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A DAY OF RECKONING

Reports of Outrageous Voting in Fernie Riding

List of names twice voted on in Fernie riding:

106—Charles Baker, Jaffray and Elko.

247—Joseph Boyle, Jaffray and McDougall's.

262—Wilfred Bridger, Jaffray and Coal Creek.

444—George Cleaves, Jaffray and New Michel.

1109—Wm. Hodson, Coal Creek and Fernie.

1443—Jesse Mansfield, Elko and New Michel.

1527—John Millar, Jaffray and Elko.

1765—Alex. McKenzie, Fruitlands and Jaffray.

1902—William Parker, Jaffray and Coal Creek.

2048—Henry Jas. Rendall, Door, Jaffray and Fernie.

2189—Wm. Dawson, Schofield, Jaffray and Fernie.

2188—Joe Schmidt, Krag and Fernie.

2281—David H. Smith, McDougall's and Coal Creek.

2555—John Walker—Krag and Waldo

2622—Thomas Hugh Whelan, Elko and Fernie.

The election is over and W. R Ross is officially returned as member for Fernie We congratulate him on his victory and wish him joy and satisfaction, but we are doubtful, providing there still lingers in his giant and handsome bulk one spark of manhood, that he can derive much of either out of an election which was so manifestly corrupt as this one appears to have been

The large majority of votes received by Ross came as a surprise to those who have attended his meetings and heard the feeble applause accorded him, and the strong demonstrations of disapproval, but when we find that 14 names were used twice and one three times, we become somewhat enlightened as to the reason why one who is publicly disproved of should be privately elected. Ross' method of campaigning is explained by the results before us. Whether or not he was cognizant of the underhand work perpetrated in this election is a matter for proof, and we must hold him guiltless until that proof is forthcoming; but his action at the recount is not conducive to allaying any suspicion in that respect. When the count started an attempt was made to rush the boxes through as they were finished; this would hae prevented an official recognition of repeaters and was opposed by D. A. McDonald, counsel for Harrington and Fisher.

The act provides for the lists being gone over to ascertain if any voters have voted twice. It was finally arranged that no official decision be arrived at until the entire riding had been scrutinised and repeaters dealt with. According to the act candidates receiving votes from repeaters lose both votes cast. Unfortunately no provision is made for discovering by whom such votes were cast, consequently that part of the act is mere sound and fury—signifying nothing.

However when all the lists had been gone over and the time had arrived for dealing with the repeaters, the returning officer maintaining that he had nothing to do with those "intelligent and reasoning citizens" (see the Free Press) decided that W. R. Ross was to be the choice of the Fernie electors.

The following morning Mr. McDonald again appeared before the returning officer for information as to repeaters, but was informed that no record had been kept officially of these law breakers. Mr. Eckstein appeared and stated that he had been employed by Mr. Ross during the count, and as his client had been returned he had nothing further to say. Mr. Ross did not appear. Two days were consumed at some expense to discover who had been voting twice, and no record was kept of these transgressors. The least Mr. Ross could have done was to assist in the bringing of those who had voted twice before a court, and have them punished according to law. The fact that he has taken no interest in so notorious an attempt to deprive the electors of this riding of their proper expression does not operate in his favor. However if Mr. Ross is not going to move in this matter he may be assured that others haev more respect for the integrity of the ballot box and some of those who voted illegally will be made an example of.

Correct Figures

	Fisher.	Harr.	Ross.	Spoil.
Fernie	208	250	315	16
Coal Creek	25	124	49	44
New Michel	26	51	63	4
Crows Nest	3	6	21	0
Elko	10	2	42	1
Baynes Lake	11	3	6	1
Corbin	4	11	24	2
Harmers	1	2	9	0
Morrissey	4	1	2	0
Trywood	1	1	2	0
Sparwood	1	2	6	0
Galloway	1	2	7	0
Hosmer	46	23	74	7
Waldo	9	3	10	1
Jaffray	15	1	47	2
McDougall	4	4	18	1
Fruitlands	3	0	19	1
Dorr	7	3	10	0
Krag	11	1	17	0
Michel	15	159	54	3
	405	649	795	44

Local Option Vote

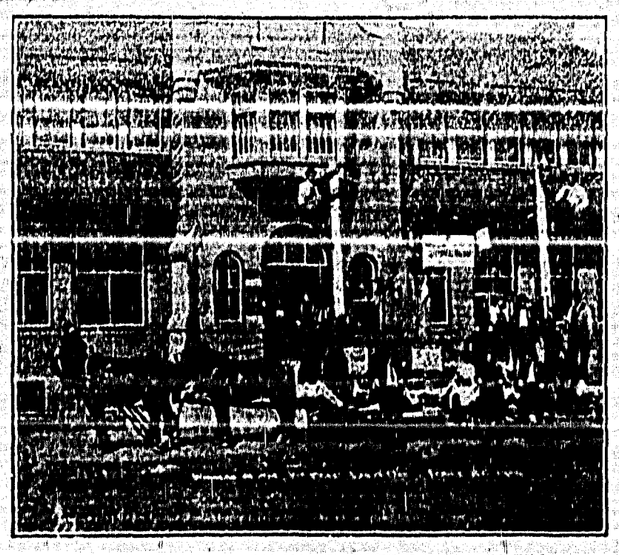
The following figures show that the Fernie riding gave quite a substantial majority for local option.

	For	Ag'st	Spoil
Crows Nest	6	16	0
Fernie	387	285	50
McDougall's	9	14	1
Dorr	9	9	0
Sparwood	5	—	0
Waldo	6	6	0
Harmer's Ranch	3	4	0
Baynes Lake	15	2	0
Coal Creek	88	86	19
Corbin	19	22	0
Galloway	6	3	0
Michel	64	32	1
New Michel	34	43	1
Elko	15	30	2
Hosmer	51	79	15
Fruitlands	5	2	0
Krag	10	11	0
Jaffray	29	14	1
Triwood	1	2	0
Morrissey Jct.	3	0	0
	765	660	90

BILL GALLIHER IS LANDED AT LAST

FORMER POLITICIAN CHOSEN AS ONE OF THE GREAT AND MIGHTY

OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—The personnel of the new British Columbia court of Appeals has been announced. The new court is composed of four judges. They are Judge A. Martin and Judge P. A. Irving of the present supreme Court of British Columbia and W. H. Galliher, ex-M.P., and Mr. J. A. Macdonald, former leader of the Liberal party in this province. Mr. Macdonald is named as chief justice. To replace Judges Martin and Irving of the Supreme court, Mr. F. B. Gregory of Victoria and Mr. Dennis Murphy of Ashcroft are named.



FERNIE LABOR DAY 1909 ELECTRICAL WORKERS

NEW LOCALS IN DIST. NO. 18

Officers are Cordially Received in Alberta Camps And Spirit of Good Will is Manifested-- Preparing for a Good Season

EDMONTON TROUBLE NOW SETTLED

Active organization work in district 18 has been proceeding at a good rate lately. Last week President Powell and Organizer T. E. James spent considerable time in the southern Alberta district. The collieries of the Diamond City Coal Company are now in readiness for an active season, and as a number of miners are already at work there, the organization, or rather reorganization of the local there was thought advisable. The District officers met with a most courteous reception from Thos. Underwood, the President and General Manager of the new company, and gave the District officers every encouragement to go ahead, and draw up a working contract and scale of prices to govern the Diamond City workings. Both President Powell and Organizer James speak in the highest terms of the property. It bears an excellent quality of lignite coal, the plant is up-to-date and complete, and the treatment of the miners there, we are assured will be humane and decent.

General Superintendent Bramling accompanied the district officers on a tour of inspection of the plant and underground workings, and they were given to understand that the mines there were open to them for inspection at any and all times.

The prospects for a splendid local in Diamond City are most encouraging. In a short time there will be between 90 and 100 men at work, and all will be members of the U. M. W. of A. The number of the local is 2178, and the president is A. G. Enchcliff, and the hustling secretary, P. Kelly.

President Underwood and his company are indeed to be congratulated on the splendid property they have acquired, and the officers of District 18 appreciate the courtesy extended to them, and also the good working conditions which will prevail there.

Diamond City, it may be stated, is situated about ten miles from the city of Lethbridge. A considerable amount of the stock is held locally, and it will be good news to holders that a sharp advance was marked in the price in the last few days.

New Local at Coal City

Five miles from Tabor, Alta., the Rocks Springs Sootless Company and the Alberta Consolidated Company recently commenced operations, and the camp is now know as Coal City. Upon entering this field the officers of District 18 also had a good reception, from Manager Bullock of the Rocks Springs Company, and from the officials of the Alberta Consolidated Co. Organizer James got the men together, and was successful in enrolling 35 miners as charter members, and application has been made to International headquarters for a charter for the Coal City men. The men here selected as their president F. Leonard, while S. Keith was elected to the office of secretary.

The conditions in this field promise to be good for the men engaged, and in the near future this will undoubtedly be a large and prosperous camp.

Both President Powell and Organizer James at both these places impressed upon the men the necessity of all the miners becoming subscribers for The District Ledger in order that they might be fully conversant in the affairs of their own district and keep in touch with labor matters generally. A number of new names were added to the Ledger list as a result.

Edmonton District

Conditions in this district are very much better than they were a year ago, but still in many instances they are yet deplorable. The mines and houses for the men are in many cases as undesirable as could be imagined, and call for sweeping changes and improved conditions.

Miners contemplating going into the north country should be careful at present where they locate, and it would be better to defer entering that region until more satisfactory conditions exist.

Organizers Brovey and James organized a new union in Edmonton, with an enrollment of some 60 members.

For some time past there has been more or less trouble in this field and the District officers felt that the only chance of dealing with the operators in a satisfactory manner would be to organize a Coal Operators association to meet with the miners officials, and also to come to some agreement among themselves as to the selling price of the product of their mines. Several invitations for such a conference were sent out, and at the first meeting some half dozen attended, and it was thought advisable to call another meeting in the hope that a more representative attendance might be obtained. On the occasion of the second meeting the attendance of coal operators was at zero, so nothing further could be done in that line.

International Organizer McCluskey is also doing good work in this section.

Vice-President Stubbs, who has been in this country for some weeks, is still working there.

On Strike Now

Word comes from the Edmonton district that work has been suspended in at least six mines around there, on account of the persistent failure of the operators to come to terms and give the men any working agreement. The strike was not ordered by the District officers, but it is understood that the men have taken the matter in their own hands.

Apparently the men there have taken a most opportune time, as the demand for coal is very great at present, and already one comany has sought out some leaders of the men and offered to make concessions for an agreement.

The men have taken a decided and firm stand in the matter, and this in itself speaks well for a successful outcome.

Off to Saskatchewan

From four to five hundred miners are engaged in the coal fields of Saskatchewan at present, and here also there is room for improvement.

No Compensation Act is in force there and no Eight Hour law is on the statute books of the province.

Seemingly it is not the intention of the government to do anything for the miners of that province. In his recent speech from the throne Premier Scott spoke of almost everything else under the sun, but not one word had he to offer in regard to legislation that would in any way ameliorate the conditions of the miners of that province.

At present there is a Liability Act or legislation to that end, in force, but the machinery required to get it in motion requires so much monetary persuasion in the shape of fees and costs, that it is not, from a miner's standpoint, of much use.

District 18 will soon have officers in this province, and a strong attempt will be made to remedy matters.

In Nicola Valley

Nicola Valley, the seat of trouble for some time, is to be organized.

This is the present intention of the U. M. W. of A., both District 18 and the International. It is thought that by careful work much of the trouble existing at one time between the union and the Company can be done away with.

The affairs all through the district are in much better shape than for some time, and much of this is due to the splendid work of the present officers.

It is most significant indeed that in the past week three good companies operating in Southern Alberta should welcome the officials of District 18 United Mine Workers of America into their camps, and be ready and willing to sign up with them—showing undoubtedly that the operators recognize that in dealing with the U. M. W. of A., they are dealing with a reliable organization, one which will make and keep a contract.

Later Reports

Reports now coming in from the Edmonton district indicate that the miners had a very short rest. The operators have all expressed their willingness to sign up, and have done so on a term extending to 15th of September 1910. A general increase in tonnage rate was secured, and timbering prices are also better. The day wage scale has also been improved. The general conditions are much better and the men are to be congratulated on the happy outcome of their trouble.

Vice-President Stubbs of District 18 had much to do with the ending of this trouble, and great credit is due him for his shrewd and far sighted work on this occasion.

President Powell is at present in Coleman. He has been this week in Hillcrest, Passburg, Frank, Bellevue, Maple Leaf, Police Flats and Burmis. Some matters of dispute are being adjusted in Coleman, which were left over since October 12. Mr. Bennett of the Scranton Correspondence schools, is chairman of the committee.

A mass meeting will be held in Blairmore on Sunday.

CHRIST CHURCH BAZAAR

The preparations for the bazaar to be given by the Ladies Guild of Christ church on the 10th inst, are well advanced, and the public will have an excellent opportunity to obtain their most dainty and most useful Christmas presents. Much interest is being taken in the leading feature of the bazaar, which is the drawing for the handsome Mendelssohn piano, and the tickets for this are fast being sold. As the tickets for the piano drawing are being sold at only one dollar each this is an exceptional opportunity to obtain a high grade piano practically as a gift. His worship the mayor has kindly consented to act as chairman of the committee of gentlemen who have charge of the drawing. The piano is at present on exhibition at the Heintzman piano parlors where it may be seen and heard at any time. Tickets may be purchased from any one of the following ladies: Miss Hooey, Miss Pearson, Miss Lamb, Miss Lovelace, Mrs. Beck, Miss A. G. Brown, Mrs. Harvey, Miss Reading, Miss Irene Smith, and also at the Heintzman Piano parlors.

IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. F. Spidell, the new pastor of the Fernie Baptist church, occupied the pulpit on Sunday evening, the morning service being withdrawn on account of the opening of the Methodist church. Mr. Spidell, in a few words, voiced his feelings in regard to his entering on a new field. He made it clear that he expected the hearty co-operation of all the members and stated that he did not feel it necessary to make any special appeal for workers. He outlined briefly various phases of church work which he intended to inaugurate, and with the help of the members, a good season's work is looked forward to. Mr. Spidell has moved into the house formerly occupied by Rev. Williamson on Pellatt avenue. Mrs. Spidell and little daughter accompanied him from the east. Mr. Spidell will conduct the services morning and evening on Sunday.

A FINE CALENDAR

We have received a copy of "The Gospel Text Calendar, for 1910, published by H. S. Hallman of Berlin, Ont. It contains thirteen large sheets, beautifully printed in colors, suspended from a silk cord. Each sheet except the cover contains a design of a Bible with a Bible text for each day in the month, and at the lower end of the sheet a calendar for the month in large figures. The published desires an active agent in each county or city to sell the calendar. Price 25c. each; sample copy and prices to agents 15 cents. Send for a copy to H. S. Hallman, Berlin, Ont.

A meeting of the Fernie Liberal Association will be held at the committee rooms on Monday evening at 8 p.m.

Wm. Kearns of the Saturday Sunset of Vancouver, was in the city this week and paid the Ledger a visit. He was much surprised at the outfit we have for the production of the paper.

Young lady requires situation in Fernie as nurse, or will take place as servant in good family, plain, wages, $30-$35 per month. Apply Ledger Office.

Two furnished rooms to let with electric light and bath. Pellatt Ave. Apply P. O box 324.

For Sale.—Small sized violin cello. Apply J. W. Wright, Cox street, Annex.

F. R. F. McKitrick of the Lethbridge Herald was in the city this week drumming up business for his paper. He secured a large number of new subscribers for that enterprising paper here.

RUSSIAN WAS ACQUITTED

MACLEOD, Alta. Nov. 30.—John Kulczychi, a Russian, was found not guilty by a jury in the supreme court last night on the charge of murdering Angus Ruia at Frank, Alta., on July 17 last. A game of cards led to a quarrel which resulted in Ruia being fatally stabbed.

AN EXPLANATION

Editor Ledger,

Sir:—I hereby advise you that application for transfer of liquor license held by me in respect to the Royal Hotel, Fernie, B. C., to John Podbielancik, dated May 14th, 1909, as published in the Fernie Free Press, dated November 6, 1909, is null and void, as conditions of agreement concerning said transfer were not complied with. This application of transfer was published without my knowledge or consent.

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per C W. Davey.

STRIKE SITUATION BECOMES SERIOUS

SWITCHMEN TIE UP THE WHOLE WORKS IN SHORT TIME— NOTHIN' DOIN'.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 2.—With the importation of strike breakers from Chicago and other cities and the pressing into service of other employees of the road, the railroads of the northwest affected by the strike of the Switchmen's Union of North America, which went into effect on Tuesday evening, began their first real work today in trying to restore normal traffic conditions between here and the Pacific coast. Local warehouses were open today and the roads accepted limited freight shipments to points in Dakota and Montana. Despite the efforts of the railroads there was no noticeable improvement in business conditions in the Twin Cities this morning. In Minneapolis all the flour mills with the exception of one of the smaller ones, were stopped, and the cessation of this industry alone threw about 5000 men out of employment.

It is stated that the millmen will lose $75,000 a week in wages while the mills are closed and that the loss of business to the milling concerns will amount to $700,000 a day. At the head of the lakes where the most important industries are directly dependent upon traffic conditions, a continuation of a few days more of the present congested condition will force 10,000 men out of employment.

Reports were circulated this morning that the entire brotherhood of Railway Trainmen would be called out in the affected territory but these reports could not be traced to an authentic source.

The switchmen appeared to be satisfied with the situation, however and were particularly pleased with the reports from the west of men joining the strike and the action of the Chicago switchmen in demanding an increase in wages.

FERNIE TO THE FRONT

"Progressive Fernie" and How it Has Been Received

Progressive Fernie, a book gotten up by the District Ledger of Fernie, is the swellest thing in its line that has reached this office for some time. It shows the marvellous growth of a city in one year, for Fernie it must be remembered, was wiped off the face of the earth by fire just one year ago the first of August The publication is a beauty, and the artistic work a credit to the District Ledger. —Moyie Leader.

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The city of Fernie deserves credit for the progress it has made since it was fireswept in August, 1908. The Ledger of that city has issued an admirable publication, "Progressive Fernie" to give the world at large an idea of the splendid progress that has been made in rebuilding the city. The letterpress and illustration is excellent and nothing has been left unsaid or exaggerated in telling the story. It is another volume added to the history of the making of western cities.—Calgary News.

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"Progressive Fernie," the city that grew in a year, is the attractive title of a most admirable publication, the work of the Fernie Ledger. It is the magical story of the wonderful building up of a wonderful city. The fire swept that city on August 1, and it has come into its own again in one year. This graphic story is delightfully told in picture and bright description, in the book which has just been published.—Calgary Albertan.

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The District Ledger is deserving of the highest praise for the every excellent souvenir number entitled "Progressive Fernie" which it has turned out. The book, which is a large one, is published to commemorate the anniversaries of the Fernie fire. The remarkable development of the city during the year is splendidly shown by reading matter and illustrations that are very interesting. The number is especially commendable as an example of the printers' art. The cuts print, paper and general make-up leave little to be desired.—Lethbridge Herald.

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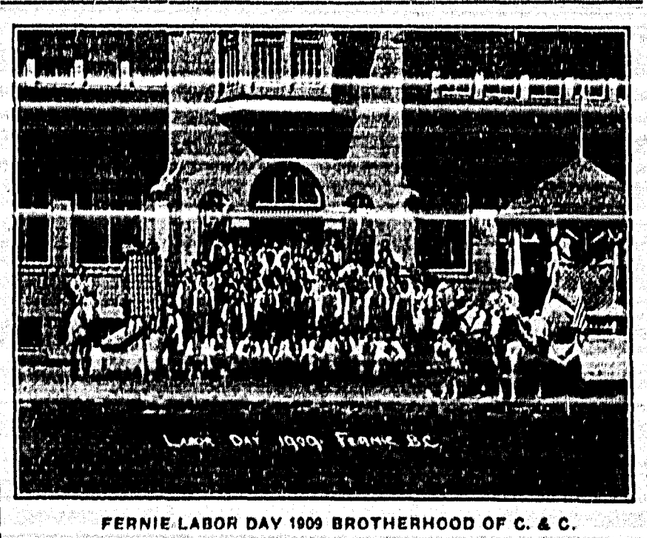
The Fernie B. C., District Ledger has issued an extremely handsome booklet entitled Progressive Fernie, which deals with the marvellous progress made by that flourishing mining centre since it was fire swept a little over a year ago. The booklet is profusely illustrated with pictures in sepia color, which afford a striking idea of the work which has been accomplished in a twelve-months period.

From the ashes of the old town, a new one has, as by magic, arisen, in every way superior to that which preceded it. Imposing bank buildings, warehouses and stores and office blocks illustrate the importance and scope of Fernie's growing commercial interests. Especially interesting are the pictures given in connection with Fernie's chief industry—coal mining—which shows the large scale upon which the immense coal deposits of the district are being worked.

Altogether Progressive Fernie lives up to its title and both the District Ledger and the town itself are to be congratulated upon a production in every way creditable to all concerned. —Regina Leader.

The Jeanne Russell Company will play at the Miners opera house here on Monday, and any who were fortunate enough to have seen Miss Russell last week speak in the highest terms of her ability as an actress. Do not fail to see her on Monday. This is not a paid local and we are not afraid to recommend her as her company is the best.



FERNIE LABOR DAY 1909 BROTHERHOOD OF C. & C.

OUR SOCIALIST PAGE

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MILITARISM IS OVER REACHING ITSELF

(New York Call)

It looks now as if France is about ready to join in the procession led by the German Empire and Great Britain.

The German financial reform, that amounted to an annual increase of $125,000,000 in taxation for the sole purpose of increasing the military and naval armaments, had fo its immediate result the overthrow of Chancellor von Buelow.

That was a matter of great sensational interest, and every newspaper the world over felt called upon to make more or less pertinent comment on it.

But the fall of Prince Buelow was an altogether insignificatn incident as compared with the series of electoral triumphs by the Geman Social Democracy, which followed close upon its heels.

In the north, as well as in the south in eelctions for the Reichstag, as well as for the diets of various states and the councils of municipalities, the Socialists have scored unprecedented, and in several cases, unexpected victories. Nor has the tide exhausted itself. On the contrary every new election adds to its force and to its volume.

Our German comrades do not deceive themselves as to the meaning of these successes. In their elation they do not pretend that the new masses of their supporters are convinced Socialists.

They fully realize that it is resentment against the new fiscal burdens, and not an understanding and acceptance of the Socialist program, that drives these voters to the support of the Social democracy.

But our German comrades know also that the same force which now drives the working masses to their support will continue to operate with accumulate intensity, for the great capitalistic nations have accepted the burden of militarism, not of their own free choice, but of necessity. And they rely upon their unrivaled organization and their powerful press and other educational facilities to turn blind resentment into an enlightened acceptance of the principles of Socialism.

The great disturbance set up by the new budget in Germany was followed by a similar disturbance in Great Britain. In the latter country the ruling powers are more amenable to popular pressure than they are in Germany, and in order to make the enormously augmented military and naval expenditures acceptable to the masses they have granted some measures of social reform in the shape of a workmen's compensation law (employers' liability act) and an old age pension law.

These measures the lords felt themselves compelled to acquiesce in but they refuse to acquiesce in increased taxation of incomes from land and capital.

This refusal of the lords seems to open a new era of political and social disturbance in Great Britain. And every such disturbance in these days can redound to the advantage of only one party, that of the awakened working class.

France now follows in the footsteps of Germany and England. There is proposed an increased expenditure of $40,000,000 a year in the new French budget. And we may be sure that that proposal will be accepted, willingly or unwillingly. In vain do the deputies dread to meet their constituents in the coming elections, after having voted for the big increase in taxation. In vain does Jaures thunder in the Chamber against the limitless and the wasteful competition in armaments. In vain does he propose an Anglo-Saxon-Franco-German agreement for the reduction of military expenditures.

The enormous increase in military expenditure is due, as Jaures says, to the rivalry between Great Britain and Germany.

The rivalry is rooted in the capitalist system. The ruling classes in Great Britain dread the progress of German armaments, the German merchant marine far more than the German battle ships. Conversely, the ruling classes of Germany have set their hearts upon rivairing, or even surpassing, the British naval power chiefly because they are resolved upon overcoming British competition in the foreign markets.

As long as this commercial rivalry among the great capitalistic nations lasts it is idle to talk of agreements for the reduction of armaments. The capitalist system must follow its natural course. By doing so it is becoming more and more unbearable to the producing masses. And thus it raises up ever new enemies against itself.

Thus does militarism sap out the strength of nations. Thus does the most powerful weapon of the ruling classes and their ultimate reliance in time of need turn into a most powerful engine for their destruction.

THE GREAT HEARST

Hearst has always been boasting that he is a model employer of labor, paying the highest salaries and wages for the best wokr. This is course, nothing more than enlightened self-interest, supposedly a cardinal capitalistic virtue, for which no gratitude ought to be expected. Is speaks volumes for the modesty of the workers' demands upon their employers and for the ease with which those demands can be satisfied that Hearst's conduct toward his employes should be regarded by him, and accepted by them, as a valid claim upon their political support. But how differently the same Hearst treats his workingmen in his mines in South Dakota, where union men will henceforth be barred from emloyment.

Is this due to the fact that Lead, S. Dak., is not a place for playing high politics?

MITCHELL ON FREEDOM

(It was not what John Mitchell said that made his speech on the boycott resolution an historic point in the history of the American Federation of Labor. It was the note of defiance that sounded through the very applause which his words received. It was the expressed determination to defeat and defy the efforts of the courts to crush the labor movement. Every person who heard this speech felt this impulse. It was the first thrill of a coming conflict that may weld the forces of labor into a compact fighting force and force a fight that no man or no set of men can stop or control.)

I take this occasion to say that I am most heartily in favor of the resolution as reported by the committee. I rise in no spirit of defiance, but simply to say that I will surrender no rights that I possess either as a man or as a citizen.

I know not what physical or mental suffering I may be called upon to endure, but no amount of such physical or mental suffering will persuade me that I have not the right to spend my own money when I please and where I please, and to say and write what I please, being responsible for the consequences of my statements before the law. I deny most emphatically that any merchant or manufacturer has any claim upon my mind or my money, and any attempt to create such a claim through the subtleties of the law must be resented to the very limit.

I have heard that cognizance is being taken of the words spoken upon the floor of this convention. I wish, therefore, to get clearly into the record the fact of my determination to exercise my full rights as guaranteed by the institutions of this country.

I may be sent to jail. If I am, when I return from there I shall declare again that I shall not for myself purchase any of the products of the Buck Stove and Range Company.

I make these statements, not to tickle the ears of any man, but to publicly declare the convictions that are within me.

This whole proceeding should be a lasting lesson to the working men of the United States and Canada. If all men had been true to themselves and to their union there would be no non-union products offered for sale, or manufactured. Working men have been too much concerned with their own affairs to have any time or interest for the broader things that affect their fellows. If working men will but realize that they are the real employers of labor and will carry their principles out there will be non non-union products.

I believe that the time will come when working men will demand that all the goods they use shall be made by union labor. Merchants are glad to supply union goods if they are demanded. Manufacturers will be glad to supply the merchants if they demand the union goods. Union men have not sufficiently insisted upon the label. Some few have done so, but it is perfectly obvious that only a very few have done their duty.

I repeat again that I am little concerned with what the consequences may be to me, I propose to exercise to the full the liberties and the rights that are guaranteed to American citizens.

I have grown up with pride in the name of an American. When I was a little child and my stepmother was not able to buy the bread with which to still my hunger nor the clothes with which to keep me warm,, I have wrapped myself up in the old army overcoat and felt proud of the fact that I was an American and the son of an American soldier.

I am not less proud today. I want to live to see the word American stand for all that is symbolized in that flag. I want it to stand for real liberty; I do not want it simply to stand for the liberty to do the things that I do not want to do, but to stand for the right to help my fellows.

I do not stand for the liberty enunciated by some of the courts in recent decisions—the liberty of women to work themselves to death. I do not believe in the kind of liberty granted by Judge Tuthill of Illinois when he declared that the women of that state have a right to work ten hours a day. I believe in the liberty that gives to every man and woman the right to live and grow and to develop the best that is in them.

This litigation will have one good result. It will compel the people to realize the necessity of working in concert. It will teach them the need of standing together in defense of their rights.

I once visited a German newspaper. I saw there a man who seemed to be little fitted for the conduct of a newspaper. I asked who he was and was informed that he was employed there to go to prison.

Surely the time will come when organized labor must emloy some one to stay in prison. I have been told that there was a time in the struggle of Ireland for freedom when an Irishman was looked upon with suspicion and could not expect to be elected to any office unless he had served a term in prison. I hope that the American labor movement had not reached a similar stage.

In conclusion I wish to express the hope that the law may be so interpreted that every man may feel that he has a square deal before the courts of United States.

COTON'S WEEKLY SAYS

If a man who is able does not do useful work, neither shall he eat. That is one of the foremost ideals of socialism.

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There is no ethical nor moral principle wrapped up in the right of any private property of what other men need.

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Homes for all the people by leave of no moneyed plute. That is one of the ideals of socialism.

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Government ownership is of little benefit so long as labor thieves get their rake off in the shape of rent, interest and profit.

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The average man is a pretty decent person if given half a chance. But the capitalist system turns men into competitive brutes.

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It is reported that the Liberal cabinet is splitting over the naval policy. The more the capitalist henchmen scrap among themselves the better it is.

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Your idea that it is proper for you to pocket as much of other men's earnings as the law allows is an idea which fills the world with poverty, starvation, disease and death.

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Government ownership which still allows interest on bonds and purchase price does not stop the robbery, and is not socialism. Such government ownership transfers the collection of the graft from the private to the public officials.

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Great Britain has bowed the necks of its wage slave to the military burden of three hundred million dollars a year. Laurier is trying to bow the necks of the Canadian workingmen to a similar burden. Are they going to stand for it?

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More and more the Canadian ministers are dropping their dry squabbles and are calling themselves Christian socialists. In so far as they are socialists we welcome them to the fight against the apotheosis of money and the degradation of men and of women.

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Capitalism produces the saloon. It is now profitable to make men drunk and to ruin their homes. Under socialism there being no profit in the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages they will cease to be made and sold.

LOCAL OPTION

SEATTLE, Nov. 30.—There seems to be a decided difference of opinion on the liquor question in Washington. Cowlitz county has gone wet, while Stevens voted dry. Whitham county has a bitter fight on that will be decided today. A petition is being circulated in Spokane country calling for a special election on January 25, 1910 to settle the issue. Governor Hays home town went dry recently, with the executive's hearty approval. Auburn in King county on the other hand, refused to banish the saloon. Many localities are wrestling with the forces have the best of the argument as to the number of towns carried so far.

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GETTING THE MONEY

A Good System Poorly Worked--C.P.R. Agent Choice in His Pilfering

FRANK, Alta., Dec. 1.—In the arrest at Burmis the last of the week of F. S. Partridge, night agent of the C. P. R., there is alleged to have been discovered a case of systematic stealing, the methods of which were as clumsy as they were bold and daring.

Partirdge was formerly night agent at Coleman, and it was while in that position it is alleged that the greater part of his fraudulent transactions were consummated. Partridge's system of working, it is alleged, was to sell a ticket to a given point and on the stub write the name of a station a considerable number of miles shorter than the real destination. For instance if a traveller asked for a ticket to Moose Jaw, he would insert Medicine Hat on the stub and pocket the difference in mileage between the two places. This of course could be worked only in cases of tickets sold off the Crow line to which the ordinary printed paste board tickets are not provided, but for which a blank form of book ticket is used, the stub being retained by the selling office but such instances are said to have been of sufficient number for the business to be quite profitable. It was, of course only a matter of time before the ticet and the stub were bound to be compared by the auditing department and there in is the manifestation of both the clumsiness of method and boldness of the operator.

Another method of defrauding that Partridge is said to have followed was in collecting for freight. It is said that if he thought that consignee applying to pay a freight bill did not know the rate he would collect a higher rate than that charged and profit by the difference.

It is also alleged that Partridge was in the habit of robbing milk cans shipped to Coleman. A certain caterer of Coleman received his milk supply from Cowley and for some time had observed that he did not get any cream on his milk on which there had previously been an ample supply. One day on calling at the station for his milk he caught Partridge in the act of locking the can, the lock of which he had picked. It is supposed he robbed the milk cans for the love of drinking the cream as it is not known that he disposed of it.

The inevitable detection came some time ago and it is said that for two or three months, by direction of the auditor, Partridge's pay cheque has been held back, yet in the face of that certain evidence that he was at least suspected, if detection had not actually come, he is said to have carried on his practices right up to the time of his arrest. He was transferred some days ago to Burmis, where he was arrested. He was taken to Macleod to await trial on several different charges of defrauding the C. P. R.

DEAD OVER HUNDRED

Trampled to Death in a Panic at a Red Cross Meeting

TOKIO, Dec. 1.—Reports from Osaka say that more than one hundred persons weer killed in a terrible panic at the general meeting of the Red Cross society in that city this afternoon. Several hundreds were injured and many of them will not recover.

More than 30,000 persons gathered at the Tennoji to attend the meeting. There was only one door for either exit or entrance to the building in which the ceremonies were held.

As the crowd struggled to get in and many of those within began to struggle to get out, a great panic ensued. Men and women lost their senses and in their wild fight hundreds were injured and many were trampled underfoot.

The crowd was so tremendous and drawn from both directions to the doorway that it was impossible for the officers to restore order for some time.

When a man became frightened and began struggling he was crushed by the great crowd through which there was no possibility of a person forcing his way. The result was that when the crowd was cleared there was immediate work for the Red Corss society to do and the agents of that society at once took charge of the dead and injured.

WILL EXPOSE FRAUD

One Employee of the Big Trust Now Declines to be made the Scapegoat

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—James F. H. Bendernagle declines to be made the "goat" by the American Sugar Refining company, known as the Trust. Before his trial and that of five erstwhile employees of the company, all of whom are charged with defrauding the government by underweighing sugar, are concluded in the U. S. circuit court, he will testify for the government. This came to light today as a witness in the sugar trust case testified that $15 and sometimes a little more were paid employees to be crooked. He said that the man who in some instances had paid this corruption money was formerly superintendent of the company's plant in Williamsburg. In the face of this testimony Bendergales lawyer announced that his client would not be the goat in the case; that he was an employee, and did what he did under orders. He said that the sugar trust is not furnishing the money for his defence.

REFORMS PROMISED

MADRID, Dec. 2—Premier Moro has published in the official gazette the text of a sweeping bill for the reform of municipal administration in Spain to take the place of a similar measure which ex-Premier Maura tried for two years to get through the courts of the country

Maura's bill like that of his predecessor, aims at demoralization of power, heretofore concentrated at Madrid, but is much more democratic than that of the Maura bill, and promised to at least give satisfaction to the aspirations of the local communities for a species of real local self government and it promises to please the Catalonians.

HIGH CLASS VAUDEVILLE

Mr. Elmer Willis, late lessee of the Lyric theatre, Calgary, and interested in a number of theatres in the west, is in Fernie arranging for the appearance here for one night of each week for the entire vaudeville company now playing Calgary and the coast cities. Mr Willis said on behalf of his syndicate, of which Mr. Kyle of Calgary is arrangements could be made he would place for one night of every week during the winter season this vaudeville in Fernie.

The Empire Vaudeville is affiliated with the Pantages circuit of Seattle, Spokane and other western cities, and is beyond doubt the highest class and most expensive of modern vaudeville, consisting of six big acts—which includes one big feature act of extraordinary merit each week. The performance runs two and a half hours and if arrangements are completed, will play Fernie on a certain night weekly with a complete change of acts each week. This is doubtless the most ambitious attempt to provide the western cities with the same standard of vaudeville as the largest of the coast cities now enjoy, in fact identically the same. If this effort is crowned with success it means a great deal toward the improvement of local amusement conditions for the cities of the pass, and will place the theatre management and the public in a more independent position inasmuch as they will have one night each week upon which they can look forward to with confidence and pleasure without feeling that they are taking any chances of being duped. Arrangements are in progress with the management committee of the new miners theatre and there is little doubt but what the deal would go through. In speaking of the theatre Mr. Willis said that without doubt Fernie will possess the most compact and most modernly equipped theatre between Calgary and Spokane.

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The Man in the Moon
Came Tumbling Down
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Said He "I'm After
More Golden West:
The Folks in the Moon
All Declare It's the Best,
He Took all He Could Buy:
And the Premiums are Certainly fine."
Then Spread His Coat Tail
And Sailed to the Sky
On a Bit of a Gale;
Now Watch the Old Moon Shine.
Yes

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Makes Everything Shine.
The Premiums Will Make Your Eyes Shine.
Save the Coupons

Sunday School Suggestive Questions

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

Paul or the Grace of Giving. II Cor. viii:1-15.

Golden Text.—Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, it is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts xx:35.

Are these words in the Golden Text quoted from Jesus, hyperbolical, that is, a rhetorical over statement, or is it literally true that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and if so why? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Verses 1-6—Is it according to animal nature, or to average human nature, to give to others outside of kith and kin?

Is giving liberally, intelligently and systematically to religion and charity, always a "grace," that is, an inclination Divinely imparted?

What is the relation between giving and loving?

If we are in need or "affliction" ourselves, will the grace of giving still operate in us, if our hearts are right?

May deep poverty, great joy and rich liberality be in the same life, and is such a combination natural or supernatural?

There was great poverty and suffering among the Christians at Jerusalem, and the liberality of the poor churches at Macedonia to relieve their need is what Paul refers to here; contrast the evil at Jerusalem with the resultant good grace of giving developed at Macedonia, and say which is the greater; that is did the result do as much good or exceed the evil done by the cause?

Titus it would appear was appointed to present to the Corinthians the need of the Jerusalem Christians, to take up a collection, and to develop in them the grace of giving; why is there no work more noble, or duty more imperative than for ministers and teachers to teach the people the duty and joy of giving?

Verses 7, 8.—Paul apparently assumes that a person may abound "in * * * and in * * * love." and not abound in the grace of giving; but is he right, for how can such a thing be possible?

Paul states that he did not urge the grace of giving by "commandment"; is it therefore any less the duty, and privilege of every Christian, rich and poor, to abound in this grace?

Verse 9—What should be the supreme motive and what is the greatest inducement to give liberally?

What is the chief grace in the resplendent character of Jesus?

Did the giving of Jesus of himself, and all he had for us, imply permanent poverty for him or was it the surest way to all that great wealth is supposed to stand for?

What does giving of all kinds finally result in getting more of that which we give, than would be possible if we kept it? (Think of money, love, knowledge, experience, encouragement, etc.)

Verses 10, 11—What is the difference in promising a subscription to religion or benevolence and not paying it, and not paying your grocer or baker?

Verses 12-14—What is the proportion of our income which the Bible demands of us as a minimum?

What are some of the many advantages of the tithing system?

Verse 15—What reason is there to believe that if we give systematically to God's cause that we ourselves shall never lack?

Lesson for Sunday, Dec. 12th, 1909. Paul's Last Words. II. Tim. iv:1-18.

DECEMBER 12 1909

Paul's Last Words.—II Timothy. iv 1-18.

Golden Text.—For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain. Phil. 1:21.

Verses 1-2.—When a minister in authority gives instructions to a devoted minister under him, concerning the work to which he is appointed, are his words more or less effectual if he calls God to witness? Why or why not?

What will be the nature of the reward which awaits the Christian after death?

Verses 9-12.—Is it a sign of weakness or of strength and why, when a Christian craves human company and friendship?

What is the moral quality of a man who forsakes his friend when he is in need?

Are friendships rare, or plentiful, which remain steadfast, and true alike in prosperity and adversity, through evil and good report, and how do you characterize such a friendship?

Verse 13.—Upon which will a normal, right thinker put the emphasis, on things for the body, mind or spirit, and why?

Taking Paul's cloak to represent things for the body, his "books" the mind, his "parchments" the spirit, please say what proportion of the thought and energy is sent by the average community upon these things respectively?

Verses 14-15—Is there any reason to believe that Jesus would have prayed that a bad man may be rewarded according to his works?

What should be the attitude of a good man toward those who speak evil of him?

Verses 16-18—What effect ought the lack of co-operation of friends and the opposition of enemies, have upon the work of a true and determined man?

Lesson for Sunday, December 19th, 1909.—Review.

HORRIBLE DEATH

(Lethbridge Herald)

New Kipp station was the scene of a fatal accident yesterday morning about eleven o'clock when Frank Padget, the assistant engineer of the construction gang, met with a tragic death.

As far as can be ascertained at present the unfortunate man attempting to pass in front of a moving train, was struck by the engine and almost the entire train passed over his body. The head and arms were severed from the body, and the rest of the body horribly mangled.

The coroner and jury which have been sworn in, drove out to Kipp this afternoon to the scene of the tragedy. No witnesses of the accident are at preesnt known.

RAYMOND MAN TO GET JOB

STRATHCONA, Dec. 2.—It is understood that C. A. Curtis, principal of the High school at Raymond, will be appointed to the vacancy on the staff of the Strathcona institute, caused by the appointment of G. Fred McNally, to the Wetaskiwin inspectorship. Mr. Curtis spent several weeks in Strathcona last summer at the Baptist parsonage.

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As the happy Christmas season approaches it behooves us to give a wee bit of information to intending purchasers. In the first place remember the home merchant to whom you owe considerable money for the last month's grocery bill. You will have to spend considerable cash in order to send presents to all the loved ones both here and abroad. If you do as you too often do, send the money away to eastern departmental stores, the city in which you have earned your living during the last 12 months will be that much poorer. The merchant who has stood by you will be placed in an awkward position, as he has stocked up very heavily to be sure that he would have a large and assorted stock for you to choose from. What must he do with the goods? The wholesale house will not take them back. He has to carry them for an indefinite period. In doing so he has to cramp himself financially. In doing so he is cramping some other fellow financially. It goes from one to the other, until the whole city is affected. On the other hand if you spend all your ready cash in the city the merchant is in a position to get rid of his stock, to pay up the wholesale houses, to pay off his indebtedness all over the city and country, and the money will eventually come back into circulation. Have you ever stopped long enough in the daily grind of yours to figure out just what an effect that would have on you personally? It means this, you will in the end reap the benefit personally. How, you ask. By the mere fact that as the merchant is paid so he will be able to pay, and as he pays things generally in any community improve, and in the general improvement your case receives its portion.

You say in defiance to this that the home merchant charges you too much on this and that article. So they do. Every merchant in the city puts his wares up at the highest price. Why? Because you have forced him to do so. How? By running a bill with him for some time, and when Eatons or some other firm send you a catalogue, picking out a good big list of things you require getting together all the money that you can, and sending away the cash for these things. What show has the merchant to make both ends meet? He has to pay a high rent. If he builds he has to pay out thousands of dollars for his building—pay very heavy taxes, pay high wages for his staff of help, pay for his light, his insurance, and hundreds of other things too numerous to mention, and last but not least pay a heavy interest on the large and heavy stock that he has put in to try and please you, and wait for your pleasure to pay him the bills that you owe him. Sit down now and figure this all out and then cancel the order that you had ready to send east and spend the money at home, and let us one and all unite in boosting out town, which by the way is best place along the Crow.

The few unwary individuals who do read our cotem may have noticed that they still harp on some little pettifogging would be slurs on the Socialists. They never were the friends of the working class of Fernie, and we cannot expect any better from them. However, they must concede the fact that the Socialists made the cleanest fight of the three parties in the late political struggle. And more than that the Socialists had the F. P. scared till the last moment for fear that Mr. Harrington was going to be elected. Well the good work still goes on in spite of that sore head rag, and next time they will probably have learned a lot about the honest methods of the Socialists of Fernie riding.

The next thing of importance for Fernie will be the municipal elections. Remember that we want several changes in regard to the personnel of the council. Pick out some good honest men, men with a good conscience, and men who will not work together in cliques, and then get together as a man and elect them. In the next few years Fernie needs some real good, independent heads at her helm, and for that reason some of the present council should be shelved.

The stricture in the Free Press in regard to the local option workers is rather inopportune in view of the fact that the riding gave a majority of 105 in favor of local option, and the city of Fernie gave a majority in favor of 102. Why does the Free Press not print the figures and let the general public judge for themselves. Surely the opinion of our cotem is not such as to overshadow that of the general public.

TO ORGANIZED LABOR OF AMERICA

Greeting:

You have heard about the struggle now going on in Sweden. You know that Sweden, like all other civilized countries, has passed through an industrial crisis, forcing a great number of workers out of employment, leaving them, their wives and children destitute, and this fact was used by the employing class, the class who owns and controls the means upon which the people are dependent for a living—as an oportunity to force the workers to submit to their dictations and enforce conditions by which they could crush organized labor.

During the last two years the workers have been thrown out by lock outs several times by the Employers Association, until at last on the 2nd day of August over 80,000 workingmen were locked out, denied the opportunity to support themselves by their labor.

As a protest against the inhuman and brutal treatment and as an attempt to force the Manufacturers Association to recognize the rights of the workers, Swedon's Labor Unions called a general strike August 4, completely tying up every industry in the land and affecting over 300,000 men. After five weeks of determined struggle all those employers not belonging to the Manufacturers association surrendered to the labor unions and all agreed to their demands, thus reducing the number of strikers to 163,000.

The struggle is now directly between the organized Labor Unions and organized capital, and is going on with undiminished vigor and the strikers are determined to hold out to the bitter end.

That this gigantic struggle will have world wide influence upon the Labor movement has been recognized all over Europe and Labor unions everywhere have given excellent help, but it is not sufficient.

We therefore appeal to the working class of America to do their duty to organized labor.

This fight must be won with your assistance. If organized labor is crushed in Sweden, capitalism might try it next in this country. This is a bread and butter question for you just as much as it is for the workers of Sweden. Your duty is clear.

While we do not know the outcome of this struggle, we do know that while this industrial war is going on, and long after it is over, there will be suffering and destitution in many a home in Sweden.

And in the name of humanity, in the name of justice and progress do we appeal to you to do all you can to aid those suffering the most—the wives and the children of the workers of Sweden.

Your for international solidarity,

The Swedish Strike Relief Com.

This appeal is endorsed by the following:

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Secretary Treasurer Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America.

Margaret Dreier Robins
President Nat. Women's Trade Union League.

Chas. Moyer
President W. F. M.

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President D. C. of Chicago United Garment Workers.

Frank Buterworth
President Int. Brick, Tile & Terra Cotta Work. Alliance

Fred W. Lee
Boot and Shoe Workers International union.

John A. Metz
President Carpenters D. C. of Chicago.

A. A. Myrup
Int. Treas. B. and C. W. I. U. of A.

Contributions can be sent direct to Herman Lindquist, "Landsskretariatet," Stockholm, Sweden. Smaller contributions might for convenience be sent to the Swedish Strike Relief Committee, with headquarters in Chicago, Finhancial Secretary, Jno. Dawn, 1913 N. Sacramento Ave., Chicago, Ill. Kindly notify N. Juul Christensen, Secretary, 2517 Ems street, what action you have taken.

Comrade Editor

Now that the elections are over it is necessary to get down to the usual work of propaganda and organization—especially organization. The time has come when the comrades must recognize that the first condition of success is organization. We do not mean organization in the sense that the hangers on of Ross practiced. If we cannot convert the workers to Socialism without recourse to the tactics employed by Ross and Co. we are indeed in a fix. However this election has given us cause for belief that the workers are awakening to a consciousness of their own strength, and with a little extra educational work, carried on amongst them, we will, ere another election takes place, make the Conservative party sit up and stare. The position is narrowing down somewhat, and the fight is becoming keener every day, with the result that the Tories are forced to the last resort, viz., bribery, personation and corruption. The fight will become a little more keen still, because the Liberal party will of necessity fall out of the idiotic position they are in, and take their stand by the side of the Conservatives where they rightly belong. The issue will then be a clear one between the workers on the one hand and the idlers on the other. To those comrades who feel somewhat down in the mouth over the result of the election, let me say that there is no reason to feel despondent. On the contrary the future is full of hope; we have gained considerably in numbers, and have profited quite a lot in experience. Let us get to work with a greater determination than ever, determined that we will never rest until our ideals are realized. This election has shown us that there are enough comrades in this district to keep a paid organizer (agitator) in the field all the time, and I for one would be pleased to contribute say, one dollar a month to this end. If we can get fifty men to do the same the aim is accomplished. Surely this ought to be easy. Comrades who are willing to contribute to an organizers fund should communicate with me at Box 81 Coal Creek. If a dollar is too much please state what they are prepared to give monthly to such a fund. With a regular organizer in the field much could be accomplished in places which we have not been able to attend to before. We have also come in contact with a large number of Socialists who are not members of the party. It is necessary that these men should be attended to; they are ours for the asking, and when they stood by us in a fight such as we have just gone through, it is reasonable to believe that they would be good workers, men who could be relied upon at all times—650 votes for Socialism. What could we not do if all these men were paying of the party? Let us make the effort, comrades, to bring the greater portion within our ranks. It is worth while and can be done. As a start, in this direction may I ask all Socialists in Coal Creek who are willing to join the Socialist party of Canada to send in their names and addresses to the undersigned, who will wait upon them and give all information they may need.

Thanking you in anticipation, I remain, yours in revolt,

JOHN E. SMITH

The friends (?) of the working class profess to have some sympathy with Socialism, only Harrington was too extreme, you know, and had such a nasty way of saying things. This is highly creditable to Com. Harrington, and should be proof sufficient to the working class that he is the best possible champion of their cause that they could possibly have had. If you want to get a line on your own candidate ask the other parties what they think about him. If they speak favorably of him then keep your eyes open for he wants watching. If they are against him depend upon it he is true to your class interests. What is good for them is not good for you, and what is good for you is certainly not good for them.

Fisher: If returned as your member to Victoria I shall use my best endeavors to further the interests of the people of Fernie, and shall be in favor of all labor measures so long as they do not conflict with the platforms of my leader, John Oliver.

Ross: If returned as your member, which I sincerely believe I will be, I shall as heretofore have the interests of the people of this province at heart, and will to the best of my ability serve all classes equally well, and I hope to their satisfaction.

Harrington: There is in society two classes, viz., those who produce all and own nothing, and those who own everything and produce nothing, the workers and idlers, capital and labor, The working class produce all wealth and to the producers it rightly belongs. If returned as your member I will at all times voice the opinions of the only useful class in society, the working class and the working class only.

Which candidate should have received the entire support of the working class of this riding?

The Socialist party held a very fine meeting in the Miners' Hall on Sunday last. The speaker of the evening was John Turner, his subject being the Evolution of Capitalism. Com. Turner handled his subject in a masterly manner and showed a wonderful knowledge of history. The discussion was even better than the address, reaching a very high standard indeed. It is really wonderful to hear these "miners" discuss scientific subjects in the intelligent manner that they do. Com. Adams of Calgary was chairman and ten new members joined the party at the close of the meeting.

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Fernie, B. C., December 4th, 1909

News From the Camps

From our own Correspondents

COAL CREEK

The bazaar in connection with the Methodist church, Coal Creek, which was mentioned in last week's notes, was very successful from every point of view. The proceeds from the sale of work realized $110.90. This, with five dollars and ten cents from a children's tea and a donation of $5 from Mr. Ashworth, the general manager of the Coal Company, made a grand total of $121. The ladies aid set out to raise $100 by this bazaar for the building fund, so they exceeded their expectations. When the Ladies Aid say they will do a thing there is no more doubt about it. They just go and do it. They are to be congratulated on the grand success they have made of this, their first effort in running a bazaar.

What do you think of this for a vote catcher used by the Ross henchmen on polling day. If Mr. Ross is not elected you will not get the license for the new club. Brainy, isn't it?

The new club is nearing completion. We understand the premises will be ready by next week end at the very latest.

Notices are out calling for the positions of janitor and bartender of the new club.

Nineteen district of No. 5 mine was idle last Friday and Saturday through a breakdown in the machinery.

There have been a couple of runaways down No. 1 incline recently, through the breaking of couplings. The one on Monday night did quite a lot of damage to the track and the structure. Morning shift on Tuesday was idle as a result.

Amongst the newcomers to the Creek this week are Messrs. W. Shimmins and J. Bigrigg of Whitehaven, England. Both hae been in the U. S. for some time.

The vote polled by Harrington in Coal Creek at the recent election was more than double that polled by Com. W. H. Moore in 1907.

Frank Landers and Thomas Ratcliffe, firebosses at No. 2 mine leave today for the old country. It is 13 years since Frank was home and he will see a decided change over there, especially in the condition of the poor. However their many friends wish them a pleasant voyage and a right good time.

Herbert Lanfear and Walter Joyce have been appointed firebosses in No. 2 mine, filling the vacancies caused by the resignation of Messrs F. Landers and T. Radcliffe.

The notes this week will be the last written by the present correspondent. Owing to other business the writer feels compelled to resign his position. The short time he has acted as correspondent has been quite an experience for him, having made many friends — and a few enemies. On the whole, however, the experience has been a pleasant one and the writer takes this opportunity of thanking the readers of the Ledger for having suffered him so long, without having written to the editor demanding his resignation before this. Some of the alleged news must have tried his patience severely. The editor informs me that the circulation has actually increased during the time I have been correspondent, which is passing strange. The writer trusts that the next correspondent—whoever he may be—will be able to lift the Creek notes up to the excellent standard of the rest of the paper.

First class board and accommodationtion at Fairclough's Boarding house, Coal Creek, 179-180, opposite the football grounds.

FRANK

A very heavy wind, which was the worst known here for some time, got up on Sunday last and did considerable damage. Four smoke stacks were blown off the boiler at the old mine here.

General Manager Muller was away at Winnipeg last week on a business trip.

J. W. Bennett is hustling around here this week. His feet must be sore carrying that heavy burden.

W. B. Custon of Blairmore went to Lethbridge on a business trip Thursday night.

J. Wilcox, late master mechanic of the mines here is back in town.

Any one around Frank and Blairmore desiring a copy of Progressive Fernie can obtain the same at Watson's drug stores Frank and Blairmore.

WALDO

Mr. Birnie of the Raymond Birnie Lumber company of Brandon, is a Waldo visitor this week.

Mr. Grey, representing the W. H. Malkin Company, Vancouver, is visiting Waldo this week.

The date set for the masquerade ball to be held at the new hall, Waldo, has been changed from December 17 to the 16th.

The funds for the hall have been increased to $189.50 by a donation of $10 from the W. H. Malkin Company, Vancouver.

C. D. McNab returned from Cranbrook on Tuesday evening.

Dr. Saunders is able to be about again though he is not yet fully recovered from his accident. Dr. Robertson is still attending the greater number of his patients for him.

The Leading Characters in "The Pixies" at Miners Union Theatre December 8 and 9 under auspices Ladies Benevolent Society

ONE FOR MICHEL

The current issue of the Canada Gazette contains notice of an order in council establishing Michel B. C., as an outport of customs and a warehousing port, under the survey of the port of Fernie. The same order in council closes the port of Kaslo. The changes go into effect on January 1st 1910.

SUICIDE CLOSES LIFE

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 3.—Threatened with eviction from the hotel at which he has been staying with his bride, because he could not pay his bill, Capt. W. A. Johnson, a well known mining expert, took cyanide of potassium yesterday and was found dead in his room. Acquaintances say that Johnston was formerly manager of the Guggenheim mining properties in Nicaragua and South Africa, and made a brilliant record in the Boer war under the British flag. He is said to have spent a fortune in mining claims in Nevada.

VANCOUVER MUNICIPAL TALK

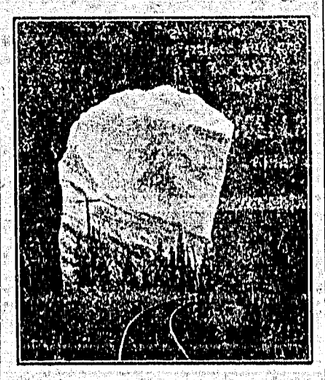
VANCOUVER Dec. 3.—New candidates for civic honors are announcing themselves every day. Several of the present board of aldermen may decide to retire, while on the other hand many will go before the people for re-election. The contest for the mayoralty promises to be especially interesting. L. D. Taylor has definitely announced that he will make a strong bid for chief executive honors and Mayor Douglas is again a candidate.

BURNED TO DEATH

ST. JOHN, N. B. Dec. 3.— While Mrs. J. W. Jamieson, about 45 years of age was going down stairs this morning with a lighted lamp, the lamp exploded, her clothing caught fire and she was burned to death. Her husband, who is an invalid was unable to assist her.

HOCKEYISTS FOR MONTREAL

WINNIPEG, Man. Dec. 3.—S. Poulin and Grundy Forester, two western hockey stars, have signed with the Montreal Wanderers and will leave for the east tomorrow night. The Wanderers also wanted Miller of the Edmonton team, but he will not be able to go.



TUNNEL ON G. N.

We trust that the city arc lights will be turned on soon. It is a pity that they were not properly arranged for at first, so that citizens would have had the benefit of them as soon as the power was ready for use.

Ed. Tishhouse, with the Jep Scott Tonsorial combine, had a most successful hunting expedition last week in the vicinity of Cokado. He landed on a 300 pound buck deer with fatal results (to the deer.) After despatching his game he threw the animal over his shoulder, and proceeded toward the city. However at Cokato he fell in with a wagon to which were attached a couple of in the vicinity of Cockato. He landed in Fernie. When dressed 230 lbs. was the weight. Ed. is dealing out his haul to his friends in the city with a generous hand.

EVERYBODY KNOWS JOHNNY

CHERRY MINE DISASTER VIEWS

Statements by Leading Experts--Still Lively Discussed

The Cherry Mining disaster is still attracting unprecedented attention in the mining world. The following are some of the statement by leading experts:

Secretary Perry of the U. M. W.

The Cherry, Ill., disaster emphasizes very conclusively the necessity of remedial legislation that will afford adequate protection to the lives of the subterranean toilers. There should be crystillized into law by the several state legislatures where coal mining is carried on the following:

1. Escape shafts or outlets at convenient distances.

2. Where material of a combustible character in a large quantity is stored, and also where mules or horses are housed, there should be an outlet between the point mentioned and the face of the workings, where the large majority of the men are at work and so ocnstructed with doors so that the olated in case of fire or other accidents that would protect the lives of the men; if this was carried into effect the doors could be closed and the mine would be supplied with natural ventilation, provided the escape shaft had two compartments, one of which need not be of very large dimensions.

3. A liability law placing the function of protecting life where it rightly belongs—on the mine owner. If this provision would become effective in all the coal producing states the first consideration with the coal mine owners would be the protection of life, property considerations would be of secondary importance.

An agitation should be commenced in all sections of the country and every pressure brought to bear on the legislatures of the different states for the passage of laws embodying these suggestions as well as others necessary for the preservation of human life. And against most important of all, a law ought to be passed either by the federal government or by the different state legislations placing a royalty on every ton of coal mined, or a reasonable amount, that would provide a reasonable compensation for the widows and orphans of deceased miners. This principle should also apply to other industries of a hazardous character.

Vice-President McCullough

I consider the disaster at Cherry as the monumental blunder of the ages. The mine workers should be protected against such criminal negligence which is the result of property being of a greater consideration than the lives of human beings.

William Scaife

The Cherry Mining horror is not duplicated in history, either in the handling of the fire or in failing to notify the entombed miners of their danger, or in continuing to hoist coal for two hours after the fire broke out, as I am informed, without an effort to get the miners out of the burning mine.

The first duty of those in charge was to notify every man in the mine as soon as possible after the fire originated. No matter how slight it was or what they thought of their ability to handle it, and to continue to hoist coal in the fact of such a danger, showed an utter disregard of its consequences and a criminality the like of which is unknown.

As to the work of the rescue party, its efficacy could not hae been much worse. The sealing of the mine on Sunday night sealed the fate of every man and boy in it, if any were left alive at that time. It will be a miracle if they are found alive. And there appears to have been too many experts around and too few practical men around. With all their appliances for rescue work it does not in any way show their efficiency. We must in future send more time and money in work that is calculated to prevent such like horrors and less on appliances for rescuing those who are caught in such like death traps. It's awful to think of those men going out in the morning in possession of full health and strength, and perhaps with a whistle that the door they will never again open, while their widows and orphans are left to the charity of a cold world, just because somebody blundered and blundered badly.

Samuel Pascoe

The disaster is one of the worst in the history of our country, and in my opinion had the men been notified by the proper authorities when the fire first started every man could have been saved. It is a crime that our men should be buried alive in such a manner, and we as miners should have more escape shafts in every mine in this country, and we should see to it that the legislature of every state where coal is mined enact a law that would make it criminal for any company to operate a mine unless there be more than two escape shafts, and for the violation of such law that it be a criminal act.

When such disasters as the one at Cherry will take so many of our men and leave so many widows and hundreds of orphans, it is time that the great American public help us as miners to have more protection of life and limb. The scene at Cherry is one that is indescribable.

Denounced Them

Quite a scene was created at the mouth of the mine by an Englishman named James Weatherall, mine examiner at Ladd, who has had a long mining experience, and intensely practical at it. He denounced the action of the rescuers strongly in the following language:

"I have been a miner for firty six years and I never in all my life have seen such a big blunder as has been made right on this spot. It was a murder, that's all it was, and you all know it.

"I have seen mine disasters and been in them in England and Wales in the old country, and I have seen them in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. At these disasters I have seen mistakes made in rescue work, but never before have I witnessed such incompetency as you all see here.

"What are the officials doing?

"They are figuring and figuring on saving loss in the mine. They don't want to spoil that mine, but they do not give a d—n about those murdered men down there. It's the worst outrage ever committed in this state. What are you going to do about it? Are you going to deliver the bodies of these dead men into the arms of their widows and fatherless children, or are you going to stand by like as many dogs?

"If some one will open that hole I will go down there in five minutes and I'll bet that a hundred men will follow.

"What are the officials and experts doing now to get there bodies out? Nothing. Where are they? They're in their dining car feeding off the fat of the land while those crying women are without bread in their bare homes. It's a fine situation isn't it? There is only one way to go. We have stood back for four days and given the officials and experts—God spare the word—their chance. Now it is time to give us a chance, and if it is not given us we will take it.'

Letter Box

The editor is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents:

Editor Ledger:

A CORRECTION

Michel B. C. Nov. 30

Editor Ledger:

Please find enclosed a statement of votes accepted at Sparwood on 25th. Your statement in the Ledger is incorrect. I wish to say that on the 25th I did not leave Michel at 5.30 a. m. for Sparwood to vote for Billy Ross.

Yours faithfully

J. G. HARRIES

This is to certify that the number of votes and rejected ballots at the Sparwood polling place in the Fernie electoral district was as follows:

For A. I. Fisher one vote, and no rejected ballots.

J. D. Harrington, two votes and no rejected.

W. R. Ross, six votes and no rejected ballots.

E. R. J. Forster, D.R.O.
JOHN BICKLEY, Poll Clerk

Dated at Sparwood, this 25th day of November, A. D. 1909.

AN OBJECTION

Editor Ledger:

Sir: It has often struck me as very peculiar that in neither of the opera houses in this city the management even try to obtain or have order. It is disgusting sometimes to attend a show and have to sit and listen to filthy language from the rear of the opera house. In the Fernie opera house rowdyism is very prevalent at every show, and in the Miners hall the young toughs of the city are allowed to congregate in the gallery, smoke, chew, swear, leave their hats on, or do as they please. Is it nice for ladies to sit below and see this unseemly conduct. Is it nice to be spitting below and be expectorated upon? That has happened more than once. I trust that you will publish this letter, so that the management of the two houses will see if they cannot exercise a little common sense, and either make these rowdies keep quiet or hand them back their money, and politely show them the door. Thanking you in advance, I am

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WILL MEET AT NELSON

Mining Convention Called for 15th December--Important Points To be Considered

The Nelson board of trade has issued the formal call for the convention on mining, to be held at Nelson on December 15, and the day or days following as necessary. While the principal discussions will revolve around the subject of encouragement to the zinc mining industry, the board also wishes it understood that discussions of general mining questions will be welcomed and experts in the various fields of mining are invited to come prepared to contribute to the value of the convention by expressing their views on subjects that are of special importance to their particular branches.

The circular letter, which has been issued under date of Monday, November 29, is being sent to all the members of the Canadian Mining Institute of last year from this part of British Columbia, and to all the board of trade bodies in the district. Any of of the mine owners or managers not receiving the circular can safely assume that the omission is an inadvertence for it is the intention to ask all to co-operate in order to secure the greatest amount of value from a gathering that ought to have a considerable bearing on the welfare of the district. The circular is as follows:

NELSON, B. C., Nov. 29.—Dear Sir: It has been proposed to call a convention of mine owners and others interested in the production and marketing of zinc ores, to discuss ways and means of improving the marketing and disposing of the products.

As you are aware, the presence of zinc in ores, especially in the Kootenay districts (except in a few special cases) has been a detriment rather than a benefit to mine owners. At the same time the only market is practically in the United States, the average freight being $10 per ton and the duty about the same, making a charge of some $20 per ton to place the zinc ores of this district at the smelter.

It is felt that the time has arrived when these conditions might be improved, and that some action toward promoting this might be brought about by a conference of those interested.

In the first place in order to present the question in all its bearings it will be necessary to have some authentic information regarding the present production of zinc ores, and other matters in connection therewith, and this can be gathered at such a meeting.

The matters which present themselves as being worthy of discussion if a meeting can be convened are:

First—The establishment of a zinc smelter in this country.

Second—The establishment of home manufactories of zinc products.

Third—The asking of government aid for assistance in conducting experiments.

Fourth—The asking for a bounty on zinc similar to that at present in force for lead.

Fifth—The asking for the increase of the duty on zinc ore products such as spelter, oxides, etc., which now come into this country, principally from the United States, either free of duty of at a low tariff.

The matters are put before you merely as suggestions, and with a view to aiding discussions at the proposed conference which some interested have thought could be promoted with the assistance of this board of trade.

It has therefore been arranged to hold this meeting on Wednesday the 15th of December, at 10 a. m., at the Board of Trade rooms here, and if a sufficient number so attend the railway companies will give special rates, namely: if 30 or more attend, a rate of a fare and one third, and if 100 or more a single fare for the return journey.

While this question has been brought to our attention principally by those interested in zinc, at the same time it is thought that other questions relating to the general mining industry throughout this district could with benefit, be discussed at such a meeting.

You are therefore earnestly requested to attend this conference.

The reason for the short notice given is the fact that the Dominion parliament is now in session, and the provincial parliament meets on the 20th of January, and any required legislation must be undertaken promptly.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience as to the possibility of your being able to attend.

Yours truly,
E. K. BEESTON,
Secretary

THE PIXIES

One Hundred and Fifty Young People in Comic Opera on December 8th and 9th

The Ladies' Benevolent Association have completed arrangements with Mr. W. A. Milne to prepare his well known fairy musical spectacle "The Pixies" for presentation at the Miners union theatre here on Wednesday and Thursday nights, December 8 and 9. A gigantic cast of one hunderd and fifty young ladies and children, all in grotesque and beautiful costuming, will take part, comprising the best local talent available. Forty boys will represent pixies, brownies, goblins, insects, pickaninnies and monkeys; eighty little girls, glittering with spangle, will be fairies, butterflies, flower girls and pages; twelve young ladies in natty military uniform will give an intricate Amazon march and drill; twelve other young ladies as Japanese maidens will give a motion song and drill in rich oriental costuming, and four of the best soloists of the city will take the principal parts. Prince, Queen, Angelica and Cholly, the dude.

Mr. Milne has recently presented it in the following B. C. cities: Victoria, Nanaimo, New Westminster, Kamloops and Revelstoke to packed houses at every performance. The press of these cities unite in pronouncing it the most beautiful and laughable entertainment ever brought to the west, and it will no doubt meet with the same success here. Rehearsals have already begun and will continue every afternoon and evening.

THE COMPANION FOR CANADIANS

The Youth's Companion has long been distinguished for its famous British contributions. Tennyson and Gladstone are noteworthy among those of former years, and the roll includes such names as Rudyard Kipling, Sir Edwin Arnold, Sir Reginald Palgrave and the Duchess of Sutherland. During 1910 the Companion will be enriched by the contributions of many British writers. Among these are the Duke of Argyll (who will write on the Scottish and Irish clans, Lady Henry Somerset, Rt. Hon. James Bryce, British ambassador to the United States, Jane Barlow, F. T. Bullen, Sir H. H. Johnston, Sir James Crichton-Browne, E. W. Thompson and the Rev. W. Dawson, who will write on fruit growing in Kootenay.

Every new Canadian subscriber will find it of special advantage to send at once the $2.00 for the new 1910 volume. Not only does he get the beautiful "Venetian" Calendar for 1910, lithographed in thirteen colors and gold, but all the issues of The Companion for the remaining weeks of 1909 from the time the subscription is received.

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COOK HAS VANISHED

Only Two Know His Destination--Conflicting Reports Given By Followers

NEW YORK, Nov. 30—Dr. Fred A. Cook dropped completely from public view today. Not even John R. Bradley, whose money was behind his polar explorations, knows where he is tonight. Confiding in only one man and perhaps his wife, the Brooklyn explorer went quietly and mysteriously away, leaving behind him a string of puzzled and exasperated friends and a debate more acrimonious than that of September last, over the statement that he had discovered the north pole on April 21, 1908.

Chas. Wake, an insurance man of this city, appears to be the only one who knows Dr. Cook's whereabouts, and Wake is firm in his resolve to keep his lips sealed until Dr. Cook sees fit to let the public into his confidence. In the meantime concern is expressed over the condition of Dr. Cook's health. Although some of his friends claim that he has not broken down under the strain of letering and preparing his data, an intimate associate of the explorer said tonight that Dr. Cook appeared to be on the verge of a nervous breakdown when he talked with him at his hotel in the Bronx last Monday night.

This friend, who is a newspaper man issued a statement tonight, in which he quoted Dr. Cook as saying "If this thing keeps up a few months longer I iwll be in the insane asylum.

The puzzle of Dr. Cook's disappearance began at 3 o'clock this afternoon. At noon Henry Wellington Wask, his personal counsel, issued a statement explaining that Dr. Cook sailed this morning on the Cunard Liner Caronia. Three hours later he issued a second statement, withdrawing the first, and explaining that he had been informed by J. R. Bradley that the doctor did not sail on the Caronia. Coincident with this reports were circulated to the effect that the doctor had sailed on the Havana. Captain Knight of the Havana responded to a wireless, after his vessel had left the port, as follows:

"No one on board resembling Dr. Cook. His name is not on the passenger list."

J. A. McCubbin, the purser on the Caronia also replied to a wireless as follows: "Unable to find Dr. Cook on Caronia." From other sources it was suggested that Dr. Cook might be at the hotel Chalfont at Atlantic City, N. J., as a guest of his friend, C. F. Wyckoff. On the long distance telephone the manager said that neither of the men mentioned were registered there but Mr. Wyckoff was found after. He said he knew nothing of Dr. Cook's whereabouts. Still another suggestion was that Dr. Cook might be with Captain George Comer, a friend at Mt. Parmassus, at East Hadden. Word came back from this place that Captain Comer said he had not heard of Dr. Cook lately and did not expect to see him.

Mr. Wake, in admitting that he knows where Dr. Cook is, declined to give his address or to account in any wise for the doctor's sudden and odd departure. Said Mr. Wake: "In the circumstances he was at perfect liberty to make what plans he chooses. In due time he will give an account of himself and until then I hope that he gets the rest which he thoroughly deserves. The children are at school and Mrs. Cook has left the Gramatan Inn, and come to the house of a friend in this city.

RADCLIFF'S HEAD IS NOW IN DANGER

OFFICIAL HANGMAN FAILED TO SHOW UP WHEN HE WAS WANTED

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—It is reported that Canada's official hangman may have his official head cut off as a result of his non-appearance at North Bay yesterday morning for the hanging of the Italian Sam Spanelli. J. D. Radcliff of 54 Fern avenue, Toronto, is paid $700 a year by the Dominion government for the filling of this position, and he is supposed to either officiate at the public executions or send word to the sheriff of the county if he will be unable to be present on account of sickness or for other reasons. In the North Bay case Radcliff sent no excuse nor was the sheriff able to locate him, and was forced in the emergency to hire a stranger to execute Spanelli. At the department of justice today it was learned that the minister of justice was looking into the matter and that official action would be taken within the next few days.

BIG EVENT.

Reporter—And was your home among those burned?
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UNFAIR LIST

Of the American Federation of Labor

The following is part of the unfair list of the American Federation of Labor. Many of the daily newspaper readers who hear as much about the "Unfair List" during these days may be anxious to know what names of firms the A. F. of L. "Unfair List" contains.

Under these circumstances it becomes the duty of the labor press to keep its readers properly informed. What are papers published for if not for the purpose of giving correct information?

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TAFT IS A QUITTER

Gives Laborites the Horse Laugh in Coming Message

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The President is urged by petitions representing labor to incorporate in his annual message to congress certain features of law for the extension of the eight hour labor law and for certain changes in the matter of injunctions.

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, submitted a number of matters. The most imposing one of these was concerning the issuance of injunctions by federal judges, particularly as they apply to personal liberty and their use in the settlement of disputes between employers and employees. He also asked exemption of labor organizations from certain provisions of the Sherman anti-trust act.

It is said, however, the president has practically decided that his message to Congress will make no detailed recommendations regarding the Sherman Act. His decision is based largely upon the fact that there are pending in the Supreme court of the United States, and on their way to that highest tribunal a number of important cases involving the interpretation of that law.

THE LORDS VOTED

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Tonight Lord Lansdowne's resolution to throw out the budget was carried in the Lords by a vote of 350 to 75.

Miss Ellinore Gibson, supporting Miss Jeanne Russell in Mrs. Temple's Telegram at the Fernie Opera House Monday, December 6.

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Work Train Crashes Through Small Bridge Near Vancouver Killing Some Thirty Japs

VANCOUVER, B. C. Nov. 30— Between twenty and thirty Japanese were killed early this morning when a work train went through a fill in on the Great Northern between Vancouver and New Westminster. No white men were killed, the engineer and firemen jumping, and the caboose was not in the wreck.

The train left Vancouver shortly before 6 o'clock, and it was dark and raining heavily when the accident occurred. Rain had been jouring heavily yesterday and today and the flood loosened a fill in over a culvert. The engine had got over safely when the pull from behind was felt. On looking the engineer and fireman saw the whole fill in being swept away, leaving an unsupported gap 40 feet below the track. The fireman in jumping, landed on the moving earth and escaped only by a miracle.

The Japanese were in a box car behind the engine. The locomotive fell back on this, cutting it in two, and many bodies were badly mutilated. This afternoon 17 dead Japs were laid out on the bank of the stream, and portions of the bodies of others could be seen in the wreckage. There was no chance of escape, the locomotive coming in on one side and eight flat cars following the box car were piled in on top. Those who were not killed were drowned.

The owl express due from Seattle in Vancouver, shortly after 7 o'clock, was due to have crossed the same piece of track but was held at New Westminster till the track was cleared. Had the work train not come out the owl would in all probably have gone on through, and not being a heavy train the damage and loss of life would have been much greater.

Trains out of Vancouver are cancelled. It will be a day or two before traffic can be resumed.

DON'T GO TO NOVA SCOTIA

Agents of the Dominion Coal Co. of Cape Breton N. S., are at work trying to induce miners of Wilkesbarre and other anthracite mine towns to go there and scab. District and local officers should exert themselves to prevent them from securing any men for such purpose.

A strike has been on in Nova Scotia and at these mines since July 6 with every prospect of winning.

Don't go there and try to defeat your brothers who are fighting for the right to organize and better conditions of employment.

Stay away. Due notice will be given in these columns when the strike is won. Labor papers, please copy.

SWITCHMEN TIE UP FREIGHT TRAFFIC

BIG STRIKE CAUSES A SUDDEN TRAINS CONGESTION OF RAILWAY

SEATTLE, Dec. 2.—Freight service on the transcontinental lines in the Pacific Northwest is practically at a standstill today because of the walkout of the switchmen last night following orders from the chad offices at St. Paul. The Northern Pacific and the Great Northern are the hardest hit as they are the only transcontinental lines that employ large numbers of switchmen. In the northwest 700 switchmen obeyed the order.

The effect of the strike was felt at once on the lines running out of Seattle. No effort was made to handle the freight trains, other than those carrying livestock last night. Though passenger trains were enabled to leave on time only because the terminal superintendents and yard masters made up the trains.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 2.—One hundred and fifty six men are reported out today at important railway points in Montana in compliance with the strike order of the switchmen's union. Members of the trainmen's union have remained generally on duty. Local freight is being refused by three roads under orders from headquarters, but the trains were moving last night except at Livingston where fifteen trains were tied up and at Great Falls where traffic was at a standstill. Passenger traffic has not been interfered with as yet.

BOAT WENT DOWN

TILLAMOOK, Ore. Nov. 30.—The steamer Argo has probably foundered off Tillamook with all hands aboard. At two o'clock this morning she was seen to send up rockets to signify that the vessel was again in distress, and then her lights went out. At dawn she was nowhere to be seen. The steamer Oshkosh which has been remaining by, cannot cross the bar until high tide, and it is impossible to communicate with her on account of the life saving boat having been smashed.

It is possible that the Oshkosh removed the remaining passengers and crew before the Argo foundered but until the Oshkosh arrives at Tillamook it will be impossible to ascertain the fate of the persons on board the Argo.

The boat carried a crew of eight, none of whom were taken off yesterday. It is not known how many of the passengers were still on board but there would probably be six or eight of them.

The Argo was blown ashore yesterday and three passengers were drowned while they were being landed from a lifeboat.

The Argo succeeded in floating herself and as waiting off the Tillamook bar to be brought in when she disappeared.

BRITISH CABINET ON HOLIDAYS

AT PRESENT THEY ARE CONSIDERING THE FORM OF KING'S SPEECH

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The cabinet met in Downing street at noon today for the purpose of discussing the form of the Kings speech proroguing the parliament. All of the members with the exception of Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for foreign affairs, were present.

The cabinet remained in session until two o'clock. Meanwhile the crowd waited outside cheering the ministers and at the same time hoping for a suffrage outbreak, which however failed to materialize. The House of Lords convenes at 4 o'clock.

While the government has not announced whether it proposed an adjournment or the prorogation of parliament, the reports are to the effect that the latter course is almost certain.

It is believed that Premier Asquith will see King Edward tomorrow. Both chambers will hold short sessions on Friday for the reading of the King's speech.

FINE DOGS POISONED

Bear Hunter Now Offers a Big Reward to Catch the Culprits

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 30—Tom B. Hopper, veteran guide and bear slayer of Spokane, who has killed more big game in California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia during the last 35 years than any ten men in the country, has hit the trail to punish the miscreants responsible for the poisoning of three of his hounds, valued at $3,000. Two other dogs of the pack ate of the poisoned food, but Hopper succeeded in saving their lives. Hopper was with a party of eastern sportsmen on a bear hunting exedition in the vicinity of Valley, Wash., when the animals were killed. The party was driving along the country road when the lantern went out and Hopper stoped at a farm house for oil. Shortly afterward one of the party called attention to the dogs, but before aid reached them there of the animals died. Hopper has posted a reward of $500 and has enlisted country officials and officers of the Humane Society to aid him in the search.

TORTURED BY PILES

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Mr. Julius Glacier of Denbigh, Ont., says: "I was so tortured by piles that I could not get ease whether lying down, sitting or standing. The ailment robbed me of strength, of appetite and of all desire to live! I had suffered so long and so acutely that I came to think there was no ease for me, but one day I found out that I was wrong.

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WOLGAST BEATS POWELL

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—Ad. R. Wolgast of Milwaukee was given the decision oer Lew Powell at the end of 20 rounds of furious, and at times bloody fighting. Wolgast had the better of the fighting from start to finish and his whirlwind rushes and aggressive infighting proved a combination that the local fighter was unable to meet. Referee Jack Welsh gave the verdict to Wolgast immediately after the close of the final round and the decision met with the unanimous approval of the spectators.

Powell was the favorite at odds of 10 to 8 and he was backed for thousands. It is conceded that Wolgast, after his showing against the Californian, is the legitimate opponent for the champion Nelson. The fight tonight was remarkable for the terrific clip the fighters maintained and the disinclination at any time to break ground or shirk punishment.

Wolgast opened the battle as if he intended to make a run away fight of it. He fairly dazzled Powell with his speed and his aggressive fighting at close range was a revelation. Time and again he drove right and left short arm blows to the body and jaw and kept his arms going with such pistonlike regularity that Powell was all at sea. The men fought almost continuously at close range throughout the entire battle and while in this position Wolgast sent smash after smash on the Californian's jaw, and soon had the blood spurting in torrents from Powell's nose and mouth. One round after another was a repetition of the other, with Wolgast invariably holding the upper hand at all times.

THE HOME JOURNAL

"Canadians need not go far afield in a search for a good family journal while we have such a publication as our own Home Journal. I know that the Ladies' Home Journal has a wide circulation in Canada. It is a fine production, though to me, tiresome in its bulk and its many features. The Home Journal covers quite as many topics in less space. It is keener, less prosy and very well written. The covers are an artistic delight, and are equal to those of the Saturday Evening Post, which is fine praise. Jean Graham, the editor, is one of the finest women journalists in Canada, a woman whose writings have been appreciated in the New York press time and time again, whose work is known and appraised in the Southern States and to whom the New York Sun has more tha nonce referred in a most comlimentary manner. Why, then, do we not patronize our own wares? Why has it been said of Toronto—and you know how I love my own city—that she has never yet appreciated her own magazines and publications? This I do not believe—yet I have heard it said—and you may depend on it, it was hotly contradicted."—("Kit" in Mail and Empire.)

The Amazon Guards in a Military Drill in "The Pixies" at Miners Union Theatre December 8 and 9 under the Auspices of the Ladies' Benevolent Society

NOTICE

Roland W. Wood
and
Charles W. Davey

I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title and interest of the said defendant's building, known as the Royal Hotel and situate and being on Lot 8 Block 10 in the townsite of Fernie according to a map or plan of the said town as made by T. S. McVettie, P.L.C., and duly filed in the land registry office at Nelson, B. C., as plan No. 734, to recover the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars ($350.00) being rent, besides sheriff's poundage, and all other legal incidental expenses, all of which I shall offer by sheriff's sale on Thursday, the 18th day of November, A. D. 1909 at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon on the premises known as the Royal Hotel.

Dated at Fernie, B C., November 11, 1909.

M. A. KASTNER
Sheriff's Deputy.

The above sale is further postponed until Tuesday, the twenty-third day of November A. D., 1909, at the same hour and place.

Dated at Fernie B. C. November 18th, 1909.

M. A. KASTNER
Sheriff's Deputy

NOTICE

By virtue of a warrant of execution, issued out of the county court of Kootenay, holden at Fernie, B. C., at the suit of:

William A. Connell and William Scott, trading and carrying on business under the firm name and style of Connell & Scott, Plaintiffs.

and

Charles W. Davey, defendant,

I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title and interest of the said defendant's goods, consisting of liquors, wines and cigars at Fernie, B. C, in the building known as the Royal Hotel, situate and being on Lot 8, Block 10, in the City of Fernie, B. C., to recover the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Nine Dollars and Sixty Eight Cents ($359.68) besides sheriffs poundage and all other legal incidental expenses, all of which I shall offer by Sheriff's sale on Thursday, the Eleventh day of November, A. D., 1909, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon on the premises known as the Royal Hotel.

Dated at Fernie B. C., November 3rd, 1909.

M. A. KASTNER
Sheriffs Deputy

The above sale is further postponed until Tuesday, the twenty-third day of November A. D., 1909, at the same hour and place.

Dated at Fernie B. C. November 18th, 1909.

M. A. Kastner
Sheriff's Deputy.

NOTICE

60 days after date I intend to apply to the chief of Provincial Police for a renewal of the retail liquor license for the Royal Hotel of Gateway, B.C.

Dated this 16th day of October, 1909.

GEORGE VINCENT
Oct. 16 Dec. 17 G.V.

NOTICE

In the matter of an application for the issue of a duplicate certificate of Title to the south west 55 feet in width by 132 feet in depth of lot 8 block 2 of lot 5455 group 1, Kootenay district (Map 735.)

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month after the first publication hereof a duplicate of the certificate of Title to the above mentioned land in the name of Thomas Bullen which certificate is dated the 26th of July 1906 and numbered 5906A.

H. R. JORAND,
District Registrar

Land Registry Office,
Nelson B.C. Oct. 13, 1909.

NOTICE

Applications for electric light meters should be made to the undersigned at once, so that same may be installed without loss of time. The City of Fernie electric light plant will be running shortly and we will be in a position to supply light and power.

G. H. BOULTON,
City Clerk.

NOTICE

IN the matter of an application for the issue of a duplicate certificate of Title to lot 15 block 21 town of Fernie (Map 734.)

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month after the first publication hereof a duplicate of the certificate of title to the above mentioned lot in the name of Michael J. Casey, John Robert Ross and William A. Ross, which certificate is dated the 5th day of October 1907 and numbered 7649A.

H. R. JORAND,
District Registrar

Land Registry office Nelson, B. C.,

NOTICE

In the matter of an application for the issue of a duplicate certificate for Title for Lot 3 Block 2 of lot 5455 Group One Kootenay District (Map 735.)

NOTICE is hereby given that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month after the first publication hereof a duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above mentioned lot in the name of Eder Harper which certificate is dated the 19th of March 1906, and numbered 7495A.

H. R. Jorand,
District Registrar

NOTICE

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 1 mile east of the 31st mile post of the present C. P. R. surveyed line and being the south east corner of A. S. Farquharson's claims;

Thence running west 80 chains;
Thence running north 80 chains;
Thence running east 80 chains;
Thence running south 80 chains
to a point of commencement, making 640 acres more or less.

Located this 1st day of September, 1909.

NAT BABCOCK, Agent,
A.S.FARQUHARSON, Locator
J. RAVEN, Witness

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Thence running south 80 chains
Thence running west 80 chains;
Thence running north 80 chains;
Thence running east 80 chains;
to a point of commencement, making 640 acres more or less.

Located this 2nd day of September, 1909.

NAT BABCOCK, Agent,
EDMOND BOISJOLI, Locator
J. RAVEN, Witness

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Thence running east 80 chains;
Thence running south 80 chains
Thence running west 80 chains;
Thence running north 80 chains;
to a point of commencement, making 640 acres more or less.

Located this 3rd day of September 1909.

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P.A.FARQUHARSON, Locator
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Located this 3rd day of September, 1909.

NAT BABCOCK, Agent,
NAT BABCOCK, Locator
J. RAVEN, Witness

NOTICE

60 days after date I intend to apply to the chief of Provincial Police for a transfer of the retail liquor license of Simon Dragon to George Vincent of the Royal Hotel, Gateway, B. C.

Dated this 16th day of October, 1909.

SIMON DRAGON
Oct 16 Dec 17 G.V.

C. P. R. TIME TABLE

	Arrive Fernie
No. 213 West	10.00
No. 214 East	17.55
No. 236 Local East	9.12
No. 235 Local West	19.27
No. 7 West Flyer	10.40
No. 8 East Flyer	20.08

Change takes effect Sunday June 6.

G. N. TIME TABLE

NO. 252		No. 251
6.55	FERNIE	11.05
7.13	HOSMER	10.40
7.25	OLSON	10.32
7.50	MICHEL	10.10

Arrives Spokane 8.30 p.m.
Arrives Seattle 10.15 a.m.

Furnished boarding house for rent, a snap, apply to Ross Brothers, P. O. box 213.

Agent wanted in Fernie for the Pion Clothes Dryer for outdoors. Liberal commission. Write L. Arsenault, Edmonton, Alta. 3t30NP

Wanted: Servant girl for general housework. For wages, etc., apply to Mrs. Adolph, Baynes Lake post office B .C

Furnished and unfurnished room to rent in modern house. Telephone, electric light and bath. Apply B. S. care Ledger. 3tNP

For Sale: Ten acres good land covered with tamarac and cedar, close in. Apply Ledger office. 1m

BUSINESS LOCALS

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

Electric Fixtures, Depew, Macdonald & McLean, phone 61.

You bet—the spot to buy furniture is at the Trites-Wood Co.

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

Electric Fixtures, Depew, Macdonald & McLean, phone 61.

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

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

Do it now. Buy the range fitted wth semi-steel linings. Will stand 900 degrees more heat than any ordinary ones, and you get it for less money at the Trites-Wood Co., Ltd.

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

They are still selling window shades from 30c up at the Trites-Wood Co., Limited.

They do not give furniture away, but they sell it cheap at the Trites-Wood Co. Ltd.

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

Sewing Machines the best made from $30.50 up. All ball bearing fitted with automatic lift and fully guaranteed for ten years at the Trites-Wood Co. Ltd. Come in and try one.

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.

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

Manager wanted for Miners theatre, one who can run moving picture machine preferred. Apply stating salary and giving wages to D. Rees, Box 361 Fernie, B. C.

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

Furnished room with use of bath. Victoria avenue $8.00 per month.—Apply Ledger.

Two small houses and lot for sale, good location. Plastered and water installed. Easy terms. Apply J. S. Gusty, care P. Burns & Co. 3t 20p

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

Don't forget to visit the Delicatessen table at Christ church bazaar December 10th.

The Fancy table at the Christ Ch. bazaar can supply you with Xmas gifts. Dec. 10.

The Maypole dance will be a feature of the Christ church bazaar on Dec. 10th.

Wanted: Nursing, over 20 years experience, apply to Mrs. J. Howbrook, Fernie Annex, or box 336, Fernie.

When thirsty nothing but Michel beer for me.

Do you know that you can buy heating stoves from $2.75 up at the Trites-Wood Co., Ltd.

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

Local News

Bengough, the great cartoonist, will be in Fernie on the 16th. Wait for him.

The candy table will tickle your sweet tooth. Christ church bazaar on December 10.

Found: A black pony. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses to date. Apply at Ledger office. 1t

The Christ church bazaar can even supply you with a piano. Dont fail to get a ticket for a piano drawing. Tickets one dollar.

Services will be held as usual in Christ church on Sunday next. Service at 11 a.m. Sunday school at 2.30 and service at 7.30 p.m.

Don't fail to get a ticket on the drawing for the new Mendelssohn piano to be donated at the Christ church bazaar on December 10th to the lucky ticket holder.

Wanted: Respectable party or parties wanted to adopt healthy boy, two and a half years old and girl three and a half years old. Replies to be sent to T. C. care Ledger office.

Seats are now selling for the performance of "Mrs. Temple's Telegram" at the Miners opera house Monday, Dec. 6th. Miss Jeanne Russell and an all star cast. A complete production is carried including a six piece orchestra.

The Ladies Guild of Christ church will hold a bazaar afternoon and evening of December 10th in the basement of the church. One of the features of the bazaar will be the Japanese tea room where the ladies in Japanese costumes will serve tea.

For Sale: Moving picture machine, complete, also 5000 feet of films, 500 large posters, 2000 dodgers, 50 colored slides, everything ready to start in business; films only shown in 8 towns. Price $200, or machine and colored slides for $50. Machine almost new. A bargain. Apply William Rothel, Michel B. C.

"Mrs. Temples Telegram" will be the offering at Miners Opera house on Monday. This comedy was written for laughing purposes only, and if you have the blues and want to get rid of them do not miss seeing Miss Jeanne Russell and Company in this witty, sparkling comedy. Seats are now selling at $1, 75c, 50c and 25c.

Do not miss seeing "Mrs. Temple's Telegram' at the Miners opera house Monday, December 6.

The Great Bengough will be in the city on December 16 and give his famous illustrated lecture.

The regular monthly Ladies Aid tea of the Methodist church will be held at the home of Mrs. R. W. Wood on Tuesday afternoon, December 7th from 3 to 6.

Oh! you kid! Take me to see "Mrs. Temple's Telegram at the Miners opera house Monday night, Dec. 6th. They say that Canada's most popular actress, Miss Jeanne Russell is seen at her best in the role of Mrs. Temple.

Perhaps one of the funniest comedies ever written will be produced at the Miners opera house Monday night December 6th, by the Jeanne Russell Co. "Mrs. Temple's Telegram" is the title. Seats are selling fast.

Clyde Fitch's biggest success, "Mrs. Temple's Telegram" will be produced by Miss Jeanne Russell and her capable supporting company at the Miners opera house Monday night, Dec. 6th. Prices $1, 75c, 50c, 25c. Reserve your seats early.

Do not fail to see "Mrs. Temple's Telegram" at the Miners opera house Monday night. December 6th. Miss Jeanne Russell, ever welcome in Fernie, will be seen as Mrs. Jack Temple. All the other parts are in capable hands.

Rev. Mr. Spidell will have charge of both services in the Baptist church on Sunday. In the morning the subject will be "The Christian's Abounding Joy." The evening subject will be "The Unanswered Call." Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

We have received a copy of the Fort George Tribune, the latest newspaper prodigy of John Houston. As is customary with his undertakings it is neat and attractive. As an evidence of the growth of the place the Tribune puts up the argument that the women there have commenced to wear corsets. Next thing the men will be smoking cigarettes.

Charles H. Clark, late of Rossland, is in the city at present in connection with the moving picture business. Mr. Clark has shown in Michel and Hosmer and was greeted with bumper houses in each of these places, and he has with him an A 1 lot of films. He gave a show here last night in Bruces hall, and all who were present report a treat. The vaudeville and singing were features worthy of notice. He gives another show tonight.

The joint committee of District No. 18 Miners and Operators meets at Coleman today to adjust disputes that could not be settled at the previous meeting, which was held at Macleod. R. W. Bennett is chairman of the committee. Sec. Carter left here to attend the committee. Pres. Powell and Vice-President Stubbs are already there. International Organizer W.H. McCluskey left here for the meeting last night.

Both "Dad' Bleasdell and N. E. Suddaby have the finest assortment of toys is has been our pleasure to behold. No store in the largest cities can boast of a larger or finer assortment than our stores here. Mechanical toys for the youngsters, beautiful presents for the sweetheart, for your wife (or for that matter for the other fellows wife) are in abundance, and it will not be necessary to send away for anything this year. Patronize the home merchants who keep up the town.

The Stoddard Players, who have held the boards at the Fernie opera house the entire week have made many warm friends in our city. As players they are number one, every member of the company being an artist, and besides that they are a very respectable company. The weather on the opening night, Monday, was so inclement that but very few were able to be present to witness that beautiful play, "The Man on the Box,' and for that reason Manager Stewart is going to repeat that success tonight. They put the play on splendidly, and if you want to enjoy a couple of hours be sure and attend. They have some exceptionally fine specialties to fill in between the acts, so that there is no tiresome waiting. This afternoon they will present as a matinee "The Parish Priest" and those who saw the production on Wednesday night were more than delighted. It is rather a pity that whenever a good company comes here they receive poor patronage. In this case there were so many plays the last two or three weeks that the people seemed to hesitate about coming out, but if you want to be sure of an enjoyable evening come out tonight.

Miner's Union Theatre, Fernie

Under auspices of Ladies Benevolent Society

Wed. & Thurs., Dec. 8th & 9th

THE BEAUTIFUL MUSICAL FAIRY SPECTACLE

"THE PIXIES"

By W.A. Milne, author of "Aladdin" etc., Given by Home talent under the personal direction of author

150 - YOUNG LADIES AND CHILDREN IN CAST - 150

All in Grotesque and Beautiful Costumes, representing Pixies, Brownies, Goblins, Insects, Pickaninnies, Monkeys, Fairies, Butterflies, Flower Girls, Pages, Amazon Guards, Japanese Maidens, etc.

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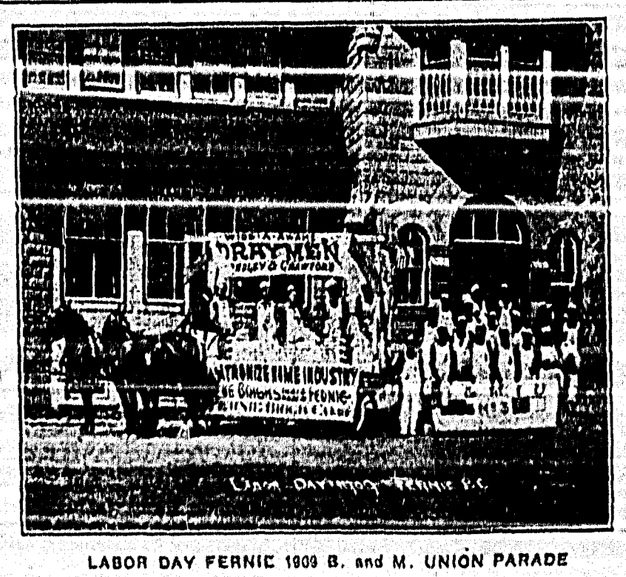

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Same Metropolitan Cast. Magnificent Scenic Equipment

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Prices 75c, 50c and 25c. Plan at Supdaby's

THE GREAT FIGHT

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The fight for the heavyweight championship of the world between James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson will be held in California in the vicinity of San Francisco on July 4, 1910, and will be staged by Tex Rickard of Nevada and John B. Gleason of San Francisco. Their bid of $110,000 and two thirds of the moving picture privileges to the contestants was formally accepted during a stormy meeting at Hoboken N. J. this afternoon and the articles will be fixed up and signed there tomorrow. It is believed that the fight will represent more cash than any other fight in the history of the prize ring.

Thomas J. McCarey of Los Angeles, whose bid was considered highest by many, made a game race for his Pacific Athletic club, but his cause was without hope. James Coffroth, by virtue of his control of the two basic patents on moving pictures, had decreed against McCarey and his ally Eddy Graney of San Francisco, and the fight was given to Gleason and Rickard, who it is conceded by sporting men, have an understanding with Coffroth, a surmise strengthened by the fact that Gleason and Coffroth have shared in the bids. McCarey and Graney estimate that the net value of the moving pictures will amount to at least $200,000 and may be worth $400,000. Rickard and Gleason declined to estimate.

BIG EXPRESS ROBBERY

WINNIPEG, Dec. 3—The climax of a $5000 robbery occurred last night when John A. Barnett, a railway mail clerk residing in the Fairfax block, was arrested charged with the crime. It is the sequel of the disappearance of a package containing $5085 from the mails on the Carmanday branch of the Canadian Northern on November 1st. The police found $1000 of the stolen money yesterday morning, but admit that the problem of solving the mysterious affair is puzzling them. Barnett took his arrest coolly, employed a lawyer and was today remanded for a week. His salary is $1.80 per day and he has been in the service for a year. The detectives of the case, the railway and the postoffice department are maintaining utmost silence in regard to the case. They admit however that several persons are involved in the robbery and that a number of thefts of equal interest have occurred recently in the service which have not been explained. The suggestion is that all have been committed by the same gang.

THE PIXIES

Big Home Talent Opera at the Miners Union Theatre, December 8 and 9—Auspices Ladies Benevolent Society

For the past ten days one hundred and fifty young ladies and children have been holding daily rehearsals of the big fairy extravaganza, "The Pixies," under the direction of the author, Mr. W. A. Milne of Chicago. It will be given at the Miners Union Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday nights, December 8 and 9, for the benefit of the Ladies Benevolent Society. Forty boys in grotesque costuming, will represent pixies, brownies, insects, goblins and monkeys; eighty little girls in tinsel and lace, will be fairies, butterflies, flower girls and pages; thirty young ladies will take the leading parts and will give a series of drills, dances and marches.

It tells the story of the kidnapping of a sleeping fairy by the wicked goblins, a terrific battle between the pixies and goblins, the final defeat of the goblins, the restoration of the stolen fairy and the wedding festivities of the Prince and Queen. This story is told in erse and introduces forty musical numbers, embracing solos, duets, quartets, choruses, drills, dances and marches.

It has been presented during the past sixteen years in all the larger cities throughout the States, Great Britain, Australia and Canada. At Victoria, Nanaimo, New Westminster, Kamloops and Revelstoke, it was greeted with packed houses and the press of these cities unite in pronouncing it "the most beautiful and laughable entertainment ever devised for amateurs.'

An excellent cast has been secured here and the young people have entered into it with an enthusiasm that spells success. Director Milne has expressed himself as delighted with the talent shown by the entire cast. The principal parts are taken by Mrs. G. F. Stevenson, as Prince Florimel; Mrs. J. N. Waterhouse as the Queen Titania, Miss Annie Skilling as Angelica, and Miss Sybil Redding, as Cholly the Dude. Each will be heard in several rousing duets and solos. An Amazon march and drill, in natty "wild west" uniform, will be given by Mesdames Sherwood Herchmer, Depew, L. A. S. Dack, Elley, and the Misses Maell Stewart, Muriel Whimster, Emily, Pim, Leslie Shaw, Lettie Mott, Olive Pearson, Etta Kirkpatrick and Edith Rankin. These ladies execute eighty military evolutions on the double quick with the precision of veterans, and never fail to win several encores. A Japanese specialty, a song and dance in rich oriental costuming, will be given by Maude Pearson, Alice Tyldesley, Irene Smith, Wilma Hicks, Jessie Cody, Cassie Cody, Leola Pollock, Rheta Todd, Grace Dudley, Laura Dudley, Amy Biggs and Olive Pearson.

But after all the chief interest centers in the hosts of children, with their bright, expressive faces and unconscious grace. The grotesque makeup and side-splitting antics of the pixies, brownies and goblins, never fail to cause roars of laughter. Under the veteran directorship of Mr. Milne the younger members of the cast accomplish the apparently impossible. Those who have witnessed the rehearsals are wildly enthusiastic and a rare treat is in store for the two packed houses which are sure to greet the comical "Pixies.'

Seats are now on sale at Bleasdell's drug store, and all are advised to make their reservations as early as possible as not a seat will be left.

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