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COMPERS AND MITCHELL TO JAIL

Court of Appeal Hands Out Final Decree--What Next

WASHINGTON, D. C. Nov. 3—The court of appeals of the district of Columbia today affirmed the jail sentence of Samuel Compers, president of the American Federation of Labor, John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers, and Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, convicted of contempt on a charge of violating an injunction by publishing the name of the Buck Stove and Range Company as "unfair."

The sentence was imposed by Justice Wright in the Supreme court of the District of Columbia and the appeal was taken to the court of appeals of the district which handed down its decision today.

The sentence of Compers is for one year in jail. John Mitchell is sentenced to nine months in jail and Morrison is sentenced to six months.

The opinion of the court of appeals was written by associate justice Van Orsdel and was concurred in by Associate Justice Robb, Chief Justice Sherrard dissenting.

"Individual interest dwindles into insignificance when compared with the higher principles in the case," declared Justice Van Orsdel.

"The fundamental issue is whether the constitutional agencies of the government shall be obeyed or defied."

"The mere fact that the defendants are officers of organized labor in America adds to the gravity of the situation, but it should not be permitted to influence the result."

CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Fernie held in the council chambers November 2nd, 1909.

Present: Mayor Herchmer, Ald. Cree Barclay, Johnson, Gates, Duthie.

Duthie—Cree—That rates for electric light be as follows:

- 1-16 C.P. light \$1 per month.
- 2-16 C.P. light 95c per month.
- 3-16 C.P. light 90c per month.
- 4-16 C.P. light 85c per month.
- 5-16 C.P. light 80c per month.

Barclay—Duthie—That the motor rate be twenty cents per kw. hour.—Carried.

Duthie—Cree—That a minimum charge of \$1 monthly, including meter rental, be charged.—Carried.

Barclay—Cree—That a discount of 15 per cent be allowed on electric light bills if paid before the 25th of month.—Carried.

Cree—Johnson—That Depow, Macdonald & McLean Co. Ltd. wire the power house on time and material.—Carried.

Minutes of a meeting held on November 4th:

Present: Mayor Herchmer; Ald. Cree Johnson, Gates.

Cree—Johnson—That City Clerk write to electrical supply companies for price lists.—Carried.

Cree—Johnson—That list of supplies on list A be purchased at once from the Westinghouse Co. local agent.—Carried.

Cree—Gates—That list of supplies for power house be purchased locally and tenders asked for.—Carried.

Gates—Johnson—That time for rebate on payment of 1909 taxes be extended to Dec. 4.—Carried.

Johnson—Gates—That standard pole line to rink property be constructed by Depow, Macdonald & McLean Company, price to be \$175.—Carried.

Gates—Johnson—That we now adjourn.—Carried.

NEW LODGE

Crows Nest temple No. 16 of the Pythian Slaves was organized on the 22nd of October by Mrs. Lillian Thomas D.D.G.C. of Roseland, with quite a large membership. The following officers were duly elected and installed:

- Mrs. B. Wriglesworth, M. E. C.
- Mrs. Lean Boulton, E. C.
- Mrs. E. Todd, E. I.
- Mrs. A. T. Hamilton, M. of T.
- Mrs. Spalding, M. of R. and C.
- Mrs. W. Scott, M. of P.
- Mrs. W. Ward, P. of T.
- Mrs. R. B. Wilkinson, G. of O. T.
- Mrs. M. L. Beck, P. C. of T.

After installation of officers the degree was conferred on several of the Knights and the proceedings closed with a banquet given by the Brother Knights. All had a very enjoyable time.

NOTICE

All Socialists in outlying points of the Fernie Electoral District are requested to communicate with Mr. David Paton, Box 101, Fernie B. C.

A GOOD YARN

OTTAWA, Nov. 4—Wilson Foster, a Yukon mining man, has presented the Dominion geological survey with a collection of gold and topaz and opal stones, valued at \$10,000 which were taken from the gizzards of partridge, grouse and other ground birds found in the Yukon.

MRS. ROBINSON WILL NOT HANG

THOUSANDS OF LETTERS FROM ALL OVER BEGGED FOR LENIENCY

OTTAWA, Nov. 3—Mrs. James Robinson, the woman under sentence to be hanged at Sudbury three weeks hence, for the murder of the infants of her daughters will not have to suffer the death penalty. This much has already been decided, after a review of evidence and the circumstances of the case by the minister of justice.

It is very doubtful however, if the cabinet council will see its way clear to grant a full pardon. There is no precedent for such a course in the history of the Dominion.

In the only similar instance where sentence of death on a woman was commuted some years ago, to a limited term of imprisonment, the term was made fourteen years and she was afterward liberated after serving seven years.

The case is clearly one of murder, and even though the circumstances all cry for mercy it is doubtful under the criminal code if a full pardon can be granted.

The matter will come before the cabinet this week for consideration. Meanwhile the flood of petitions for clemency and pardon pouring into the department of justice is unabated. It is estimated that over one hundred and fifty thousand persons have already been heard from. All sections of Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, are represented, and many letters are being received from the United States.

Some of the petitioners couch their prayer for mercy in original poetry, others write essays or diatribes on the various aspects of the case.

ARE JAILED FOR SPEAKING ON STREET

LABOR ORATORS MAKING HARD BATTLE FOR FREEDOM OF SPEECH

SPOKANE, Nov. 3—Eighty orators of the Industrial Workers of the World were marched to jail between 12 and 2 o'clock today for speaking on the streets, and before night it is believed that 300 to 500 may be in jail or under guard at the city hall. The Industrial Workers of the World claim to have 7000 men here or on the way from other cities ready to take the place of their orators as fast as they are arrested.

The police are keeping the crowds on the move and up to the present no disorder has occurred.

The city authorities have provided a big rockpile and secured extra hammers. The orators are to be marched to the rockpile, but declare they will refuse to work. In this event it is expected they will be put on a bread and water diet until they are willing to swing the hammers. If they work the city plans to use the crushed rock for a new huge concrete bridge being built on Monroe street.

Judge Mann this morning declared the law class legislation and unconstitutional which permits religious bodies to hold street meetings. This upsets the Salvation Army's plans for a big street meeting led by Commanders Eva Booth, tonight. The I. W. W. men do not resist arrest, but are singing, shouting and raising pandemonium in the jail where they are packed like sardines, nineteen being in one little cell.

SERIOUS CHARGE

CHIATJAM, Nov. 4—Mrs. M. Rumble, charged with blowing up her husband's house in Harwich on the morning of October 23, while Rumble and the family were asleep, was arraigned this morning but the hearing was adjourned for a week.

THE BIG FIGHT IN FULL SWING

First Gun of Campaign in Fernie Riding Touched Off Last Night--Ross and Fisher Very Easy

HARRINGTON EASY WINNER

The Hon. R. McBride, aided by attorney general Bowser, surrounded by W. R. Ross, chairman, Dr. Bonnell and the faithful few, occupied the boards at the miners' theatre last night.

Chairman Bonnell opened the meeting and started the audience by stating that no opposition speakers would be allowed on the platform and be given a right to speak. This met with a loud rebuke from the audience. The chairman then introduced W. R. Ross as the first speaker. Mr. Ross waded through the usual string of party talk, and during his remarks stated that while he recognized many beauty spots in Socialism the times were not ripe for its doctrine. He egotistically claimed that at the last election the people had used their good sense by sending him to Victoria to represent them and wound up by begging the Socialists and workmen to unite with him and approve of the McBride railway policy.

Premier McBride was the next speaker, and occupied the boards for about 45 minutes, explaining his railway policy. He urged upon the Socialists to stand with him in the policy. He made a big talk about his stand on the Asiatic question. He quoted figures for the cost of the railway and ended up by giving out the information that if his railway policy was endorsed by the people it would mean the expenditure of \$35,000,000 within four years and the bringing in of thousands of white workmen to the country (to fill the already overstocked labor market, and cut down the wages still lower.—Ed.) He solicited votes for his friend Mr. Ross, who he claimed has always stood up for the workmen. (We wonder where?) "The Conservative government," he said, "was the first government to recognize the workmen, and that was under Sir John A. Macdonald, (and the Liberals claim they were the first) who gave to the workers the right to strike. (We think we can trace a strike or two before the advent of Sir John.—Ed.)"

Mr. Bowser was next and reiterated the statement of McBride. He then criticized the supposed railway policy of John Oliver, dubbing it "the prize railway map." He made a great talk on the terms of the agreement with the G. T. P. and the McKenna and Mann railways, referring to the employment of Asiatic labor. (The clause he read contained the following "unless allowed by the lieutenant governor." And everyone knows full well that that clause was inserted as a loop hole, and would be used by the Lieutenant Governor as readily as possible if pressure from certain sources was brought to bear. What labor man can be galled by such rot as that when Dunsmuir himself is one of the largest employers of Asiatic labor in Canada.—Ed.) He made the starting statement that at present (while he and McBride believed in using the people's money for the people) there was hoarded up at the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Victoria the sum of \$4,168,000, which was drawing 3 per cent. (And all through the country such things as schools, roads, etc. are being entirely ignored by this self same government. Even right here in Fernie we want for roads while 4 millions is lying idle there.—Ed.) He started off gamely to tackle the Japanese fishery question, but soon pulled in his horns and switched off to other matters. He mentioned about the local option proposition, and said that a special ballot box would be used on the 25th, and that if 50 per cent of the voters voted yes, the local option bill would be introduced into the house, but if the 50 per cent did not vote in favor nothing further would be done in the matter. This is a very good system of handling this much vexed question at the present time.

The meeting was very orderly throughout, the only people raising a disturbance being two Conservatives, who could not sit still while their leaders were talking. The chairman made the announcement at the outset that the Coal Creek train would be held for an hour to allow the faithful Conservatives from Coal Creek to shake hands with the Premier. Dr.

Bonnell told Mr. Harrington that the Premier would speak for one and a half hours and Mr. Bowser for two, and for that reason no opposition would be allowed to occupy the boards. However as there was over an hour's time left it seemed rather frosty, to hold such a one-sided meeting, and showed that McBride, Bowser and Ross were afraid of their two opponents.

John Harrington, the Socialist candidate for the Fernie riding in the coming election, visited Hosmer, Michel and Corbin last week, and was well received in all these places. Working committees were formed at Hosmer and Michel. At Corbin he addressed a large audience for over an hour, dealing with his subject in a masterly manner. A number of questions were dealt with to the satisfaction of all. Comrade Harrington was loudly cheered at the close of his address, and a vote of thanks was accorded him, and he was unanimously invited to visit Corbin again before the campaign was over, which he promised to do. Mr. Hamilton, who is an old Coal Creek man, and who is at present the local secretary of the U. M. W. of A. presided in a very able manner.

Mr. Harrington returned to Fernie on Saturday and dealt with a mass of correspondence from outside districts from comrades who are willing to devote their time and energy (without hope of monetary reward) to help on the fight. It is safe to say that before another week closes there will be such an army of Socialist speakers in Fernie as never before. Amongst the correspondence was a letter from Com. Drake of Bellevue stating that he would be in Fernie on Thursday, November 4, prepared to do anything in his power. Drake is a worker and was agent for C. M. O'Brien in the Rockies. He is an old time lumber jack and will be put into that part of the riding immediately. Mr. Harrington attended a special meeting of the Socialist party in the miners' hall at Fernie on Sunday, when matters of organization were discussed, and Harrington was appointed representative of the party at the registration court the following day where he met with much success.

Com. Harrington addressed the usual meeting of the party on Sunday and in the course of his remarks made it quite clear that he was not going to pander to anyone for votes, that win or lose, this election was going to be fought on a straight issue, and that every vote given to him was a vote for the principles for which he stood. Comrades Minton and Dickenson also spoke. A number of interesting questions were asked and answered. Jack Smith occupied the chair.

Com. Harrington attended to more correspondence on Tuesday, which included a telegram from Com. Wilfred Gribble of Toronto, stating that he would be in Fernie tomorrow (Sunday). If the necessary arrangements can be made he and the candidate will speak in the Coal Creek school room on Monday night.

Harrington left on Wednesday on the G. N. and will go as far as Gateway, returning in time for Ross' meeting on Friday night. He will speak in Hosmer on Saturday night.

WORKINGMEN

Remember that John Harrington is the only man who will represent you in the fight. The two old party men represent capital all the time.

HORRIBLE FATE

LONDON, Nov. 3—Three hundred miners were imprisoned by water rushing into the Tareni coal pit at Ystana-Yh-Fera, Glamorganshire. Three bodies have been recovered. One hundred and fifty miners were rescued alive. The others are still held prisoners and the water is rising.

BRAKEMAN BURNED IN TRAIN WRECK

REDDING, Cal. Nov. 3—Conductor Edward F. Richardson, of Dunsmuir, was instantly killed, and brakeman Charles Neale burned to death in the wreckage of the rear part of a freight train on the Southern Pacific, which was caught early today in a tunnel midway between Keswick and Coran.

Neale, inextricably fastened in the wreck, remained conscious and when he saw the fire from the burning freight cars creeping near begged the bystanders to cut off his legs to release him. The flames crept nearer and nearer and finally incinerated the doomed man, while the other members of the train crew stood by in horrified helplessness.

The wreck was caused by the caving in of the tunnel about midway between Keswick and Coran on the rear of the northbound freight train. The caboose occupied by Conductor Richardson and brakeman Neale, was almost completely buried under a mass of earth and rocks, and with the overturning of the stove the wreckage caught fire. The track was torn up for over a hundred feet by the wreck, and it is impossible to build a track around the tunnel, so the traffic on the Southern Pacific line will be tied up until tomorrow and possibly later.

BELLINGHAM HAS A FATALITY FIRE

THREE LODGING HOUSES BURNED AND INMATES RECEIVE FATAL BURNS

BELLINGHAM, Nov. 3—Two lives were lost, one woman is fatally injured and a dozen seriously burned, and property valued at \$25,000 was destroyed in a fire which razed three lodging houses on Elk street between Walnut and Marble streets after 3 o'clock this morning. The dead are William Gorman, carpenter, and William Dawson, carpenter, while Mrs. Emma Biffin had her spine broken and is fatally injured.

The burned buildings were of frame and burned like tinder. Within a few minutes after the fire was discovered the interior of the Denver house, the Seattle house and the two stories over the B. B. grocery was a mass of flames. The inmates dashed in through the flames into the stairways and escaped from the windows. Many were taken down ladders by firemen. Mrs. Biffin lowered her two children from the third story window to the street with clothes lines. One frantic girl whose name could not be secured hung by her finger tips to a window sill on the third floor sending forth screams after screams. It was eight minutes before a ladder arrived, and she was rescued by fireman Thomas Armstrong. Her clothing was burned before she was rescued.

It is not known how the fire originated. It is believed to have started in the second story of the Denver lodging house.

CHURCH OPENING

Work on the new Methodist church is being rushed for the opening on Sunday week, November 14th. Opening sermons will be preached by the Rev. George Kerby of Calgary, one of the ablest and most popular ministers in the west, and specially successful in young men's work. On the Monday following the opening the ladies of the church are providing a popular dinner at 50c per head, which will be served in the basement of the church. There is ample accommodation in the basement for seating all who may come. In the evening a cantata will be rendered by the choir. Special singing will be a feature of the opening services. Watch announcements next week.

Local Option
What's the matter with local option? This will be discussed from all sides in a general rally on Monday night, November 8. There will be a representative local platform reinforced by Rev. Robert Hughes of Cranbrook, who is now running the Cranbrook Searchlight. Candidates for political honors will be invited to be present, and declare themselves. Local option is a live issue in the present campaign and will be canvassed in all its bearings. A rousing meeting is expected. For convenience the meeting will be held in the Methodist church.

INJURED TRADE MARK

TORONTO, Nov. 4—The allied printers' trade council has launched an action to recover \$10,000 damages for an alleged conspiracy to injure its registered trade mark and has secured an interim injunction till November 10 to prevent the use of any fraudulent imitation of the trade mark. The defendants are E. S. Randall, F. S. Atwell, M. Tumpane, Charles Kentes, C. T. Roddy and W. Whyte.

SUICIDE OF A LETHBRIDGE WOMAN

Hard to Understand the Awful Deed--Home Was Happy

(Lethbridge Herald)

The body of Mrs. George B. Davis was found at her room at Howell Harris on Bartlett street on Saturday about half past twelve, when police burst in the door of the room. When Mrs. Davis did not appear about noon, Mrs. Harris, her landlady, became anxious and went to her room and called. She received no response, and on trying the door found that it was locked. All efforts to arouse her failed, and Mrs. Harris, becoming alarmed, got her husband to get a ladder and climb up to the window of her room. There Mr. Harris met a gruesome sight. The body of Mrs. Davis was lying across her bed in a pool of blood with a ghastly cut across her throat. Mr. Harris at once informed the police of the catastrophe. Chief Gillespie and a constable, on arriving at the spot forced the door of the room where the dead body of the woman was lying; her head toward the foot of the bed. Beside her lay a copy of "Wilkie Collins' 'Fallen Leaves,'" face downward and opened about the middle of the book, which she had apparently been reading during the night.

Coroner Higginbotham was notified at once and in company with the police made a thorough search of the room. A small bottle of carbolic acid was discovered near the bed—half empty. It was evident that she had used the remainder as the mouth and side of the face showed that she had been burned by the acid. Underneath her body an open razor was found, covered with blood, the instrument which she had used to take her life when the acid had not fully accomplished the purpose.

The room was searched in vain for any sign of a note or message indicating the attitude of the mind that prompted such an action. The key of the room was found on the floor inside the room, showing that she had evidently locked the door before committing the deed and it had been jolted out of the lock when the door was forced open.

It is hard to imagine an adequate reason that prompted Mrs. Davis to this terrible act of self destruction. She was to all appearances in the best of spirits the night before, had played a game of cribbage, and appeared not to have the slightest symptoms of melancholia. She was a young woman, 32 years of age, rather prepossessing in appearance, and usually of a cheerful temperament although subject some times to fits of despondency.

Her husband is an implement agent in the employ of the International Harvester Company of this city, and was at the time at Grassy Lake on business. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have been living at Mr. Harris' since last August, coming here at that time from Greensburg, Indiana.

They had intended to leave in a few days for their home in the States in order to bring back their household effects before moving to their home near Taber, where Mr. Davis has a large farm.

Mrs. Davis' parents are living at Greensburg, Indiana. The body was shipped home from Addisons undertaking parlors last night.

BRUTAL MURDER

QUILL LAKE, Sask., Nov. 4—There is great excitement in the village over the triple murder of George Thorburn, his wife and his wife's mother, who were brutally killed by the hired man a Hungarian named Mezel, aged 21.

Mr. Thorburn, who is a former resident of Sarnia, Ont., was shot and his body thrown into the cellar. The body of Mrs. Thorburn was found in the bush near the house, and the body of Mrs. Thorburn's mother is believed to be in the well. The little three year old girl hid in an oven and escaped the monster's clutches. The boy was clubbed into unconsciousness but is still alive.

Settlers were out in all directions scouring the country and their efforts were rewarded as the murderer was arrested at Wynward this afternoon, and taken in charge by mounted police. He admits his guilt. The Thorburn family was one of the most highly respected in these parts, and the awful tragedy has caused a deep gloom in the community.

OUR SOCIALIST PAGE

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THE DEADLY PARALLEL

WHAT WOULD SOCIALISM BE LIKE?

(From "ANSWERS")

What would England be like if the Socialists were to come into power at the next General Election? How would a Socialist regime affect the every day lives of the population of our country? These are questions the replies to which should be interesting to students of modern events, the answers coming as they do from such experts as Mr. Victor Grayson, the Socialist M. P. for Coine Valley; and Colonel Lockwood, Conservative M. P. for the Epping division.

A PARADISE—Says Victor Grayson M. P.

What would England be like under Socialism? Serious prophecy is always difficult and dangerous; and because we Socialists do not care to enter into prognostications as to the colors that would be assigned to the various valued stamps, or the shape of the money orders, our opponents snatch triumphantly at the straw and cry out that we have no practical, definite platform.

But a broad forecast is not so difficult. In the first place, then, the State—that is, the whole community of which you are a member—would be inalienably the owner and administrator of the land, or raw materials, and of values and resources accumulated from the past. You would not only hold your land from the state, but you would get your milk from it, your meat from it, your bread from it. There is a class of people to whom the idea of buying bread from the State appears—or appears to appear—unaccountably appalling. They seem to forget that already they buy many things from the State—their stamps, for instance—and that the burden thus laid upon them does not begin to crush the romance out of their lives—a charge that has been laid at Socialism's door.

The idea that Socialism would create a bureaucracy—a host of officials under whose tyrannical thumbs the public would writhe—is best answered by looking at the present situation under Individualism. Competition involves the employment of such an army of officials that the co-ordination brought about by a Socialist regime would inevitably abolish about half of them. Then, again, we Socialists believe that Socialism can only come when the people are educated up to its principles. In the circumstances, it is ludicrous to imagine an enlightened people tyrannizing over itself!

No More Millionaires

Again, if Socialism were introduced it would be impossible for any one man to amass riches to the extent of, say, Mr. Carnegie or Mr. Rockefeller, or anything approaching that extent. Yet the idea that Socialism is opposed to capital—though it is opposed to capitalism—is one of the popular misconceptions with regard to the proposed development of Socialism which need not exist if those who criticize Socialism would undertake the elementary labor of reading its literature.

The best answer to those who say that capital would be driven out of the country by any advance toward Socialism is that for purposes of ordinary Socialistic tendencies, such as municipalization schemes and schemes for national control of industrial concerns, there is never any difficulty in obtaining limitless capital as loans from the very people who threaten us with the export of their capital. It is a case of the demand creating the supply.

In the abstract philosophy of the Socialists, capital exists in no banks or bags, but in the will and capacity to labor on the raw material of the earth. We invite the capitalist to take this latter out of the country! Another point overlooked by this class of objector is that Socialism is not a national but an international movement. There is no country of the slightest importance that is not as much developed toward Socialism as England itself, and it would obviously be absurd to transport capital to any but the important industrial centres.

As to the Army and Navy question we are being continually misrepresented. It is hardly conceivable that our present barbaric method of settling national disputes would survive the introduction of International Socialism. But in the event of backward nations retaining a system of individualism and manifesting imperial designs, the Socialist state would organize and train its citizens on a voluntary basis for the protection of the country.

Broadening the Pool

Under a Socialist State, as far as any one can attempt to prophesy, as the means of production would be owned by the community, and as production would be for the comfort and convenience of the community, we should develop a finer, more robust type of man and a more spiritual and interesting type of woman. The children born into such a community, under the system of State support of motherhood, would not be regrettable necessities, but national assets, whose free labor would go to broadening and deepening the common pool of happiness.

Within the limits of so short an article, it is impossible to describe with greater detail what England would be like under Socialism. I only ask those who are still our enemies to read our literature, disabusing their minds for a moment of all prejudices, and to consider whether we are the deep-dyed ruffians, the incorrigible fools, or the idealistic Don Quixotes our opponents, according to their lights, think fit to picture us—whether, in fact, Socialism and sense have not as much in common as Individualism and selfishness.

THE OTHER PLACE—Says Col. Lockwood M. P.

What would England be like under Socialism? There are different kinds of Socialism. There is that Socialism which means self, and very little more, and there is that Socialism which is laid down by the Socialist party. It has many variations, many tributaries, many side issues, and it is questionable if even the Socialists themselves could absolutely and clearly define Socialism in a concise manner.

But let us briefly consider the question, taking Socialism in the generally accepted sense of the term and not liable about its multifarious variations.

Under it, England would be plunged into chaos. It would mean the entire municipalization of all independent works, with a naturally corresponding falling away of capital, which would go out of the country. Think what this municipalization alone would bring. The Socialists vaguely tell us that if every industry were controlled by a municipality we should live under better and happier conditions.

Nothing of the sort.

People with money would soon take it elsewhere, and I think I should be right in describing the times to which capital would, in the ordinary course of events, depart, as safer climes.

The Heavy Hand

When the capital had gone there would be widespread ruin among the people generally.

Under Socialism we would have the creation of an enormous and powerful bureaucracy, who would govern their fellows with an infinitely heavier hand than the State and the private employer now uses.

The Socialists talk glibly of the equality of self government of its tendency to give them a voice in the management of the country, of the happy times when they would be able to control wealth, and turn it to the best possible advantage.

But they are curiously reticent—nay, one might say silent—on the disadvantages, the perils, and the dissatisfaction which would naturally be caused by the establishment of this mighty bureaucracy.

Further, Socialism would mean the weakening, or probably, what is worse, the entire abrogation of both the army and navy. If it did not mean the abrogation it would most certainly mean the weakening of the army and navy to such an extent as to leave us at the mercy of a foreign power.

One might argue that we are at the present moment open to attack from these sources; but I will go farther and say that Socialism on the lines indicated would place us at the mercy of the weakest foreign power in existence.

It would mean an absolute invitation to a foreign power to walk in and take possession of our land. But the land is the land of the people, or should be, say the Socialists. Even if this far stretched proposition could for one single moment hold water, one is prompted to ask what sense there is in so weakening our defending forces as to make us the prey of any weak little foreign power who cares to come and swallow us up.

Inevitable War

As for the point which is sometimes raised that under Socialism there would be no war, and consequently no need for the maintenance of an army or navy, this argument would only apply if Socialism became universal. And this will never be. The good sense of the people will be the first effective barrier to its adoption, and its absolute impracticability would constitute the second.

Therefore, one can dismiss as totally unnecessary, the idea that universal Socialism would ever reign.

The Socialists have mentioned that they are as patriotic as any other Englishmen.

Very well. Let every Englishman read carefully the speeches made by all the members of the admitted heads of the Socialist party, and I will undertake to say he will not find any indications of patriotism.

Words, words—empty words in abundance—but real patriotism is lacking.

But if one wants a really terrible picture of what England would be like under Socialism, let him imagine what England would be without trained soldiers and sailors. This picture should, in itself, be sufficient to convince him that it is not desirable to adopt it.

The Socialists have an absurd belief in national arbitration on difficult subjects, but such arbitration would have no power to enforce the awards after they had been made.

However you take Socialism, take it even at its best—and at its best I confess it is a high ideal in some men's minds—I have never yet been able to read into it any possible practical good for England.

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Edward F. Cassidy, Socialist candidate for mayor of New York city, was hooted by a gang of Wall Street messenger boys when he mounted a soap box in that street.

The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor has issued an appeal for the Swedish strikers. This is as a result of Gompers' trip to Europe.

Gompers has refused to be welcomed by soldiers on his return from Europe. The pacifist and anti-militarist Socialists of Europe have influenced him in the right direction.

At a recent by-election in Coburg, Germany, the Socialists won out. This is a new constituency gained for Socialism. The triumph is all the more striking as the district was considered as a perfectly safe one for the National Liberals.

Socialism will give to each man all he earns, less what will be necessary to keep the machinery of production in a state of repair.

The only hope of the workers is to have a party of their own. They cannot trust either the one or the other of the old political parties.

Montreal pays a million and a half in interest. Abolish interest and Montreal could have more schools and less poverty.

The two fundamental ethical principles of Socialism may be said to be these. The laborer is worthy of his hire, and if a man does not work neither shall he eat.

A workers' federation of South Africa has been formed to capture control of the industrial organization and to abolish capital.

THREE BURNED TO DEATH

UNDRIDGE, Ont., Nov. 3.—Fire was discovered this morning shortly after midnight in the residence of A. McLaughlin, a book keeper.

Such headway was gained that no one could enter the building and Mrs. McLaughlin and her two youngest children were burned to death. Mr. McLaughlin, who was up with a sick child, escaped with it.

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WORLD WIDE SOCIALISM
Progress of the Movement in Various Parts of the World
Hall Calne, the English novelist has joined the Socialists.
During the last election in Chill the Socialist members increased from three to five.
The Spanish Socialists have started

a fund for launching a Spanish daily Socialist paper.
The general elections in Norway are about to take place and the Socialists expect to make big gains.
It is reported from Barcelona that the advocate who prosecuted Ferrer has been assassinated.
The Socialists of Anderson, Ind., have a good chance to elect a mayor.

Dobs has been helping in the campaign.
The Spanish cabinet has resigned and a Liberal cabinet has taken its place. The new cabinet will be as reactionary as its dare.
A Jesuit college has been opened in Chicago. The Jesuits make trouble wherever they go and are fleeing to America, Europe having got too hot for them.

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DEMOCRATIC MAYOR FOR NEW YORK CITY

Gaynor is It With Hearst a Poor Third-Tammany Not Sure of Board of Control

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—William J. Gaynor of Brooklyn, formerly state supreme court justice, was elected as democratic mayor of Greater New York today over Otto T. Bannard, the republican fusion nominee and Wm. R. Hearst, running independent but heading the fusion ticket.

With two thirds of the election districts heard from Gaynor's plurality was 7000.

The fusion forces have elected William A. Prendergast as comptroller, and John P. Mitchell president of the board of aldermen, but uncertainty as to the election of borough presidents indicates that Tammany may not control the board of estimates and apportionment, which will disburse more than \$1,000,000,000 during the next four months.

Hearst ran a poor third. Estimates from 900 election districts placed him 32,000 behind Bannard, who was in turn 39,360 behind Gaynor.

The race for district attorney for New York county is very close with two thirds of the districts heard from. Bannard conceded Gaynor's election early in the evening, but to the last was hopeful that the fusion forces of the city would control the board of estimates.

William Gaynor, who now becomes mayor of Greater New York, was elected on the strength of his personal record as a jurist and his stand for personal liberty and a liberal Sunday. Although the Tammany candidate he maintained throughout the campaign that no boss should dictate to him, and one of his favorite remarks was

that if there was to be any swallowing between him and the tiger, he would ultimately be found on the outside.

Justice Gaynor, who is now 58 years old, married, and the father of eight children, first attained prominence in connection with a tax payers' suit which he caused to be brought against Hugh McLaughlin, in the course of which he saved the city \$1,000,000. In a similar suit against the Brooklyn elevated railways he collected another \$1,000,000 for the city in back taxes. In 1893 he was elected to the state supreme court, and while a member of that court he broke the power of John Y. McKane, the boss of Coney Island, and sent him to Sing Sing for election frauds. He supported Bryan in his first campaign and Hearst for governor in 1906. His pressing of the charges against Police Commissioner Bingham growing out of the Duffy case, involving the right of the police to hold the picture of an unconvicted person in the rogue's gallery, led directly to the removal of Gen. Bingham, and brought Gaynor into renewed public attention just before the fall campaign opened. In his speech of acceptance Justice Gaynor said: "I shall not accept a nomination to which is annexed any pledge, promise or condition whatsoever, other than to be the mayor in fact."

Murder Reported

JACKSON, Ky. Nov. 3.—A report has reached here that Elden Blanton and Ashford Joseph, democrats, had killed Demosthenes Noble, a republican, at the Springfield voting precinct in Breathitt county today. The excitement is high.

EXPLOSION GETS 15 MEN

Shot Caused Blow-out—Not Many Working at the Time

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. Nov. 3.—Twelve men were killed in the Cambria Steel Company's mine, two miles from here, tonight as the result of what is supposed to have been a dynamite explosion.

The explosion occurred at five minutes past three o'clock at a time when the number of men in the mine was uncertain and variously estimated at between 15 and 25. It was caused by either a "shot" blowing out or by the naked lamp of a miner, which will probably never be known positively, since every man in the room where the gas went off was killed instantly, and burned so badly that identification was impossible.

The force of the explosion was terrific, the brattices of the mine being blown down for a long distance, the tracks torn up and the overhead wires blown out of place. About ninety men are ordinarily employed on the day shift at this place, but as it was Sunday few miners were at work, the only men supposed to be at work being trucklayers, repairmen and laborers. Just how many of those were in the workings is not known at this hour, and will not be known until tomorrow morning as the mine can be thoroughly explored only after the bratticing has been placed and air currents driven through all the headings in order to remove the deadly afterdamp.

Bodies of Victims Removed

The officials say that at 10 o'clock the list of the bodies were brought out, when two mine cars, pushed by hand, arrived at the mine mouth. The miners, however, state that they believe that at least twenty men were in the mine, and that tonight's search will bring the list of bodies recovered up to 15 or 16. Some of the men may have escaped through other openings, but this is hardly possible.

The officials are hopeful that the number of men who went into the mines this afternoon will not exceed fourteen, and as two escaped, this would leave the death list at twelve. Owing to the fact that today was Sunday and that none of the haulage machinery was in operation, it was more than two hours before anyone outside of the mine had any knowledge of the accident.

Then the Cambria Steel company at once rushed to the place its equipment for rescue work, the most complete in the state.

Ambulances and physicians were hurried to the mine and the entire force of officials, fire bosses and many miners from the other mines were taken there in automobiles to help with the work of rescue. It was found that the deadly afterdamp, which always follows an explosion of gas, had drifted toward the mine entry in such a way that the rescuers could get into the workings only a short distance.

In attempting to go farther Aaron Smallcomb, who headed the rescue party, on its first attempt to enter the mine, was overcome by gas and narrowly escaped death.

Every effort was made to repair the air courses, the fans were put on double speed and men clothed in helmets and bearing tanks of oxygen took their lives in their hands and went in after their perishing comrades beyond.

Bodies Badly Burned

The dead bodies brought to the surface presented a most shocking appearance. They were burned so badly that the finger nails and flesh dropped off and they had to be wrapped in canvas before they could be lifted to the mine car.

Owing to the destruction of the trolley wires the cars bearing the dead bodies had to be pushed two and a half miles through the mine by the men, a terrible task as they were almost overcome by the foul air in the workings.

At midnight the official statement of the death list puts the number at 12 dead and four missing.

Mine Foreman Virgin is in charge of the rescue work and has under him fully two hundred men. The officials of the Cambria steel company's mining department are all on the ground and the work of searching through the rest of the workings is proceeding rapidly.

ENGINE DROPPED 150 FEET

NEILSON, Nov. 3.—While running light along the line of the Phoenix branch of the C. P. R. yesterday morning locomotive No. 1385 suddenly left the rails one mile south of Bholt, and with scarcely an instant's warning plunged over an embankment 150 ft. in height.

In less than a minute the engine was a mass of steam clouded scrap at the foot of the hill.

The engine was manned by Engineer Leo McAstocker and Fireman George Beattie. Neither man had time to jump, and both went down with the engine, receiving such terrible injuries that no hope is entertained for the recovery of either. The cause of the accident is unknown here.

TALES FROM THE GOLDEN WEST

A Lady Who Knows Says
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Sunday School Suggestive Questions
On the Lesson by the Rev. Dr. Linscott for the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

NOVEMBER 7TH 1909

Paul a Prisoner—The Shipwreck, Acts 27:27 to 28:10.
Golden Text: *The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants, and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.* Ps. 34:22.

Verses 27-29—Why does God permit storm and stress to come into most lives, and sometimes permits them to continue until all human hope is abandoned? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

What is the Christian's anchor which never fails him, no matter what danger his ship may be in? (See Heb. 6:19.)

Verses 30-32—Are all God's promises of help or deliverance conditional or are some of them absolute and unconditional?

If these men had forsaken the ship, as they planned how would that affect the saving of the rest of them?

Here is a case of casting away a boat to save a ship, what principle does that suggest in human life?

Verses 33-38—There are two things, at least, possible no matter how great the distress; one is to wring your hands and bemoan your fate and give up hope; the other is to be cheerful, and see how best to save the ship; which is the better and how can it be accomplished?

Why is it that the courage and good cheer of one man can save an entire crew from despondency and defeat?

May praying and fasting when you ought to be eating and working, be as great a practical crime as scuttling the ship?

Why does God generally need our help when he would save us from any impending calamity? (v. 38.)

Verses 39-44—To a true man is it always so, that after the night comes the day, after sorrow comes joy and after so called defeat comes the victory?

Does God in these days, ever save a family, a business, a community, or a nation for the sake of one man, as he saved the passengers and the crew of the ship for the sake of one man—Paul?

Julius prevented the killing of the prisoners for the sake of Paul; is there any analogy between that and the saving of sinners for the sake of Jesus?

God told Paul that all hands should be saved, and the ship lost and this is what happened; speaking from your own experience are all God's promises equally dependable, whether of a general character as in the Bible or given to the individual soul?

Chap. 28:1—Where is the island of Melita where this shipwreck occurred?

Verso 2.—Are uncivilized people before they have had experience with white men, generally kind to strangers?

Verses 3-4.—When an accident, or sickness, or other natural calamity, comes to a man is it any sure sign that he is a sinner?

Verses 5-6.—If a poisonous vapor should fasten on a good man's hand today God would probably not prevent the poison from taking effect; is that a fact to be regretted or otherwise?

Verses 7-10.—Is there always a silver lining to every dark cloud?" Are there any circumstances in which a good man cannot help his fellows?

Lesson for Sunday Nov. 14th, 1909 Paul a Prisoner in Rome, Acts 29, 11-31.

NOV. 14 1909
Paul a Prisoner in Rome. Acts xxviii:11-31.
Golden Text—I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Romans 1:16
Verses 11:15—Where are the places located which are mentioned in these

SHOT AN INDIAN
Constable at Brantford Has to Show Cause for Using Fire Arms

BRANTFORD, Ont. Nov. 3.—Constable Garlow, who shot an Indian, while effecting the arrest of an Indian at the Pagan war dance near Ohswegen on Saturday night, was this morning committed for trial by police magistrate Livingstone. He waived examination and elected to be tried by jury. Garlow who was released on \$200 bail says he shot in self defence, as it was a case of shooting or taking a clubbing from Martin, who ran at him with a rail. It developed that the gathering at Longhouse was a sort of pink tea in aid of funds for carrying on Indian work.

Garlow was called to see that no liquor was dispensed.

COMING

One of the most pleasing attractions for the present season will be the Juvenile Bostonians in the charming musical comedy "Bertha's Billion," in which Babe Mason will appear in the title role of Bertha, with all her quaint and funny little mannerisms. Everyone remembers Babe Mason and her many friends will be more than pleased to welcome her to Fernie even if she is, as the press notices say, "A little older, a little larger, and a little better." It is hard to think of her as anything more than a tot, but the promises of an artist which she evinced as a child are fulfilled with interest and with the grace of young womanhood she is more delightful than ever. The rest of the company is much the same, with a few new faces and a new production in full.

Judging from the crowded houses this attraction has drawn in the past it would not be amiss to advise securing seats early. Miners Union Theatre, Thursday and Friday, November 11, and 12. Plan of seats Suddaby's drug store.

Verso 24.—Would those who believed Paul's testimony, be the religiously honest men, and those who disbelieved, the religiously dishonest men, or was it a mere matter of evidence and of the intellect?

Verses 25-29.—If a man lives in sin, and his moral nature is deadened and perverted so he does not recognize the truth, is he as guilty as a man who deliberately rejects it?

Is it a law of God that sin deadens the conscience and perverts the judgment, hence can a man living in any kind of sin, trust his judgment on personal, moral and spiritual questions?

Verses 30-31.—Should every Christian home be used for preaching and teaching the kingdom of God?
Lesson for Sunday, Nov. 21st, 1909. Paul's Story of His Life. II Cor. xi:21 to xii:10.

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A DEAD ONE

What has W. R. Ross ever done to advance the interests of the laboring people? Can he come forward with any proof that he ever tried to better their conditions while he was in the House? Was it he and his clique that tried to oppose the license for the Workingman's Club of this city? In his capacity as paid solicitor for the C. N. P. Coal Co. has he not to oppose the workers most of the time? What has he done for any branch of society? In West Fernie the road between the city and the Fernie brickyard has been well nigh impassable all season. Mr. Ross knew it; did he have it attended to? This is only one instance out of dozens of specific cases of Ross' uselessness. Load after load of brick has been stuck, and the drivers had to throw off their material and pull up empty. Contractors in dozens of cases have been tied up waiting for material from the brick yard, and Mr. Ross knew it, yet nothing was done. One block on Victoria avenue, which is owned by Mr. Ross' government has no sidewalk, and Mr. Ross has not exerted himself enough to have the necessary red tape pulled so that the city could lay the walk down and thus keep out of the mud. The people are inconvenienced, the school children are inconvenienced, and yet Mr. Ross is silent. What has he done? No one knows. His own party did not think enough of him to give him a long coveted portfolio. Verily his days are numbered to nineteen.

A BLUNDERBUSS

Mr. Fisher on Thursday night made the astounding statement that "the grand old Liberal party was Socialistic in its ideas. . . . That Socialism was bred in the bone of Liberals and Liberalism, and that he would guarantee to represent his friends, the Laborers and Socialists if they would only withdraw Harrington and let it be a fight between the old parties (while the wage slaves lay idly by and supply the ammunition.—Ed.) and then we will see that there is no possibility of Mr. Ross being elected." Then Mr. Fisher immediately forgot himself and in a very Shakespearean style started to ridicule Socialism and cast slurs on the exponents of Socialism and Labor. He said in part: "Socialism in Fernie is anarchism, but the true Socialism, as preached in France, is Liberalism. . . . The Socialist party of Canada, or Fernie, does not represent the workers at all, it claims to, but does not fulfil the claim. . . . No, gentlemen, give me your votes, and let Harrington drop out, and if he gives me an hour or two a day I will guarantee to be able to expound Socialism in a week as ably as he now does."

The above few excerpts show how much the workingmen can expect from Mr. Fisher, who pathetically begged to be left alone on the field of battle, so that he might tear assunder Mr. Ross, whom he styled as the enemy of the laboring people. Then he volunteered the information "that if Mr. Ross had fought the doctrine of Socialism when he was first elected, it would never have gained the force it now has, but Mr. Ross was not a fighter. He had sat idly by and let this monster Socialism increase in strength."

Thus, you see, Mr. Fisher in his eagerness to say something contradicts himself several times, and after begging for the workingman's vote, slaps them in the face.

STRAY SHOTS

The workingman's representative is John Harrington. He should receive the support of every workingman, every union man and every Socialist in the riding. He will go to Victoria as their own man to look after the interests of the workingmen, and them alone. He is not going to go there on any railway or other dodge, but to fairly and squarely represent labor. To demand better conditions wherever they can be improved, to put measures on the books for the betterment of mankind, and not to enter to either one party or the other. This is what the workingmen need, it is what they must have, and you can help towards this condition by casting your ballot for John Harrington on November 25.

Last January John Oliver, now Liberal leader, while at Nanaimo, said: "If the Conservatives had nominated a man to oppose Mr. Hawthornwaite he did not think the Liberals would have nominated. Had the Conservatives nominated a candidate, he (Oliver) if invited, would have been just as pleased to be present, and advocate his election over the

Socialist leader, for when the welfare of the country was concerned he was prepared to rise above party politics."—Nanaimo Herald, Jan. 11, 1909.

In other words when the slaves get mutinous, it is time for the masters to stop quarreling.

In Spokane the Industrial Workers are having the time of their lives. The capitalist government in that land of the free and home of the brave, is trying to crush out street speaking, "as it blocks the thoroughfare." Yet when Taft (God knows) visited that saintly city every thoroughfare was blocked, and instead of policeman's clubs it was policeman's cheers. Seven thousand Industrial Workers are on their way to Spokane, and the authorities will find that they have a tough proposition if they intend to suppress the Workers.

O. N. Ross, who claimed to be the "father of the frontage tax system in Winnipeg," has refused to allow the city to lay sidewalk down his block on Victoria avenue. In consequence the school children have to wade through mud. Possibly when Mr. Ross sees the position he is placing the children and citizens in he will change front. We are told Mr. Bean is ready whenever Mr. Ross is. Here's hoping "Dad" will right about face.

McBride's railway policy is nothing but a hoax from start to finish. It is sprung on the people at election time only with the hope of getting votes. Whenever any community is large enough, productive enough, and inviting enough, the railway will be on hand. It is not at all necessary for McBride or anyone else to father it. If there was no opening or no necessity for the railroad it would not be there, in spite of McBride or McAnybody.

Drivers should not be allowed to cross sidewalks where there are no regular crossings, as the sidewalk gets smashed up, and the public suffer by falls. In one spot on Gemmill street there is a large hole which is going to be the cause of a costly accident one of these dark nights. We suggest that the city engineer see that a crossing is put in here, or else recommend that teams be not allowed to cross at this point.

From certain quarters an Independent Labor man is being urged to come out and make this a four cornered fight. The reason this low down trick is being resorted to is too glaring to need explanation. The workingmen will be fools if they stand for such a trick, and the man who accepts the nomination will be worse. The old dodge of the capitalist parties is to split the labor vote.

Mr. Fisher said that "struggle meant life, and the Socialists want to abolish the great struggle—therefore Socialism spelled death." Well, Mr. Fisher, we venture to suggest that if Socialism is death the exponents of Socialism will be the liveliest corpse you will have to fight between now and the 25th.

Ex-President Sherman of District 18 leaves a widow and seven children—one of whom is blind—in almost destitute circumstances. It's another case of miners' officials getting rich while they give the best service of their life to the cause. Many of them are kept at hunger's door. Knockers should please make a note of this.—Mine Workers' Journal.

Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison are to serve jail sentences. Thus has commenced a terrible war on the Unionists of America, and before their sentence is completed the United States will realize her mistake. The more the workers are oppressed, the stronger they get.

During this terribly muddy weather the city fathers would bestow an everlasting kindness on the citizens by having the crossings scraped. One man could look after all the principal crossings in a day, and thus make it possible for ladies to venture out.

A. I. Fisher, in his inflammatory initial speech on Thursday night, stated that "one never knows how a Socialist is going to go." Well, we know one Socialist that knows which way he is going. His name is Harrington, and he is going to Victoria.

Mr. Macdonald, the chairman of the Liberal meeting on Thursday night said he had always found Mr. Fisher an honest man and a clean fighter. And he a lawyer—oh well, Macdonald is a lawyer too, or we might take it more seriously.

A. I. Fisher: "Do not make it a fight between Capital and Labor." That's the same old cry, but the workers are more advanced now than before. The great fear of the two old capitalist parties is Labor. And rightly so.

Mr. Fisher says he has always had a hard fight in his life. The hardest fight of all is on his hands right now, and the 25th will see him with Ross at the rear of the procession.

Harrington is making good progress all along the line. He is recognized as the friend of the workingmen, who will give no quarter and fear no foe.

Can a Coal Company solicitor represent the wage earners in Parliament? Answer by ballot on November 25.

McBride's great railway policy—millions for McKenzie and Mann, and the same old monthly pay for the miners.

Letter Box

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

RE BUMMERS' ROOST

Fernie Nov. 4 1909

Editor Ledger:

Sir: "This is not a bummer's roost" and also a suggestion that the party or parties referred to might get "kicked out." These are a few of the choice expressions, containing sympathy and perfection bordering on the extreme that occasionally fall from the pen of your local cotem. I do not want to dictate to this worthy exponent of the English language as to how he should write, as it is not within the compass of my poor and limited powers to do so, nor do I wish to make any suggestions in that direction, but I would like to ask what brief he holds for the post office or the occupants thereof, seeing the matter appears to be a general complaint.

Outside of politics, if a newspaper is based on that theme, it should be impartial and view matters with the observant eye and try in a measure to remedy any defect that may be disclosed, as in the case in question public opinion has pronounced this as such.

On the other hand we must ask for consideration for the public who have to hang around waiting for their mail, and accommodate them with shelter now that we have entered into the cold weather, and if objection is taken to their smoking a polite request or notices displayed to that effect in the building will be sufficient. Consideration must be given to the general public who have been very considerate on their part in putting up with the crude condition of things existing in this department.

Yours etc.
Poste Restante

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE FRANK SHERMAN

Real men are only appreciated after death. That is to say we only review the good points of their career. While they are alive, and fighting side by side with us, we are prone to enlarge upon shortcomings and minimize real worth. Such is the case in the present sad death of Frank Sherman. A year ago it was the tragic death of John T. Mortimer; a few months ago that of R. Volkoffsky by drowning; now it is that of Frank Sherman, through Bright's disease. I did not agree with Frank Sherman in some of his methods, but I am compelled to believe he was honest and on the level. This because of his enemies. He was despised by corporation directors, and feared by old party office holders. The speech made by Frank Sherman at the Victoria Labor Congress three years ago, when he dealt with James Dunsmuir in the capacity of a merciless slave driver, was a master piece, and will never be forgotten by delegates present. Frank Sherman, it is true, had a good opinion of himself, and had a strong desire to break into political office. But I am convinced this was because he believed he could better serve the interests of the men whom he many times saw worsted on the industrial field, whether through indifferent management, or not is neither here nor there at this time. He was a Socialist, but always wanted to promote its cause in his own way, thus again evidencing his strong individuality. He joined the Socialist party, but through bigness of heart and desire to assist a fellow worker, wrote a letter to a cabinet minister of Alberta, seeking a job, the text of which caused his expulsion from the Socialist party. I have talked with Minister Cushing since that date and before Sherman's death, and his opinion of Comrade Sherman has convinced me that there was no understanding or wrong intent on Sherman's part. Sherman more than any other one man proved to the working class of Canada that the Lemieux act was the property of the corporate interests of Canada, with headquarters at Ottawa. He once believed there could be good come from the organized miners' affiliation with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, but after the Halifax convention a year ago, he advised the miners to give it up as a bad job. While not agreeing in that decision I cannot but respect his verdict. It must be remembered that for the last couple of years Frank Sherman was a very sick man. He was strong mentally—

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 do feet 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. Lab. or papers, please copy.

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It kept him alive—but his physique could not stand the strain; something had to go; it was not Labor's cause, but Frank Sherman. Gone to join the revolutionists who preceded him, and await the coming of the rest of us. The gap in the proletarian army must be closed up, and with memories of such deaths—milestones of deeds and progress—renew our energy in the fight for industrial freedom. To Mrs. Sherman and her seven young children we must extend that Masonic sympathy so characteristic of the world-wide Socialist movement, and trust that the sons and daughters will soon take up the fight where their father left off. The overthrow of capital and the triumph of Socialism will repay for not only the death of the Ferrers, but add another human freedom, purchased at like cost. It was the lofty ambition that Frank Sherman aspired to. It was worthy the aspirations of any man.—Contributed.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—Frank Miller, of Manhattan, today shot and killed his father-in-law, John Scean, in the yard of the latter's house in Brooklyn, and then shot and probably fatally wounded his wife. He was arrested and is being held on the charge of murder. He and his wife have not been living together for some months. The four children witnessed the shooting, which followed an altercation between Miller and Scean over the family difficulties.

A LABOR CANDIDATE

NELSON, B. C. Nov. 4.—Dan Paterson of Phoenix, has been selected as labor candidate for Grand Forks Riding.

NOTICE

In the matter of an application for the issue of a duplicate certificate of

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 5996A.

H. R. JORAND, District Registrar Land Registry Office, Nelson B.C. Oct. 13, 1909. Oct. 16-5t

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THE DISTRICT LEDGER

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

Fernie, B. C., November 6th, 1909

News From the Camps

From our own Correspondents

COAL CREEK

The weather up here last week was more reminiscent of Christmas than of the closing days of October, the snow fell all Saturday night and Sunday. Usually we have good weather until the middle of November at least, and last year we had no snow to speak of until Christmas. There ought to be some good weather yet, but appearances at present do not justify the assumption that there will be.

The output at the mines continues to increase, the 2000 ton mark being now a thing of the past. The company are making preparations for the winter by building snow sheds from the mines to the tipples, which in our opinion is the best thing they could do, and will pay for itself many times over. In fact the wonder is that it was not done years ago.

We are informed that officials of the Coal Company have been making an examination of the Rock Cut this week with a view to reopening it up again.

W. H. Evans paid another visit to Hosmer last week end, going down on Saturday and returning on Monday.

Mr. Lewis Howells of Bankhead has taken up residence in the Creek.

W. Newman, who was off work a while ago with an internal complaint, and who has not long started to work again, was taken seriously ill at work on Tuesday last with the old complaint. He was removed to Fernie hospital.

On account of the extraordinary weather, we are having this week the work on the new club building has been at a standstill. This is most unfortunate, considering how close the winter is upon us. The club is greatly missed by a large number and it is to be regretted that the work is being so delayed, which is no fault of the contractor.

Amongst the new comers to the Creek this week is Miss Flynn of Worlington, Cumberland, Eng.

We are asked to draw the attention to those responsible for looking after the water system in the Creek to the fact that a large number of houses have at present to pack water a hundred yards or over. All the hydrants seem to be out of order. We hope to see this matter attended to at once, because the winter will soon be on us and it will be a serious proposition if the people have to carry water so far as above stated. It is bad enough as it is when all the hydrants are in order.

A Socialist meeting will be held in the school room at Coal Creek on Monday or Tuesday next, whichever date the schoolroom is at liberty for. The speakers will be Com. Wilfred Gribble of Toronto and John D. Harrington, the Socialist candidate for the Fernie riding.

A rather serious accident occurred in No. 1 mine (north) on Tuesday last when Alexander Carpick, who is engaged as a tender, was caught by a fall of rock which broke one leg, and severely cut him on the head and body.

Someone was ind enough to take the electric light globe off the post near the club on Wednesday night, and another one was broken the same night a little higher up. We would like to see the persons who indulge in this kind of sport brought to justice, and would be pleased to hear of anything which would lead to their conviction. The light near the old club is very badly missed, especially by people coming from Fernie on the night train.

A meeting of the Conservative party should have been held in the school on Sunday, but on account of the weather there was no one turned up, except one or two officials. The meeting was therefore adjourned until Tuesday evening with a like result. The only time they will get a meeting will be when Mr. Ross himself speaks here and John Harrington supplies the opposition.

Mrs. T. Biggs, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Lancaster and Mrs. T. Duncan were visitors to the Creek on Thursday.

For Sale Cheap: A good cooking stove with reservoir in good condition. Apply House 240 Coal Creek. 116p

Mrs. and Miss McLmont left here on Thursday for their home in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Coughlin arrived back in the Creek on Thursday evening.

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WALDO NOTES

The funds for the erection of the hall have been increased from \$90.00 to \$99.50. Mr. James Ryan of Cranbrook contributed \$5, and Messrs. Hogarth, Rollins and McBride the remainder. On Wednesday, November 3 the ladies assembled at the site selected for the building and the corner stone was laid by Mrs. Charles McNab; after a copy of the District Ledger October 30, the Cranbrook Herald October 23, and a list of the names of the present residents of Waldo had been placed in the basket. The ladies returned to Mrs. McNab's for tea. The building of the hall was commenced on Thursday November 4, the contract having been awarded to L. M. Smith and T. Verhoef.

A chicken supper will be held at the cook house, Waldo on November 13 to raise funds for the completion and furnishing of the hall. Tickets 50c.

The whist club met on Wednesday at Mrs. Robertson's. The next meeting will be at Mrs. McNab's.

A special general meeting of the whist club was held at the home of Mrs. J. Ross at Lower Waldo on Thursday, November 28. The hostesses were Mrs. J. Ross, Mrs. Hales Ross, Mrs. McNab, Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Verhoef. A large number were present and the evening was much enjoyed, and a considerable sum added to the funds of the whist club.

The children's party at Mrs. Roby's on Saturday November 30th, was much enjoyed by all the children. Numerous games were played, little Flora McDonald winning the prize for placing the tail in correct position on the donkey. Ice cream and cake were then served and a happy crowd of children returned to their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dunn returned last week from their two weeks trip to Spokane.

Mr. Tuttle, our new teacher, has taken up his duties and the school is progressing favorably.

Dr. Saunders left on a trip to Fernie yesterday.

J. F. M. Pinkham is a Waldo visitor this week.

FRANK

The examination of mine managers, pit bosses and fire bosses was held in the Frank school on Wednesday, and two following days. Sixty-three candidates sat for various certificates. Mr. Livingston, provincial inspector, and Mr. Wilson, one time superintendent of Michel, district inspector C. Emerson, superintendent of Bellevue, and Mr. Elliott of Frank was the board of examiners. Probably the names of candidates and questions will be published in a later issue.

We hear that Fryer and Sinclair, contractors of Blairmore, have secured the contract to build a bridge from the shaft to the tippie, so as to convey all the coal from the shaft to the tippie. The company are going to equip their plant with electric motors and other new machinery.

The hotels, especially the Imperial, have been crowded this week owing to the large number of men attending the exams.

NONE LOST THEIR LIVES

In United Kingdom No Railway Passengers in 1908 Lost Lives

During the year 1908 no railway passengers lost their lives in accidents to the trains in which they were travelling, while the number injured, viz., 283, is very low compared with previous years. So far as the records extend there has only been one previous year, 1901, in which no passengers were killed in train accidents. This noteworthy fact is mentioned in the general report issued by the board of trade on railway accidents in the United Kingdom last year.

In all 1043 persons were killed and 7,084 were injured by accidents due to the running of trains or the movement of railway vehicles. The average figures for the previous ten years 1,155 and 7038 respectively. This is a decrease in the total number of fatal accidents and an increase in the non-fatal cases. The increase occurred mainly in the cases of accidents to railway servants.

The average number of accidents to passengers for the past ten years were 21 killed and 628 injured. The number of railway servants killed and injured in train accidents were 6 and 164 respectively. The corresponding averages for the previous ten years were 12 killed and 150 injured.

In the class of accidents caused by the movement of trains and railway vehicles, exclusive of train accidents, 102 passengers were killed and 2242 injured in 1908. The corresponding averages for the ten years previous to 1907 were 120 and 1784 respectively.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SECRETARIES

We are receiving letters from the secretaries of our locals all over the country telling us how many ballots it will be necessary to send in order that the total membership will be supplied.

In nearly every case the number given exceeds the number on which the local union pays per capita tax. It would be an easy matter for this office to supply any local union with the number of ballots asked for, but by so doing we may be the cause of having the entire vote of the local thrown out by the Tellers.

When the tellers come to this city to count the vote, our ledgers are turned over to them, and in every case where a local sends in a vote larger than the number of members for which they pay tax, the vote is not counted.

See page 771 of last year's convention proceedings for the record of votes lost last year for this reason alone.

And in case a mine is idle and the members entitled to exoneration, you will readily see that from the usual application sent to this office, we have no way of telling how many members you wish exonerated for, and this information is necessary so that the Tellers may know how many votes the local is entitled to.

In the next three months I would most earnestly request the secretaries applying for exoneration to give us the number of members in the local union. Give this information on your application for exoneration, and make the application absolutely separate from your report for tax, should you pay on part of the membership.

Every year we get large packages of the ballots returned to this office and these votes are also thrown out as well.

The attention of the Secretaries of the local unions is called to Section VI of Article VI of our constitution, governing election returns. Heretofore many local unions have sent the ballots cast at the election for International Officers to this city by express. Not only does it cause a needless expense but such votes cannot be counted. If you want your vote to be counted hold election on December 14 according to the constitution and use the return sheet. Do not send the ballots back to us.

Return sheets will be furnished from this office, and the total number of votes cast for each candidate for the various offices should be recorded on the return sheet and forwarded to this office in a sealed envelope marked "Election Returns." If this precaution is taken no local union will lose the vote it is entitled to.

I would also recommend that the duplicate return sheet be kept on file by the local union for future reference.

EDWIN PERRY,
Secretary-Treasurer

WANTED: LIVE ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOATS

I want a male and four female goats all adults (no kids). Provincial permits to export these animals have been issued. Write me when you have something caught ready to ship, but don't write till then. I will pay \$100 for the male and \$125 each for the females, crated f.o.b. any express office on the C. P. R. All must be healthy and unhurt with intact horns. Will buy from first man who gets them. Dr. Cecil French, Zoologist, Washington, D. C.

No More Waiting

Mrs. E. B. Bennett will move into the new Henderson block on Monday next, where she will take up her dress-making establishment. She will engage three extra hands and guarantees to rush out all work.

CAN'T BLAME COMPANY

For the Recent Disaster in Extension Mine—Local Expert on The Stand

VANCOUVER, Nov. 3—After most thoroughly considering every phase of the disaster at the Extension mine, near Ladysmith, in which 32 miners lost their lives last month, the coroner's jury has returned a verdict on the enormous mass of evidence taken including the opinion of James Ashworth, the eminent English coal mining expert, provincial mineralogist Robertson and inspector of Mines Sheppard.

The government and company were both represented by counsel, and J. H. Hawthornthwaite took a leading part. The verdict rendered, after 12 hours deliberation, was as follows:

"That the explosion was caused by a cave-in in the two and a half level, gas being present in the atmosphere, and gas dust being liberated by the cave-in, the sudden displacement of air creating compression causing the party charged atmosphere to become dangerous, and coming in contact with naked lights exploded. Taking into consideration the unnatural and faulty condition of the roof of this particular cave and in view of the fact that there is no evidence to show bad timbering, we can in no way hold the management responsible and therefore exonerate the company from any criminal negligence.

Several recommendations were also made by the jury, among them the following:

"Taking into consideration the great volume of work entailed in this particular department and from the statement of our inspector of mines and from the evidence in general, we are of the opinion that the coal district, being so large, it is impossible to make as thorough or systematic inspections as is absolutely necessary, and we therefore recommend that the staff be increased. That every colliery in B. C. be compelled to equip its mines with up to date oxygen living apparatus."

COMPANY SUED FOR \$10,000

TORONTO, Nov. 4—The Sun Life Assurance Company were defendants yesterday in an action tried before Mr. Justice McMahon, in which Arthur Ferdinand, Edith, Mary and Jaffray Dicks, children of the late Mrs. Mary Dicks, sued to recover \$10,000, the amount of two policies. Judgment was reserved.

Mrs. Dicks was burned to death in a fire in her husband's mattress factory in March, 1905. She was insured in the company named and the children were the beneficiaries. Under the will her husband was executor and trustee for her children.

Upon her death the full amount was paid over to Mr. Dicks, who, with the children immediately left the country. The children were to receive \$2,000. The counsel for the plaintiffs contended that under the terms set out in the two policies the defendant company should have retained the money until the children became of age, and that the executor was not capable of holding the money in trust. The company contended that they had been released from all responsibility upon the payment of the money to the executor.

AN APPEAL

Washington D. C. Oct. 26 To all Organized Labor:

From time to time you have of course read the newspaper reports of the great struggle in which the wage workers of Sweden have been and are now engaged. Sweden, like other civilized countries, has passed now through an industrial crisis which has forced a great number of workers out of employment, leaving them, their wives and children, destitute. Advantage has been taken of this situation by the employing class to try and force the workers to accept such conditions as would eventually lead to the dismemberment of the organized labor movement. The Swedish conflict could not be avoided. Eighty thousand workmen were locked out, and the remainder threatened with a lockout to force the workers into an impossible position. The workers took the other alternative, and declared for, and went out on strike.

These matters have been officially brought to the attention of the executive council, and a request made that all labor, its friends and sympathizers should come to the financial assistance of the Swedish workmen who are suffering and struggling.

Contributions should be sent direct to Herman Lindquist, "Landsekreterariat," Stockholm, Sweden, or to the Swedish Strike Relief Committee, with headquarters in Chicago. The financial secretary of this committee is John Dawn, 4041 North Sacramento avenue, Chicago, Ill.

While thus placing particularly before you the need of the striking wage workers of Sweden, the executive council at the same time desires also that you should not be unmindful of the Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of our own country who have been for the past months engaged in a great struggle for the maintenance of their rights and interests.

The above is submitted to you, and through you to your organization, for whatever assistance you may be able to render. By order of the Executive Council.

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President American Federation of Labor
FRANK MORRISON
Secretary American Federation of Labor

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Fernie Miners Union to be Congratulated on Their Most Beautiful Home

After many months of trying and vexatious obstacles to overcome, and financial difficulties to surmount, Gladstone Local Union U. M. W. of A. Fernie, have at last brought to completion their splendid new building, on Victoria avenue, comprising as it does, complete and splendidly equipped apartments for all union purposes, a fine meeting hall, an auditorium, or opera house second to none in this district, reading rooms, two splendidly equipped stores, full size basement, occupied by the Workmen's Club, the whole lighted and heated by their own boilers and electric plant.

It is indeed a monument to the perseverance and unceasing toil of those men who have long had some such idea in sight. The cost of the building complete will be well over \$65,000, the figures being considerably increased on account of the coming of the big fire of August 1st 1908, at a time when much inflammable material was exposed and proved an easy victim to the flames.

The front of the structure is indeed a substantial looking effect, being of red brick with stone trimmings. Upon entering one is struck by the fine, roomy porch, inscribed in tile there being "Gladstone Local". Inside the hall leads direct to the opera house, down a large hall, from which exits to various other apartments have been provided. A splendid box office for the sale of tickets is provided, and no detail has been overlooked. The opera house will seat comfortably about 600 persons, the seats being of the most approved style. The stage is large and carries a complete stock of scenery, so that only for very few productions will special scenery be needed. The whole stage can be at once closed off from the rest of the house by a fire proof drop curtain, which ensures perfect safety.

The rear of the opera house is fitted with dressing rooms and lavatories, there being two of the latter and six nicely finished dressing rooms, all of them having easy access to the stage proper.

A large skylight provides plenty of illumination for use in day time.

The Miners' Quarters

Gladstone Local has evidently had in mind that while attending to the wants of others they would not forget themselves. They have fitted up a fine reading room and committee room smaller concert hall and the regular meeting hall for their own use and for lodge purposes, besides the secretary's office. The office of Secretary Rees, who is also manager of the opera house, is situated in the front and at about the centre of the building, and the fittings are of quartered oak and of serviceable and tasty design. An ante room is provided with lockers for the use of the various lodges who use the Miners' Hall. The hall is fitted in regulation lodge room style, with the platform and desk at either end, and seating accommodation ranged around the sides. It is gratifying for the miners to know that their efforts to provide a good central hall for such purposes is meeting with a ready response, as the following list will abundantly show:

First and Third Mondays, Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Fourth Monday: The Electrical Workers' Union.

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On the right hand side of the entrance, is situated the store of the Fernie Co-Operative store, which, although it is in no way connected with Gladstone local, has most of its stock placed with the miners and the working men of this district. The Co-Op, as it is commonly known, is taking a large place in the commercial life of the city, and has evidently come to stay. Groceries and provisions are handled exclusively, although in the future the management have in view the taking in of some other departments. The store is splendidly arranged and lighted and the stock is fresh and prices reasonable.

On the other side of the entrance is located the parlors of the Heintzman Piano company, Mr. Elley, the district



D. REES
The Present Secretary of Gladstone Local



VIEW SHOWING THE VICTORIA AVENUE FACADE OF MINERS HALL



T. ADDISON
President Gladstone Local and Also of Building Committee

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Wednesdays: United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

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Friday: Teamsters union.

Saturdays: Gladstone Local Union, Miners.

Every Third Sunday afternoon: The Italian society.

Second and Fourth Sunday afternoons: Bartenders union.

Sunday evening: Fernie Local, Socialist Party of Canada.

manager, having been fortunate in securing this splendid site. Here is to be found a complete range of that splendid piano, also the Mendelssohn, made by the same people. A full stock of sheet music, vocal and instrumental is on hand.

In the Basement
The basement is at present occupied almost entirely by the Workmen's Club and Institute, except for a portion used by the Co-Op. for storage purposes.

A large billiard room is being fitted

BAD ACTOR FREE AGAIN

Returns Home Only to Cut up in Regular Old Western Style

ORANGEVILLE, Ont., Nov. 3—Bob Cook, a notorious local desperado, a jail breaker three times, last time at Boise City, Idaho, where he also freed a number of prisoners, and who successfully resisted arrest at the hands of the local police on several occasions, was last night engaged in another fight with the authorities, and as a result, Constable James Halbert was seriously wounded. Cook as usual escaped.

After two years Cook revisited his home town and called at the home of his mother in law, Mrs. Thomas Reid, Church street where he became abusive, smashing the furniture. After he left she swore out a warrant, and Halbert, with Sam Speers, set out to arrest him, locating him at ten o'clock on Broadway, right in the centre of the town.

Cook retreated into a furnishing establishment, but Halbert struck him with his baton and grappled with him. Cook slashed the wrist of the constable to the bone with a knife and wrestling the baton from him knocked the other man over and made his escape, unchallenged by two or three hundred people in the street. The knife wound severed the radial artery and Halbert nearly bled to death.

T. BIGGS
For Many Years Secretary Gladstone Local

The Building Committee
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The entire structure, now complete with the exception of a few details, is indeed a credit not only to the building committee and the members of Gladstone local as well, but to the city in general, and it speaks volumes for the far-sightedness and ability of those in charge of the idea that it has been brought to such a successful culmination.

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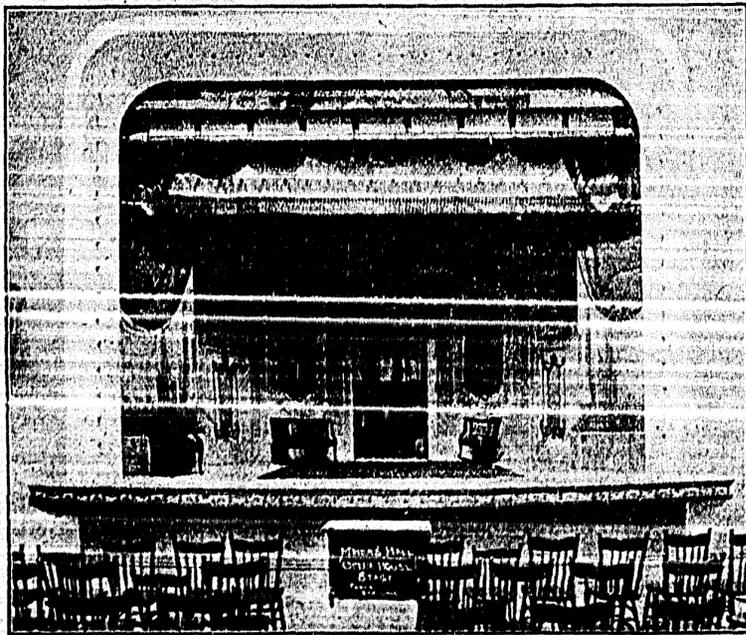
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TRIPLE MURDER

Shocking Tragedy Reported to Have Been Committed in Manitoba Settlement

GIMLI, Man., Oct. 31.—At 5 o'clock tonight a Galician farmer came to town with the report that a woman and two children had been killed this afternoon in a fight at a farmhouse about six miles north of the town. A constable has gone out to the scene of the murder to investigate the affair.

As far as can be learned at present a German who had been visiting at a Galician house, got into a fight with the Galician and after battering him up badly chased him out of the house. The Galician stayed out in the bush until he saw the German leave, and on returning to the house, found that his wife and two children had been killed. The names of the parties are not known.

STONED TO DEATH

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 31.—Conductor Nelson of the Twin City Rapid Transit Railway was stoned to death by a Halloween mob. The mob mistook him for another conductor who had thrown some of their members from a car. A stone hit the conductor on the head and he is now dying at St. Mary's Hospital, Minneapolis. Three men have been arrested.

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(Western Home Monthly)

They had been boy and girl together. Later on the current of events had parted them, drifting him into a marching regiment ordered to India, and rushing her into the very vortex of society.

He had not dared to ask her to be true to him, since he had only his sword to offer her, but his eyes spoke the answer his lips refused to utter, while she turned away with a sob, and the first cloud of sorrow darkened the morning of her life.

"Marry, of course she would marry." Her mother, Lady Goodrick, was not the sort of woman to tolerate an unmarried daughter; thus the girl was forced to do her bidding, and all romance about handsome Dick Barlington was set on one side as foolish and unpardonable.

It was the old story of the marriage de convenience, and Virginia Goodrick, when she became Lady Mauleverer, was neither more nor less unhappy than others who have sacrificed their feelings for the glitter and show that gold and position bring.

"Oh, well, there were a lot of people, cousins you know, and we danced and had picnics and—"

"Go on, dear, and—"

"We were all in the woods one day, when a gentleman arrived I had not seen before. He was not young—that is, not a boy like the others—but I don't think he is old."

"What did she say and do?" she asked.

"At first I thought he was very rude—for he stared at me till I felt quite red and uncomfortable; then he looked around for Auntie, but she was not there just at that moment; then he went up to Cousin Mira, and said something to her; finally he walked straight up to me. Your name is Virgy?" he said. It was a funny self-introduction—but he looked so nice and kind that I could not be angry, so that I answered him quite prettily.

together what is called "well preserved," but for all that there were wrinkles, and there was just the autumnal tinge of fading in the once lustrously golden hair.

"Ah! If Dick should be disappointed when he saw her, what a heart-breaking sorrow it would be! Day after day she dwelt on this subject until the constant worry of it was beginning to tell."

"If only something would happen to change the current of her thoughts, if only Virgy would come home, she was sitting in the garden under a tree, trying to amuse herself with some embroidery, when Virgy came unexpectedly running along the path from the house, and threw herself in her mother's arms."

"What is it—what is it, dear? Why have you come back without notice?" "I believe I was home sick. Why, mother, you do not look a bit like yourself, what has happened to you, dearest?"

"Nothing—nothing, Virgy. Perhaps I have been bored! but you—child—you look different!"

"Well, I am grown up," said Virgy, laughing. "I was not grown up when I went away."

"Oh, dear, that is it!" And the mother laughed too, but somewhat constrainedly.

In her present mood it was scarcely a pleasure to be reminded that she had a grown up daughter.

"I hope you enjoyed yourself," dear child," she said. "Who was there? You never told me anything in your letters."

"Yes, well, there were a lot of people, cousins you know, and we danced and had picnics and—"

power of movement. The self-commanding in the face of this inward commingling was scarcely peaceful.

"What did it all mean? To what would this meeting with Virgy tend? At last she roused herself and tried to chase away all doubt and perplexity.

"Of course, Virgy was her child, and naturally he would be attracted to her. It would be all right. She herself would see him soon and then—"

Even as an echo, Virgy's voice came clear and joyous from the open drawing room. "Mother, tea is ready, and I forgot to tell you that General Barlington is coming to call tomorrow afternoon."

"Tomorrow. Thank God!" she had till tomorrow to recover.

"She would laugh and talk with Virgy, try and catch the infection of joy and gaiety and lightness from their exuberance in her child's youth and spirits—then perhaps he would not see so plainly how the years had fled. But it was very difficult even to make the effort to be gay for Lady Mauleverer felt heavily weighed by a depression which she could not throw off, yet the real reason of which it would have been difficult to give."

"Tomorrow—how was General Barlington coming there tomorrow?" she asked Virgy with as much indifference as she could command. "Where was he staying?"

"At the hotel at Snaresbrook"—which was the nearest town—was her answer.

"Why did you not ask him to come and stay here?"

"Mother, how could I?"

And at her child's surprised exclamation Lady Mauleverer colored up for she felt that she had been justly child-

cepted, and it was at last arranged that they should drive through Snaresbrook in the afternoon and themselves call at the inn.

Lady Mauleverer felt much happier and more contented now that the first interview with her old friend Dick was over, and that she was to have him staying in her own house for a few days, only—there was, as there had been for many years, some one between them. For the first time since she had lain as a baby in her arms Lady Mauleverer wished that she was not there.

Virgy, meantime, stayed persistently by her mother's side. She was fascinated by this handsome, young looking General, and she hung on his words, and smiles, and behaved as though it was a misery to her to be out of his sight.

Lady Mauleverer was utterly dismayed as she wondered how it would end. She looked at the General when he was talking to Virgy, watching him with anxious eyes. His face and manner were, however, absolutely engemeral; she could learn nothing and she was bewildered.

"The life a tris was becoming somewhat strained when unexpectedly Lady Julia Travers, who was Virgy's greatest friend, arrived to luncheon with a party of young people, who were staying with them at Crosby Hall."

Lady Julia was a bright, merry girl who was the life and soul of every reunion in which she found herself. Virgy was devoted to her, and the two girls while the others were playing tennis, strolled down the garden to indulge in some of the confidences so dear to young hearts.

Virgy of course had it in her mind to talk about "Dick," as she invariably called him, but before she had time to broach the subject which she was about to do with some caution, Lady Julia herself broke the ice.

"General Barlington is most captivating," she said. "Mother always said he was charming, but I did not picture him quite so nice as he is."

"Virgy's eyes brightened but she said nothing."

"What a happiness for Lady Mauleverer to have him here after all she has gone through, poor dear."

"Gone through? Oh, you mean my father's death?"

and why could she not go back with them? Lady Mauleverer raised no objection; in her heart perhaps she was glad to be rid for the time of Virgy's large reproachful eyes.

The objection of General Barlington, staying on alone with the widow, who every one loved, was obviated by the arrival of a harmless cousin, who made Lady Mauleverer's visits to her home whenever she had no house to pay.

Virgy seemed to recover her spirits somewhat when she was at Crosby. It was difficult to be sad where Lady Julia was, and the long talks the two girls had on the stepfather question, seemed to quiet down Virgy's perturbed mind, but she never told her secret to Julia or even hinted that she had one.

During the two or three days the news from her home was limited, and nothing happened to in any way agitate or trouble Virgy until one morning there were horses' hoofs heard coming up the drive, and on looking out of the window the girls saw General Barlington riding up to the house.

Virgy's face became crimson, then so deadly white that Lady Julia thought she was going to faint, but summoning her courage, she speedily recovered herself, and brave little woman that she was, she went down to meet Dick with a smile on her face. Ay, she was brave, no one, not even Dick himself, knew how brave!

He took both her hands in his, and looked tenderly into her eyes.

"Will you love me for my sake?" "Had he known the girl's feelings, the question would have been brutal, but he was as ignorant as was Lady Julia."

"Love you! Why should I love you?" asked Virgy, flippantly, but the tears that nearly betrayed her came into her eyes.

"Because, he looked at her and hesitated a moment—become, your mother has consented to become my wife. It is an old story, Virgy—dates from long before you were born."

"It was true, then—the invention of Ju's!" she thought.

She pressed Dick's hand as he still held hers and said softly, "You will not rob me altogether of my mother's love?"

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C. P. R. TIME TABLE

No. 213 West	Arrive Fernie	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.

Local News

The Irish Bard
Bob Moore of Michel was in the city this week.

Went Away

L. T. Smith, manager of the lath department at the Elk Lumber Company, left this week for Monarch, Alta. on an extended visit.

A Treat Coming

Don't forget the Juvenile Bostonians at the Miners Theatre on Thursday and Friday under the auspices of the K. of P.

An Ideal Spot

Mr. S. C. Landay of Halifax, was in the city for a few days. He was looking for an ideal spot to locate in and is considering Fernie!

In the Far North

President Powell and Vice-President Stubbs together with Organizer T. James are in the Edmonton district at present, and are doing good work as usual.

T. & L. Meeting

A meeting of the Trades and Labor Council was held last Monday. Considerable business was transacted, and the promise of a good council for the future established.

Good Pictures

Manager Taschereau has been putting on extra fine pictures lately and is deserving of a large patronage. The films are all real good. The ones for next week are extra fine.

New Names

Several new names from Michel have been added to our subscription list through the energy of Secretary Charles Garner. We have the largest list of any paper in the pass now and it is still growing.

Serious Accident

On Tuesday last Alexander Carpuck while working in No. 1 north met with a very serious accident, caused by a fall of rock. One leg was broken and he received other painful injuries. He was removed to the hospital and is doing well.

From the Village

George Melke of New Michel was doing the town last Saturday and Sunday. He also came up for the Liberal meeting on Thursday. He has not succeeded in making a sale of the Reporter as reported, the Coleman Miner outfit flunking.

Night School

There is a movement on foot to establish a night school in this city, and also in all mining centres throughout the Pass. All who would take advantage of these schools should send in their names at once to D. Rees, Sec. Gladstone Local, Fernie, as he has to report to the educational department the number of possible attendants.



VIVIAN AMBER WITH JUVENILE BOSTONIANS: Miners Op. Nov 11-12

CLEVER SHOW COMING

One of the prettiest tributes ever paid to the Juvenile Bostonians, who appear here November 11 and 12, is the following written by J. H. Raftery of the Helena Independence:

"As musicians, as singers, the little Bostonians surpass any juvenile company that has ever visited Helena. They excel in sincerity and in technical accuracy, most of their elders of the stage. Individually they are marvelous for their workmanlike diligence and adaptability and for the singular grace with which they address situations and stage business that must be far and away from their young and guileless hearts."

LUMBERJACK IN TROUBLE

BLAIRMORE, Alta. Nov. 2—Frank Chapman, until recently a teamster in the employ of the logging camp of W. Beard, south of Blairmore, has been sent to Macleod to stand trial on a charge of forgery. It appears that Chapman was sent to town to get the mail for the camp. A fellow employee had previously told him he expected a letter with a check from a former employer and Chapman upon getting the letter, opened it, signed the name of his friend in endorsement and cashed it. He then went on a spree and did not return to the camp until the money was gone. Later he confided to Mr. Beard, his employer, what he had done and asked him to fix the thing up so that he would escape punishment. Mr. Beard, however, declined to be a party to compounding a felony and told Chapman to take his medicine. Chapman stands to pay dearly for his spree as he will likely be prosecuted on two counts, that of forgery and also that of opening a letter addressed to another party.

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(Commercial)
The country newspapers can do a great service to their localities by urging the farmers to support the local dealers by purchasing their requirements at their own towns. Many papers throughout the west are giving that service, and as a sample of what they do we might mention a recent article in the Courier of Unity, Sask. This paper draws attention to the fact that this is the season when mail order houses send out their catalogues, and get after the fall and winter trade of the farmers. It is also the time of year when many farmers are unfortunately availing themselves of the opportunities of sending their cash to the large cities, to build them up at the expense of their own towns.

We believe that in the majority of cases, says the Courier, these farmers who are donating to the common interests of the mail order houses, do not review the peril of the situation. They do not stop to think that some day perchance they may be in business and the proposition may confront them. They use the mail order houses to deposit their spare cash while the home merchants in the majority of cases are carrying them for large bills. Shame on the unbusinesslike methods of some people, little sympathy should be awarded them if legal action were taken by home merchants to collect accounts and it should be done to those who court the peril of the situation.

The Courier goes on to say: "There is not a merchant in this town who cannot figure any cash bill on a saving basis against the mail order house. One never has the pleasure afforded him of seeing flour and sugar shipped in. Why? Because the mail order house could not lay down sugar or flour in this town any way near the home figure. We shall be pleased to quote prices in comparison in our paper for the benefit of those who have the mail order fever. It is necessary to enlighten them. It is a shame and a disgrace to Canadian intelligence to presume that the mail order house is anything else than a farce when it comes to equal values and any material assistance in building up the home country."

YORK LOAN COMES THROUGH

First Dividend Amounts to Twenty-Five Per Cent—Another One Coming

TORONTO, Nov. 3—Ninety eight thousand citizens of Canada will rejoice today over the receipt of the cheques from the liquidators of the defunct York County Loan and Savings Company.

The paper was sent out today by the National Trust company, the assignees. The cheques sent out amount to approximately \$850,000. The dividend declared is twenty five per cent.

There are 114,000 shareholders, 10,000 of whom have not submitted their passbooks and certificates. The other 6000 were either in arrears or had borrowed from the company and the arrears and share loans exceed the dividend. It is expected that the next dividend will also amount to 25 per cent. It will be declared when the rest of the property of the company is disposed of. The company owned 52,000 feet of frontage in Toronto, half of which has been sold. If the land values increase before the rest is sold the other dividend will be proportionately large.

AUTOMOBILE VS PRINTING

Did you ever try to hire an automobile by the hour? We ask you to stop at the first auto stand you pass and ask the price. We venture now to say that it will be either \$3 or \$4 per hour. Then compare the value of the machine and the expense of operating it and the price charged with one of your cylinder presses.

There is no comparison. The auto man has all the advantage. And just where this fellow got wise so much ahead of the printer is just what we are trying to solve. He doesn't look smarter, neither does he act it, but in the prices charged he is far advanced. Of course you will say that he charges the price to make up for the idle time. There again you compliment the auto man, and very few printers realize that the customer should pay for the idle time. When the printer has idle time, and records show that cylinder presses the year around only produce one half the time, the expenses going on are a great deal higher than the auto, and does he get any such price as \$3 an hour? Now, why don't he? For two reasons: one, he has never known the cost of the hour sold; and second, he never has had the nerve to ask the right price. Hard words, there, but you, reader, will back us up in these assertions. Isn't it about time, then, for us to wake up, look about us, and see if we haven't been asleep too long. The opportunity is here to correct our errors of the past and present.—From the Ben Franklin Monthly.

TO THE WORKERS

Fernie Oct. 29 1909

Fellow Workers:
The Fernie Electoral Riding has been for the past eight years a strenuously contested seat. At the provincial Election the workers lost the seat by some 60 votes through the Liberals deserting their own candidate at the eleventh hour and supporting the present member.

The Fernie Free Press, the organ of the Conservatives is at present emitting frantic squeals of the most pitiful character for the Liberals to again come to the rescue of distressed capital.

It is admitted that the seat must fall to the workers. The capitalists will combine forces to prevent a consummation so undesirable to them. They have money without end; we lack that essential weapon to success. We therefore ask all workers who can afford to do so to send their contributions, however small, to Oscar Erickson, Box 70, Fernie B. C.

The combined forces of capitalism are arrayed against us; let the workers show that they too are ready to obey the call of the class.

Independent of defeating the tyrant capital at its own game we can and will use your money to the following ends:

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As an example to capital of the political power of the class conscious workers.

Signed, on behalf of the Campaign Committee.

Oscar Erickson Secretary.

REWARD FOR B.C. MURDERER

VICTORIA, B. C. Nov. 3—The provincial government is offering a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the murderer of Salvador Andro here. The two suspects are believed to be in hiding in Vancouver.

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O. N. ROSS, Sole Proprietor

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 18th day of October, 1909.

SIMON DRAGON
Oct 16 Dec 17 G.V.

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 10th day of October, 1909.

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

Applications for electric light meters should be made in 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. DOULTON,
City Clerk.

"IN LOVING MEMORY"

The public are notified that the funeral of the late

CONSERVATIVE PARTY

of the Fernie Riding

will take place at Michel B. C. on November 25 1909. The pall bearers will be the three hotel keepers and the two policemen.

The chief mourners to follow the "deceased party" will be the Fernie Free Press and the C. N. P. C. Co. per W. R. Ross and all those who pilfered public patrimony.

The public are respectfully requested to bring no flowers as the body has been well soaked in a strong solution of 83.

The Rev. J. J. Scott will have charge of the services.

Contributed

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 shortfalls 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
Sheriff's Deputy
It 6.p M.A.K.

Horn: On October 23 to Mr. and Mrs. John Shearer, a 15 pound daughter.

HEAL that OBSTINATE SORE!

CUTS and bruises are often very obstinate in refusing to heal. The edges of the wound remain inflamed and sore, and there is a daily danger of disease-germs settling on the raw flesh and giving rise to serious complications. Thus, neglect or improper treatment of an injury, be it a cut, burn, scald, or even a simple scratch, is a menace to life.

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