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NOT GUILTY! SO SAY THE TWELVE

NOW PAST HISTORY

Famous Robbery Case is Set at Rest--Two to Be Sentenced

The first stage of the famous Coal Creek hold-up case came to a conclusion last Saturday, when the jury brought in a verdict of "Not guilty" for both Varlow and Babcock.

Varlow took the stand and had the oath adminstered in the regular way. He emphatically denied most of the statements which had been made by the Belangers. He admitted having a talk with Fred Belanger and another party whom he knew as "Little Billy" in the Northern hotel with reference to holdup about March 1909, but it was just a casual conversation brought up by Fred Belanger as to how easy it would be to hold up the Trites-Wood money when it was coming down to Fernie from Coal Creek.

Varlow said he argued with them about this and pointed out that it was not so easy, and that it was not an old man that brought it down either, but Mr. Long, the secretary, who was a big strong man, and always carried a revolver.

He did not give this a second thought, as Fred Belanger was drunk at the time, and he thought is was nothing else but the empty vaporings of a drunken man.

On the night of January 15th he admitted having been introduced to John Belanger by his brother Fred, but it took place about 9.55 on the crossing between the Bank of Commerce and P. Burns Company, when he was hurrying with parcels for his mother-in-law.

He simply said to him "Are you another railroader?" and passed on to meet his mother in law and George Booth, who were waiting for him at the P. Burns corner. He emphatically denied having anything to do or any knowledge of the hold-up at the Creek.

Mr. W. R. Ross made an able speech for the defence lasting over three hours, which was prefaced with the attack on the attorney general for his supposed actions in this case. He also made some very caustic remarks with reference to the city police department.

W. A. MacDonald, the Crown prosecutor addressed the jury for the prosecution on Saturday morning, and took up the whole of the morning, outlining the case to the jury. He also replied to Mr. Ross's attack on the attorney general, which he claimed was unwarranted.

After lunch his lordship summed up the case in biref and explained the law to the jury, after which the 12 good men and true retired for an hour and forty minutes, returning with the verdict as mentioned, upon which W. R. Ross made application for immediate discharge of the accused, which was granted.

The verdict of the jury occasioned some applause in the court, which was immediately suppressed.

VARLOW AND BABCOCK

KITCHNER and DUNLAP

Evidence All in in The Alleged Street Hold-up Case--Judgment Reserved Until Next Week By His Honor Judge Wilson

Roderick Dunlap and John Kitchener were arraigned before his honor Judge Wilson on Thursday, June 2nd, charged with robbery with violence from the person of James Alldred on the night of the 16th of April.

L. P. Eckstein acted as Crown prosecutor and W. R. Ross defended the accused.

James Alldred was duly sworn, and gave the story of the robbery in detail.

He stated that he had had a few drinks with the accused about 11.30 on the evening in question, and asked them to come up to the Central with him and have a few more.

Kitchener and Dunlap agreed to this, but when they got opposite the Central, according to Allred, they threw him down and robbed him.

W. R. Ross subjected him to a cross examination to show that it was probable that he had been rolled before he saw the two youths, but Alldred stoutly maintained that he had some money when he was with the accused.

He caused considerable merriment whilst in the box. Asked by W. R. Ross why he passed the Kings hotel for the Central:

Simply because I was making for the latter place.

Q: But you get good beer dont you at the Kings?

A: I never had any beer at that place.

Witness also explained to the court that beer was both food and drink and wanted to know what else beer was made for but to go and get drunk on.

He frankly admitted that he saw no weapon of any kind with either of the youths.

J. T. Griffiths, was duly sworn and said that he saw Kitchener and Dunlap together with Alldred in the Waldorf about 11.30 on the night of the 16th of April. Cross examined by W. R. Ross as to Alldred's condition on the night in question, he replied that he had been drinking but still had his senses.

Constable R. W. Bowen duly sworn, said he saw the two accused together with Alldred on the night in question, between 11 and 11.30 in front of the Waldorf hotel.

Asked as to the condition of Alldred Bowen replied that he had had a drop of drink but that he could still walk all right.

Constable N. Gorman, duly sworn, said that on the night in question he was going through the bar at the Waldorf about 11 o'clock when he saw the two accused together with Alldred and he saw Alldred pay for the drinks for them.

About 11.40 Alldred came to him, and made the complaint that he had been robbed by the two youths in question, and consequently upon that information he had arrested them in How Foon's restaurant at about 12.40. He cautioned them but they did not say anything.

They were taken to the city lock up and searched by the jailer, when the magnificent sum of seventy-five cents was found on them.

Chief R. N. Clerke duly sworn, said that on the Monday following the 16th of April, viz., the 18th, Alldred came to the police station and was taken into the lockup by witness where he identified the accused as the persons who had committed the robbery upon him.

Roderick Dunlap duly sworn, gave an emphatic denial to Alldred's story that he was drinking with him that night; in fact he denied seeing him on the night in question, and that he had gone up the street with him. Kitchener and himself were in the Waldorf that night, and stayed there until the closing time. He also stated that there was bad blood between Alldred and himself consequent over a thrashing he had given Alldred about three weeks before the night in question, on which the robbery is supposed to have taken place.

Alldred at that time said he would get even with the witness for that.

Cross examined by L. P. Eckstein as to whether the previous witnesses had been concocting a story against him, he replied yes.

Asked for what reason they would do this he answered that he did not know.

John Kitchener was duly sworn and also denied having seen Alldred on the night of the 16th of April, or having had a drink with him.

In fact he did not remember ever having seen the man Alldred before.

W. R. Ross said that from the evidence of Alldred it was a question to him whether he had any money on him that night and that together with the evidence of the two boys was the defence.

His honor reserved his decision until next Wednesday when it is expected that the Belanger brothers will be up in the court to receive their sentence.

The Grand Jury will resume their postponed deliberations on June 7th, when the cases of Vera Holmes, committed for trial at Michel on Tuesday for stabbing R. Armstrong at the same place on May 23, and L. A. Streeter for causing the death of Louis Riley at Dorr on May 22nd will come up before them.

NELSON-WOLGAST

All lovers of the noble art of self defence who were deprived the opportunity of seeing some of the recent "mills" will be able to witness twenty-two rounds of most scientific boxing that has taken place in the pugilistic areana for years, at the Grand Theatre tonight.

NOTICE

Stay away from Colorado. No advance; no union recognized.

Strike is on.

Efforts are being made to induce Miners to go to Southern Colorado. When they arrive they find a surplus of miners and are advised to go to Northern Colorado. Don't be deceived.

Stay away from Colorado until you are notified of a settlement.

WARNING TO MINERS

Keep away from Blairmore, Alta., Mines, as men are being laid off at that place.

IMPORTANT

We would urge upon all intending stockholders of the Eureka Coal Co., to make application for stock without further delay. Work has already been commenced on the sinking of a new shaft, and the completion of the construction of the railroad is only a question of time. Address communications to R. G. Duggan, Taber, Alberta.

THE FIRST DROWNING

Seven Year Old Girl of Joseph Lyons Finds Watery Grave

An extremely sad and unfortunate accident occurred on Monday afternoon. Three little children, two girls daughters of Joseph Lyons, aged about 9 or ten years, and the other about 8 years, and a little boy aged 3 years, were playing on the logs of the slough belonging to the Elk Lumber Company, presumably, fishing, when the younger of the two girls slipped in. The other little girl, seeing her sister in the water, jumped in it is supposed. The current was rather strong and the two little girls were carried down. A riverman working some distance off, ran and pulled the elder girl out, but did not see the other one. No one saw the accident and it is not known exactly how it happened.

The slough was dragged, and the pike holes were all gone through, but without avail. The body, up to the time of writing had not been found.

DOMINION DAY SPORTS

Anonymous	$50.00
J. Podbielancik	20.00
Trites-Wood Co.	50.00
Waldorf Hotel	20.00
Hotel Fernie	25.00
Kings Hotel	10.00
Northern Hotel	20.00
Queens Hotel	25.00
King Edward hotel	20.00
W. A. Ingram	10.00
W. R. Ross	10.00

Thos. Uphill
Secretary

IMPORTANT TO MINERS

Injured Workman Brings Suit to Recover His Compensation

A decision of much importance to workingmen was given by Chief Justice Hunter while the jury in the Varlow case was deliberating upon its verdict.

Joseph Moore was hurt in No. 2 mine at Coal Creek in January, 1908. At that time claims were dealt with by a joint committee of operators and men. Moores' case came before this body, and as a result he was paid the compensation to which he was entitled for some 38 weeks.

Without warning the payments ceased, although Moore was not able to go to work. The company said that this committee was not legally formed and its decisions did not bind them. Moore then began proceedings under the Workingmen's Compensation Act in the usual way. Here he was met with the objection that no notice of injury had been given to the Company. The arbitrator, His Honor Judge Wilson, held that after paying Moore for 38 weeks it would be unjust to allow the employers to take the ground that they had had no notice of the accident. He accordingly over-ruled that objection. It was contended too by the Company that Moore had made no claim within six months of the accident as required by the Act.

The arbitrator again held that by dealing with Moore as they had done the Company could not with justice say that no claim had been made upon them. In the result the arbitrator ordered the company to pay Moore his compensation since the time they had refused and to continue paying during incapacity. He held too, that the joint committee had not been legally formed, and that its decisions were not binding.

The company appealed, or in legal language took a stated case for the opinion of the Judge of the Supreme Court. It was the argument on this stated case that came before the Chief Justice on Saturday.

His Lordship confirmed the arbitrator's findings in every respect, and intimated his disapproval of the Company's attempt by technical objections to escape paying Moore his compensation.

Mr. G H. Thompson of Cranbrook appeared for the company and Mr. L. P. Eckstein for Moore.

FOOTBALL

League Standing

	Won	Lost	Pts
Michel	3	0	6
Coal Creek	2	2	4
Fernie	2	2	4
Bellevue	1	1	2
Coleman	1	2	2
Hosmer	0	2	0
Frank	0	0	0

A league meeting will be held at Hosmer on June 11th.

The following is the make up of the Fernie football team that is to try conclusions with Bellevue at Bellevue on Saturday 4th:

Goal: Thacker.

Half backs: Mills, Wardrop and Barr.

Forwards: Bembridge, Wm. Thornton, S. Judge, A. Cartledge, C. Appleby.

Backs: Bohill and McEwen.

Reserves: Gill and W. Gorrie.

Linesman: J. Clark.

Fernie vs Coleman

The home team, weakened by the absence of Adamson and Manning put up a splendid fight last Saturday, but determination, no matter how aggressive, did not avail and at the close of the game candor compelled the admission that the better team won.

Coleman 4; Fernie 1.

So desirous was Paddy to have the missing players accompany the team that he narrowly escaped being left behind and it was only by a fleetness of foot which should, if put into practice on July 1st at the Dominion day sports, place him in front rank of sprinters, provided however the services of the local C. P. R. train can be secured to pace him. He left his hat behind as a souvenir.

In addition to the match at Bellevue Frank and Hosmer meet at Frank on the 4th.

The court house here is closed today the 3rd of June, owing to order in council, it being the King's birthday.

OH YOU FISHERMEN!

The Anglers' Association of Michel are now making arrangements for an excursion that will be open to all to Burton City to have a solid week's enjoyment, when the disciples of the hook and line will be afforded every opportunity for indulging in this pleasurable sport, and those who are not anglers will be able to obtain other recreative enjoyment.

Negotiations are under way with the C. P. R. for a special rate including fare meals and berth on the boat. Already quite a number have signified their intention to avail themselves of this trip, and the committee in charge are not allowing the grass to grow under their feet in boosting the affair. Just as soon as the price is fixed upon or any other information pertinent is obtainable we shall make it known through the columns of this paper.

The Printers challenge all comers at baseball, for slugs "queer," phony ads or obituary notices. Two of the chief culprits have never sinned before with either bat or ball, therefore this original outbreak will be a sight to bring tears to a crocodile and if

"You have roots to hoot
Prepare to shoot them now."

The pulpit at the Baptist church will be occupied on Sunday morning and evening by Pastor Spidell. In the morning the subject will be: "Constrained Utterance." Evening subject "The Eternity of an Act." Work on the new church building is progressing at a satisfactory rate, and no time will be lost in completing the same. The contract for lighting was let by a meeting of the building committee on Tuesday evening. The fixtures to be used in the auditorium are most artistic and will aid materially in the beautifying of the interior.

June the 1st made an exceedingly boisterous entry, in fact it was more of a March day blister than typical of the month of roses and brides. A number of chimneys suffered collapse, but the worst damage was done to the coping on the King Edward hotel and also to How Foon's building. Many were the inquiries for the street watering cart, but we are informed that in order to operate this a driver and a team of horses are needed, and as there was danger of an outbreak of fire that an ounce of prevention was deemed better than a pound of cure, or speaking more locally, better swallow a pound of dust than be compelled to suffer the ravages of the fire-fiend.

ALL OFF IN ILLINOIS

Negotiations For Settlement Broken Off--70,000 Men Out

PEORIA, Ill., May 25—All negotiations are off between the Illinois Coal Operators Association and the Illinois U. M. W. A. The final action was taken yesterday, as the conference at Peoria resulted in a failure.

The coal operators insist that the miners' union consent to their closed shop proposition, which means that no union miner shall work for any operator not a member of the Coal Operators Association.

By this means the operators intend to force every mining company and independent operator to join the association.

When the association thus contained the entire list of operators and the independent operators were driven into the association, the Operators Association would have the power to absolutely compel the union miners to accept any terms which were desired by the operators.

The union has found that these independent operators are always more ready to consider the desires of the union than the members of the Operators association, and therefore hesitate to enter into an agreement whereby the union would be used as a club to force the independent operators to join the Operators Association.

Operators Ignore Law

The second detail of discord between the operators and the union is the refusal of the operators to obey the state laws which require that they should pay the shot lighters. The operators insist that firing the shots is part of the work of mining coal and do not intend to pay any attention to the claims of the union or the law in the matter.

Another item of disagreement was the refusal of the operators to adjust the scale so as to equalize the different parts of the state.

President John H. Walker of the state organization of the U. M. W. is here in charge of the matter and state officers will be here soon.

Seventy two thousand men are affected and will enter upon an indefinite struggle to obtain their demands.

A quiet wedding took place recently, so quiet in fact that it was almost a case of stealing silently away, Arab-like, when our townsman, G. C. Egg, entered the ranks of the benedicts.

On account of leaving town Mrs. Wagget is selling off her entire stock of millinery at less than cost price. No reasonable offer refused. Sale commencing from Saturday June 4th, until June 22. Inspection invited. 1tp

An exchange says that Mexican mules and ponies are being imported into Southern Alberta. It is high time that the Alien Labor law's provisions be called into requisition as we are confident that our sister province contains a goodly number of the braying animals and they are not all in the southern end of the Province either.

W. R. Ross, as solicitor for Emilio Paccarelo, who was convicted some time ago by Magistrate Whimster for selling liquor without a license, appealed before Judge Wilson against such conviction, on the ground that he was acting as agent for Pollock, who had a license. The case was adjourned.

A BRISK BLAZE

What might have developed into a very expensive conflagration on Wednesday was only prevented by vigorous action on the part of the Fire Department. Clearing the ground in preparation for the new school building made it necessary to burn up the refuse, and though it was a mere smouldering stump the terrific wind so fanned the few sparks into a huge blaze that those on the ground found themselves utterly unable to cope with the situation and at 12.45 the entire brigade began an onslaught on the fiery element, and it was nearly four hours before they were satisfied that all danger of spreading had been checked. Thanks to the strenuous efforts of the department no material damage occurred. Another great factor was the powerful force of the stream of water. As an evidence of the area covered it may be noted that there were over 2500 feet of hose in constant use.

A disciple of the sect of Agapemonites recently left the abode of Love in Howland avenue for the east on....

Manager G. B. Bell of the Imperial bank was a passenger on the Flyer on Thursday morning for Spokane where he goes for the purpose of accompanying his wife home. We are pleased to note that she is convalescing rapidly.

First step is taken to form a press club, is the head line in Monday's Province, and then in caps below, Telling the Truth, appears, from which we feel that the wording of the head line should read "Reform," instead of "Form," and yet this might be considered at times deucedly bad form, doncherknow.

WEEK END RATE

The arrangement for Sunday train service on the G. N. has been somewhat delayed because of need for confirmation from headquarters at St. Paul. This does not mean that it has been turned down, but is merely temporarily postponed. There is one concession made however taking effect on June 4th, that a week end rate between Fernie and Baynes Lake has been granted, $1.70 round trip. Good from Saturday until Monday.

CHANGE IN TIME TABLE

The time card of the C. P. R. will be changed on the 5th of this month but at the present writing we do not know exactly what the changes are. We understand that the train from the west will be half an hour later, that will make it 6.25, this train is officially known as 214, and 215, which is due from the east at 10 a.m. is expected to reach Fernie at 10.10 a.m. These figures are not official. Full details will appear in our next issue.

GOOD TEMPLARS

A movement is on foot and considerable progress has already been effected looking towards the institution of a lodge of International Order of Good Templars in town. From present indications there is every reason to believe this temperance society will be highly successful, judging by the number of those who have signified their willingness to become members. It is expected that Mr. Frank Hopkins provincial organizer, from Nelson, will be here shortly.

FAREWELL TO DIVINE

Address and Presentation By Congregation to Rev. and Mrs. Hall

There was a large turn out to the Social evening at the Methodist church on Monday, the occasion being the presentation of a nice silver set of cutlery, subscribed for by the Ladies Aid and the Epworth League. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. Robert Hughes of Cranbrook, chairman of the District board. Miss Bowen sang a solo and Miss Hooey and Mr. A. T. Claxton of Grenfell, Sask., a former member of the church here on a visit, sang a duett. The presentation was made by Mrs. J. A. Broley, in a short speech, referring to the esteem they had been regarded with in Fernie, and extended best wishes for their labors in the new field to which they were called. Mr. D. V. Mott on behalf of the Trustee board and Mr. H. A. Wilkes on behalf of the Quarterly board, spoke in feeling terms with reference to the work done by the pastor and wife while stationed at Fernie, and wished them every success in their new sphere. Rev. R. Hughes on behalf of the Cranbrook church presented a silver sugar bowl as a small token of esteem, especially in Mr. Hall's stand for civic righteousness. The Rev. Mrs. and Miss Hall left for Vancouver on Tuesday mornings train.

GREAT LIST OF GUNNERS

Fernie's contingent to the great shoot to be held at Nelson beginning Monday the 5th, and open to all the marksmen from the interior is made as follows:

Sergt. Finlayson
G. H. Boulton
John and Cecil Minton
Chief of Police Clerke

These represent the Kootenay Rifles and A. W. Bleasdell and H. Gould the Civilians.

NEW COAL FIELD DISCOVERED

Seam of Eight Feet Proves Extension of Nanaimo Measures--Thirty Years' Labor

(Colonist)

After practically thirty years of intermittent scientific prospecting, and perhaps a larger number of misadventures and disappointments than usually fall to the lot of even that frequent victim of malicious fate, the coal prospector, coal that is of practically the same character as that of the Nanaimo field has at last been struck in quantities on Tumbo Island, and there is now every reason to believe that those who have persistently adhered to their confidence in the veteran Dr. Dawson's geological studies and his conclusions that the island coal measures underlie also the island lands in the Gulf will be richly and deservedly rewarded.

The seam struck is of eight foot thickness at 874 feet deep and further explorations will be forthwith carried on with an augmentation of the machinery, until the full extent of the measures has been established.

The fortunate present holder of the property is Mr. Arthur E. Hepburn, now of Vancouver, one of the directors of the Dominion Stock & Bond Corporation, who took an option on the island properties about one year and a half ago from a trio of Victorians, who have held them during almost thirty years: Messrs. F. W. Foster, T. B. Hall and J. A. Sayward.

Not only is Mr. Hepburn's faith in the ultimate outcome of the diamond drilling which has been steadily carried on during the past 18 months now happily justified, but he at least sees measurably near the day when he will recoup himself for the $50,000 or more than he has expended in the prospecting operations, but also an ample profit which he well deserves. His engineer, Mr. William Blakemore, M. E., upon whose advice he has persisted in his expenditures, has every reason to share with Mr. Hepburn's pride in the justification of their confidence in Dr. Dawson's accuracy, the verification after many years of that expert's early geological maps of the Georgian archipelago, and demonstration of their correctness of the Tumbo island district as in the direct natural course of the Nanaimo Coal measures.

Retains Property

It is Mr. Hepburn's intention to refuse all of the several offers that have already been made for the Tumbo island properties and the future disposition of the four claims which Mr. Hepburn holds on Tumbo, with six on the adjacent island of Saturna will await the outcome of complete investigation of the extent and quality of the discovered measures. Ultimately the properties may be sold, or Mr Hepburn may decide to develop the properties himself, as he has abundant capital for the purpose, expensive as is the making of a modern coal mine. The later developments of the boring which have been quietly carried on for the past few months has been very carefully observed by various wide-awake investors and coal experts, including Mr. Cleghorn, who represents the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railway in a still hunt for Island coal properties; and a number of these alert observers have already staked the whole of Galiano island, beneath which it is virtually certain the coal measures extend. Other adjacent properties and island are being taken up as fast as vested interests can be brought into line.

ALBERTA LEGISLATURE

Edmonton, May 26.

At the Legislative Assembly meeting today Premier Rutherford made a motion, accompanied by a few prefatory remarks of no great force, and Cushing seconded the same:

That this assembly go on record as loyal citizens that a message of condolence be forwarded to the Royal family because of the loss sustained by the death of King Edward. R. G. Bennett of Calgary delivered himself of a most eloquent address wherein he dilated at length upon the many privileges enjoyed by those who lived under the Union Jack during the reign of Edward VII and Victoria, expressing his pride at the opportunity vouchsafed him to be associated with the resolutions, etc., in short it was a case as our friends Hamlet says "Words, words, words."

The clerk having read the paper the Speaker was about to put the resolution before the house when C. M. O'Brien, the Socialist member, arose to his feet and in strict conformity with the rules of debate, said: "Mr. Speaker, Yes, it is sad in truth, nay more, it is heart rending, I don't mean the death of the King, as that was quite natural, but all this display of hypocrisy and hollow display of pretended sympathy (here the Speaker and many of the members were observed to be shifting somewhat uneasily in their chairs.) O'Brien, noticing that the remarks he was making were affecting the comfort of the gathering, continuing, said "Now don't get uneasy, Mr. Speaker, I am not going to criticise the dead monarch; in fact I have a certain amount of respect for him, or at least I may even say admiration for the excellent example he set us of living well, doing little even as a King and by no means overworking himself at his job." There were now decided rumblings and the restlessness made itself decidedly manifest but when he said he wished to make an amendment, all of the boasted compliances with the manual of parliamentary practices were completely thrown to the winds, and it seemed as though a certain number of members fearing to be outdone in their display of sycophancy almost touched the verge of hysteria as they yelled: "Throw him out; don't allow him to put it," and a lot more equally gentlemanly and peculiarly minatory phrases for those who are the self styled disciples of Law and Order. When he claimed the privilege of amending any motion that comes before the house, pandemonium broke its moorings and the cries of "Question" were interspersed with other remarks of a less complimentary character.

Certain rules are laid down for the government of all bodies and O'Brien was perfectly within his rights when he attempted to move an amendment, it is true that according to the best authorities the inconsistency or incompatibility of a proposed amendment may be deemed fit reason for its rejection, but not for its suppression, because in the latter case representative government becomes a farce, and we might just as well revert to an old oligarchical despotism. In the matter under consideration complete gag law was enforced and the speaker instead of acting with that impartiality which his office calls for, allowing the member from the Rocky Mountain constituency to put forth his amendment, when it could have been seen whether or not it was permissible, he put the question whilst O'Brien still had the floor, thereby showing a bias from which he should be free, and more clearly demonstrating that when it suits the purpose of those sticklers for parliamentarism to ignore their authorities they do not hesitate to do so.

When the members stood up to vote O'Brien sat down, and upon arising to speak he was met with a storm of hoots, yells and then the cry of "Out of order." "No question before the house," was shouted from all sides.

After completely trampling upon the established usages of constituted bodies "like hungry tigers clutching their poor prey," they suddenly call into requisition the rules of order. These are the lovers of that much vaunted, but little practised British fair play, and instead of giving the man a chance to say what he had to say, they show that fair play that the Lancashire collier is credited with when his friend was down, yelled "Who's dahn nah?" "Ahr Bill," was the reply; "then play fair and ler 'im up." A few minutes later seeing that somebody was down he cries out "Who's dahn nah?" and when the reply came "T'other chap," he screams "That's a' reight purr 'Im t'th' yead Bill." The sergeant shouted "Order, Order," and introduced the Lieutenant Governor who said in part: "I have accepted the resignation of the premier and have called upon Sifton to form a cabinet, and therefore declare this House prorogued.

When O'Brien was asked what his amendment was he informed his questioners that he wished to make an amendment whereby the motion could have been extended or amplified so to speak and that he would have coupled with the message of condolence to the Royal family one to the widows and orphans of the 130 miners who lost their lives a few days subsequent to the King's death by an explosion at Wellington Colliery, Whitehaven, but this act of common humanity was frustrated by the unmannerly conduct of a crowd of those, who, while charging Socialists with a total disregard for the common amenities, are the most ready to make infractions if their hastily formed conclusions lead them to imagine that anything smacking of "disloyalty" is to be performed. Chauvinism is a good term to apply to these ultra-patriotic members of the Alberta legislature.

That Premier Rutherford was incompetent practically everybody conceded, but it was not expected that the Lieutenant Governor would include the whole assembly in the same category, as by his act in calling upon an outsider to form a cabinet he most assuredly does. No doubt some of these gentlemen with their tissue thick sensibilities may take umbrage at the slight placed upon their capabilities as statesmen! (Save the mark:) Very likely there will be some bye-elections in the near future.

Edmonton May 30

The incident in the Assembly here has certainly furnished splendid material upon which the headline man could exercise his ingenuity, and he has by no means let his light hide under a bushel in this respect; nay more, one may say he has cavorted around proud of the juicy morsel for attracting the attention of the reading public.

According to one of the reports the leader of the opposition from Calgary objected to the statement that the "King was a man who worked little, and ate well," that is indeed strange unless he felt that the truth was out of its element in the Alberta Legislature. No one can, from the viewpoint of accomplishment, aver that the late King did much work, in fact the work of reigning monarchs is largely ornamental, and there is always a loud blare of trumpets and much flowing of ink to persuade the reading public of the arduous tasks performed.

That everyone unless a chronic dyspeptic, is fond of good living, when it can be indulged in is an undeniable truth. Then why make any objection to this part of the statement? Bad form! Hump! This may be the case according to the standards of those who have been educated along the lines of humbug and chicanery, yet men of the type of O'Brien have the characteristic bluntness of the class from which he springs of telling the truth and this is the more noticeable because of its positive directness.

Another shining light of journalism prates sententiously about " a street crowd not bound by the rules of propriety might have handled him roughly." This is one of the organs of the "unco guid" the Chesterfields, who have the effrontery to talk about propriety, yet not only show the utter shallowness of their pretensions to practice what they prate, but by making no mention of the purpose of O'Brien's intended amendment of which he spoke after he had been "squelched" by mere force of numbers, namely, that he wished to couple the names of the bereaved ones at Whitehaven in Cumberland with the message to the members of the Royal family, brand themselves as "mis"representatives of the Press.

So little do these yelling tuft-hunters appreciate the value of humanity, and so obsessed are they by their subserviency to the conventional that sympathy with them is a regulative quantity entirely dependent upon the standing in "society" of the one upon whom it is to be displayed.

R. B. Bennett prophesied a great reign for George V. Why not discuss these matters in plain straightforward manly and human manner?

Monarchs are like the rest of our common humanity, full of frailties and living in the environment of adulation and hypocrisy are necessarily subject to temptations which a commoner is not so likely to meet with, and if the latter succumbs too, he or she is "Taboo", whereas a King is permitted to contract a morganatic marriage and he has apologists innumerable both in press and pulpit.

In so far as is known the selection of the seat that the new premier of Alberta will offer himself a candidate for is not known. McLeod, Medicine Hat or Cochrane have been mentioned.

Why not have the present leader of the opposition resign and then the laurel wreath would fall upon the brow of the irrepressible C. M.? Another thought: Contest the Rocky Mountain division; perhaps however the honorable gentleman fears that while his name is Sifton now after the contest he might find that he had suffered an elision of the "f," and thereafter would spell his name "Sit on."

IN SPAIN

Even archaic Spain has begun to throw off the cloak of apathy, and the reactionary elements are being relegated to the background. This is conclusively shown by the result of the election which took place in Madrid on the 8th of May when the veteran Socialist Pablo Iglesias had the distinguished honor of entering the Spanish parliament as the first representative of revolutionary Socialism.

The following are the number of votes which were cast for the various candidates.

Republicans:	
Perez Galdos	42070
Esquerdo	41525
Salillas	41372
Pi y Arsuaga	41031
Soriano	40801
Iglesias (Socialist)	40725
Royalists:	
Jimenez de la Puente	31191
Zaldo	30416
Chavarri	31278
Padros	30981
Prast	30181
Guirao	30431

Letters To The Editor

Fernie B. C. May 30 1910

Dear Ledger:

If you find the enclosed fit for the waste paper basket kindly drop her in gently, head first.

In order to recruit after the strenuous exertions entailed in the production of the same, I have taken a short vacation to the salubrious suburb of Cokato. Should emergency arise, you may phone the Grand hotel, failing this drag the river.

Thanking you in anticipation, yours very ruefully and penitently,

The Prodigal

To Elko on the 24th

Remember my trip down to Elko?
Well say, I'm inclined to believe that I do,
A sweet recollection or two.

It was a peach of a day for an outing,
So for once to lose sight of the snow,
I hit the first train bound for Elko,
The land where the pineapples grow.

The city with flags and with bunting
Was bedecked in most gorgeous array,
And the crowds made you sit up and wonder
Where the deuce they all came from that day.

I had heard much of the fame of this Eden,
Where nature holds wonders in store,
Where the sweet, spicy breezes waft softly,
And tumultuous the wild waters roar.

But now I am free to admit it,
At my assertion you may sneer or may chaff,
The sights to be seen down at Elko
Have Niagara skinned full a block and a half.

There's garden plantations and orchards,
Abundantly blessed by the Giver,
And the noise and the hum of the street cars
Is dissolved in the roar of the river.

And the Elk rushes down through the canyon,
Through the narrow defiles of his home,
Like a warhorse let loose on the battle,
Half maddened and covered with foam.

And the roar and the boom of the waters
As they hurtle and leap o'er the falls,
Are like the deep, sullen boom of Niagara
'Tis enchanting, but oh it appals.

'Tis an ideal place for a picnic,
Or to take your best girl for the day,
There's some sweet little nook to go spooning,
She might make up her mind what to say.

I must now make a noise like a quitter,
But just before I skidoo,
If you doubt what I've said about Elko,
I refer you to our friend, Fredericque Roo.

Fred is the mayor of the city
You'll find him there most of the time
His tales of the place are enchanted
By veracity truly sublime.

And now I skidoo for Cockato
But by way of a parting farewell
My soul would linger round Elko
In preference to Fernie or Michel.

The Prodigal

PROFIT A MURDEROUS SYSTEM

Editor Ledger:

Statistics of accidents in mines of British Columbia are beyond one's comprehension.

The number of fatal accidents alone is too monstrous to grasp and such inhuman slaughter is a disgrace to mining history and to the supervisors of the mines which are at present in operation.

When reading the history of mining and the statistics of accidents, along with the big dividends that are paid, and compare them to the small wages, it proves without doubt that profit is a murderous system.

We have a C. M. R. A. in force which is practically ignored in every mine, and the rules which are made purposely for eliminating accidents in mines, such as manholes in haulage roads, and stop blocks which should be placed on the top of every incline. These rules are very seldom adhered to either through ignorance or negligence I am not in a position to state, but nevertheless the facts remain as stated.

And the wood or sprags used for the spragging of the cars are only a death trap, as they are very often breaking which is a great element of danger to the drivers.

And as regards the ropes and chains —they may be examined daily, but a true report is not recorded in the books which are kept for the purpose, for at the present time ropes in an unsafe condition are at work in most of the mines in this province, and as long as this lucrative system is in existence the preservation of life will only be a secondary thought with the money grabbers. So the only chance left for the wage slave is to consider his condition, and agitate educate and organize.

Concerning the supervision in mines in the first place there are not enough fire bosses. In most mines the districts over which they have to travel are much too large because they cannot get through the places and make a proper examination in compliance to the C. M. R. A. before near quitting time, and a vast amount of things can go wrong in a mine in a period of a few hours.

So in my opinion and to do the bottom dog justice our government inspectors should see that such errors are remedied, for I can candidly state that such slaughter is no credit, but a disgrace, before all the mining communities.

Coal Digger

TROUBLE AHEAD

Reduction of Wages in the Cotton Industry will be the Issue

MANCHESTER, England, May 28 — The result of the vote of the cotton employers on the question of a reduction of 5 per cent. in wages shows that eighty per cent of the master spinners are in favor of the scheme as proposed.

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INDIANS MAY BE FROM ASIA

Many Reasons Advanced For This Belief--Establishing Theory On Basis of Fact

That there are sound reasons for the belief that the natives of Northwestern America and those of Northeastern Asia are related and that the results of scientific studies which are being conducted on both sides of the Behring sea by representatives of American and British scientific institutions will go far to establish the theory on a basis of fact, was the statement of Mr. J. A. Teit, one of the foremost authorities on Indians in the interior of this province and coworker with Dr. Franz Boas of Columbia university who was in Victoria on his way to the Quinault reservation on the coast of the State of Washington.

There he will carry out a commission requiring him to gather hurriedly for a work whic hheoisnw.1tJVMzaw for a work which he is now preparing for an institution, information relative to the ancient tribal boundaries and the areas covered by the various dialects of the Indians on that reservation.

Indian Language in Asia

According to Mr. Teit a group of tribes has been discovered on the coast of Asia who are linguistically American, despite the fact that they are surrounded by other tribes distinctly Asiatic in their language. This is one of the pegs upon which the theory of relationship is hung.

Folk Lore

Recently Houghton, Mifflin, of Boston, published for the American Folk Lore society a volume by Teit on the traditions of the Thompson river Indians. Since writing that he has gathered 300 other traditions handed down from generation to generation, some of which are identical with traditions of other tribes and with traditions of some of the Asiatic tribes, a fact which has never yet been satisfactorily explained. He is also at work on texts of the language of the Thompson river Indians, and the Dominion government will soon have him at work on a detailed map showing the boundaries of the tribes of this province.

Rapidly Changing

Speaking of Dr. Boas work, Mr. Teit said that when the researches and studies of all the workers now in the field have been completed, Dr. Boas will write his conclusions based on the findings. The work should be completed before long and will constitute the last word in the intimate study of the Indians of the Pacific Coast, their history, customs, craft and languages.

The work is being hurried as much as is consistent with accuracy, owing to the fact that within a few years much of the information needed will be past getting. The Indians are rapidly changing, traditions are no longer preserved, and tribal customs have fallen before the advance of the white man. Mr. Teit declares that all the coast tribes have decreased since the whites first came among them about 1858.

A few of the bands are holding their own, a few are even increasing, but the vast majority of them are fast falling off.

The period of adjustment is proving fatal to many of the tribes, but Mr. Teit believes that many of them will eventually adjust themselves to the customs of the whites, and develop into useful and intelligent citizens of this country and of the United States to the south.

During his visit to Victoria this week Mr. Teit was the guest of Dr. Newcombe of Dallas road of whose work among the coast Indians he holds a very high opinion. He will leave this evening for Seattle and will travel on at once to begin his labors.—From the Colonist.

(Ed.—Father Meurice, who was so long stationed up north in charge of Catholic missionary work, not only wrote some very interesting and scientific treaties on the flora and fauna of those little known regions; he likewise threw considerable light on the ethnology of the people, and being a profound philological student, took great interest in the different tribal tongues of those who were under his care. In order to show the close analogy between the Dene Indians and the Asiatic he compiled quite a list of words which phonetically and in interpretation were but slightly dissimilar.)

OFFICERS GUILTY

PRINCETON, Ill., May 30—The coroner's ury which began last November to investigate the cause of the Cherry mine disaster, which resulted in the death of 265 miners in the St. Paul coal mine, has reached an agreement, and 25 separate verdicts have been rendered. The jury says that the mining laws of the state were broken with the knowledge and consent of the mine inspectors.

The verdicts were in three sets, one set fixing the cause of the death of the twelve men in the rescue party, who perished on the cage in the main shaft, another set for the 108 men who were suffocated in the second vein, and the third for the 51 men who were trapped in the third vein, who died of exposure and suffering from suffocation.

The verdict of the jury is a vindication of John Cowley, the engineer who was in charge of the cage on which the 12 rescuers lost their lives.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION

The Acre Yield Competition at the Alberta Provincial Exhibition to be held at Calgary, June 30th to July 7th is a new idea for an exhibition. The following prizes are offered:

Winter wheat	$100	$50	$25	$15	$10	$5
Spring wheat..	100	50	25	15	10	5
Oats	100	50	25	15	10	5
Barley	75	40	25	15	10	5
Flax	60	35	20	10	5	.

The average amount of grain grown on an acre must be shown, and will be judged 60 per cent for quantity, 20 per cent for purity, 15 per cent for quality, 5 per cent for acreage. The Exhibition company pays all charges on exhibits originating in Alberta. It is not likely that anyone in the province has seen the quantity of grain grown on an acre in a pile by itself, and the reader will realize what greate interest will be taken in a building where probably 100 such exhibits will be on view from all over the province. Some districts are taking an active interest in this feature such as the Lloydminster Agricultural society who have already secured six exhibits from their district for the contest.

The other features of the exhibition promise to be of more than ordinary interest and the excellent music and attractions, low rates and special train service will undoubtedly make the attendance the largest yet. The entries close on the 18th of June.

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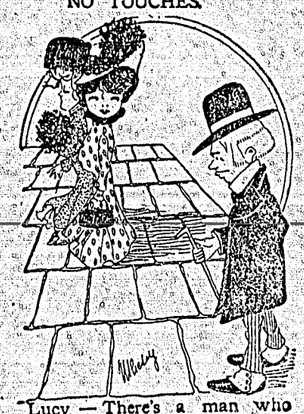

-Lucy — There's a man who hasn't a friend in the world.
Lulu—Lucky dog!

HAS BRITAIN ERRED IN EGYPT

A Menace to the Empire and Civilization Says Teddy Roosevelt

LONDON, May 31—Quite unexpectedly Theodore Roosevelt today delivered what is considered by Englishmen a severe arraignment of the attitude of the nation towards Egypt.,, Something picturesque was looked for from the ex-president, but in view of his utterances in Egypt in which he gave praise in full measure to the British government for the development that followed British rule it was not anticipated that he would revert again to the subject, especially for the purpose of taking England to task on the question.

England Has Erred

But with a frankness that caused a stir among those who had gathered in the ancient Guildhall to witness the ceremony of conferring the freedom of the city of London upon him, Mr. Roosevelt declared that while England had given Egypt the best government that country had had in two thousand years, yet recent events following the assassination of Premier Boutron Pasha had shown that in certain vital points the British government had erred, and England must repair that error if she wished to do her whole duty.

He called attention to the fact that the prime motive for England taking hold of Egypt was in order to restore order.

"Either you have or have not the right to remain in Egypt and establish and keep order," he said. "If you have not the right and have not the desire to remain and keep order then by all means get out. But if, as I hope your duty to mankind and your fealty to your own great traditions bid you to stay, then make the fact and the name agree and show that you are ready to meetin very deed the responsibility which is yours. When a people treat assassination as the corner stone of self government, it forfeits all right to be considered worthy of self government. Some nation must govern Egypt and I hope and believe that the English nation will believe and decide that the duty to do so is theirs."

Nationalists Baneful Influence

Mr. Roosevelt dwelt on what he called the baneful influence of the Nationalist party in Egypt, which had shown in connection with the premier and his assasination that it was neither capable nor desirous of guaranteeing justice.

Sentimentally a Broken Reed

"You have tried to do too much in the interests of the Egyptians themselves. Those who have to do with uncivilized people, especially fanatical people, must remember that in such a situation as that which faces you in Egypt, weakness, timidity, and sentimentality may cause infinitely more harm than violence. Sentimentality is the most broken reed on which righteousness can lean."

Duty to Stay

With reference to the Soudan Mr. Roosevelt said he felt as he did about the Panama canal, although it may not pay, it was Britain's duty to stay there. In his opinion the Soudan would pay anyway.

It was not worth while to belong to a big nation unless that nation was ready to shoulder a big task.

Unprejudiced Outsider

He prefaced his remarks on Egypt with the statement that he spoke as an unprejudiced outsider, as an American and a real democrat, whose first duty was to war against violence, injustice and wrong doing wherever it may be found.

He proferred his advice only on the principles on which he had acted as president when dealing with the Phillipines, and he declared that the present situation in Egypt was a grave menace to the British empire and to civilization.

OFFICIAL LETTER

Indianapolis, May 27.

To the officers and Members of the United Mine Workers of America:

Fellow Workers:

Wage contracts have been negotiated and agreed upon in Central and Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky and the Kanawha district of West Virginia, on a basis in accordance with the action of the Special National convention in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The miners of Illinois are still idle, their joint conventions having failed to reach an agreement, and 70,000 men are on strike. The Southwest which includes Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, has failed up to this time to reach an agreement and there are 35,000 men idle in those Districts.

In addition to the districts mentioned, there are 1500 men who are still idle on strike at Springhill, N. S.; 15,000 men are idle in the Irwin district of Pennsylvania, and there are 4000 men on strike in Central Pennsylvania as well as 2000 men on strike in Colorado and about 3000 on strike in Ohio and a number of local strikes in Kentucky and in other districts.

The uncertainty in connection with negotiating wage agreements for the members of our union who are now idle makes it imperative that some measure be taken to protect their interests. The International executive board has reviewed the situation very carefully and decided to levy an assessment of 25 cents per week or $1 per month (at the option of the local union) on each and every member of the organization who may be employed or at work on and after June 1st. The assessment is to continue for a period of two months.

Local unions can lend material assistance in the way of furnishing relief if they will, wherever possible, advance the amount of the assessment from their Local Treasury, and we would urge that they adopt this suggestion in order that we may hear from them promptly.

There are prospects of wage contracts being negotiated with a number of individual operators or companies in Illinois and the southwest. We can take no chances, however, in protecting the interests of our membership.

You are advised to act promptly, and forward to the national office the assessment herein provided.

Our members will be kept informed through the columns of the United Mine Workers Journal from week to week of the progress made in negotiating wage agreements in the Districts affected and now involved in the strikes.

Send in all money to Edwin Perry, International Secretary Treasurer, at 1101-1106 State Life Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

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LABOR AND ANTIMILITARISM

The growing sentiment of anti-militarism is now noticeable in almost every country in Europe. The trials and troubles of the British recruiting sergeant have been described at length by these "harpies' of the army who with multi-colored ribbons, flying from their head gear, and a braggadacio swagger lured unsophisticated yokels to accept the "Queen's shilling."

That it is by appeals to their vanity and not to any intelligent appreciation of the merits of the case is amply demonstrated by the study of the birthplaces of those who make up the personnel of many Scottish regiments when the preponderance of those entitled to wear the kilts will be found to be natives of countries outside of Scotland. Today the great plaint of those interested in the upkeep of Scottish traditions is that although the regiments who don the picturesque garb of various clans are quite numerous, there are not more than two who have not a large admixture of others than sons of Caledonia. All the dialects found between Giants Causeway and the Cove of Cork can be found in one regiment, and in the 42nd better known as the Black Watch, for a comparison regarding diversity of lingual expression one may consistently make use of the stereotyped simile "a regular tower of Babel."

All of these facts are in themselves straws showing the decadence of "local" patriotism, and indicative of the waning devotion of those martial pursuits that in the past have formed so thrilling a theme of song and story, That it is the costume rather than the much vaunted love of country that attracts was unanimously the verdict of the recruiting sergeants in England, tacitly given of course, when they declaimed so loudly against khaki replacing the brilliant red coat because of its deterrent effect upon prospective animated packages of food for powder.

The practical suppression by the newspapers of all news regarding the opposition in different countries to military service is a recognition of its development and a realization that if the reports of outbreaks from time to time be allowed free circulation the effect will necessarily be antagonistic to the exploiting class.

The international Labor press is the medium of communicating information vital to the interests of the working class, and a force in the promulgation of solidarity that must be reckoned with both by its opponents and its beneficiaries, the former are consistently fighting it, while the latter are too often apathetic in its support. If it were not for the existence of the various representative publications of Labor but little would be known regarding their actions. Full details of the imprisonment for four years of Gustace Herve, editor of La Guerre Sociale, by the French government, would not be furnished were it not for the radical press and very likely brief mention only would have been made in the official organs. When the Austrian Servian embroglio had almost culminated in war and reserves were being drafted, a large number of Bohemians and Hungarians refused point blank to take up arms on behalf of Austria, and are at present languishing in durance vile because of their principles. The riots in various parts of Spain at the different ports from which reinforcements were being shipped to Melilla for the Moroccan campaign, were protests on the part of those who, awakening from the hypnotism of past generations, realize that war is only prosecuted for the gratification of those desiring profit therefrom, and all the talk about the "defense of honor", upholding the flag, freedom's cause, are so many catchpenny phrases that have outlived their usefulness.

The increase of Socialist philosophy in Germany with its concomitant antimilitarism goes on apace despite the outbursts of censure from the Kaiser stigmatising these subjects as "vaterlandlos,' etc. It is very likely than an impasse may be reached in the Kingdom of Prussia in 1912.

There are reports current that the army will be mobilized in that year, which means temporary disfranchisement whereby a diminution of the Socialist vote may be affected and candidates more favorable to imperialistic policies elected.

There is this "fly in the ointment"—much as the followers of the Kaiser and members of the Bundesrath would be pleased if the representatives of the working class could be decreased in the Reichstag, the fear is felt and more or less openly voiced that inasmuch as the supporters of Bebel, Singer, Auer et al know the motive for the mobilization is because those deprived of the privilege of voting are opposed to the present regime, that a coup d'etat would very probably be, not only attempted, but carried to a successful issue. Truly "uneasy lies the head that wears a crown."

When Sweden and Norway dissolved partnership it is not very generally known by the world at large, also do not read Labor's papers that there was a strong element among the jingoistically inclined for a resort to a trial by combat that was averted as a result of the conferences between the workingmen's unions of the two countries deciding that their members would refrain from so fratricidal a war. Much praise was given to the late King Oscar and his tact and diplomacy highly praised in that controversy, but he was merely the Deus ex machina of the common sense workingmen of the two countries interested.

In Canada all the available machinery of press and pulpit has been called into requisition for the purpose of engendering the war fever, but this propaganda, though most extensive, has not met with much favor, and as a consequence Canadians have been called "ingrates" to the Mother Land. One crowd wishes to make a subscription and buy a Dreadnaught, another, looking to the material interests of the Dominion, consider that home industry should be patronized. These two factions, however, find themselves confronted by an opposition both active and passive that declines to be inveigled into countenancing either scheme.

Why should this country burden herself with the expenses incident to floating junk piles in the shape of batleships, cruisers, torpedo destroyers? Junkpile may be considered a wrong term to use to these Leviathans of the sea, but the inquisitive who delight in looking into the cost, life and final resting places of these monuments to man's stupidity, have only to investigate statistics and ascertain for themselves that the bulk of them are declared obsolete and destroyed from time to time without performing any function whatsoever except furnishing a temporary abode for several thousand trained fighting men.

Canada requires a navy because of her unprotected coast line, says the protagonist of war. Let us look at the matter void of sentiment or prejudice. If Canada's possible enemy is the United States of what avail would a navy be against a country that can readily make a land invasion?

If the opponent came from overseas it would demand a navy equally as great as Britains to attempt to protect the long coast line.

Canada can make progress by attending to her development rather than by expending the energy and life blood of her youth merely to keep alive the spirit of barbarism and butchery.

Mexico with twice the population of Caanda, about one fifth the area but with an extensive seaboard to both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, extending from 15 deg. to 32 deg. 30 m. N. lat and 87 deg. to 117 deg. W. long. being satisfied with seven small vessels, the largest a little larger than the "Quadra," why should the country that occupies territory to the north of Uncle Sam's domains undertake to saddle herself with a bill of unnecessary expense?

Again the people of this broad land have only to see the conditions in Europe to reach a conclusion that the example is one to be avoided rather than imitated. If these peoples whose histories are principally made up of the recitals of wars, are fast approaching a mental stage that causes them to deprecate the arts of war with all its horrors, is it not the height of folly for a young nation not to benefit by such an experience?

FINLAND

The situation in Finland grows more acute daily and the various efforts of the Russian government to bring these liberty loving people under the control of the bureaucracy and per contra deprive them of all semblance of democratic self government seems to be very evident now.

The latest move on the part of the authorities at St. Petersburg is an attempt to place the Finnish pilots under the control of the Ministry of Marine; this is deemed an injustice and an attack at the institution of those who have guided navigation through Finnish waters. If accomplished there is every reason to believe that the parties interested will declare a general strike. The Finns are supposed to be strong on passive resistance, but this will avail them little if the henchmen of the Czar determine to enforce submission, as they will not hesitate to create excuses for bringing the military into use through the aid of the agents provacateurs, i. e., the trouble creators. The function of these creatures is to commit some overt act in such a manner that blame may be fastened upon those whom it is intended to destroy. Such tactics are not unknown in Canada, having been practiced by corporations whose employees had decided that the conditions under which they were working were not satisfactory.

The existence of a people while under the domination of an absolute monarchy who possess certain privileges of a democratic character and retaining certain powers of self government is anathema in the minds of those who believe in the maintenance of absolutism, consequently they will leave no stone unturned to bring these "insurgents" into line or failing this endeavor to subjugate them by repressive measures.

A few items of information regarding this country will be quite in place here.

It is a Grand Duchy on the Gulfs of Finland and Bothnia, and was taken from Sweden by Russia and finally annexed in 1808. The area is 144,254 square miles, with a population of about 3,000,000 in 1907, of whom about 2,600,000 are Finns, 400,000 Swedes, 19,000 Russians 3,000 Germans and two thousand Laps, leading a nomadic life in the north. Nearly all of the inhabitants are Lutherans.

There is a university at Helsingfors, with 2512 students of whom 518 are women.

The leading crops are rye, barley, oats, potatoes. Sawmills and paper manufacturies provide the chief industry and the forests are a great source of wealth, immense quantities being prepared for export; dairy produce is also exported. There are 2582 miles of railway, and a merchant fleet of 3120 vessels, mostly small, of which 390 are steamers.

The country was formerly governed by the Imperial Finnish Senate, of 22 members, with a Diet of four estates elected by the people.

This form of government gave way on January 1st, 1907, to a new constitution involving a single chamber elected by universal suffrage of both sexes. Women are likewise eligible for election to the Chamber. Finland is thus the first country to concede woman suffrage and representation, and it is noteworthy that it has been gained without agitation.

The Finnish troops only exist in name, the Diet having voted $2,000,000 per annum to the Russian treasury in lieu of furnishing Finnish recruits to the army and navy, and Finland has been made a part of the St. Petersburg military district.

In educational matters this country is well to the fore. Primary, free and compulsory, age 7-15, well attended. Secondary Lyceums (half being state named; real schools and country high schools for both sexes also well attended. Special schools, these make a specialty of cattle farming, dairy and agricultural instruction. Helsingfors is where the university is located and both sexes are admitted.

THE BIG BARNES SHOWS

Monday, June 6th, Al. G. Barnes big trained wild animal circus will open a week's engagement in this city and from all indications they will draw big crowds to all their performances. It is a long time since Fernie has had a chance to see a large tented show, and all of the exchanges from the U. S. say that Barnes has the largest trained wild animal show in America. Special mention must be made of the sea lions. There have been trained seals and trained sea lions, but none quite equalling in point of sagacious performances those that are to be seen with Al G. Barnes Big 3-Ring Wild Ainmal Circus. It is simply another demonstration of the wizard's superiority over rival trainers that have followed in his wake. The united and individual work of these wonderful creatures, so singularly ungainly in slippery shape by nature, so pitiful on land, and with but stunted flippers to supply the place of hands, is the very acme of both amazing and amusing action. These amphibious creatures are equilibrists, jugglers, musicians, both catchers, clowns and bareback riders, catchers, clows and bareback riders giving undoubtedly the most unique and remarkable trained animal acts ever produced.

One of this collection, called Dick, is positively the only seat lion that has ever been educated to mount and ride on the back of a horse, maintaining a perfect position and juggling balls, batons and lighted torches, while the horse dashes at full speed around the ring. To be seen only with the Al G. Barnes' Big 3-Ring Wild Animal Circus.

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EGG—SHAW—On Saturday, May 28, George C. Egg of Fernie, B. C., and Constance H. Shaw of Montreal, P. Q., were united in the bonds of holy matrimony.

Best wishes from all who know them.

ELKO NOTES BY FRED. RCO

Elko bank clearings for May show a large increase over the month of May 1909.

Now the big celebration is all over, the prize and the printing money all paid, Halley's Comet a past occurrence —we trust that the sun will resume rising every morning in the east.

Sid Newman and wife and Andy Davison of Pittsburg were Elko visitors this week, and registered at the Columbia, where "Ham", heavy on the hom, mixes brain storms and pink elephant cocktails.

The Colton hats are all the rage in Elko and they are certainly swell.

All night rains and bright sunshiny days are no curiosity in Elko.

S. J. Lewis, deputy game warden, planted 100,000,000,000,000,023 young trout in Silver Springs Lake at Elko this week. It is like carrying coals to Coal Creek. There is no sport in fishing in the streams around Elko for they are full of fish just waiting to be caught. Take in the Sunday excursion to Elko and we will put you wise to where the big ones are.

F. J. Deane of the Cranbrook Herald visited Elko this week, and the way the Herald will boost Elko won't be slow.

There has been nothing in the papers now for a week about Teddy Roosevelt, but there'll be something doing when he arrives in Elko next month, you can bet your necktie.

Charles Klinginsmith of the Elk Hotel is buying up a sulphur mine in Alberta.

Jack Kennedy, the C. P. R. master painter and his assistant, put Elko on the All Red route this week.

C. E. Ayre, manager of the North Star Lumber company, and his son Charlie, left for Spokane on Wednesday.

The dog fight in Elko last Sunday was every bit as good as a village wake in county Cork.

Mr. Greener of Fernie was in Elko this week, arranging for building gravel for the Western Canada Wholesale Company. We showed him the best in B. C.

Law is a funny thing in this neck of the mountains and we expect every day to hear of Elko being arrested for Bigamy, because she is married to health, wealth and prosperity. (Ed. Should be trigamy.)

Business is good in Elko, and the green constantly passing over the counter into the cash box, and the merchants smiling like a saloon cash register on a pay night.

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BELLEVUE NOTES

The Bellevue Football club visited Cowley on Victoria day.

Mr. McMillan of the Cowley hotel has for a number of years put up a cup for competition among the football clubs. Among the winners of recent years has been Bellevue, which team on one occasion made a draw with the Cowley team, and were so entitled to hold the cup for a period of six months. Since that time it has been in its own town.

The entries this year were the Sons of England, Lethbridge, Lille, Passburg, Cowley and last, but not least, Bellevue. The draw resulted as follows:

1st S. O. E v Bellevue; 2nd Cowley v Lille; Passburg a bye. Each team had also a representative to act as referee. For the first match between S. O. E. and Bellevue three of the names of the referees were placed in a hat and drawn for. It is necessary to explain in detail as there was a deuce of a rumpus about it afterward.

These three were representing Lethbridg, Bellevue and Lille, and the draw was won by Bellevue, whose representative Bob Livett, refereed. The game which was very evenly contested, and had to be played thirty minutes each way, resulted in a draw of one goal each. During the game some of the Lethbridge supporters acted very unsportsmanlike, and abused the referee for giving too many fouls against them —even the women took a hand and such phrases as 'brute', "beast," etc., being heard on all sides. It was decided to play an extra ten minutes each way to see which would survive. In this extra time Bellevue outplayed their opponents, making them appear like a lot of schoolboys.

Only one goal resulted however as the greater part of the time was spent in hunting new footballs. The game therefore resulted in a win for Bellevue by 2 to 1. We are sorry to say that the arrangements made for the footballers were rotten. There was no penalty area marked out, no goal lines and no side lines.

In addition to this people were allowed to go on the field during the game with no official of the sports to keep order. The Lethbridge crowd made an awful fuss after the match, and collected around the referee with the intention, some thought, of mobbing him, but they only yelled and hooted, and refrained from doing any damage, being held back no doubt by the thought that the referee had quite a lot of friends present.

Mr. James Ashcroft in conversation with your correspondent, who had suggested that we play on neutral grounds for $100, jumped at the idea and excitedly wanted to know if it could not be made $500. Anyway, we all adjourned for some refreshments, and there was handshaking all around and then there was an end to the squabbling.

We have promised them a match in the near future, perhaps on the 1st of July.

The second game was between Lille and Cowley, which had to be abandoned on account of the ball bursting and there being no other available., Lille had one goal to nothing when the accident occurred.

Bellevue having beaten the other teams at various times and considering the good game they played, Mr. McMillan thought he was justified in handing the cup over to Mr. James Lindsay secretary to be held by them for the next twelve months.

It was well filled with Mutz extra, and kept on being filled until we left for home. We had no time to see the other events for the day was too hot.

There was a bunch of Indians down from Hillcrest to see the sports, including their chief, Heep Big Drink.

We were unlucky on the road home as a wheel came off near Rock Creek. Nobody was injured although the teetotaler thought of jumping out of the rig.

Cokely Bosely, who thought of buying a horse at Joe Veres ranch, had to borrow an axe instead and with its aid soon had a stout cottonwood in place of the wheel.

We arrived home after a most enjoyable day but oh, what a difference in the morning.

The bridge in front of the Bellevue hotel has been fixed at last. A government crew were working on it last week and they took up all the old timber and repaid it with some new three inch plank. It should last for a while now.

We regret to say that the mine is not going as good as could be expected. The outside night shift were laid off and so it stands to reason that the company cannot pull as much coal as formerly, which is certainly going to hurt the miners some in this camp at present.

There is a rumor that some of the inside men are going to be laid off. On top of this we hear that a new 120 horsepower compressor, a new dynamo for the fan, the fittings for a machine shop including some lathes, and various other things are expected, all of which helps to make the outlook not too bad.

In the meantime would advise all miners, etc., to keep away from the mines here.

Mr. Dan Sinclair and Company have been awarded the contract to build a new wash house.

Work on this was commenced this week. Time for it. Cleanliness is next to Godliness.

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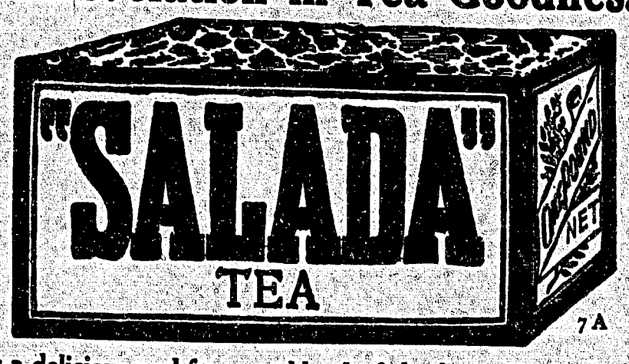

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News From the Camps

From our own Correspondents

COAL CREEK

A splendid and enthusiastic gathering of fellows hailing from the district of the recent awful mine disaster in England marked Sunday evening last in the club hall. There was not one present but who had lost near relative, bosom friend or personal acquaintance in the explosion. The object of the meeting was to formulate means to get busy and raise a fund to help the widows and fatherless in the sad bereavement, and dire destitution which has so unexpectedly befallen them.

Under the chairmanship of Mr. Superintendent Shanks, good business was done in quick time. A fund to be known as the Wellington mine disaster fund will remain open until August 31 next.

The gratitude of all, and especially of Cumbrians having home ties with the scene of the disaster, goes out to those who so generously responded to the efforts of the noble and beneficent promoters of the recent concert, also to the Mayor of Fernie for the amount collected at the memorial service of our late king. Still there was evidence at this meeting that there are many right through the Pass who are strongly in favor of something more being done to help alleviate the undoubted sufferings of these poor people. This fund should be their opportunity and amounts, no matter how small, sent or given to Jno. Combe, secretary and treasurer of the fund, Coal Creek, B. C., will be gratefully received and acknowledged by him.

It may be stated that no expenses will be charged against contributions to the fund. This means that every cent given will be forwarded to the distressed quarter.

The chairman of the fund is Mr. J. Shanks, superintendent of the Coal Creek mines, and the committee consists of Messrs. Isaac Halle, Wm. Wilson, Walter Joyce, Wm. Bell, Wm. Tinkler, George Vickers, Jack Cartnell Harry McGuire, Jack Chester, Joe Buchanan, Robert Beck, J. Southward, Tom Beattie and Ed. Harrison, who have power to add to their number. Any of these will also receive donations.

Men in the employ of the Coal Co. can give their check number and state the amount they wish to contribute to the secretary of the committee or any of the members.

Born: At Coal Creek on the 28th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. "Billy" Hughes, a fine daughter.

Born: On the 29th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. William Atherton, a fine son.

Martin Dooley arrived back from the coast on Sunday.

A sad accident happened to T. Clare, the Creek goal keeper on Sunday morning. He was working as a rope rider in No. 3 mine and was riding on the front of the car when going up an incline, as is usual, when in some mysterious way he got caught by a low boom and was dragged into the empty cars, sustaining severe injury to his spine. At first it was thought that the back had been broken, but on inquiry later in the week it was found that his back was not broken, but the unfortunate young man was in a critical condition. It is hoped that he will have a speedy recovery as he was very popular among the boys.

Thomas Baird, who for the past three and a half years has been head grocery clerk up here for the Trites-Wood Company, severed his connection with that firm last month and is leaving shortly for San Francisco. He is to be succeeded here by D. A. Dick who was formerly with the Hosmer Mercantile Company.

Sid Horton, the popular Creek butcher, has gone on a month's visit to see his folks in Winnipeg. He has not seen his parents since he left England a number of years ago. James Maddison of the P. Burns Company in Fernie is now acting in the meantime.

An Italian named Pietro Alvesto, employed as a rope rider in No. 9 mine, got severely crushed in his left side, by being caught with the cars after jumping off the trip on Tuesday. No bones were broken; he was removed to the hospital.

A start was made this week on the new wash house. This will be a great boon as the one in use is very inadequate.

Paddy King blew in from Michel on Tuesday.

MICHEL

A special meeting of the Michel local was held on Sunday last to hear the report of the scale committee regarding the longwall question in No. three mine. President Powell and Secretary Carter explained at length the position taken by the company. The matter was referred back to the district Officers and scale committee, instructing them to again negotiate with the Company, the men not feeling disposed to accept what they consider to be a reduction on the present mining rates. Until such time as an agreement is arrived at the men in the longwall will continue on company work. The general feeling is that rather than accept a contract detrimental to their interests it would be better to revert to the old system of pillar and stall.

The Are You Crazy Company paid us a visit this week and drew an exceptionally large house, particularly so considering the time of the month. It is a screaming farce comedy, and one of the best tonics for a fit of the blues that can be indulged in. The general opinion as to its merit is contained in the one word "Champion."

The legal lights foregathered here this week to deal with the compensation case of J. Buscovitch who was killed away back in February last in No. 4 mine. This is a contested compensation case in which the company are endeavoring through their counsel W. R. Ross K.C., to have set aside on the plea that dependents of the deceased are residents in a foreign country outside of the British Empire.

L. P. Eckstein is engaged by Dist. 18 U. M. W. A. to look after their interests and those of our late brother. The evidence was completed. The witnesses were Joseph Buscovitch brother of the deceased, Martin Kahn, who was timberman at the time of the accident, Pete Wayncuk, a driver, Louis and Joe Povick, brothers-in-law, all testified regarding the sad accident. Robert Spruston, fireboss, who was on shift the day of the occurrence was a witness on behalf of the Company.

Dick Armstrong, who was seriously wounded as a result of a fracas in the Prairie Village, is now on the high road to recovery and has obtained employment under government control for the next thirty days. His new address is Fernie.

Only one accident to report this week which is out of the ordinary for this camp. This was of a slight character, and it is to be hoped marks the end of accidents for a long time to come.

The dissatisfaction among the men regarding the cemetery question has by no means disappeared. The general feeling is that the company is acting in a very high handed manner, still they should be praised for one act of thoughtfulness, and that is a free grave was offered if it would be used for burial purposes. Here is a novel departure, the company furnishing "free" quarters to the men who have been killed while in their employ. A little more attention during their life would not be out of the way either.

The sanitary improvements done by the Company are certainly quite in order, and it is to be hoped that they will keep on with the good work; not only that, but the residents themselves will help, so that the camp may be free from epidemics such as have visited us in the past.

Quite a little excitement in New Michel on Tuesday when fire broke out in George Fisher's barn which was entirely destroyed with contents, consisting of oats, hay and feed. Fortunately it happened in the daytime and his live stock and wagons were all in use outside. It is not known how it originated and was well under way before it was discovered. The house adjoining was only saved after great effort.

The football match last Saturday between Moyie and Michell resulted in another scalp being added to Michel's belt, Moyie scoring one goal to Michel two. The return match will be played this Saturday when it is expected a good crowd will go to the city by the lake, so that Michel will be afforded an opportunity of taking a lesson in western hospitality for which Moyie is so famous.

There is considerable coming and going just now particularly among the foreign element.

Mr. Charles Bulger took up a guest for the government retreat house at Fernie, who had suffered from the effects of too much Michel water and Crahan's cordial.

Ernest Lapsley, the Elk river rancher, recently made quite a collection of bear hides, no less than three falling victims to his rifle and unerring aim.

We shall soon be able to present an appearance of a camp in wartime if the number of cripples of which there are over a score, increases as rapidly during the next month as it has during the past one.

Thomas Crahan of the Hotel Michel, is putting up a valuable prize in the shape of a first class fishing rod for the biggest speckled trout caught in the locality.

We really think that another coroner or a deputy, should be appointed to look after New Michel, from which the present incumbent is over four miles distant, and the other attend to Old Michel matters.

Baseball fans are talking about how they are going to skin Blairmore. We shall see later.

William Porter reports good business in the bowling line, and we hope that practice will make some of our enthusiasts so perfect that they may retrieve their reputation when pitted against the Fernieites the next time.

McLanders, the New Michel barber, has opened an up-to-date tonsorial parlor next to the Great Northern station.

Maurice Burrell, our local secretary caught a nice batch of seventeen speckled trout as a result of a day's fishing up the Elk. He reports that the water is still too high and too dirty for fly fishing. Beef is the only bait at present that is effective.

There is a report current, but whether correct or not I have been unable to find out, that Knox, the pit boss in No. 8, is likely to leave in the near future.

Michel evidently has many who believe that May brides are short lived, as few have taken the fatal step during the past month. There are several under consideration for the month if all goes well, only don't tell who they are.

Albert Bastian is once again back in his old place in the Company's office, having decided to break off connections with the C. P. R.

There is a new baggageman now at Old Michel named Herbert Mather, who is trying his hand at open air exercise instead of digging deep down among the coal.

James Mercer is dining room manager at the Kootenay hotel and told us to say that he is able to suit the most fastidious tastes as well as the plain ones that eat lots. Come one, come all, says Jim and we'll feed you.

Dick Truran's four wheeled vehicle still has them all or at least had when last seen. This will be very useful for fishing excursions, when it is to be hoped that the hind wheels will not reach home first or they may turn around and go back.

Tom Hampton had a caller at the ranch recently and as he did not like his looks gave him a coated pill from the effects of which he rapidly sank to earth and now Tom is quite chesty, and talks of showing Roosevelt a few pointers on writing a book 'How to get rich by making your own bear grease.' He is keeping the hide to show to his friends.

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It is too bad that the demand for sausage is on the decline, but with all the talk about the cost of high living nobody has suggested the advisability of trying dog steaks, and if the market demands cannot be met, Michel certainly will gladly dispose of the greatest aggregation of useless mongrels that ever gnawed a bone or bit a bum. Carload lots supplied on short notice.

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The Anglers Association of Michel are now making arrangements for an excursion that will be open to all to Burton City, to have a solid week's enjoyment, when the disciples of the hook and line will be afforded every opportunity for indulging in this pleasurable sport and those who are not anglers will be able to obtain other recreative enjoyment.

Negotiations are under way with the C. P. R. for a special rate including fare meals and berth on the boat. Already quite a number have signified their intention to avail themselves of this trip, and the committee in charge are not allowing the grass to grow under their feet in boosting the affair. Just as soon as the price is fixed upon or any other information pertinent is obtainable we shall make it known through the columns of this paper.

CANMORE NOTES

The Canmore boys celebrated Empire day in Banff. A football match was played in the evening between the Scotch and English. The best of the footballers from Canmore, Banff and Bankhead were selected for the occasion. It was a hard contested game, which finally resulted in a win for the English team by a score of three to two.

The game started at 7.15, the Scotch team winning the toss. The Englishmen kicked off and after 20 minutes of hard and fast play scored the first goal by a very clever header from centre forward. This put more energy into the Scotch laddies and they soon evened up the score. The next goal was scored by the English and came from a long, well directed shot which came in contact with the goal keeper between the posts. He tried hard to hold it but was unable to do so and it rolled quietly past him into the goal.

The Scotchmen broke away again with a rush, doing some pretty work, and carrying the ball to their opponents' quarters and finally scoring another goal which evened up the score at two all.

From another break away the Englishmen scored the winning goal. The Scotch tried hard to even up but were unable to, and time was called which ended a very good game of football.

Hugh Smith, who was at one time fire boss here, arrived in town the other day looking fine after his sojourn in the Eastern States.

A game of football was to have been played at Canmore on Saturday between Banff and Canmore, the first game of the season for the cup. For some reason or other the Banff boys did not turn up.

For the past three or four days bush fires have been raging in the vicinity of Canmore. Corporal McClarty was out on Sunday evening rounding up the boys to fight it. He enlisted a lot of unwilling workers as they do not believe in fighting bush fires for the fun of it.

The Rev. Forbes preached his farewell sermon on Sunday evening to a large congregation. He leaves for Rossthern, Manitoba, in a few days. The people of Canmore wish him every success in his new field of labor. The vacancy will be filled by a Rev. gentleman from Calgary until a permanent minister can be produced for the church.

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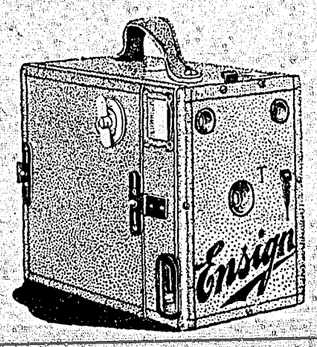

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Operators see the value of Education--Every Effort is Made to Make Employees of Higher Mental Type---A Problem of Languages

One of the social forces at work today in the anthracite region of Northeastern Pennsylvania is the mine school. The economic and sociological conditions in the hard coal fields are peculiar. Within an area of about five hundred square miles is contained the entire anthracite supply of the United States. Anthracite is responsible for the large population in this region. Directly or indirectly practically the whole population depends upon the mining industry.

The need for labor has brought to this region large numbers of foreign immigrants. They come from every part of Europe, and there are some of the mines in which from fifteen to twenty languages are spoken by the workers. Naturally such a situation creates trouble. To assimilate these foreigners is a problem. It is generally recognized of course, that the real solution, and it must be gradual, is education. The public schoools, libraries, numberless benevolent and patriotic organizations, are all assisting in the work.

The mining company, the operator, is leading in it. The operator is more directly interested in the quality of mine labor than anyone else. He sees good coal going to waste because the men who are mining it are not well trained. Sometimes he sees a life lost, because the worker, out of ignorance or carelessness bred of ignorance has disregarded the rules that were designed for his protection. He sees what the real remedy must be and he has set about to provide it by the establishment of schools.

European—Workers

Formerly the English speaking and Teutonic races predominated in the anthracite region, Many of these men had been brought up in mining communities. Men who had had years of experience in the mines of England, Scotland and Wales were attracted to this country by the higher pay and the better conditions of work. A number of them are still to be found in the hard coal fields, but relatively speaking, their part in the production of anthracite has become less and and less important.

Now the mining industry has to rely on a class of Europeans whose traditions and experience have nothing to do with mining. Immigrants of Southern and Eastern Europe have filled the region, while competent miners have been discouraged from ever coming by the law which demands two years service in the Pennsylvania anthracite region before a miners certificate can be granted.

Thus has arisen the necessity for better training. Several of the mining companies have established school houses which they conduct for the benefit of their employees. These employees, no matter in what branch of mining work they may be, are encouraged to attend. The powerful inducement is the ultimate promotion sure to follow faithful study.

One of the first schools established by the operators is that of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Co. at Pottsville, Pa. The attendants at it are the apprentices and journeymen employed in the shops and the mines in the vicinity of Pottsville. The head of the school, one of the mechanical engineers of the Philadelphia & Reading, is a graduate of Lehigh university.

Because of the admission of new men every year it has been found necessary to divide the school into two sections, the junior and the senior class. The junior class meets on certain evenings in the auditorium of the main office building; the senior class, which does advanced work, is held in the drawing room of the shop building.

Branches Taught

In the junior class mathematics is taught by the method of problems dealing with phases of the work with which the men come in daily contact. Gradually the problems grow more difficult and involve the principle of elementary mechanics and mining sections. One half of the session is devoted to full hand sketching of machine parts or practical mining problems.

In its drawing course the senior class starts at once upon the drawing of simple machine parts with which the members are more or less acquainted. Gradually the drawing is made more complex, until at the end of the term each student is capable of making an intelligent drawing of an elaborate piece of machinery. The senior class course also contains problems useful to moulders, machinists and miners. Another branch of instruction is foundry practice.

Frequent visits to the school are made by the superintendent of shops and machinery and by the various heads of the mining deparement. They scrutinize the work of the students, and thus it is made obvious to every attendant that the management is alive to the progress that he is making.

A change in the routine work comes in the form of illustrated talks. Every now and then some expert is at the school and lectures on the subject with which he is most familiar. These talks are informal and members of the class are at liberty to question the expert.

The practical value of the school has been demonstrated by its results. Many men who took advantage of the opportunity for instruction have shown marked improvement and have already been rewarded by promotion. They had the ability and the schools brought it out by setting their minds to work.

Recently the company established a school for the employees of the collieries in the Shenandoah division. The sessions are held in a public school building in the town. This school has for its purpose the preparation of mine workers for the examination for mine foremans certificates. The head of the school is the mining engineer of the district.

Very few of the attendants have had the advantage of much education. They are men and boys who would never go to the regular schools and colleges and get a tehcnical education. Here they obtain the best substitute for it and their daily work in and about the mines gives them practical experience, which goes a long way to compensate for the lack of the college course.

Mining Laws

The course of Shenandoah school lays particular stress upon the anthracite mine laws. The principles of mine ventilation and drainage are studied. The men are carefully drilled in the rules for handling explosives, and in all the other rules made to protect the lives of the men at work in the mines.

The educational system of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company began two years ago, has already been extended by the establishment of a second school. The first is at Lost Creek, and the second at Centralia.

The school is open to all the employees from the foremen down to the door boys and the slate pickers. A boy of 16 or 17 may be seen sitting next to a grizzled man of 45 or 50. The two are inspired by the same ambition, the ambition to improve themselves, and to learn still more about mining.

A strict record of performance is kept and forwarded to the general manager of the company periodically. Other things being equal the men who are doing the best in the school, and and showing themselves fit for larger responsibilities in the work, are promoted.

The chairman of the Y. M.C.A. anthracite committee is W. A. May, the general managor of the Pennsylvania Coal Company. It is this committee which has brought the government officials to take an active part in the instruction of mine workers and which has increased the number of companies giving material as well as moral support. The Lackawanna, the Delaware and the Hudson and the Ontario and Western as well as many individual operators encourage the Y.M. C. A. work.

Language Problem

In the southern district the Philadelphia and Reading runs special cars in order to give the employees an opportunity to attend the meetings of the institutes.

Among the experts who have made addresses for the benefit of the mine workers are Dr. J. A. Holmes of the Geological survey, Col. B. W. Dunn, chief of the department for the safe transportation of explosives, and also Prof. Monroe, consulting chemist of the Geological Survey and Navy department.

One of the greatest tasks faced by the Y. M. C. A. in this work is to reach the non-English speaking miner. At a meeting in Carbondale it was seen that 100 men present did not speak English; at a meeting in Pottsville it was calculated that 70 per cent of the men present were of the non-English speaking races. In Scranton there have been definite plans for the separate instruction of the Poles. At one meeting in the Wyoming region the mine workers were addressed in three foreign tongues, Polish, Italian and Lithuanian.

Thus the system of practical education spreads in the anthracite region. Though its effects will be chiefly felt in the anthracite region itself, it has already brought about an improved state in other places.

Only a month or two ago one of the great mining companies in the bituminous district around Pittsburg established a school modelled after the ones that are already under way in the anthracite region.

TIGHTENING OF THE STRINGS

The executive officer of one important bank said the other day that the available funds of his institution were fully employed; a high official of another large bank said that if the bank had the funds to spare it could take up over a million dollars of fine mercantile accounts within a week. These statements, taken along with the fact of the steady expansion of the general loan account of all the banks, indicate clearly enough that monetary conditions in the Dominion are passing into a new stage. For the greater part of two years the banks sat waiting patiently for the time when the rising tide of industrial activity would enable them to put their idle millions to work. During that waiting period there was keen competition among the bankers for desirable discount accounts. The business man who possessed ability and a high rating at Bradstreet's or Dun's was much sought after. While his bankers did not go so far, perhaps as to press him to borrow they showed unmistakeable pleasure whenever he hinted that he might like a few tens of thousands more on his annual credit.

From henceforth for a while at least these things promise to be a little different. To be sure there is no fear that the banker will frown upon his good customer when he comes along to open up a line of discount. Each bank will, in its own interests, endeavor to hold its entire circle of good clients all over at all branches; and it will endeavor to supply their wants as far as it is able. But one can expect that the campaign for other bank accounts will be pressed less vigorously. When an institution has its funds all employed, or when its officers feel that they have not the money to take up large and desirable accounts which are offered to it, that bank is not likely to encourage its branch managers to go after the customers of other banks.

With the sensible lessening of this brand of competition is likely to be a slight stiffening of the terms regarding rates of interest and escurity.

When the banker knows that any one of half a dozen banks will be glad to take a certain loan, he cannot be as particular as he would like to be in regard to the collateral or security to cover it. But when his funds are well employed and other banks are not meddling with or canvassing for his accounts he can hold out for the security and the interest which he thinks he should get.

The present cannot be described as a period of stringency. The machinery of credit is not as yet working at high strain in this country. Rather is in a stage prior to that. All the wheels are turning or nearly all of them. The banker has the same pleasurable feeling as the manufacturer, all the departments of whose establishment are working full time on profitable contracts. It is hardly within anyones power to say when the strings will tighten to such an extent as to produce actual scarcity. A variety of factors are at work; and while we have a good idea as to those which are dominant at present, we know not now which will give the color to the situation of several months hence. Probably the most important single factor now at work is the movement of outside capital to the Dominion. During 1909 that proceeded on a very large scale, but apparently the requirements of Canada's commerce and industry increased faster than the foreign moneys employed here accumulated. Our commerce and industry are still rising rapidly; and there is thus foreshadowed a rapid increase in the commercial demands for credits. It is to be hoped that there will be no diminution in the flow of capital into this country.

It is altogether likely even if the stream continues at the same volume as in 1908 and 1909, that by fall the banks will be compelled to ask their customers to go slowly, and a situation similar in some respects to that which existed in 1906 may result. Should anything happen to check the inflow of British and foreign gold, it is quite certain that our industries would have to slacken, since the growth of the bank deposits would be checked, and it has been found that in the growth of their deposits that the banks have found the means of increasing their loans and discounts. Although some considerable increases of capital are in prospect it is not to be expected that they will provide resources for a very important proportion of the new loans that will be demanded.

It is just possible that in the United States there may be seen a slackening of commercial activity. The iron and steel industry is showing some signs of reaction; the idle cars of the street railways are increasing; and it is not clear how soon the tariff will be revised. And wheat and cotton speculators have been holding the prices of those commodities at a level which served to restrict exports, and thus tended to destroy the balance at credit of the United States of the international trade movement. The financial situation there has been temporarily relieved by the sale of securities in Europe, but it seems that lower prices in the Republic are need to correct the foreign exchange situation; and it would not be surprising if they came to pass.

If they do the phenomena may be styled "a depression," and a depression in the United States generally has an effect upon the Dominion. However, we have important railway and other construction work, which will go forward regardless of conditions across the border. In this circumstance and in the heavy immigration movement lies our hope of prosperity for some time to come.

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Other bodies are requested to send in their cards.

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Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month after the first publication hereof a duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above mentioned lot in the name of Arthur Wright, which certificate is dated the 28th day of January 1908, and numbered 8128A.

SAM'L. R. ROE
District Registrar

Land Registry Office,
Nelson B. C.
April 19, 1910

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LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Corporation of the City of Fernie intends to proceed with the construction of cement sidewalk on Victoria avenue opposite lots 1—5, Block 6, 1—10 Blk. 10, 1—10 Block 14, 6—10 Block 5, 11—20 Block 9; 11—20 Block 13, and that it is the intention to have the total cost of such sidewalks borne proportionately by the owners of property fronting upon such sidewalks, and to obtain the requisite money therefor by issue of Local Improvement Debentures.

Notice is also hereby given that assessments will be made against such property so benefited by such proposed sidewalks in order to meet the principal and interest of such Debentures; the crossings will be divided pro rata among the owners of the lots.

The owners of corner lots are assessed for full frontage walk and two-thirds of sideage walk, the remaining third being divided among the owners of inside lots pro-rata.

The term of payment of such Debentures has been made for 10 years with interest at five per cent (5 per cent.)

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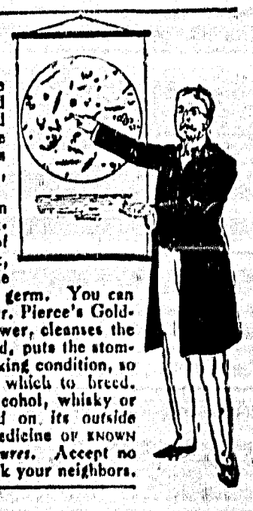

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A Page For Our Foreign Brethren

LA GREVE AU BORINAGE

Il y a plus de trois semaines deja qu'une greve importante a eclate dans le Borinage.

Commencee au charbonnage du Levant du Flenu, a Cuesmes, par la cessation du travail des scleuneurs, elle fit bientot tache dhuile et embrassa les charbonnages des Produits a Flenu, du Rieu du Coeur, du Couchant du Flenu, etc., a Quaregnon et des Charbonnages Belges, a Frameries, La Bouverie et dans les environs, soit en tout plus de 12,000 grevistes.

Cette greve eut put devenir beaucoup plus importante, si les mineurs des autres communes du Borinage avaient deserte le travail et suivi leurs camarades en greve. Mais ils resterent a la besogne malgre les nombreux appels qu'on leur fit, donnant pour motifs qu'ils ne feraient la greve que lorsque celle-ci serait decretee par un congres national et comprendrait les mineurs des cinq bassins houilliers du pays.

Inutile de dire les raisons que provoquerent cet arret du travail. Elles sont relatives a la question des salaires. La derniere adjudication des charbons de l'Etat amena une augmentation assez sensible dans le prix de vente des charbons. Les charbons vendus plus chers, n'etait-ce pas une augmentation dans le taux des benefices des charbonnages?

Les ouvriers demanderent avec raison de pouvoir beneficier sous forme d'augmentation de salaire d'une part, si minime soit-elle, de ces profits. Ils ne demandaient pas d'en avoir la totalite, mais une part quelconque, afin d'alleger dans une faible mesure, les charges si lourdes, si ecrasantes, qu'ils ont a supporter pour vivre et elever leur famille.

Comme tout capitaliste que se respecte, les patrons charbonniers refuserent toute augmentation. Mieux que cela: ils ne voulurent pas avoir de rapports, ni d'entrevue avec les delegues des syndicats, dans le but d'examiner et si possible, d'apaiser le conflit.

Semblable attitude de la part des patrons est fort regrettable a tous les points de vue. Elle ne peut qu'envenimer les choses et aigrir les conflits au lieu de les eviter. Pourtant, il faudra bien qu'un jour les patrons acceptent de discuter non pas avec leurs ouvriers mais avec les delegues des organisations ouvrieres. En Angleterre, en France, en Allemagne partout ou il y a des charbonnages, il en est ainsi. Les delegues patrons et les delegues ouvriers se reunissent pour examiner les questions de travail, de salaire et autres, et il en resulte tres souvent que l'accord des deux parties se produit sur une base determinee et que les conflits sont evites. Il faut qu'il en soit ainsi en Belgique. Il faut que les patrons comprennent qu'ils doivent compter avec leurs ouvriers leurs collaborateurs, et que le temps est passe ou ils pouvaient regner en maitres absolus et imposer leur volonte.

Certes, la greve actuelle du Borinage ne nous donnera pas ce resultat, mais on peut etre certain qu'elle aura pose le premier jalon et que dans un espace relativement court, la question sera posee dans toute son ampleur et coute que coute on devra la solutionner si l'on veut mettre fin a des greves desastreuses pour les patrons comme pour les ouvriers.

Quant a la question des salaires, nous ne pouvons dire des a present la solution qui lui sera reservee. Les ouvriers obtiendront-ils satisfaction, c'est-a-dire une augmentation de salaire ou bien seront-ils abattus? L'avenir nous l'apprendra.

Dans tous les cas, nous faisons des voeux pour leur triomphe. Mais s'ils echouent dans leur lutte, qu'ils se persuadent bien que l'organisation syndicale solide, puissante, inebranlable, leur donnera dans l'avenir, si elle est bien comprise, de feconds et previeux resultats.

Nous examinerons plus en detail s'il y a lieu la greve du Borinage dans un prochain numero.

LA GREVE DE BRACQUEGNIES

Les mineurs de Bracquegnies, dans le bassin du Centre, sont en greve depuis de nombreuses semaines. Ils luttent pour une cause juste, sacree entre toutes: ils veulent profiter de la hausse qui s'est produite dans le prix de vente des charbones et faire cesser le regime unique et odieux que pese sur eux depuis si longtemps.

Nous ne relaterons pas par le present, les details et les peripeties de la greve. Les journaux socialistes quotidiens en parlent constamment et nos amis des autres regions minieres sont tenus *ainsi au courant des moindres* incidents qui se produisent a Bracquegnies et dans les environs. Au surplus la Federation des mineurs du bassin du Centre est saisie de ce conflit et l'on sait par experience que lorsque nos amis de cette region s'occupent de quelque chose, on peut etre certain que ce sera bien et proprement fait.

Il est inutile de dire que nous faisons des voeux pour le triomphe complet de nos amis en lutte, et que c'est avec la plus extreme satisfaction que nous verrions la gent capitaliste etre obligee de capituler.

Mais en attendant, songeons a ceux qui luttent, pensons a leurs femmes et a leurs enfants.

Appel aux Groupes en faveur des grevistes de Bracquegnies

Depuis cinq semaines, la vaillante population miniere de Bracquegnies est sur la breche et mene une lutte heroique pour obtenir du patronat inflexible un meilleur salaire en rapport avec les conditions actuelles de la vie, ainsi que des meilleures conditions de travail. Elle ne veut plus que, desormais, on ose potrer atteinte a sa dignite et a ses oeuvres.

Depuis cinq semaines, il y a a Bracquegnies, plus de 1300 enfants qui souffrent de la faim et a qui les parents ne peuvent donner que des paroles de consolation.

Devant une te le situation, la Federation des mineurs du Centre a decide de faire un vibrant et supreme appel aupres des groupes pour qu'ils versent chacun leur obole, pour permettre a ces vaillants grevistes de pousser la lutte jusqu'a la victoire.

Donnez, camarades, et faites en sorte que les gros sous de la classe ouvriere fassent baisser pavillon aux billets bleus de la gent capitaliste.

Donnez! Donnez! Notre victoire c'est la votre.

N. B. Adresser le montant des souscriptions au citoyen Vital Limbourg. Brasserie cooperative "Le Progres" a Bracquegnies.

La Reprise du Travail Votee

A une reunion des ouvriers mineurs de Bracquegnies tenue jeudi 12 mai, a la Maison du Peuple, les grevistes ont vote la reprise du travail.

Ce qui a amene cette decision, c'est le nombre assez consequent d'ouvriers non syndiques qui ne trouvent point de quoi subvenir a leur existence.

Ce sera une lecon pour ceux qui s'eloignent des associations, en meme temps qu'un stimulant pour nos camarades, afin d'amener tous les ouvriers dans les syndicats.

Comme les mineurs resteront environ trois semaines sans recevoir d'argent du charbonnage, nous faisons appel aux amis des autres communes pour qu'ils organisent des collectes afin de venir en aide aux malheureux exploites, victimes de l'arrogance patronale.

PENDRA-T-ON LES CRIMINELS?

(L'Union des Travailleurs.)

Le jury charge de faire une enquete dans la terrible catastrophe de Cherry Ill., ou 265 mineurs furent asyhpxies, vient enfin de rendre son verdict. Il declare que les lois de mine etaient violees au su et avec le consentement des inspecteurs de mines.

Cela veut simplement dire que la compagnie et les inspecteurs sont egalement coupables.

Si quelques mineurs s'etaient entendus pour causer la mort d'un inspecteur et d'un patron, on les auraient condamnes a mort.

Nous ne sommes pas partisans de la peine capitale et ne demandons pas la mort des inspecteurs et des patrons mais pourtant, si la loi etait la meme pour tous, les individus qui ont cause la mort de 265 mineurs afin de faire plus de profits devraient danser un moment au bout d'une corde. Aussi nous demandons: "Pendra-t-on les criminels?" Et l'echo repond "Non." Et c'est pour cela que nous disons que la "Justice bourgeoise est une justice de classe pour laquelle nous n'avons pas le moindre respect.

SIMPLE REFLEXION

Si l'idee de tolerance etait plus repandue dans le monde elle rendrait d'immenses services.

Nous parlons beaucoup de tolerance et nous nous croyons apparemment dispenses de l'appliquer.

Si l'on veut mesurer combien de progres il reste a faire a cette idee pour qu'elle passe dans nos moeurs il suffit de jeter les yeux sur l'etat actuel de notre societe. Une formidable explosion de haine semble toujours prete a eclater pour rompre les relations, briser les amities, bouleverser les familles elles-memes.

Nous sommes toujours prets a nous remettre sous les yeux toutes les raisons que nous pourrions avoir de nous diviser; opposition des races, antagonisme des religions, opinions politiques, tous ces agents de discorde temoignent chaque jour de leur puissante vitalite.

Castes, partis, factions se livrent une bataille furieuse. Nous nous heriss ons dans un individualisme farouche. Nous n'admettons pas qu'un homme s'il *pense autrement que nous puisse* etre un honnete homme. Nous manquons outrageusement de respect pour l'opinion d'autrui. Et l'education devant avoir pour effet de nous aider a nous supporter les uns et les autres, c'est donc la la faillite de l'education.

Tous ceux qui se combattent, se detestent et essaient de se nuire le font au nom d'un ideal, leur ideal.

L'ideal, le vrai et le bel Ideal ne serait-il pas de nous aimer entre nous et est-ce en diminuant nos adversaires, en les blessant et les humiliant que nous leur ferons reconnaitre que notre but est noble et qu'ils devraient le poursuivre? Nous posons a la vertu, nous ne cessons de nous reclamer d'elle; la premiere vertu n'est-elle pas la pure et simple charite?

Nous reproduisons cet article d'un journal catholique "L'Echo de New Bedford." Il y a lieu d'esperer un avenir plus heureux pour notre pauvre humanite quand un organe d'une religion qui a personnifie l'intolerance meme preche la tolerance.

Et la bonne lecon qu'il donne a ses lecteurs catholiques peut etre avantageusement repetee a des lecteurs socialistes, car malheureusement, dans les camps les plus avances on trouve encore trop souvent ce terrible fleau qui a fait couler tant de larmes et tant de sang—l'intolerance.

BANICI POZOR!

Homestake Mining Co. rozesila obezniky, v ktorych tvrdi ze jej spor s Banikmi v South Dakote je urovnany. Nenechajte sa touto falosnou zpravou sviest. Zadny Banik nesmie u tejto spolochnosti vziat roboty bez toho, aby si na chelo nevypalil meno "Skeb.

Preto pozor nerobte skeba.

Ernest Mills,
taj pokl.
Western Federation of Miners.

A PROPOS DE MULETS

Les compagnies de mines de la region anthracite se plaignent de la cherte des mulets. En 1901 elles pouvaient acheter un excellent mulet pour $145. En 1907 le prix avait deja monte a $210 et maintenant on ne peut plus les obtenir pour moins de $300. Et ce n'est pas tout, cela coute au moins 40 pour cent plus cher pour les nourrir qu'en 1901.

Ces quelques lignes extraites d'un journal quotidien meritent l'attention des ouvriers mineurs. Depuis une dizaine d'annees le prix de tous ce qui est necessaire a la vie a augmente presque dans la meme proportion que le prix des mulets. Il est meme probable que c'est a cause de cette augmentation que les marchands de mulets ont aussi augmente le prix de leurs betes.

Les ouvriers ne sont pas seulement des acheteurs, ils sont aussi des marchands. Ils ont a vendre leur force-travail. Ont-ils augmente le prix de cette marchandise dans les memes proportions qu'on a augmente le prix des mulets ou le prix de tout ce qu'ils doivent acheter?

Non, bien loin de la!

Les mineurs—et des milliers d'autres ouvriers sont dans la meme situation—n'ont pas su s'entendre et s'unir suffisamment pour obliger leurs patrons a leur payer une augmentation de salaire proportionnee a l'augmentation du prix des mulets.

Les eleveurs et marchands du mulets ne sont pas si betes que les eleveurs et marchands de force-travail.

Et voila pourquoi les mulets ont plus de valeur que les anes.

Slovacl prosim vas perecitajte tihto paru radkov toto bolo v Meslaca aprila 2ho Roku 1909 jedon nasih Krajanov Bol Zabitl v Michalskej majne numero 5 Crows Nest Pass Coal Companyia a vbdou Zanchal v starom kraji zo sirotami jemu meno bolo a Kzruz. Kompanya nekse tejto vddove vplatit kompensason a vzala toto pravo do visokeho sudu British Columbije a probuje vihrat na tihto vechah ze ci cudzinec moze Zadad Kompensason od tejto kompanije ak ho pokalici alebo zabije v majne kod je on nje rodakom tejto krajini ak kompanija vilira toto pravo ta krajana merkujto sa lebo nedostanete od kompanije zadnu podporu ksom vam teras visvetlit ato sme obsahli tonto kompensason chvo mamo teras. Po velkej tazobe a traponi nasi zastupci v parlamento to jest Hawthornwalto, Williams al Davidson obsahli prenas to to pravo tako lebo v tomto case boli tjo druhjo dvo strani v parlamento na rovno to jest obi dvo strauki mall jednako hlasov a sa spolihovali na nasih delegatov takto sme obsahli tih $1500 sto tolarov kompensation—a po caso probovali podvisit na $2000 dvo tisic ale ta guvernmenska partia bola mocnejsa tak sme musell opustit nasu zadost.

Ten fiskal ktori proti nam sa pravoti na kompanijekoj strane je ten isto W.R. Ross ktoro ho vivolili do parlamentu z Fernie B. C. on za toto dostava plat ale kolko vbdov a sirotam odoberje kusok hleba v starom Kraji ak toto pravo kompanija vihra Slovacl Brata [illegible] nevert nikomu ale sami pre seba vinajte evo vam treba lebo to to je velka vech pre vsetkij cudzozemcov toto pravo sa bude obduzavat vo Vancouver tento tyzden tak cudzozemci pomozoto nam tho a [illegible] toto vihrat o tejto vechi budem vam dalej pisat do tih cas zopslavam vas verni pratel.

THE LABOR WORLD

BY R. P. P.

Both Edmonton and Calgary central bodies are out to grab the 1911 convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. Either town will fittingly care for the annual gathering of Canadian unionists.

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Organizer O'Dell of the Boot and Shoe Workers union is in Winnipeg, and will come on through to the this province before returning east for the purpose of boosting the organization's label. Mr. O'Dell will likely wind up his western trip at the Fort William September convention of the Trades and Labor congress of Canada. It's a great place for organizers.

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What is the real difference between gentleman of leisure, and persons without visible means of support.

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A. S. Wells, president of the Regina Trades and Labor council has been appointed the western Canadian organizer for the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners.

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Prince Rupert's population is computed at 5000 with 1219 names on the voters list. Wage workers are keeping pace with organization and they are fully alive to the value and necessity of political action. President Poole of the Typo. union is among the live ones and doing good work.

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Jim Hawthornwaite says "Don't get discouraged, get mad instead." Sometimes it's not a bad idea to get the other fellow vexed too. While there's fight, there's hope.

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According to one estimate the toll of railways now being constructed in Canada that the order of civilization may be spread is two lives per mile.—Mrs. Charles Garnett.

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Calgary, Alta., unionists, took advantage of the Amalgamated's jubileeing session and invited carpenters from all sources to be present. T. M. McKinnon, chairman, R. Boulas of the Brotherhood, C. W. Good Henderson of the Plumbers and E. Howell, secretary of the central body, addressed the meeting, the aims and objects of the trades organizations being emphasized. A. C. Sanders, a new organizer for the Amalgamated, was afforded a splendid opportunity to reach a large number of non-union carpenters, and at the conclusion of his remarks some 40 applications were filed. Concluding, Mr. Sanders, referring to the local situation: "At this rate before July 1 when the new schedule comes into effect, we will be in good condition and possibly be the means of avoiding a strike, which is not desirable by either side. Other meetings will be held, of which due notice will be given."

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Workers should, on election day, create more Milwaukees.

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Wage workers sometimes instinctively do the right thing. For instance the daily press laments that "in spite of the attractive future which the engineering branch of the naval service opens up for young Canadians not one application has been received for admission into that branch of the navy, and very few applications have been received from boys to enter the executive branch." In other words the workers are determined that those who want war shall do their own fighting.

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Carpenters at Fort George, B. C., receive $7 per day. But the cost of living is likewise high and pioneer conditions prevail.

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A cynical friends who happened to go to church on Sunday as usual now has an objection to file. He says that what the preacher calls the Golden rule should be labelled the Golden Exception because so few people live up to it.

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Germany has established infirmaries for the care of children in its public schools, and they have shown that the time expended in putting the teeth in order is far less than that lost in toothache and disease, and that the cost of keeping teeth in order is more than compensated for by the general health of the children.

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President Samuel Gompers is busy staying out of jail and assessing the membership of the American Federation of Labor to pay fines imposed by the United States courts. Fred D. Warren hired no lawyers, pleaded his own case, refused to pay a fine and *challenged the court to jail him.* We shall see what we shall see.

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For the fifth time Winnipeg Typo union No. 191 has elected W. R. Trotter to represent it at the convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

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William Patterson of the Winnipeg Tribune died last week from double pneumonia. His funeral was attended by almost every member of the Typo union, all of whom walked to the cemetery in a pouring rain. Patterson was a native of Alloway, Scotland, and leaves a mother there.

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The ballot last week showed that the Winnipeg printers very generally supported the administration of the International, the vote being overwhelmingly in favor of James M. Lynch for president, J. W. Hays for secretary and George Tracey for vice-president. W. R. Trotter and W. B. Simpson were elected as delegates to the Fort William convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. President Ed. Smith and Secretary Treasurer J. C. Bleakin were elected as I. T. U. delegates to Minneapolis.

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W. J. Bartlett, secretary of Winnipeg Trades and Labor council, writes as follows: "We are making fair progress here. The painters have practically won out their strike. I have organized the gas workers at the gas works. What do you think of the latest idea of sending a representative to Britain to run as a parliamentary caniddate? I think we had better clean up our affairs first and get represented in our federal and provincial houses first. Well, cheer up!"

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James Hodsoll, secretary of the Toronto Painters' district council No. 30 writes: "I am instructed to write your body that the painters of this city are still on strike, and they ask the support of your organization. I am pleased to say that we have made good progress, and we hope to continue to do so with the hearty support of all organizations. Considering the increased cost of living we have not received any increase for the past seven or eight years. Our wages hae been 30 cents minimum and we are asking for an increase of 5 cents.

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Secretary Andrew Boyd of Port Arthur, Ont., Trades and Labor council, writes: "We claim to be numbered among the live ones. We have almost all the unions in town affiliated with us. We also have the Ministerial Alliance, and we are now after the farmers. Have also taken the first step towards a weekly newspaper. In short we carry the town were it not for the weaklings in our ranks. That reminds me that we ran four candidates for aldermen last year, but only made a good showing. But we will do better next time.

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Probably having heard of the way Vancouver bakers do things the bakers of Fort William are organizing and have applied to the international for a charter. At present the men state that they work on an average of 12 hours a day and get no extra pay for overtime.

But as soon as the bakeries are unionized the men will work eight hours a day and get paid extra for their overtime.

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When the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada convention took place at Victoria four years ago the provincial executive was not asked nor did it give any grant for entertaining the delegates. But only a few days ago the provincial executive voted a grant of $1000 toward the entertainment of the visiting members of the Canadian Manufacturers association during its convention in Vancouver in September next. The government will also tender those important visitors a reception at the parliament buildings during their stay in the province. The precedent will prove very handy for future parliaments in British Columbia at no distant date.

ARTLESS

He—I hear that Miss Daubet the artist, has given up painting. I thought she was wedded to her art.

She—She was, but she got a divorce on the grounds of non-support.

List of Locals District 18

Corrected by District Secretary up to May 1st, 1910.

NO.	NAME	SEC. AND P. O. ADDRESS
29	Bankhead	F. Wheatley, Bankhead, Alta.
481	Beaver Creek,	J. C. McNeil, Beaver Creek, Alta, v Pincher
431	Bellevue	J. Burke, Bellevue, Frank, Alta.
2163	Blairmore	James Turnbull, Blairmore, Alta.
	Burmis	Wm. Ashton, Burmis, Alta.
1387	Canmore	Wm. Angell, Canmore, Alta.
69	Coal City	T. Dernley, Coal City Tabor, Alta.
2633	Coleman	W. Graham, Coleman, Alta.
2227	Carbondale	G. M. Davies, Carbondale, Coleman, Alta.
2378	Cardiff	J. Aplin, Cardiff, Alta.
279	Cardiff	F. K. St. Amant, Cardiff, Alta.
2877	Corbin	Pat Gaughan, Corbin B. C.
2178	Diamond City	Geo. Dobson, Diamond City, Lethbridge.
2540	Edmonton City,	C. F. Larrier, 154 Bellamy St. Edmonton
1329	Edmonton	Richard Thompson, Frazer Flats, Edmonton
2388	Edmonton	N. Bellegay, 209 Hamilton St., Edmonton
2314	Fernie	D. Rees, Fernie B. C.
1263	Frank	G. Nicol, Frank, Alta.
2497	Hosmer	J. W Morris, Hosmer, B. C.
1058	Hillcrest	J. O. Jones, Hillcrest, Alta.
2850	Kenmare	R. Evans, Kenmare, N. D.
574	Lethbridge	L. Moore, P. O. 113, Lethbridge, Alta
1233	Lille	W. L. Evans, Lille, Frank, Alta.
2829	Maple Leaf,	F. Bonacci, Maple Leaf, Bellevue, Alta.
2334	Michel	M. Birrell, Michel, B. C.
393	Police Flats	Neil Duncan, Passburg, Bellevue, Alta.
2352	Passburg	Oscar Carlson, Passburg, Alta.
2589	Royal Collieries	Chas. Smith, Royal Coll., Lethbridge, Alta.
2672	Roche Percee	L. McQuarrie, Roch Percee, Sask.
2155	Strathcona	A. Shaw, Strathcona, Alta.
102	Taber	Wm. Russell, Taber, Alta.
1959	Taber	E. Brown, Taber, Alta.
2648	Taylorton	J. Roche, Estevan, Sask.

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LOCAL ITEMS

The Socialist Local intend to hold an ice cream social at Coal Creek on the 20th of June.

Dr. Douglas Corson, who has been holidaying for the past five weeks at the Coast, is back again.

Wanted: Employment to clean offices or do housework by the day. Mrs. V. Ely, Cox street, across the G. N. track at Recreation grounds. 1p

Methodist Church Ladies Aid Monthly Tea will be held at the home of Mrs. James Broley on Tuesday June 7th, 3.30 to 6.

The Ladies Aid of the Baptist church will hold their monthly tea at the home of Mrs. J. Robertson, Howland avenue on Tuesday the 7th.

Clarence Baylor, who is staying at the Gill Boarding House had the misfortune to lose the index finger of one hand as the result of an accident while at work at the Elk Lumber Company.

G. J. Bury, general manager of the Western Division of the C. P. R. leaves Winnipeg on Sunday for the purpose of making an official tour of inspection. It is expected that Fernie will be included in his itinerary.

Lost: One bay mare, 3 white feet, wall eyed, about 14½ hands, S branded on hip, white stripe down face. Finder will be rewarded upon delivering animal to J. E. Riley, West Fernie. p

Sydney G. Horton of Coal Creek, better known as "Butch" left on Tuesday night's Flyer for Winnipeg where he will pay a visit to the old folks. That fickle jade Dame Rumor has it that he may return with a partner.

We are instructed to inform the general public that the 41 Meat Market Co., as a corporation has positively no connections with any other firm of butchers, and is an absolutely free and independent concern, of which Sam Graham is manager of the Fernie branch.

Creston: R. L. Heathcote, paying teller of the Bank of Commerce here, has been transferred to Fernie and left for that place last Sunday. His position in the bank has been filled by T. S. Keath, formerly in the Cranbrook branch. Mr. Heathcote's residence in Creston made him many good friends who wish him luck in the coal town.

Fernie Construction Co. v Cranbrook School Trustees.—This suit which is today being heard without a jury arises out of the contract for the erection of the public schools. The plaintiffs make a claim for a considerable sum of money which the trustees resist on the ground that the plaintiffs were guilty of a breach of contract. —Cranbrook Herald.

A rumor was afloat this week that an aeroplane agency had been opened in Fernie, but investigation revealed the fact that it was a canard, still we are pleased to announce that we did discover that our colleague Mott, we mean D. V. is now the representative of the Ford Automobile, and soon the merry chug! chug! with its accompaniment of codriferous exhalation "will scent the desert air."

Some time ago we reported that Inspector Belcher had decided that the West Canadian Collieries Company were guilty on two charges for breaches of the law which resulted in the tragic death of a youth named Michael Angela Valpiola at Bellevue. We did not know at the time what punishment had been meted out; we have since been informed that a fine of approximately nine thousand cents (cents, mind you) or $90 has been imposed.

"Oh that human life should be so cheap,
And "coal should be so dear."

The funeral of the veteran lumberman Archibald Leitch of Cranbrook, was numerously attended and among the contingent that went from Fernie to pay the last tribute of respect were Mr. Frank Dubois of the Elk Lumber Company, who was accompanied by his wife and child; Mayor Herchmer, A. Krapfel from Triwood, S. McDougal of the Fernie Lumber Company, Malcolm McMinnis of Elkmouth, S. F. Wallace of the Hotel Fernie and W. R. Ross, K. C.

Joe Grafton will leave on Saturday morning June the 4th with a crowd of prospective purchasers for Burton City where he has a half section of magnificent fruit land that he is putting on the market in small tracts at prices ranging from $40 per acre upwards on terms to suit purchasers. This property is only half a mile from the town, the soil is first class, clearing is easily accomplished and it is well watered. Already a number of Pass residents have bought their future homes in the vicinity and considerable progress has been made.

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FRANK

Quite a number of the Frank baseball fans took in the ball game at Hillcrest on Sunday between Hillcrest and Blairmore, the score was 13 to 7 in favor of Blairmore.

Tom Burns arrived back from Calgary last Friday with free samples of Calgary joy water. Tom takes over the opera house here next month. He has some fine attractions billed. June 5th Henry Tyo presents the hit of the hit of the season "How De" or Why he said good morning to the bartender.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler arrived back from High River last Saturday morning.

Frank can now boast of having the finest streets in the Pass. Our mayor Mr. Weller is to be congratulated on the good work. Oh you Jake!

Bert Farenow, night operator for the C. P. R. left Monday for Lethbridge for a months holidays. Van Dike has it that he will not return alone.

"Corprol" Cooper of the R.N.W.M.P. has been transferred to McLeod.

Mr. Dempsie, manager of the Maple Leaf mines made a business trip to Spokane this week.

Jack Lyons is decorating the Big "Smiths" at the Miners hotel.

Clarke's moving picture show Wednesday night was the limit. Charlie put on the best pictures this week ever seen in Frank. Miss McKinnon's singing is excellent. The hall was crowded to the doors.

According to the Creston Review, Arthur Okell says that unless the young people of that thriving fruit district forswear single blessedness and take unto themselves partners he, like Othello will find his occupation gone. Example is better than precept, and should our advice be followed we would willingly lead the cotillion at the wedding dance of our Irish celebrity.

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Halley's Comet is coming, so are the flies. Better get screen doors and window screens at the Trites-Wood Co. Ltd.

House for Sale with 2 lots in West Fernie; 5 roomed house, water. Enquire of E. Harper, McPherson avenue.

For Sale: Team of horses, good general purpose animals, price $185. A. MacDonald Co., Wholesale Grocers, City.

If you have any building to do 'twill pay you to see A. McLean, phone 167. He keeps all kinds of building material in stock. 46p

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To rent or to sell. The Gill boarding house, containing 14 rooms and a well established dining custom. Situated on Pellat avenue. Apply at the house.

Sam Irvine, now of Taber, formerly a Fernie resident was in town this week saying "How dy" to his many friends.

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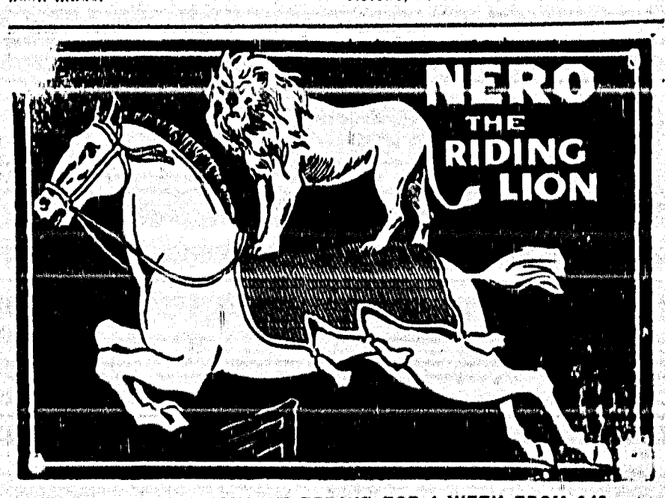

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