considerably different level. A complete figure eight is made right into the everlasting hills by both tunnels. Great, massive and intricate as the works are, so perfectly was it done that at the finish the line was out only one four hundredth part of a foot.

The grade now is fairly even, and the haul is not very apparent. The tunnels are of the most capable engineering, and with the Lethbridge bridge give the public an idea of the enormous engineering work the C. P. R. is doing.

The massive work at field, on the main line of the C.P.R., will be an additional attraction in themselves, but what is more interesting is the fact that the changed line enables the passengers to get a very excellent view of some of the most picturesque parts of the Rockies.

The new line reveals to a great extent, in all its grandeur, the wonderful Yoho valley, one of the beauty spots of the earth, which was practically hidden from view in the old line.

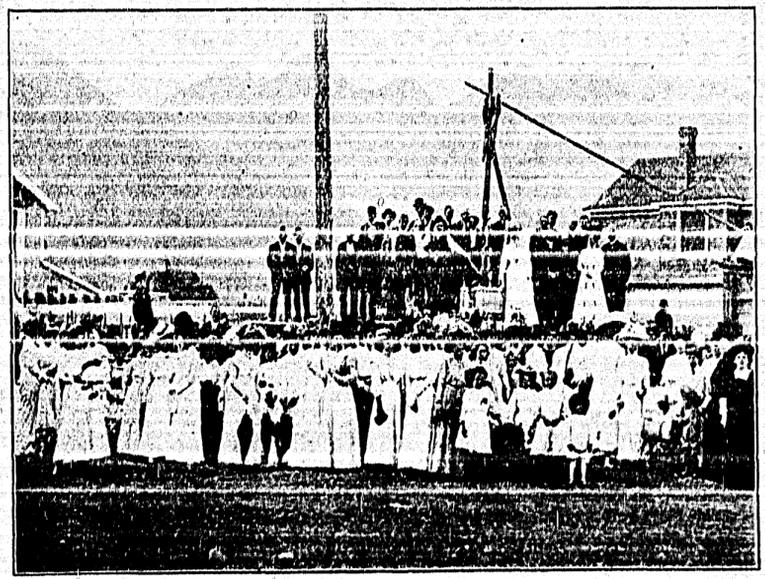
In this new line, accordingly, the most beautiful of nature's work, and the greatest of man's may be seen almost at the very same spot. The new line will make the Journey to Field and the coast very much more attractive.

The engagement of the San Francisco Opera company at the Empress theatre has been built in such a manner that it can be shown in any theatre or hall in western Canada. The Gay Parisienne, The Ghelna, The Runaway Girl, and the new scenery and effects for The Toyman and Fantana reflect great credit upon scenic artist Ernest Glover and Frank Conter master mechanic of the Empress theatre staff. After their engagement at the Empress theatre the company goes on-tour and it is the intention of Mr. Healy to again visit our city at the Fernie opera house Oct. 13.

The male voice party under the leadership of Mr. James Cartledge holds its regular weekly practice in Bruce's hall on Sunday afternoons at four o'clock. The party is growing, but there is still room for a few good voices.



WORSHIPPERS ON A SUNDAY MORNING AT THE TEMPORARY R. C. CHURCH



AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY—LAYING THE CORNER STONE FOR THE NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUR SOCIALIST PAGE

Conducted under the direction of "Proletarian"

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

TO HIM WHO SETS THIS UP IN TYPE

(Ernest Poole)

Stop your linotype machine! You have? Good. The jingling rattle has suddenly ceased. The machine is before you, motionless—grim—for the moment dead.

And I myself, as a writer, am for the moment dead. Powerless. Of my 100,000 readers I can reach not one. You have suddenly struck me dumb.

There are other machines beside you. But all are run by union men. The printer and all other trades here are worked by union men. And most of the papers and magazines through the American cities and towns go to press through the labor of union men. And since in these modern days the most vital speech of a civilization is printed speech, in you is the power to strike whole cities dumb. You did it once in Vienna. Last month you did it in Stockholm. And in "free America" if the powers that rule ever lose their heads and strive to take from the people the right of free speech and free press—then you will certainly show your strength.

Your strength all lies in you. The strength of men in all trades, in all civilized nations of the earth, lies in steadily banding together.

This they have begun to see. And slowly, year by year, trade by trade, nation by nation, the workers of the world have begun to unite.

This the powers that rule you have begun to see. And swiftly in nations all over the world, but most swiftly of all in our nation here, the unions of employers have suddenly appeared. Injunctions have appeared. Anti-boycott decisions have appeared. A host of other obstacles are suddenly arising in your path. Rising, swiftly rising, new ones every year, most cunningly devised by the ablest legal minds, most cunningly fitted in one to the other, like girders of steel in the frame of a bridge. The bridge is rising high over your heads. And the bridge is intended to lead you back to the days of slavery.

The bridge already looms over your heads—looms high. And so huge and heavily it seems that when you look up at its massive frame you believe it can never be changed.

The bridge makes me think of a legend—a legend which was in some of the old books which dealt with our western Indian tribes.

Many thousands of years ago on the desert, there lived a tribe that crawled in the dust. All its members, men, women and children, crawled along on their hands and knees, eyes fixed on the dust and the mire. And no one had ever dared to look up. For the tribe believed that up in the sky loomed a Terrible Something—something intended to crush them—and that if a man looked up he would instantly die.

One day a very old man, crawling along in search of food suddenly fell exhausted at full length upon the ground. His eyes for a moment were turned to the sky. In his eyes flashed a look of amazement and joy. With a shout he staggered up and tried to stand on his feet.

"Brothers," he cried, "look up! No terrible thing is there at all. There is only—"

But his speech was stopped. For his neighbors in blind terror at his boldness, their eyes still fixed upon the dust, reached up and pulled the old man down—and then choked him till he died.

And so it was that the tribe crawled on.

But one man, who was young and filled with fierce revolt at the thought of the long weary life ahead, a life in the mire and dust—he thought to himself of the old man's cry. It was with him while he toiled all day, and it rang in his ears all throughout the night.

At last one dazzling morning, he suddenly leaped to his feet. He put up his head, gave one glad look, burst into a peal of laughter!

His laughter was cut short. He too was dragged down by frenzied hands. He too, was choked to death.

But his laughter—and the cry of the old man—began now to work in the minds of others.

Two men by one morning looked up and whistled in a way that was new to them. This they did. Before they could both be dragged into the dust a third man had risen, then a fourth! And soon a score of young men were up on their feet, shouting:

"Brothers, look up! There is nothing terrible! Here is only a bright blue sky and a flashing sun and air to breathe!"

And from that day onward the tribe walked upright and erect—like men should.

A thousand years ago, when most men were still slaves, over their heads loomed a Terrible Something. It was vague and mysterious and made up of laws and customs which they could not understand. It was slung in their eyes. They believed it was

eternal, come from God, to endure as long as the earth should last or continue.

But there were men who dared to rise and look this Something in the face. And from that day onward one kind of slavery at least began to disappear.

A hundred years ago in "free America" a union among workmen was decreed a crime. Again there was Something over their heads, again it was made up of customs and laws, and again they were made to believe that this Something was unchangeable and that it must certainly endure forever.

But again there were pioneers who dared to arise and to look squarely up. Those early pioneers in Labor's fight were hunted, starved and imprisoned. Many were shot down but others rose to take their places. The work went on, not only here but in countries over the sea. And from that time onward the organized armies of Labor really began.

Now you number tens of millions—but your real work has only just begun!

And now once more there suddenly arises over your heads the old Terrible Something. Swiftly, year by year, it rises higher, more solid and compact, made up of laws most cunningly devised to crush out the strength of your union.

Are you going to lie down and crawl—back to the days of dust and slaves? Or are you going to arise as other men have done before you?

To rise will not be easy. For all around you are workers by the millions who are blind—blind as the Indian tribe with its eyes on the dust.

"Unions," they will tell you, "we believe in. We have had unions before. But to unite as citizens in a political party all our own, to rise and take over the government and make the laws ourselves—this is only some wild dream!"

"It would never work, it could never last!" Because it has never been done before!

The same old cry, and the same blind fear.

But the pioneers are rising. And the time is close at hand.

For your unions are fast being robbed of their strength. You cannot stand still. You must go forward or back. You must either submit, give up your organization, give up the right to strike, and go back to the old black days of slaves. Or you must rise and face this Something that is now looming up high above you.

"Shall we pull it down?" you ask. "Pull down the whole vast system, the government, laws, the courts and all."

Oh no. At least not with a crash. For in these modern times, these practical times, when men decide that a bridge or something is unsafe, a menace to the mass of men, they do not pull it down with a crash. They take it down slowly piece by piece, they build another in its place.

The Socialist party has no purpose in pulling things down with a crash. No violent revolution—but a carefully worked out plan, a progressive program, whereby as we slowly come into power through peaceable means, by the ballot, we may, piece by piece, remove these laws, this great network so cunningly devised to keep you down and in their place make new laws which shall give new lives to a new and nobler race in the years before us, when the whole great tribe—humanity—shall no longer crawl with their eyes on the dust, but shall walk erect like men.

I have written, you have read. Now turn back to your machine, for you stand between me and thousands of readers. Without you I am dumb.

ARE WE A SECT?

(By Robert Hunter)

Karl Marx was once spending an evening with the Socialists of Paris. They were divided into many sects. They were followers of Proudhon, of Fourier, of Saint Simon, of Backunin, and of Marx.

During the evening someone asked Marx: "What kind of a Socialist would you be if you lived in France?"

"Well," he answered, "I would not be a Marxist."

This was said seriously. He meant to begin his condemnation of sects by condemning first his own followers.

Again and again both Marx and Engels condemned sectarianism.

When the Communist Alliance came exclusively an organization of homeless Germans who gathered together in little semi-secret circles to drink beer and wait for the coming of the revolution, Marx flayed with a tongue of fire their sectarianism and washed his hands of them.

Engels condemned the Social-Democratic Federation of England and the American socialist groups because they lost contact with the working class movement.

They adopted a series of holy words, baptized with holy water and looked

upon the millions of struggling workers almost with indifference, assuming the "holier than thou" attitude.

In the introduction of his book, From Utopia to Science, Engels shows that he no longer hoped for Socialist development from these sects, and he turned from them to wait patiently for the rise of Socialism in the working class movement.

In other words both Marx and Engels trusted more to the class struggle as an instrument of education than to the Utopian idealism of sectarian isolation.

The men who Marx sent forth into the various countries of Europe were not advised to form little sects of Socialists.

They were told to capture the labor organizations. The men that were sent to this country were told to fight with the trade unions at every stage on their development, for as Marx and Engels said "The trade unions must be won at all costs."

In other words a Socialist movement is impossible unless it embodies, expresses and directs the working class revolt.

A sect is known by its peculiarities; it has its catch words, its eccentric methods of thought and also of expression.

It draws itself out of the current of life; it has its pass words and its holy phrases.

It covers itself in a cloud of mystery and endeavors more to bar out people than to bring them in.

It has its creed and ritual; it insists upon uniformity of thought.

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Until you become ready it is of little consequence whether the black handers of Tammany hall or the black handers of the Republican party are the masters and rulers of your great metropolis.

Both great fraternities of the itching palm are after all merely agents for transferring the municipal property into the hands of favorites.

The Democrats will get a bigger commission on the transfer than the Republicans, but in no case will you profit.

The people are in the position of a feeble minded man of small property. Two sets of brigands are determined to steal his property.

A sensible man would put up a fight. But this feeble minded gentleman rushes breathlessly from his house to present his property to the more respectable and polite of the two brigands.

In the fall there will be an election. The good people of New York will rush breathlessly to the polling places, not to save their property from the hands of thieves but to present it with superciliousness to the Republican or Democratic brigand which seems to have the gentlest voice, the comeliest face and the largest expanse of white shirt bosom.

STILL BURNING

Undoubtedly one of the greatest fires ever recorded in history is that of the famous burning coal mine of Summit Hill Pa. In 1865, just fifty-four years ago last February, the fire commenced. Since that time it has smoldered away steadily, eating up hundreds of tons of coal and burning its way deep underground to a point

a mile westward from Summit Hill. At present a final attempt is being made to extinguish it. The shaft in which the fire began led into a mine that had been worked for many years. A lack of men and lack of means prevented a proper fight against the fire at the start, says Popular Mechanics. In the early days of coal mining much of the coal that is now regarded as valuable was looked upon as refuse. The enormous quantities of this discarded coal became combustible fuel to the hungry fire.

In 1862 the company attempted to make an open cut to block off the fire. After an excavation of 2,000 feet was accomplished the work for some now unknown reason was abandoned. The next attempt was made sixteen years ago. Here were sunk holes until the cracks or open shafts were struck and into these were poured refuse, water and clay, the purpose being to block the fire by a wall of such material. More than 600 holes were sunk and into these thousands of "gob" or slush was forced, some of the holes containing up to 8000 tons of material. Several hundred thousands of dollars was spent in this work but the fire crept around the impending walls and continued to burn.

Now however expert engineers have evolved a scheme which it is believed will finally achieve the desired result, at a cost close to \$1,000,000. Six shafts are being sunk into the earth across the path of the fire, the first being an open cut 100 feet long and 12 feet wide. Three of the remaining shafts will be 50 feet long by 12 feet wide, and the other 20 feet long by 12 feet wide. All are situated 50 feet apart and will be sunk to the coal vein at a depth of more than 200 feet. All the coal will be taken from these shafts, and from the intervening space between them, a solid wall of clay or concrete, or both, being substituted in place of the coal.

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MURDER AND THEN ASSAULT

Old Time Residents of Nanaimo are Victims--Robbery the Motive Ascribed--No Clue

VANCOUVER, Sept. 17.—Gus Carlson, for twenty years a resident of Nanaimo, was last night murdered at his home on Hallburton street in the centre of the city and at the same time his wife was bound and gagged and ill-treated.

The crimes were perpetrated by two men and as a fair description of the assailants is given by Mrs. Carlson it is anticipated that the men will be caught as the entire city is aroused by the crime and every avenue of escape is closely watched.

Carlson and his wife came home from a theatre about 10 o'clock and retired. Shortly after a noise in the other room attracted them which Mr. Carlson thought was a cat. He went to see what was the matter and a few minutes later the men walked into the room and asked her where the money

was. She pointed to a closet, from which the men took \$20, after which they bound and gagged the woman and left.

Mrs. Carlson worked the gag out of her mouth and called to her sister who was in the next room and came to her aid, and later summoned two neighbors. After releasing the woman the party searched for Carlson, who was found sitting in the next room with life extinct.

The man had been struck on the side of the head with a heavy stick. About his neck was a heavy fishing rope with three sinkers attached with which he had been strangled to death. The knot was first placed around his neck, and tightly drawn. The remainder of the rope was then coiled about his neck.

The police have at present no trace of the assailants. No other motive than robbery is imputed for the deed.

EASY MONEY FOR BANK ROBBERS

Walk off With the Stuff While Citizens and Staff Stare

MONTREAL, Sept. 15.—Quite undisturbed by the bank staff upstairs, and a crowd of citizens outside, a gang of expert bank robbers blew up the branch of the Provincial bank at La-mache, Quebec, at 3 o'clock yesterday morning and got away without any one daring to come close enough to see them or even to see how many there were in the party.

Manager Lemaire of the branch and one of the clerks slept upstairs and had with them a revolver and a shotgun. They heard the burglars break in and blow open the vault but did not venture to interfere with them. Instead they started firing into the air to attract the attention of the townspeople. The robbers kept at the job and with a second shot blew open the inside of the safe where they secured \$4800.

Meanwhile a crowd had gathered in the street but the citizens were afraid to go into the bank and when they had finished their work the robbers departed down the street, firing several shots into the telephone office as a hint to the operator to keep quiet. It was a very dark night, and nobody got close enough to see the men or to know how many there were in the gang.

They escaped to the railway tracks and no traces of them have been as yet found.

Pinkerton detectives and provincial detectives arrived at noon but so far have been unable to secure a clue. They stated that the robbers were evidently experienced at the trade and it is thought to be the same gang that have robbed several banks of the province in the last year.

A CRIME

MEN WANTED.—Tinnors, Catchers and helpers, to work in open shops, Syrians, Poles and Roumanians preferred. Steady employment and good wages to men willing to work. Fare paid and no fees charged.

The above advertisement appeared in trust newspapers of Pittsburg under the caption "Men Wanted."

God pity America if the country has come to this!

That advertisement is an insult to every man through whose veins course the rich American blood.

The man or men, or corporation responsible for these words is more insolent than the despicable puppet who dares to spit upon the Stars and Stripes. Every word is immersed in venom and hurled at American manhood.

Do you freeborn, honorable men of America grasp the full meaning of this insidious advertisement.

The sons of the Republic can starve as long as enough foreigners can be secured to do the work of these capitalists.

That birth certificate granted to you by the fathers who shed their blood in '76 and '81 will bar you from the mills of those who profess to be capitalists of American industry.

Your allegiance to the flag and love for the mother country place you in the "not wanted" class of these capitalists who prefer to give their work to foreigners.

The very blood of which you boast, of which poets sing and which orators and statesmen throughout the world praise, will prevent you from earning a livelihood at the rolls and furnaces

TALES FROM THE GOLDEN WEST




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If these statesmen have ears left, let them hear the insulting words the Steel Trust spits into the face of the American workman.

Let those men, in whose hands the people have placed the destiny of their fair land, know that this pulling infant they coddle and nourish, is a hydra-headed monster spewing words of insolence upon Americans and the brain and brawn of the public.

And if these men in Washington do not believe their ears let them use their eyes. Let them look at the sore spots, the Poverty Rows, where there should be settlements of men and their families living like decent Americans. Or let them focus their eyes upon the red flag flaunted in the faces of American workmen when they are told that Syrians, Poles and Roumanians are preferred in the mills of the Trust.

If there is that much vaunted spirit in the breasts of the Republic's sons it will rebel against the Trust which places the American beneath the most ignorant foreigner who comes to America's shores.

"All men are created equal."

Let it be so. Give the foreigner his opportunity. But God pity the country if preference is to be given to the ignorant foreigner lifted from oppression in which he and his forefathers dwell and enticed to the land of promise to be reduced to greater poverty than the people of Europe have known.

America for Americans.
The Steel Trust seems to be for neither.

Strike Situation in Nova Scotia

By James Simpson in the Western Wage Earner:

When the smoke of the industrial battle has cleared away from the colliery districts of Cape Breton and the sound of the miners' pick and the reflection of his light are again the evidences of peace, the cherished memories of the strike meeting as a part of the existing conflict will remain to recall the stirring scenes that are being daily enacted in the halls at the various collieries.

A Character Study

The strike meeting is one of the most interesting features of the big fight. It affords tremendous scope for character study and demonstrates the power of personality.

In the mass of faces that turn toward the speaker there is in each countenance an exposure of doubt and fear or hope and cheer, optimism or pessimism, courage or cowardice, independence or slavish subsmissiveness.

"Order!" is a word now frequently heard in the halls where the strikers gather. A tall, slender, young fellow steps forward, with gavel in hand, and gives the word for the commencement of the meeting.

Hands dirty with coal dust rise to hundreds of heads and hats are carefully thrown on the floor or stuffed unconsciously in coat pockets.

To the front of the hall every available seat is taken while from the rear men press forward, crowding the aisles and every inch of standing room in the building.

Women, unfamiliar with the procedure at such gatherings, look expectantly at the chairman, then at the gathered miners, and settle themselves for a good night's entertainment. Children, caught by the strike fever, crowd around the platform, eagerly waiting to see the fun commence.

On the platform are men from different parts of a big continent. They are advertised to speak and associated with their names are other industrial struggles, which, from the standpoint of importance, completely overshadow the present battle.

The chairman, not quite himself in the presence of such distinguished labor leaders, pauses before he speaks. Not only does he wish to impress the gathering with the importance of the gathering, but he is anxious to leave a good impression on the minds of the men who direct the destiny of the great organization of which he is a member.

A Responsive Audience

With a few well-chosen remarks he explains the object of the meeting, introduces the first speaker, and sits down as the audience gives a minor welcome to a stranger.

There is something inspiring in the handclap of a collier and the speaker gets off with a good start. His words fall upon the ears of his audience like the silver dewdrops on a dry and thirsty soil. Each sentence strikes a responsive chord in appreciative hearts.

A mere reference to the failure of the Provincial Workmen's Association to meet the demands of the miners of Nova Scotia is greeted with a spontaneous outburst of applause, and

other big industrial upheavals in which the U.M.W. had been involved, he carried his hearers away from their home environments, away from the hall in which they were assembled, and made them spectators at the big strike of anthracite coal miners in Alabama some years earlier.

He told of 175,000 men idle, how they were eventually successful, and how one million dollars had been left in the treasury of the U. M. W. at the close of the struggle.

To most of his audience the information was a revelation. They had been led to believe that there was only one miners' organization that was able to fight their battles and bring to them a little more of the sunshine of life.

There was no time for applause. In rapidly spoken sentences the speaker told how the big strike in Alabama had been almost won when the governor of that state declared martial law in force, commanded the soldiers to pull down the tents that had been erected by the union to shelter the miners evicted from the houses of the coal company on the ground that they were unsanitary, repealed the vagrancy act and ordered the arrest of every miner who was out of employment and at the point of the bayonet denied the union the right to provide accommodation for the striking members.

The speaker paused, the audience heaved a sigh and bent further forward to catch the balance of the message.

Only to Stand Firm

Wiping the sweat drops from his face the speaker continued. He compared the magnitude of the fights he had described with the one in which the Nova Scotia miners were engaged with only five thousand men to provide for.

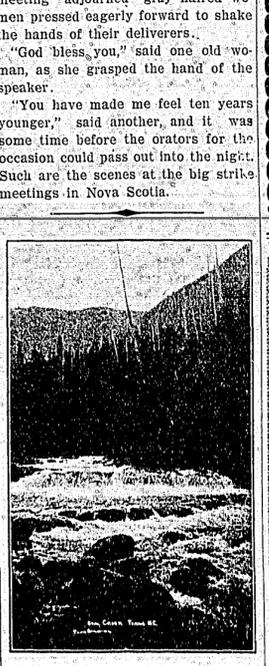
He showed how the struggle could be kept up indefinitely if the men would continue to stand together.

He appealed to the wives and mothers of miners to stand loyally by their sons and husbands and in a peroration that word pictured the possibilities of the big miners' organization, he sat down.

A current of enthusiasm passed through the crowded hall, men, women and children clapped their hands and stamped their feet and when the meeting adjourned gray haired women pressed eagerly forward to shake the hands of their deliverers.

"God bless you," said one old woman, as she grasped the hand of the speaker.

"You have made me feel ten years younger," said another, and it was some time before the orators for the occasion could pass out into the night. Such are the scenes at the big strike meetings in Nova Scotia.



Watch for Progressive Fernie

WESTERN FEDERATION OF MINERS

Returning from the 22 days convention of the Western Federation of Miners, recently concluded in Denver, Colo., Executive Board Member Davidson ex-M.P.P., for this province stopped over a couple of days here on his way home to Sandon.

Speaking of the convention, Mr. Davidson said "It was one of the most notable gatherings ever held by our organization. Despite the terrific battles fought by our officers and members during the past few years, the organization is in first class condition, out of debt and the membership growing rapidly. Debts amounting to \$75,000 have been paid off and the membership has doubled in three years. In addition the state government of Colorado will in the near future pay into our general fund some \$60,000 in an attempt to partially reimburse our membership for the terrible persecutions of recent years." Continuing, Mr. Davidson said that a great deal of time had been consumed in convention by a number of industrial union fanatics, who in an endeavor to secure control of the business for the Industrial Workers of the World, first attempted to abolish the offices of president and vice-president, and falling in this, tried to blacken the reputation of President Moyer. Their efforts were unsuccessful and all the officers were elected by acclamation.

The convention appointed a committee to meet the United Mine Workers with the idea of combining the coal and metalliferous miners of America into one body.

The most impressive ceremony was the unveiling of a monument dedicated to the memory of Geo. A. Peabody, who gave up his life for the organization, and Wm. Murphy, the solicitor,

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Every organization in Denver was vited and the ceremony was watched by thousands of men and women. The many sterling qualities of those who had gone before.

John M. O'Neil editor of the Miners' Magazine delivered the principal address and in his characteristic style, referred to the history of the Western Federation of Miners and the part the deceased had taken in making it. Those present will long remember his stirring address and those of the other speakers of the day.—Western Wage Earner.

TURN THE OTHER CHEEK

The cherry at one of the prisons in Germany are out on strike for a raise in pay. None of their class have scabbed, but the strike has served to prove how well they can be got along without. A great pity a few hundred of them would not strike in Canada.—Western Wage Earner.

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With its never ending propaganda it reminds the Proletariat that it will find safety and complete freedom only in a system of collectivism or communism; it carries this propaganda into all circles, to stir up everywhere the spirit of aggressive demand and of combat. It incites the working class to daily effort, constant action, for the improvement of its conditions of life, labor and struggle, for the conquest of new safeguards, new means of action—precisely because it is a revolutionary party, precisely because it is not stopped in its incessant demands by any regard for the obsolete "rights" of capitalist property, whether they be large or small.

It is the party of the most essential, the active reformers, the only party which can carry its efforts to the point of total reconstruction, the only one which can give to each of labor's demands its full effect, the only party which always can make each reform, each conquest, the starting point and leverage for broader demands and broader conquests. And when it points out to the working class, with the utility, the need, the benefit of each reform, also the limits imposed on it by the capitalist environment itself, it is not to discourage immediate effort at realizing reforms; it is to incite the workers to conquer new reforms, and keep them ever conscious amidst their struggles for better conditions, of the need of total reconstruction, of the decisive transformation from capitalistic property to collective property.

The way for this transformation is paved by the actual movement of events, by the evolution of the mode of capitalist production, by its extension to all parts of the world, by the accumulation and the concentration of capital, by the progress of machinery and technique, putting at man's disposal the forces of production capable of providing amply for all needs.

They make possible the emancipation of the wage-working class by the re-conquest of all the means of production and exchange, which it now operates for profit of a small minority, and which will then be collectively applied to the satisfaction of the wants of all.

Along with this movement of the forces of production, there must inevitably develop an immense effort toward the education and organization of the proletariat. In view of this the Socialist Party recognizes the prime importance of building up labor organizations (unions, co-operatives, etc.) as necessary elements in the transformation of society. For these combats, for these conquests, the Socialist party employs all means of action regulating their use by the deliberate will of a strongly organized proletariat.

The proletariat progresses and frees itself by its direct effort, by its direct, collective, organized action on the employing class and the government, and this direct action includes the general strike, employed to defend the threatened liberties of the workers, to enforce the great demands of labor, as well as every united effort of the organized proletariat in view of capitalist exploitation.

Like all exploited classes throughout history, the proletariat asserts its right of last resort to insurrectional force, but it distinguishes between vast collective movements which can arise only from a general and deeply stirred feeling of the proletariat, and skirmishes in which a few laborers recklessly hurl themselves against the whole strength of the capitalist state.

It sets itself, with deliberate, constant effort, to the conquest of political power; it opposes to all capitalist parties, with their reactionary, vague or fragmentary programs, the full collectivist and communist affirmation and the ceaseless effort at liberation of the organized proletariat, and it regards it as one essential duty of its militants to work through the ballot, for the increase of the parliamentary and legislative strength of Socialism.

THE WORLD'S WAR TAX

Britishers pay more per head for the maintenance of their army and navy than the citizens of any other country. The per capita tax is \$7.50 according to the figures prepared by the London Financial News. In Canada the tax per head is less than 70 cents, putting the population at the somewhat low estimate of 6,500,000 and taking the total

expenditure of the Militia department in 1907 as a basis for determining the total annual cost. Australia pays slightly less than \$1.50 per year. In the case of both Canada and Australia the expenditure on account of defence are steadily increasing and will no doubt continue to do so.

Of the great powers of the world eight pay an annual war tax aggregating \$1,500,000,000. This sum is merely for army and navy appropriations, and represents about 40 per cent of all taxes paid. As well as having the heaviest per capita tax the Britisher has the heaviest gross tax as following comparisons show:

	Expenditure	Per cap. tax
Great Britain	\$310,000,000	\$7.50
Germany	250,000,000	4.00
France	200,000,000	5.00
Russia	250,000,000	2.00
Austria-Hungary	110,000,000	2.50
Italy	80,000,000	2.00
United States	240,000,000	4.00
Japan	45,000,000	1.00
Total	\$1,500,000,000	

This is an enormous burden to carry. Though the gospel of peace and good will to all men is extending, the amount of money sacrificed on the altar of international distrust is expanding. The Commercial West of Minneapolis in discussing the subject says:

"When will the world wake up and shake off the hypnotic spell of the armament lobbyist. The occupation of the great nations today is in the peaceful paths of industry. International commercialism is binding them closer together every year. There is no possible excuse for loading the tax payer with this great burden. It is easy to see how gigantic improvements could be carried out by the different nations if all this money now squandered on war were available for commercial betterments; but where it would do the most good would be in the pockets of the citizens where it belongs. Let the buying power of this vast sum come into the channels of trade to purchase what each family needs. Business would receive a great stimulus in all lines and the general welfare of all be promoted by turning this stream of extravagance into avenues of peaceful industry.

In this matter of disarmament, nations are lagging far behind the citizen. The man who thinks it necessary now to go armed in his travels around the world is the exception. He accepts other men of all nations as friendly until they show some hostility. With all the present influences working for peace, diplomacy should be able to avoid war and relieve us of the burden of war taxation."

That is the counsel of peace lovers; but unhappily it is a counsel of perfection. The mania for adding battalion to battalion and ship to ship keeps on growing with intensity; and all the European nations are breathless and silent in their race toward bankruptcy. The only hope is the growing power in nations, now dominated by warlords, of a peace loving democracy. Germany is undoubtedly the present terror of the world, but the growth of the social democratic movement may compel, in the near future, a modification of its military and naval programme. That is the only possible avenue of escape from the present impasse.—Winnipeg Free Press.

Under Socialism there would be no need for this tremendous expenditure, and the money would be divided among the people and used for other and better things.

ANOTHER DODGE

The Grand Trunk Pacific are trying to get a wholesale importation of Orientals for railway construction work. They claim that the reason for this is that they cannot get enough white men to fulfill their contracts. Why in heaven's name do they not pay the men a living wage? How can they expect white men to live on a mere pittance, and then think they are going to be bored to death by applications from white men for positions. If the government allows this concern to put in the Orientals their goose will be forever cooked because the workmen of Canada will not stand for such traitor's tricks.

Yesterday is gone, forget it; tomorrow never comes, don't worry about it; today is here, use it.

The more a ruling class is able to assimilate the most prominent men of a ruled class, the more solid and dangerous is its rule.

The fall millinery season approaches and the poor hubby has to do without smokes and other luxuries for a time.

The controversy between the two claimants for North pole honors still goes on, and we are wondering where our winter overcoat is going to come from.

A moral reform society has been started in the town of Coleman, and the manager of the Coleman Miner has been appointed to a seat on the executive. All of which reminds us that charity begins at home.

Calgary aldermen voted themselves free rides on their street car system. That one car is certainly causing a great commotion in the aforesaid town.

The fact that an election is on the way should bring to minds of all workers that it is absolutely necessary to register in order to have a vote, so take no chances. Remember that on election night ballots count, not good intentions.

Letter Box

The editor is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents.
Editor Ledger:

REV. HALL WRITES

Editor District Ledger:
Sir: Permit my intrusion in your columns on a matter of public interest which I would fain hope concerns all our citizens. I refer to the contiguity of Fairy Creek Falls and the Three Sisters, and the advisability of securing something more than a temporary right of domain in that locality.

Since the pipe line has been carried through there has been a regular stream of visitors to what otherwise has been known to only a few. More and more travel will follow this line, which forever does away with the disgruntled complaint "that there is nowhere to go in Fernie and nothing to see." In opening up this pipe line the city council have afforded access to the very heart of one of the most idyllic spots in the mountains, and all within a couple of miles or so of Fernie.

The strip of cedar forest which has been mercifully left by the forest fires is of such importance to the city and surroundings that the writer ventures to call attention to the suggestion which has been made before, that the city council lose no time in approaching the government with a view to its acquisition by the city. There is no question that the combination of mountain, falls and forest affords the possibility of a park with scenic attractions on a smaller scale that may compare with Stanley Park of Vancouver, with the added advantage of immediate access for mountain climbing. If the enterprising business men of Fernie are not wide awake enough to see the commercial importance attaching to the preservation of this forest area, in attracting tourists and inviting residential additions to the city, they will only have themselves to thank.

Others better qualified may speak with regard to the rival attractions of other cities, but if Fernie knows herself and her opportunities as a city she will lose no time in putting this section under her own control, and running a trail to the foot, and eventually to the sides and summit of the Three Sisters.

A generous swath ought to be included in the strip to be expropriated by the city.

In connection with this the bench on the west side of the Elk, immediately facing the city, should also be sown and planted and terraced with trails. This is in full sight of the city; has all the advantages of the sun; is made up of good soil; and could easily be turned into a part of the scheme of the park, with grass seed and suitable shrubbery. It is quite a question whether, now that the timber has been taken off and the surface denuded, this is not one of the potent causes for the high winds which come at critical times in hot weather, the surface becoming superheated and helping thus to set up a current in conjunction with cooler areas. This fact, combined with the certain denudation in weathering unless the bareness is covered by nature's own protection of greenery, may have a bearing on the security of the place as well as the unsightliness of the surroundings.

And now, sir, will the council, in their accustomed energetic and businesslike way, take up this matter with a generous regard to all the interests involved, and secure for Fernie the rights which will place her among the queens of the continent in natural scenery. It means everything to Fernie in the coming time.

May I speak one word more—having a bearing on the public health? The council have been following a thoroughly business like and public spirit of course during the past year. Is it not possible for them to look into the question of milk supply a little more closely, with something of the same scientific requirements as are being called for in the pure milk movement elsewhere? The number of cases of typhoid and summer complaint is appalling; and while this may not have to do with the milk alone, it is only reasonable to ask that milk supplied to infants and adults be properly certificated.

I remain, yours respectfully,
W. LASHLEY HALL

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(Column Miner)
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| Mike Burnock | Joe Kubinec |
| Paul Honl | Joe Kratom |
| George Bulko | Alis Kubnen |
| George Bruno | Mike Kulek |
| Mike Dlova | Joe Kolher |
| Martin Bednarg | Joe Lencucha |
| Chaly Bvosek | Nik Lofay |
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| Albert Hovanec | Joe Machor |
| Joe Habdas | Treng Mikusak |
| Andro Habdas | Johan Mirera |
| Johan Janiga | Peter Michalski |
| Mike Jankulak | Tom Malatinko |
| Parquale Maletter | Albert Jurasek |
| Tom Jagos | Chaly Misery |
| George Janak | Johan Niji |
| Tom Janco | Albert Noga |
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| Mike Jedriejas | Martin Nogo |
| Joe Jagos | Joe Ondrik |
| Mike Kipka | Luy Pylarr |
| Johan Kapalka | Mike Paulus |
| Tom Kopella | Joe Paulus |
| Stivo Kapalka | Frank Pudlak |
| Johan Kovac | Andro Pisony |
| Joe Klis | Luigi Rubitto |
| Tom Klis | Johan Klis |
| Johan Reguly | Martin Rappstor |
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| Albert Golek | De Jantini |
| Albert Savilla | Sam Yorky |

est being the ranch of a well to do cattleman. The picturesque scenery is all made from scenes painted on the spot by the eminent painter, W. O. Wegner, and such has been the success of the painter in reproducing the same that one can almost feel the aroma of the cactus and sage bush, and imagine the inhaling of the dry choking alkali dust, "In Wyoming" is an American play and will live long in the hearts of the American theatre-goers.

One of the most interesting productions that will be at the Fernie opera house this season is "In Wyoming." It is the product of the versatile Willard Mack's pen. Mr. Mack was happy in the selection of his locality, upon which to build a story, and it contains all the elements that go to make it a success. No section of America holds a stronger fascination for the tourist than does the great west, with its great wide plains and interesting char-

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Fernie, B. C., September 18th, 1909

News From the Camps

From our own Correspondents

COAL CREEK

Two members of the Fernie Socialist party, Comrades John C. Turner and Oscar Erickson visited Coal Creek on Sunday last, September 12th, and in company with W. H. Evans and J. E. Smith made an house to house visit for the purpose of enrolling men on the voting list, who were duly qualified to have a vote. They registered no fewer than 95 names. There is every probability of an election this fall and the party are confident of capturing the seat this time. They are determined to leave no stone unturned in their efforts to put their man on top. If by chance anyone was missed who is entitled to be on the list, will leave their name and address at house 173 or with either of the checkweighmen, they will see that a commissioner visits them. All who want to have a say in the coming election must be on the voting list previous to Nov. 1.

Billy Alexander left here last week on holidays. He will be absent about three weeks. Billy is very popular with the boys and we hope he has a good time.

In our last week's notes on the miners float in the labor day parade, we omitted the name of Percy Rawson from amongst those who had worked so hard to make the float a success. It is only fair to say that none worked harder than brother Rawson, and we regret that by an oversight his name was omitted.

Born: On Friday September 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hall, another bell ringer. This event was celebrated in right royal style, quite a number of friends being invited, including Mayor Evans and your correspondent. Refreshments were provided. Mayor Evans gave the parents and child his official blessing and in a very neat speech proposed their very good health which we all drank several times. The child was declared to be the finest ever seen in Coal Creek. Mr. Evans then sang with much feeling "The Miners' Boy." We hope the good example set by Mr. and Mrs. Hall will be followed by others. Mr. Evans and your correspondent are prepared to attend on all such occasions.

We notice the C. N. P. Coal Company are putting a number of new lights in and around the mine yard. The company might go a little further and put a few lights up the roads leading to the houses. The footpaths too are in a horrible condition, and with no lights there is really no getting up the roads at night time. A stranger visiting Coal Creek at night time would not need to ask whether the place belonged to a private company or not, private enterprise being written all over it. A little more consideration for the people who have to live here would be welcomed.

Born: On Saturday September 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston, a daughter. W. H. Evans was nominated at the miners meeting on Saturday night for the position of national board member. Brother Evans is well known in District 18 and should come near winning.

James Stewart, the popular fireboss at No. 5 mine was to be married to Miss Annie Wright yesterday (Friday). We have no doubt but that he is married all right this time. The Ledger offers congratulations and wishes them much happiness. This will be a serious blow to some people who during the past twelve months have been able to get much copy out of Jimmy's supposed engagements and secret marriages.

Tom Duncan has moved to Passburg. Tom was concerned in some little trouble which occurred in No. 9 mine, of which at the present time it would be unwise to venture an opinion.

All the district officers, viz., Bill Powell, president; Clem Stubbs, vice-president and A. J. Carter, secretary-treasurer were nominated for re-election by Gladstone local on Saturday last.

Born: On Monday, September 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott, of French Camp, a daughter.

Mrs. John McCummett arrived here on Friday last on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. James Matheson.

Bert Atherton was removed to Fernie hospital on Wednesday night suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Mr. T. Clancy left here on Wednesday for Illinois. Bro. Clancy is an ardent trade unionist and was becoming very popular amongst union men, who regret that he has seen cause to leave the district. He was an untiring worker. Anything he was asked to do on behalf of the union he was always ready to carry out. He was an effective speaker and will make his mark wherever he happens to be. His

very large circle of friends in Coal Creek wish him success in the new home of his choice.

Born: On Wednesday September 15 to Mr. and Mrs. James Matheson, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Worthington and family from Morrissey have taken up their residence here.

Charlie Williams has been appointed night watchman for the C. N. P. Coal Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Bridge and family have taken up their residence here. Mr. Bridge was in charge at Morrissey previous to coming here. We understand he is at present looking after the new prospects.

Our old friend Herbert Lanfer is back again. He has started fire bossing in No. 9 on the after noon shift.

Another old Morrissey man is Jas. McPherson, in No. 9 as night fireboss.

Mrs. A. Horrocks of French camp gave birth to a daughter on Thursday morning. This is the fifth increase in Coal Creek this week. Watch Coal Creek grow.

For cleanliness and home cooking try Faircloth's boarding house, 179-180 Coal Creek, opp. football grounds.

COLEMAN

Two new boilers have arrived for the International Coal and Coke Co., which will be installed in their places at once.

Mrs. Emmerson, widow of the late Joseph Emmerson, who was killed a few weeks ago in Coleman mine, has taken over the Little hospital as caretaker.

Joe Grafton, the fruit land rustler of the Arrow Lake country, was in town this week.

Sandridge and Miller have now completed their track to the McMillan Creek Coal and Coke Company's mine and the track will be laid immediately.

Mrs. Jones, wife of Fred Jones, engineer, is contemplating a trip to the old country next month.

How's this? Ten members in one day from Bulko's union to the U. M. W. of A.

Bulko's bluffs won't bluff the Slavs much longer.

Bulko visits the Company's office pretty regular these days.

A grand football match was played here last Saturday between Michel and Coleman. It was the best match that was ever played in Coleman. It was particularly free from roughness, some fine work being exhibited on both sides. Score one goal to nil in favor of Coleman. The cup looks good to us this season.

A large room in the Miners hall that was built for a reading room, but has not been put into operation, has been turned over to the Socialist party who will, as early as possible, place literature of the various languages bearing on the labor questions of the day on the tables free of charge. A lending library of books will be installed also at an early date.

The Finn branch of the Socialist local have made arrangements to have the ball for social and dance in about two weeks.

J. Griffiths, secretary of Little local was in town on Tuesday, sent up by the miners of Little to try and get W. D. Haywood to visit them. His errand was successful and Haywood will visit Little and speak there on Saturday night.

C. M. O'Brien arrived in Coleman on Tuesday night without being advertised. Perhaps a little advertising would have ill effects on John Herron.

It is being circulated freely around town that Bulko has asked for an advance on his pay sheet; his disciples said no; they'd be damned if they would.

The Miners hall has been let to the Eagles for a smoker next Saturday night.

W. D. Haywood, late secretary of the W. F. of M., spoke to a large audience on Tuesday night in the Miners hall and opera house. Precisely at eight o'clock the Coleman band arrived at the corner of the main street, and played a welcome to Haywood, afterward going to the hall and playing a fine selection inside. Promptly at 8.30 Haywood took the chair, and after a few remarks introduced the speakers. He

stated the basis on which the Socialist party of Coleman and said that in after years when the working people came to their own, those who were in the band might look back with pride to the time they played for a man whose whole life was being devoted to the interests of the laboring class.

C. M. O'Brien M. P. P., was then called, and spoke for a short time on capital and labor, and explained to the

audience that he had Socialist literature for sale. The chairman then introduced W. D. Haywood. The manner in which he was received was a credit to the working class of Coleman. Haywood is a remarkable speaker, his method of delivery combined with his graphic description of the class struggle in Colorado and Idaho, as well as other parts of the United States, left a lasting impression on the minds of the people there. The working man who heard Haywood and then believed in an all Canadian union of foreigners must be feeble in his upper story.

The editor of the Coleman Miner took a tumble on Tuesday night.

Clem Stubbs, vice-president of the district was in town this week.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles will commence a new hall on the main street in the near future. The hall will be built of brick.

The slick uns from Spokane are doing a rushing business with the Carbondale town lots.

FOOTBALL

The two ties in the semi-final round of the Port Steel cup were played last Saturday. The game between Coleman and Michel resulted in the defeat of the eupholders and furnished an exciting contest.

Coleman qualified for the finals by the only goal of the match, the result being one goal to nothing in their favor. Coleman secured the goal from a penalty. Ramsay, late of Fernie, took the kick and made no mistake. An incident occurred in the first half which nearly brought the game to a sudden close. The referee misjudged a ball which struck the Michel upright and went past. He, thinking the ball had passed between the posts, gave a goal. Michel protested strongly and threatened to leave the field but the referee decided to disallow the goal and the game was proceeded with. Coleman secured their goal before the interval.

In the second portion Michel had a slight advantage and strove hard to equalize the score, but failed. They then part with the cup, which they have now held for four successive seasons.

The other tie between Frank and Hosmer proved to be a one-horse affair and Frank won easily by the handsome score of five goals to nothing. In justice to Hosmer it has to be stated that they made the journey to Frank with only nine men so that their heavy defeat is partly explained.

The way is now clear for the cup final, the finalists being Coleman and Frank, and no matter which side wins the cup will find a new resting place, as neither of these clubs have previously secured the trophy. Up to the time of writing we have no information as to the date of the final, nor of where it will be played.

TABER MINER KILLED BY ROCK

Young Slavonian Buried by Fall of Rock--21 Years of Age

TABER, Sept. 17.—A sad fatality occurred this morning at the Canada West mine which resulted in the untimely death of Mike Nichylochuk, by a huge mass of rock falling on him and killing him instantly.

Coroner Humphries was called and empaneled a jury, which viewed the remains and rendered a verdict of accidental death.

The victim was 21 years of age and a Slav.

STEWART--WRIGHT

A very pretty wedding took place last evening, the contracting parties being Miss Annie Wright and Mr. James M. Stewart, the popular fireboss at No. 5 mine. The wedding took place at the residence of Mr. J. Stewart, the father of the groom, on Dalton avenue, Fernie, and the ceremony was conducted by Rev. Grant. Miss Orr of Fernie was bridesmaid, and Mr. Thomas Stewart, brother of the groom was best man. The bride who looked charming in a lovely dress of ivory silk, was given away by her uncle, Mr. Harry Allan, of football fame. A very large number of guests were present at the ceremony and ensuing festivities, and the bride and groom were recipients of hearty congratulations from a very wide circle of friends. The presents were both numerous and costly. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart left this morning on the Flyer for Spokane where the honeymoon will be spent. On their return we understand they will take up their residence in Coal Creek.

HAYWOOD'S MEETINGS

The following are the dates and the places at which W. D. Haywood has arranged to address meetings:

Frank opera house Sunday 19th 2.30 afternoon.
Calgary, Tuesday 21st.
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Bankhead, Thursday 23rd.
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TORONTO, Sept. 17.—On Saturday while a gang of workmen employed by contractors to lay the transmission line of the Hydro Electric Power Commission were laying bases on the farm of Eli Lane near Ste. Anne's, in Lincoln County, they were attacked by some of the farmers with pitchforks and shovels and ordered to quit the premises. Foreman Bowen had his nose broken and two workmen were badly beaten. The men are under orders from the commission not to retaliate with violence and therefore made no resistance.

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FATHER-IN-LAW SHOT DEAD

Murdered by Daughter Near London Because of Abuse—Deceased Well up in Years

LONDON, Ont. Sept. 17.—Mrs. W. Scott was placed under arrest last evening by High Constable Hughes, and is charged with the murder of her father-in-law, Harvey Scott, aged 75. She is now lodged in the county jail here. The shooting took place at 7.20 in the morning when the son was away from his home at a threshing.

Mrs. Scott was observed running down the road by Joseph Vining, at about 8 o'clock. She was crying at the time.

"What's the matter?" he asked and she replied, vaguely, "You will see what I have done when you get up there."

Vining found the old man stretched out on the ground at the rear of the house dead. There was a wound by a .32 calibre bullet behind the ear.

Mrs. Scott admitted to Dr. Armstrong, who was called, and also to Joseph Vining, the first to arrive on the scene, that she had done the shooting. She said that she had been laboring under the threats and tortures for years and could stand them no longer. Wesley Scott, when questioned, stated that for years his father had abused him and his wife. Scott showed marks that he had received from the blows delivered by his father.

"My father," he said, "used to go to the house and abuse my wife and on many occasions took a club to her. At one time she had him arrested and up in court at Thornedale for beating her. He was fined a small sum and let go."

All the neighbors state that it is a wonder that the woman had stood the

old man's abuse as long as she has and they are all of the opinion that the woman did the shooting while in a fit of temporary insanity brought on by constant abuse. The two families of Scotts live side by side on the fifth concession of West Nissouri, the old man living alone. The other household consists of Wesley Scott, his wife and one daughter who is about 15 years of age. The homes are between two and three miles east of Thornedale. Mrs. Scott, Sr., stated that she had been the second wife of deceased. She said he had always been a model husband to her and never abused her. The son, Wesley, said that his mother had died of heart failure some twenty-two years ago. The neighbors stated that just before the first Mrs. Scott died a kettle of boiling water had been spilled over her breast and they went so far as to charge her husband with throwing her out of a loft on two occasions and breaking a leg.

An inquest was opened this afternoon at the Scott home. After viewing the body the inquest adjourned to meet on Friday evening in Thornedale. Coroner Hughes of this city is in charge of the inquest.

Dr. Armstrong from Thornedale conducted a postmortem after the jury viewed the remains. The shooting was done with a .32 revolver which Wesley Scott says has been in the house for years.

"I was surprised to hear that my wife had shot my father. I would not have been surprised had he shot her, as he often threatened to shoot her and I," he said.

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Located this 1st day of September, 1909.

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UNDER FIFTY TONS OF ORE

Awful Experience of Man Working at Granby—Is Still Living

PHOENIX, Sept. 17.—To fall 10 ft. into a steel car and be buried under 50 tons of crushed rock for more than half an hour and still live is the experience of Edward Edwards who lies in the Phoenix General Hospital today with good prospects of recovery.

Edwards was loading a car at No. 3 Granby crusher and fell from a platform into the car, the crushed rock continuing to fall and bury him until the mouth of the chute became choked. Foreman John Ingram examined the state of the car and came to the conclusion that Edward was under the load. The ore was carefully run off from one side of the car, when the unfortunate man was found in an unconscious and badly bruised condition from the ore falling on him. He had probably been in the position for an hour. His bruises although numerous, are not thought to be serious but is still suffering seriously from the shock.

A PLAIN STORY

J. B. McLachlan, district secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers Union, writing from Glace Bay to the Eastern Labor News tells the following story of the treatment accorded members of the working class by the capitalists and their hired thugs. The temper of the miners is being seriously misjudged or else there were more than four ruffians in the immediate vicinity:

"The strike situation at Glace Bay is in every way looking bright for a successful issue for the miners: The Dominion Coal Company is resorting to the tactics not only of a defeated foe, but of an unscrupulous and desperate enemy.

On Friday evening, July 30th in the town of Dominion No. 4 the military and police force of the Dominion Coal Company drove Joseph Peters away from his wife and five small children at the point of the bayonet. Peters lived in a row of shacks which border on a wood away from the main street. After Peters was driven away no one was allowed within fifty yards of the shack where the woman was imprisoned. The officials of the Coal Company nailed up the door from the outside and for fifteen long hours this lonely woman was left to the tender mercies of four strange men. After dark no one outside the soldiers line of march could even see the shack, or the men who kept guard on account of the black background. If ever there was an attempt to hand over a woman to the lusts of men it happened at Dominion No. 4 on July 30th. This story was not told to me by anyone. I spoke to Peters on the street while a soldier walked with a naked knife on his gun between him and his wife, and the men who were around her house at the instigation of the Coal Company. The law? There is no law for striking miners in Glace Bay. This is the Coal Company that is horrified at the miners joining a "foreign trade union."

While John Moffat is going around among the miners hypocritically whining about the "sacredness" of their contract with the Dominion Coal Company, the most sacred relationship of husband and wife is being torn asunder by one of the blackest crimes that was ever attempted.

Can the people of Canada believe it that on July 30th at the instigation of the Dominion Coal Company Joseph Peters was driven from his home, wife and children at the point of the bayonet, that the terror stricken wife was handed over to the tender mercies of two soldiers and two special policemen of the Dominion Coal Company, that no one could get nearer to the house where the men and imprisoned women were than fifty yards, that after dark no one outside the soldiers line could even see the shack, that that woman was forced to remain in the house alone with her five helpless children with these strange men from five o'clock on Friday evening, July 30th, until eight o'clock Saturday morning. Had that happened in Russia we would have all thrown up our hands in horror. It has happened to a man whose only crime is that of being on strike.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty (30) days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for Coal and Petroleum on the following described lands situate in South E. Kootenay, British Columbia, Block 4593, commencing at a post planted at or near 3 miles east of 30 mile post of the present C. P. R. surveyed line and being the north-west corner of Nat Babcock claim; Thence running south 80 chains; Thence running east 80 chains; Thence running north 80 chains; Thence running west 80 chains; to a point of commencement, making 640 acres more or less.

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Sunday School Suggestive Questions

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

SEPT. 19 1909

Review

Golden Text for the Quarter.—So mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed.—Acts xix:20.

The following review can be used as a complete lesson in itself or as a review of the eleven preceding lessons.

The date and title of each lesson and where found, the Golden Text, and only one question from each lesson follow:

July 4—

Acts xv:36 to xvi:15 Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Antioch to Philippi. Golden Text Acts xvi:9. Come over to Macedonia and help us.

Verses 37-39—If a man shows lack of courage, or tact, or faithfulness, in one position; does that in any measure disqualify him from getting another, or from success when in another position?

July 11—

Acts xvi:16-40. Paul's Second Missionary Journey. The Philippian Jail. Golden Text Acts xvi:31. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and Thou shalt be saved.

Verse 16—In what class do you put those who, knowingly, either directly or indirectly, profit by the sins of fallen women?

July 18—

Acts xvii:1-15. Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Thessalonica and Berea. Golden Text; Psalm 110:11. Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee.

Verse 2—Is it necessary for us to adopt all Paul's opinions, deductions, and prognostications, in order to be well pleasing to God?

July 25—

Acts xvii:16-31. Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Athens. Golden Text: John iv:24. God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Verse 18—Which brings the more lasting happiness and develops the nobler character and why, the Epicurean philosophy, a life devoted to the pleasure of sense; or the Stoic, Christian philosophy, a life devoted to the service of others, and to self-denial? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

August 1—

Acts xviii:1-22. Close of Paul's Second Missionary Journey. Golden Text John xvi:33. In the world ye have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Verses 2-3—A goodly proportion of the membership of the church have the ability to preach; ought not this ability to be developed, thus giving to every local church several preachers who could divide the preaching between them, paying only one a salary, who would thus have plenty of time to act as pastor?

August 8—

I Thess. v:12-24 Paul's Instructions to the Thessalonians. Golden Text: I Thess. v:15. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever allow that which is good.

Verse 21—Can the real truth ever be a hurt to a true man, and should not such a man be glad to change his opinions, when he finds he is wrong, as to change a worn out garment for a new one?

August 15—

Acts xviii:23 to xix:17—Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey—Ephesus. Golden Text: Acts xix:17. He name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

Verse 28—Why is it that God has conditions: all extension of human progress and betterment, including salvation itself, upon the zeal, ability and goodness of those who already enjoy its benefits?

August 22—

Acts xix:23 to xx:1. Paul's Third Missionary Journey—The Riot in Ephesus. Golden Text, II Cor. xli:9. Ho said unto me. My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

Verses 23-27: When the general welfare of the people is injured by the business of the few, is it or not, the duty of the state to make such business illegal?

August 29—

I Cor. xlii:13. Paul on Christian Love. Golden Text: I Cor. xlii:13. Now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Verses 4-7—Why is it that love tends to promote patience, politeness, kindness, gentleness, humility and every other virtue?

September 5—

Acts xx:23-38. Paul's Third Missionary Journey: Farewells. Golden Text: Phil: iv:13. I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me.

Verses 7-12—Why is it that church members will listen, unwearied, for hours, to a political speech, and get tired of even a good sermon, if it lasts longer than thirty minutes?

September 12—

Acts xxi:1-17. Close of Paul's Third Missionary Journey. Golden Text: Acts xxi:14. The will of the Lord be done.

September 26th 1909

Temperance Lesson. I Cor. 10, 23-33.

Golden Text:—Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good or edification. Rom. 15:2.

Verse 23—If a man could lawfully drink intoxicating liquor, in moderation, would it be a good thing to do, seeing so many thousands are being ruined yearly, by drinking, all of whom commenced to drink in moderation? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Is a man honest, either in money or morals, who always goes as far as the law of the land will allow him and no further?

If the general influence of anything we do which may be lawful in itself, is injurious to ourselves or others, what is our duty?

What is the general influence of the drink traffic?

Verse 24—Why is not all our duty to our neighbor fulfilled when we have succeeded in doing him no harm?

Does Paul mean that we are to devote more time and thought to adding to our neighbor's wealth than we do to our own, and if not, what does he mean?

To how much of our respect is a man entitled who cares nothing for the success of others but is devoted wholly to his own?

Verse 25—In those days meat was offered to idols and afterward sold in the market for food, and some conscientious people objected to eating it for that reason. What did Paul advise under the circumstances, and why did he offer the advice which he gave?

Should we always pay the price demanded without question, or should we endeavor to buy for the lowest possible price?

Verse 26—If the earth is the Lord's why should not all real estate be public property?

How much of our property should we consider that we own in our own right?

Verse 27—Is it right for a Christian to be intimate with world people, to attend their parties and to conform to their usages, when such usages are not actually sinful?

If who is used at a party which a Christian attends would it be right or wrong for him to drink it and why?

Is it a Christian's right to do as he is "disposed" in any matter, or has God got a specific plan for him for all matters great and small?

Verses 28-30—Was the meat in itself any less good for having been offered to an idol?

Why does Paul here advise not to eat meat that had been offered to an idol, if any person called attention to it who thought that it was wrong to do so?

Is it necessarily hypocrisy to do a thing behind a person's back that you would not do before his face?

If no person ever got drunk, and if drinking was doing no harm would it be right or wise for us to drink intoxicating liquor as a beverage?

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Verse 31.—Are all our actions taken by God as worship if they are done to his glory?

How is it possible for a Christian to do literally everything he does to the glory of God?

Verses 32-33—What should be our supreme desire in all our dealing with our fellow men?

Lesson for Sunday, October 3 1909—Paul a Prisoner.—The Arrest. Acts 21: 17 to 22: 20.

THE LORD'S DAY

And the Lord's Day Act—Dr. Albert Moore's Visit

There is always a good deal of misconception when any new legislation is attempted and it is sometimes a helpful thing to have an expert to straighten out the tangles.

Such an opportunity is to be afforded to Fernie on Sunday next, September 19, in connection with the visit of Dr. Albert Moore, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, who is making a trip through the west. He is probably the best posted man on the inn and out and general bearings of the Lord's Day act.

Dr. Moore will be addressing a mass meeting in Bruce's hall at the close of the evening service of the Presbyterian church at 8.30 p.m. He is one of the most forceful public speakers in Canada, and has the reputation of being able to hold an audience under any conditions.

Previous to the mass meeting he will preach in the Methodist church, at 7.30 and deal with men's interests in connection with the plans of the new Methodist church. Besides being the official secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance he is also secretary of the general conference of the Methodist church, the legislative body of that organization which meets every four years.

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Lesson for Sunday, September 26—Temperance Lessons I Cor. x 23-33.

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NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the Creditors' Trust, Deeds Act, 1901, and Amending Acts, Alexander A. Gillespie, carrying on business as a merchant in the city of Fernie, in the Province of British Columbia, did, on the 7th day of September, 1909, assign all his personal estate, credits and effects which may be seized and sold under execution to Cornelius E. Lyons of the said City of Fernie, accountant, for the benefit of his creditors.

And notice is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the said debtor will be held in the office of Messrs. Eckstein & McTaggart, Eckstein Building, Fernie, B. C., on the 21st day of September, 1909, at the hour of four o'clock in the afternoon. All persons having claims against the said debtor are required to forward particulars of the same, duly verified, to the assignee at Fernie, B. C., on or before the 9th day of October, 1909.

And notice is hereby given that after that date the assignee will proceed to distribute the proceeds of the estate, having regard only to the claims of which he shall have received notice, and he will not be responsible for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose debt he shall not then have received notice.

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mind. His head was sound again, and, on cool reflection, he was glad to have slept through the events of what Stenovics' proclamation had styled "the auspicious day." He seized little Le-page by the arm, greeted him with cordiality and carried him off to drink at the Golden Lion. Without imputing any serious lack of sobriety to his companion, Le-page thought that this refreshment was not the first of which the good humored captain had partaken that afternoon, his manner was so very cordial, his talk so very free.

"Well, here we are," he said. "We did our best, you and I, Le-page. Our consciences are clear. As loyal subjects we have now to accept the existing regime."

"What is it?" asked Le-page. "I've been indoors a week."

"It's Alexis—still Alexis! Long live Alexis!" said Markart, with a sigh. "You surely don't take Baroness Dobrava into account?" "I just wanted to know," said Le-page, drinking thoughtfully. "And—er—captain—behind the youthful king? Countess Ellenburg?"

"No doubt, no doubt. Behind him his very pious mother, Le-page." "And behind her?" persisted Le-page. Markart laughed, but cast a glance round and shook his head. "Come, come, captain, don't leave an old friend in the dark, just where information would be useful."

"An old friend! Oh, when I remember my aching head! You think me very forgiving, M. Le-page."

"If you knew the night I spent, you'd forgive me anything," said Le-page, with a shudder of reminiscence.

"All, well," said Markart after another draft. "I'm a soldier. I shall obey my orders."

"Perfect, captain! And who will give them to you, do you think?"

"That's exactly what I'm waiting to see. Oh, I've turned prudent! No more adventures for me!"

"I'm quite of your mind, but it's so difficult to be prudent when one doesn't know which is the strongest side."

"You wouldn't go to Volseni?" laughed Markart.

"Perhaps not, but there are difficulties nearer home. If you went out of this door and turned to the left, you would come to the offices of the council of ministers. If you turned to the right and thence to the right again and on to the north wall, you would come, captain, to Suleiman's tower. Now, as I understand, Colonel Stenovics—"

"Is at the tower and the general at the offices, eh?"

"Precisely. Which turn do you mean to take?"

Markart looked round again. "I shall sit here for a bit longer," he said. He finished his liquor thereby perhaps, adding just the touch of openness lacking to his advice and, leaning forward, touched Le-page on the arm.

"Do you remember the prince's guns, the guns for which he bartered Captain Herlevics?"

"Aye, well!" said Le-page.

"They're on the river, up at Kolskol now. I should keep my eye on them. They're to be brought to Slavna. Who do you think'll bring them? Keep your eye on that."

"They're both scoundrels," said Le-page, rising to go.

Markart shrugged his shoulders. "The front lies on the ground for the man who can pick it up. Why not? There's nobody who's got any right to it now."

He expressed exactly the view of the two great neighbors, though by no means in the language which their official communications adopted.

Stenovics knew their views very well. He had also received a pretty plain intimation from Stenovics that the colonel considered the escorting of the guns to Slavna as a purely military task, appertaining not to the ministry of state, but to the officer commanding the garrison in the capital. Stenovics will be at Kolskol—bore!" He put his finger by the spot. "On Thursday morning he'll start back. The baroque travel well, and—yes—I think he'll have his guns here by Sunday, less than a week from now. Yes, on Thursday night he ought to reach Volseni, on Friday Napaka, on Saturday the lock at Mikleveni. Yes, on Saturday the lock at Mikleveni! That would bring him here on Sunday. Yes, the lock at Mikleveni on Saturday, I think." He looked up at Le-page almost imploringly. "If she hesitates, show her that. They're bound to be here in less than a week!"

Le-page cocked his head on one side and looked at the minister thoughtfully. It all sounded very convincing. Colonel Stenovics would be at the lock at Mikleveni on Saturday and on Sunday with the guns at Slavna. And of course, arduous though the transport would be, they could be before Volseni in two or three days more. It was really no use resisting.

Stenovics passed a purse over to Le-page. "For your necessary expenses," he said. Le-page took up the purse, which felt well filled, and pocketed it. "The baroness mayn't fully appreciate what I've been saying," added Stenovics. "But Lukovitch knows every inch of the river. He'll make it quite plain if she asks him about it. And present her with my sincere respects and sympathy—my sympathy with her as a private person, of course. You mustn't commit me in any way, Le-page."

"I think," said Le-page, "that you're capable of looking after that department yourself, general. But aren't you making the colonel go a little too fast?"

"No, no, the barges will do about that."

He at once requested Stenovits to fetch the guns to Slavna. He left the colonel full discretion in the matter. His only desire was to insure the tranquillity of the capital and to show Volseni how hopeless it was to maintain the fanciful and absurd claims of Baroness Dobrava. The representative attitude was supposed, approved this attitude and wished the general to secure order and to avoid the inevitable but regrettable result of any new disturbance were handsomely acknowledged by both powers. General Stenovics had not Stenovits' nerve and dash, but he was a man of considerable resource.

A man of good feeling, too, to judge from another step he took—whether with the cognizance of the representatives or entirely of his own motion has never become known. He waited till Colonel Stenovits, who returned a civil and almost effusive reply to his communication, had set off to fetch the guns, which, as has been seen, had been unloaded from the railway and lay at Kolskol, three days' journey up the Krath; then he entered into communication with Volseni. He sent Volseni a private and friendly warning. What was the use of Volseni holding out when the big guns were coming? It could mean only hopeless resistance, more disorder, more bloodshed. Let Volseni and the lady whose claims it supported consider that, he warned in time and acknowledge King Alexis.

This letter he addressed to Zerkovitch. There were insuperable diplomatic difficulties in the way of addressing it to Sophy directly. "Madam I may not call you, and mistress I am loath to call you," said Queen Elizabeth to the archbishop's wife. It was just a case of that sort of difficulty. He could not call her queen of Kravonia, and she would be offended if he called her Baroness Dobrava. So the letter went to Zerkovitch, and it went by the hand of one of Zerkovitch's friends, so anxious was the general to be as friendly and conciliatory as circumstances permitted.

Much to his surprise, considerably to his alarm, Le-page was sent for to the general's private residence on the evening of the day on which Colonel Stenovits sent out for Kolskol to fetch the guns.

Stenovics greeted him cordially, smoothed away his apprehension, acquainted him with the nature of his mission and with the gist of the letter which he was to carry. Stenovics seemed more placid tonight than for some time back, possibly because he had got Stenovits quietly out of Slavna.

"Reg' M. Zerkovitch to give the letter to Baroness Dobrava. He called her that to Le-page) as soon as possible and to urge her to listen to it. Add that we shall be ready to treat her with every consideration—any title in reason and any provision in reason too. It's all in my letter, but repeat it on my behalf, Le-page."

"I shouldn't think she'd take either title or money, general," said Le-page bluntly.

"You think she's disinterested? No doubt, no doubt! She'll be the more ready to see the uselessness of prolonging her present attitude." He grew almost vehement as he laid his hand on a large map which was spread out

on the table in front of him. "Look here, Le-page. This is Monday. By Wednesday evening Colonel Stenovits will be at Kolskol—bore!" He put his finger by the spot. "On Thursday morning he'll start back. The baroque travel well, and—yes—I think he'll have his guns here by Sunday, less than a week from now. Yes, on Thursday night he ought to reach Volseni, on Friday Napaka, on Saturday the lock at Mikleveni. Yes, on Saturday the lock at Mikleveni! That would bring him here on Sunday. Yes, the lock at Mikleveni on Saturday, I think." He looked up at Le-page almost imploringly. "If she hesitates, show her that. They're bound to be here in less than a week!"

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"But he has a large force to move, I suppose?"

"Oh, dear, no! A large force? No, no! Only a company, just about a hundred strong, Le-page." He rose. "Just about a hundred, I think."

"Ah, then he might keep time!" Le-page agreed, still very thoughtfully. "You'll start at once?" the general asked.

"Within an hour."

"That's right. We must run no unnecessary risks. Delays might mean new troubles."

He took up his hand and shook Le-page's warmly. "You must believe that I respect and share your grief at the king's death."

"Which king, general?"

"Oh, oh! King Alexis, of course! We must listen to the voice of the nation. Our new king lives and reigns. The voice of the nation, Le-page."

"Ah," said Le-page dryly. "I'd been suspecting some ventriloquist."

General Stenovics honored the sally with a broad smile. He thought the representatives with colds would be amused if he repeated it. The pat on the shoulder which he gave Le-page was a congratulation. "The animal is so very inarticulate of itself," he said.

THOUGH not remote in distance, yet Volseni was apart and isolated from all that was happening. Not only was nothing known of the two great neighbors—nothing reached him in Volseni of the state of affairs in Slavna itself. They did not know that the thieves were quarrelling about the plunder nor that the diplomatists had taken cold. They knew only that young Alexis reigned in Slavna by reason of their king's murder and against the will of him who was dead; only that they had chosen Sophia for their queen because she had been the dead king's wife and his chosen successor.

All the men who could be spared from labor came into the city. They collected what few horses they could. They filled their little fortress with provisions. They could not go to Slavna, but they awaited with condoleance the day when Slavna should dare to move against them into the hills. Slavna had never been able to beat them in their own hills yet. The holder split its even implored Lukovitch to lead them down in a raid on the plains.

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PARKS BOARD WANT DREAD-NOUGHT

(Winnipeg Voice)

The Labor Sunday mass meeting, which had been arranged for by the Trades and Labor Council to be held in St. Johns Park, last Sunday afternoon, did not take place.

Intimation having been previously conveyed to the council that the parks board were determined to stop the meeting at all costs, it was concluded that the board was suffering from "nerves" from some cause or other and no attempt should therefore be made to hold the meeting.

A large number of people gathered at the park from 2 o'clock on during the afternoon. Just inside the main gate there stood a squad of four policemen, no doubt prepared for all emergencies. The peace and quiet and comfort of the shade, however, did not suggest the likelihood of hostilities and later on they mingled with the throng in the park.

The Socialists have been in the habit of addressing meetings in the park at intervals during the summer, and a considerable number of their party gathered on Sunday afternoon to see what would happen to the Labor men if they defied the governing class to the extent of holding the proposed meeting. As nothing was doing, and there being a splendid audience they opened up a meeting of their own. It was nearly five o'clock when the experiment was made and in order that the susceptibilities of the parks board should not be unduly trampled upon, the orators of the red flag took up a position down non the river bank near the water's edge.

But the law was on the spot in a few minutes, when the blue clothes strong arms stepped forward, and told the speaker that he would have to discontinue at once. The speaking stopped—for a brief time. It struck some of the comrades that the Red river must be a proper and appropriate place for the red flag party to use as a base for propaganda. While a discussion was on as to whether the Dominion government or the civic authorities would feel equal to the occasion of sweeping the water of the Red clear of Free Speech rebels, and how long it would take, a craft hove in sight. Whether the occurrence was providential as some thought, or whether the appearance of the Socialist fleet at this juncture was all in the arrangements we know not, but sure it was that that craft was manned by members of the Socialist party. The big guns were immediately taken on board and right away a bombardment of oratory was turned on the delighted crowd along the river bank, and even with the temple of capitalism—St. Johns park.

Now there was profanation most complete. Citizens standing on the sacred sward of the park were listening to the gospel of economic salvation, the prohibition of the parks board to the contrary notwithstanding. The police were agitated, also nonplussed for a while. Then a despatch runner departed for haste for the nearest telephone for instructions, reinforcements and a Dreadnought or a life belt. Then came back the faithful news "The parks board have no Dreadnoughts."

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Much sickness starts with weak stomach, and consequent poor, impoverished blood. Nervous and pale people lack good, rich, red blood. Their stomachs need invigorating for, after all, a man can be no stronger than his stomach. A remedy that makes the stomach strong and the liver active, makes rich red blood and overcomes and drives out disease-producing bacteria and cures a whole multitude of diseases.

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ing continued until the combatants got hungry. Up to the time of going to press none of the victors have been gathered into the guardhouse.

FALL SKIN DISEASES

AN ARTICLE FOR MOTHERS

When the children "break out" with eruptions and skin diseases, so common in the fall, don't run to useless and nauseating medicines. Zam-Buk is what is needed. It is a skin food as well as a healing balm.

Mrs. Chas. Levere, of Prescott, North Channel, Ont., tells how Zam-Buk cured her baby. She says: "My baby's head and face was one complete mass of sores. The itching and irritation were fearful and the little one's plight was so fearful that at one time we feared her ears would be eaten off."

"We had to keep her hands tied for days to prevent her rubbing and scratching the sores. Doctor after doctor treated her in vain until we had five doctors. They all agreed that it was a frightful case of eczema, but none of them did any permanent good."

"As a last resource we were advised to try Zam-Buk. The first box did so much good that we felt sure that we were at last working in the right direction. We persevered with the treatment until we had used thirteen boxes, and at the end of that time I am glad to say Zam-Buk effected a cure."

Mrs. Holmes of 30 Guise street Hamilton, is quite as eloquent in her praises. She says: "Zam-Buk cured my boy of boils and eruptions when he was so bad that he had been unable to mix with other children. Prior to

the boils breaking out he had had a bad eruption, but Zam-Buk cleared this away too and made his skin clear and smooth. It is a wonderful preparation and mothers throughout the land ought to keep it handy."

For eczema, eruptions, rashes, tetter itch, ringworm, and similar skin diseases Zam-Buk is without equal. It also cures cuts, burns, scalds, piles, abscesses, chronic sores, blood poisoning, etc. All druggists and stores at 50 cents a box or post free for price from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto.

CATCHING



What'd you catch? Measles, so far.

NOTICE

For Sale: A new Goldie & McCulloch safe. Apply to L. P. Eckstein.

For sale, 5 milk cows. Apply to G. Morley, Kokato.

For sale: Pure bred Irish Water-Spaniel pups. Apply to B. F. Lester, Hosmer, B. C.

Wanted: A tidy active dining room girl, good wages. Apply Thomson: Pearding house, Michel.

Furnished House to Let: 6 roomed cottage. Apply Ledger Office.

LOCAL NEWS

Fishing tackle outfits at Suddaby's.

F. H. Pearson of Jaffray was in town this week.

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

W. Haldane went to Nelson Thursday on a business trip.

Get in the game—big furniture sale now on at the Trites-Wood Co.

Mrs. J. Scott leaves on Monday for Couer d'Alene, Idaho.

Baseball, football and tennis outfits at Suddaby's.

Dr. Bell, the vet, from Cranbrook, was in the city this week.

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

H. L. Blackstone left on a hunting trip the early part of the week and returned on Thursday.

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

M. A. MacDonald the leading legal torch from Cranbrook was here this week attending court.

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

The Grand Master of the I. O. O. F. of British Columbia is expected here on the 6th of October.

Finest in the land—Ingram's bath room.

The Misses Euler will occupy part of the new Henderson block next to the post office as soon as completed.

For cleanliness and home cooking try Fairclough's boarding house, 179-180 Coal Creek, opp. football grounds.

Wanted: Experienced lath millmen. Apply at once to L. T. Smith, Elk Lumber company mill. Good wages paid to the right men.

Rummage sale at Bleasdel's drug store.

The moving pictures at the opera house are better than ever these days and a much better patronage is observed. The latest films are shown.

A Bargain Flurry at Bleasdel's drug store.

President Elias Rogers of the C. N. P. Coal Co. was in town this week. Together with Mr. Hurd and W. R. Ross he left for the coast later.

Window shades; the price is too small to mention at Trites-Wood Co.

Judge Wilson held court here this week and several cases were disposed of.

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

Mr. Watson, contractor, was at Calgary for a couple of days this week on business.

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

E. W. Scott and wife left Thursday for Toronto, Napanee and other eastern points.

Refrigerators, the kind that they use at the equator, from \$9 up at Trites-Wood Co.

Mrs. Geo. A. Simmons from Crapaud P. E. I. is visiting with her son W. J. Simmons here.

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

Richard Alder is getting along very nicely at the hospital. He has shown wonderful vitality and will be out soon.

It's up to you. We are here to save you money in furniture and stoves. The Trites Wood Co.

Mrs. Coulton's and Mrs. Joe Whelan's two sons are here from Wallace, Idaho, visiting with the Whelan's here.

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

T. B. Struthers has been sent up for trial and has elected for a speedy hearing. His case will come up on October 6 here.

When thirsty nothing but Michel beer for me.

Miss Brown will leave on Tuesday for Spokane to pick up some millinery novelties in the interest of the Todd Millinery Parlors. Miss Rheta Todd will accompany her.

Up-to-date billiard and pool room for sale. Easy terms or to rent to responsible party. Enquire J. Seigle, New Michel.

Robt. Kerr, architect, visited Calgary on Thursday and Friday on business in connection with the finishings for the school and other matters.

To make room for several cars of furniture The Crow's Nest Trading Company Limited, are offering special reductions on all furniture for one week.

Mrs. W. T. Jones desires to express thanks to all the members of Fernie local for the handsome assistance they rendered her in her late sad bereavement.

Be sure and look at Bleasdel's windows Saturday and Monday.

20 bricklayers wanted, 80 cents an hour. Apply Carbeck and Jackson.

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

Mrs. L. P. Eckstein and her daughter went to Spokane on Monday where Miss Eckstein will attend school.

The annual shoot of the Kootenay Rifles will be held on September 26. There are a number of trophies to be competed for.

The Crow's Nest Trading Co. were unfortunate enough to lose another fine horse this week. It is thought that the water in the creek was the cause.

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

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Invitations are out for a smoker under the auspices of the Fraternal Order of Eagles on Monday night. It is needless to say that the affair will be a great success.

Advertising space on the new drop curtain in the Miners opera house is now available. To arrange for special position see D. Rees, secretary, or address box 361, Fernie.

Several have remarked that the provincial government building contractors might have used Fernie brick for the inside walls. Why bring in outside brick for such work?

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'll do the rest.

Colonel Lowery of Greenwood, and formerly of this city, the pioneer newspaper man of B. C., paid us a call this week. It is the first time we had the pleasure of shaking hands with Bro. Lowery and we were pleased to meet him. May he have success in the coming years.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING

W. D. Haywood is meeting with good big houses wherever he goes. He is one of the ablest exponents of Socialism who has ever been in the Pass. He had a very large crowd at Michel, and later at Coleman he was greeted by an enthusiastic audience. At Coleman Chas. O'Brien M. P. P. was on the platform and spoke. Mr. O'Brien was very impressive also. Socialism under such able speakers is bound to increase wonderfully.

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150 WOODSMEN
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