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WISHING ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS

ANOTHER DISASTER

Over Two Hundred Miners Caught in a Burning Mine in England

BOLTON, Eng., Dec. 1.—An explosion, followed by fire, and causing many fatalities, occurred in Little Hulton Collieries here, this morning, soon after 290 miners had gone below the surface to begin the days work.

The cause and extent of the disaster were in doubt for several hours. The first rescuing party to reach the scene succeeded in bringing seven men and a boy to safety and later recovered the bodies of five victims. At the moment of the explosion the flames spread through the affected passages and smoke and poisonous gases filled the mine.

The plight of the miners was rendered more dangerous by a mishap to the machinery of the shaft, when the cages refused to move for a time, preventing quick escape and interfering with ventilation, the rising gases being checked by obstructions and driven back on the entombed miners.

Meantime the fire raged fiercely, and it is supposed that many not killed by noxious fumes were burned to death.

The rescuers were unable to get direct to the spot where the miners were entombed, and there was some delay while they sought access to the place through adjoining leads.

Word of the disaster was carried quickly to the homes of the miners, and presently thousands of women surrounded the mouth of the colliery. The anxious throng included a number of children, and pitiable scenes were enacted.

The work of rescue continued bravely amid discouraging conditions. The rescuers went boldly, and succeeded in extinguishing the flames, but encountered heavy falls of coal and slack that had been loosened from the roof of the mine by the explosion.

At fourteen o'clock only eight of the two hundred and ninety imperilled men had escaped, and the outlook for rescuing the others was dubious. At that hour ten bodies had been recovered.

FERNIE ITALIAN BAND CONCERT

A grand concert was given in the Fernie Opera House on Thursday evening, by the Fernie Italian Band, under the leadership of Prof. C. Zaccaro, when the following program was excellently rendered, Grand March from "Ballo Teadora," (Marengo); Overture, 'Festa di Citta" (Filippa); Mazurka Russe "La Czarina" (Czibulka); Grand selection "Excelsior" (Marengo). Two feature films, especially secured for this occasion, enlievned the intersession.

Second Part—Saxophone solo (C. Zaccaro), (a) Romance "Zaza" Leoncavallo, (b) the celebrated Swiss song by Eckert; Un Divertimento Campestre (Conter); March, "Tannhauser" (Wagner); God Save the King (Berry).

The fifth number by Prof. Zaccaro was loudly applauded, and as an appreciation he responded with "Home to our mountains."

BASEMENT OF MINERS' HALL to rent every evening except Sunday and Thursday. Suitable for concerts, smokers, dancing, lectures, etc. For terms, etc., apply to D. Rees, Secretary, Gladstone Local, Fernie.

James Wade the Corbin representative of P. Burns & Co., was a town visitor this week.

Don't forget the grand smoking concert to be held on the night of the 26th Monday) in Workingmen's Club, Miners Hall. Tickets 50c. Refreshments free.

Superintendent of the Fernie Coke Ovens, James McLean, left last week for a two months holiday and will spend Christmas and New Year among the scenes of his childhood in Nova Scotia. Pleasant time, Jimmy.

A goodly crowd of enthusiasts attended at the Fernie Skating Rink on Thursday night. The hockey sticks have been brought out from their corners, and this lively game we hope will soon be in full swing.

On Tuesday night the Fire Department received a call to West Fernie, where it was found that the firey element had seized hold of the house of John Podbielancik. Before the fir was extinguished the house was completely gutted.

Required the whereabouts of Mrs. and Mr. Arthus Hammond; also three brothers Dunn, members of the strike party at Strathcona, Alta., July, 1908, when they removed to Fernie. Last heard of at the time of the Fernie fire, August, 1908. Friends anxious to hear from them. D. Rees, secretary, Gladstone Local Union, Fernie, B. C.

"AGATHA"

In consequence of so many events taking place at the present time it has been decided to postpone this concert until some future date, which will be announced later.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

Christ Church (Anglican)

The congregation of the above parish will hold services in their new building on Christmas Day (Sunday), Dec. 25th. Services will be:

Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Matins, Sermon and Holy Communion, 11 a.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 7.30 p.m.

The dedication of the church will take place on Sunday, Jan. 22nd, 1911, on which date Bishop A. M. De Pencier will be in Fernie. As the church expects all ccommunicants to make their Communion on Christmas Day, the rector would therefore earnestly urge every communicant to avail himself or herself of the opportunity at one of the morning services.

N.B.—A liberal offering is asked for by the Vestry in order to commence the New Year without a deficit.

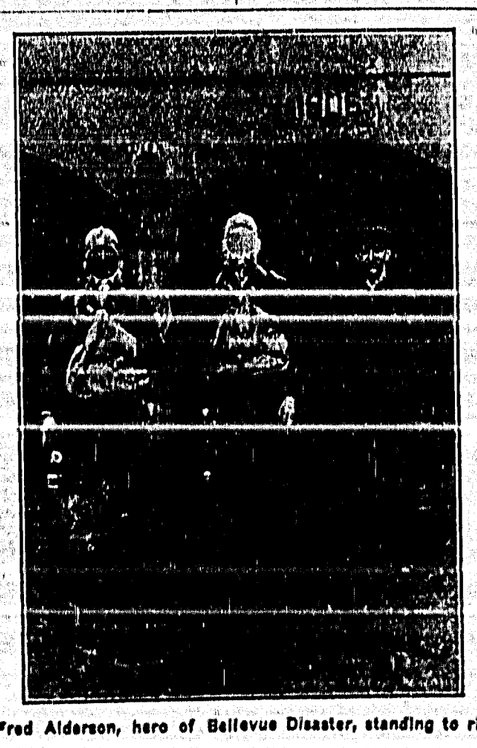
Sunday School Treat Christmas Tree wil be given on the Church basement on Monday the 26th inst. Tea at 6 p.m. Presents immediately thereafter.

Services will be held on Christmas Day at the Methodist Church, when special services of song will be rendered by the choir both morning and evening. The Christmas tree festivities will take place on Monday evening; adults 25c., children free.

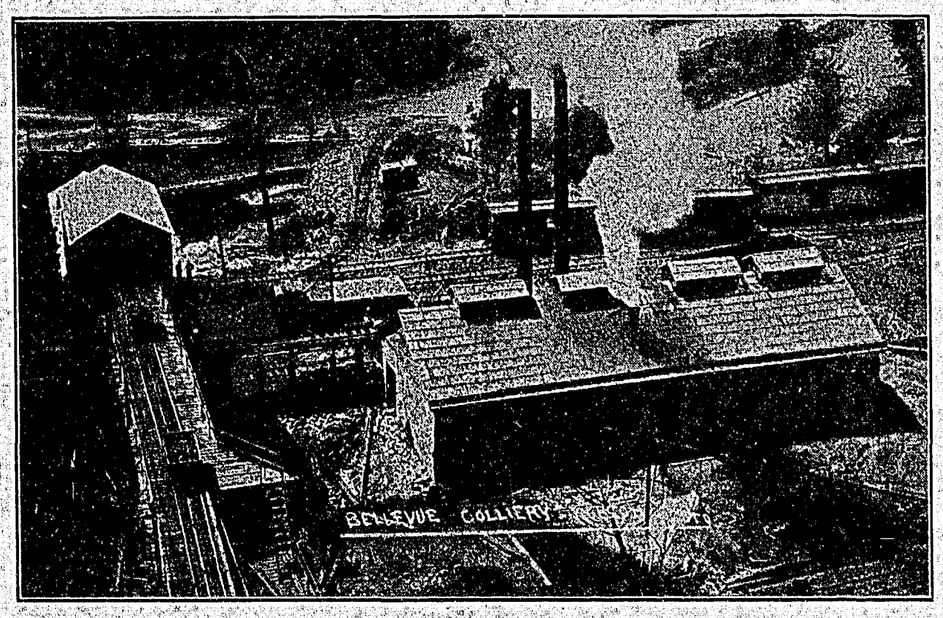
The services in Knox Church will have the following musical items. In the morning, anthem, "Awake, salute the happy morn"; solo, "Uayoreth," Mr. Schofield. Children's anthem, "Merrily rang the Xmas bells." In the evening, mixed quartotte, "Shepherds abiding in the fields'; solo, "The Gift," Mrs. Brant. Anthem, "Shepherds"; violin solo, Mr. De Stable.

There will be a special service in the Baptist Church on Sunday next, appropriate to the season. Subject, Sunday evening, "Christmas the home season." Christmas anthems will be rendered by the choir.

"Santa's Reception," a humorous cantata, will be rendered by the Baptist Sunday School on Monday evening, Jan. 2nd. The cantata includes solos, duets, choruses, etc., by Santa, his wife and sonp brownies, fairies, Queen of Song, John Bull, Indian maidens and Mr. Stingy-man. It will be the event of the season and none should miss it.



Fred Alderson, hero of Bellevue Disaster, standing to right



BELLEVUE ENQUIRY

Knowing that our many readers and the public generally are greatly interested in this terrible mining calamity and are anxious to obtain all possible details we despatched our staff correspondent with instructions to report the same in extenso, and we purpose publishing this as the investigation proceeds, the first installment of which is hereafter given. Owing to lack of space we cannot complete the report of the entire day's doings of Monday, December 19th, but the latter portion dealing with the remarkable situation caused by two of the jurors and creating a deadlock, will be fully described in our next issue. The unprecedented stand taken by these two individuals, that they consider themselves called upon to decide the cause of death and not the cause of the explosion as a contributing factor, is indeed strange. If this were all that was required, then the doctors certificate of death that they died from the effects of carbon monoxide poisoning would dispense with coroner and jury.

As an evidence of the interest shown the large hall in which the local of the U.M.W of A. holds its meeting was crowded throughout the day. Among those noted present were James Ashworth of the C.N.P. Coal Co., R. W. Coulthard, manager for the Western Canadian Collieries Company, R. G. Drinnan, formerly superintendent at Coal Creek, J. F. Stirling, Inspector of Mines for Alberta, Elijah Heathcote, Deputy Inspector of the district in which Bellevue is located, J. G. S. Hudson, M.E., of the Department of Mines, Ottawa, Ont., and a large contingent of the officials of District No. 18 U.M.W. of A.

When Coroner Pinkney called the roll the following gentlemen composing the jury responded:,

A. Cameron (foreman).
T. M. Burnett.
A. McKinnon.
Sam Fisher.
Phillip Hart.
George Walters.

W. H. Campbell, represents the Attorney-General; H. A. Mackie is looking after the interests of District 18, while O. M. Biggar is solicitor for the West Canadian Collieries Co..

The proceedings, which commenced about 11 o'clock, are as follows:

Mr Campbell: Your worship, I would like to say that I appear as instructed to represent the Attorney-General's Department, and as in the Coroner's Act of Alberta the Attorney-General is supposed to have the examination and cross-examination of witnesses under the provisions of that act modified to a certain extent by the provisions of the Coal Mines Act as to inquests, I want it to be understood by this court, and by your worship, and by the gentlemen of the jury, that my position here is one on behalf of the department to ascertain what facts bear in any way on this sad accident; and at the same time there is Mr. Mackie here who is representing the Miners' Union, and there is also Mr. Biggar representing the mine owners, and I would ask you to ask these gentlemen to acquiesce with my own views. It is the desire of the department that there may be as full an inquiry as possible.

Mr. Biggar: I appear on behalf of the West Canadian Collieries and I have already expressed to Mr. Campbell the desire of the Company to do everything we possibly can in the way of making the investigation as full as it can be made. The company are tremendously interested in ascertaining the real cause of the disaster that occured, and I propose myself to give every possible assistance I can on behalf of the company towards ascertaining that.

Mr. Mackie: I concur in what my learned friends have said, on behalf of District 18 of the United Mine Workers of America. We are here for that purpose.

The Coroner: I may say that Mr. Hudson is here, representing the Dominion Government, with authority from them to get a full account of this disaster, and to take the evidence and everything else he wishes to know about it, for the benefit of the Dominion Government.

The stenographer is sworn.

Frederick Heal is sworn.

Mr. Campbell: I suggest that Mr. Burke be put on as the first witness.

(Mr. Burke was not present, and it was decided to go ahead with Heale.)

(Burke comes into court.)

Mr. Biggar produces plans of the mine.

Plans objected to by Mr. Mackie on the grounds that they have no jurat attached thereto.

Mr. Biggar stated that the plans are copies of the originals, but that they contain certain information that does not appear on the copies then produced.

Mr. Campbell: Mr. Burke is here now, your worship. We will call upon him.

Mr. Mackie: I would request that the original plans be produced later if desired.

Mr. Biggar replied that this would be done.

James Burke is sworn.

Questioned by Mr. Campbell:,

Q. You are the secretary of the Local Union?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the number of that union?

A. No. 431.

Q. You know the Bellevue Mine.

A. Yes.

Q. Operated by the West Canadian Collieries?

A. Yes.

Q. Are you yourself employed at that mine?

A. No, sir, I am not.

Q. You had occasion, Mr. Burke, to require the presence of an inspector at Bellevue on the 3rd inst.?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. That is of this month?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And I believe you telegraphed to Mr. Stirling at Edmonton.

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Can you tell me the reason why you had to do this?

A. Because there was gas reported in the mine in large quantities.

Q. Can you tell me who made these reports about the gas?

A. No.

Q. Did they come to you officially, in any way?

A. Yes; in the course of meetings of the Union.

Q. Can you say who at that time said there was gas there?

A. I am not prepared to say. I acted upon the advice given to me.

Q. Now, I am simply trying to find out who reported there was gas in the mine?

A. I don't know who they were, but there was quite a few. It was not necessary to take the names.

Q. No; but it is only about a week ago, and I am asking you if you remember the names of any of the people who told you there was gas in the mine at that time?

A. No, sir, there was quite a bunch of them.

Q. Out of that bunch can you think of anybody?

A. No.

Q. It was merely a remark then?

A. No, not at all. A bunch of the fellows came up and said the inspector should come down immediately, that gas was being reported day in and day out.

Q. And that is all that you know about it?

A. Yes. The reports were coming in every day about the gas.

Q. Where there any details given to you as to the volume of this gas; whether it was in large quantities or small quantities?

A. No.

Q. Where any details given to you as to the location of the gas?

A. No; beyond the fact that it was in the working face, and that it was not safe to work.

Q. Now, I don't want to waste time. Was anything said as to where the gas was?

A. In the hundreds, where the majority of the work is taking place.

Q. Do you know where they were working then?

A. In the same place, from 111 inside.

Q. Then there was gas from 111 to the face?

A. Dont take it for granted that it was in every room.

Q. Was this in any way localized as to volume. Was it more in one chuto than in another?

A. No; I don't know about that

Q. Did anybody tell you how they ascertained it was there; how it affected them?

A. Yes; they would have come out if the gas was there in too large a quantity.

Q. Yes, I know; but did they tell you as to any testing which they made for the gas?

A. They would get it by their lamps.

Q. Did they tell you at what level in the workings they had found by their lamps this gas would be. Was it the high parts or what?

A. Right in the face of the workings.

Q. On the very top, I suppose?

A. Yes.

Q. Can't you remember, Mr. Burke, any particular conversation?. Of course, I don't know whether your meetings are supposed to be reported or not, and I don't want to press you, but can you tell me how this conversation came up with the men when they formally complained to the Union?

A. Yes; there was quite a discussion over it.

Q. And you, as secretary, took this down?

A. Yes.

Q. Would you have any record of these complaints?

A. Not individual cases of any individual member; it just came up for discussion. We had a long talk, and it was decided that the inspector should be sent for.

Q. Can you remember which men?

A. No.

Q. It was all at the face then, and further in than 111.

A. Yes; as far as I can remember.

Mr. Mackie: I dont intend to cross-question this witness now. I give notice to the Company to produce the original letter written by Mr. Burke to the Company, not dated, but the answer was given on April 4th, 1910, by the superintendent of the mine. I ask them to produce the original letter written by Mr. Burke, and then I will take up the cross-examination of Mr. Burke.

Mr. Campbell: I ask you, Mr Burke, did you yourself, when you found it necessary to communicate with Mr. Stirling, did you yourself in any way communicate with the company as to what took place at that meeting as to the danger of the gas?

A. No; I did not.

Mr. Mackie suggested that the witness be recalled after the production of the letter.

Mr. Campbell. I feel that in the fullest scope of this investigation and for everybody's sake, and for the jury's sake, that we should exhaust every available source to ascertain who the men were that made these reports as to gas, and I would like your permission to ask this witness if he can suggest to you any way in which I can get the names of these gentlemen. because no doubt when the inspector would come he would want information as to where this gas was. I think it very strange that we are to be met with a blank wall as to these reports, and I would ask this witness if he can suggest to me, or to the court, any means by which we can arrive at it. If this was so serious a statement that it required the presence of an inspector, should it not have been reported to the company? I ask him what miners were present at that meeting who might make the report?

The Coroner: I quite agree with that. I think it only right that we know the names.

Mr. Mackie: The correspondence that I am asking for was handed to me last night, for perusal, and the very question arose then. Mr. Burke was not present; Mr. Stubbs was assisting me, and we have two men already produced who were present at the meeting. We will bring in a list this afternoon of these men, and will hand them to the Crown Attorney for him to call these witnesses, as he suggests. Mr. Powell, for instance, is one of them.

Mr. Campbell: What we want to get at is the men here, and ultimately to get one of the men who was an actual witness of this gas, that he may come and tell us what the quantities were, what it was, and where it was. The meeting was on the 1st of December?

Mr. Mackie: We have taken the necessary steps to produce them.

Mr. Campbell: I would like to clear up this point before we come round to any other point.

Mr. Mackie: I will ask permission for Mr. Burke to go over to the office and look up the information and submit it at the earliest possible time. I have consulted with Mr. Stubbs, and he says if he has an opportunity to speak with Mr. Burke, he, will ask him to produce the minute book, and give an account of the names of the men who made the reports.

(Mr Burke was allowed to retire from the court for the purpose mentioned.)

Dr. Malcomson is sworn.

Questioned by Mr. Campbell:

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Vice President Stubbs and Secretary Carter are in Edmonton with a view to placing before Premier Sifton and Attorney-General Mitchell the situation which resulted in the postponement of the inquiry relating to the explosion at Bellevue, and to point out the necessity of a thorough investigation by special commission. Mr Campbell, of McLeod, Mr. Biggar, for the Coal Company, and H. A. Mackie, Edmonton, for District No. 18, are also working here in connection with the matter. Arrangements are under way for an interview to-day (Friday).

FRED ALDERSON FUND

At a meeting of the fellow employees of the late Fred Alderson of Hosmer, who lost his life while rescuing men from the Bellevue mine after the explosion of Dec. 9th, it was decided that a subscription be taken up for the benefit of his wife and four young children. A committee was appointed to arrange for the collection of funds at Hosmer and other towns.

One of the special party rushed from Hosmer, B.C., with the British Columbia government helmets for use in the mine, Alderson led the rescue party direct to the danger zone, and himself succeeded in getting five men out of danger before he was overcome.

Contributions will be received by the Imperial Bank who will forward same to the Bank of Montreal at Hosmer, furnishing a list of all subscriptions for publication in the columns of the Ledger.

ELECTION OF CHECKWEIGHMEN

Coal Creek

The ballot for the election of checkweighmen at Coal Creek took place on Wednesday last, December 21st, and resulted in the election of D. Paton, Wm. H. Evans, J. E. Smith and H. Martin. The number polled for the various candidates was as follows:

H. Martin	268
J. Kent	110
W. H. Evans	342
Ed. English	153
J. E. Smith	272
D. Paton	347
T. Uphill	253
T. Addison	95
H. Snow	96

LOST.—A little boy's brown high-legged boot, in the vicinity of Trites-Wood Store. Finder please hand in at the Ledger office. 21-1t

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Civic Election Talk for Coming Year--Will Have Snow Plow

In the absence of Mayor Herchmer, Alderman Johnson occupied the chair at the meeting of the City Council on Thursday evening, with Aldermen White, Kennedy and Beck to assist in the proceedings.

Certain estimates were passed, and it was decided to give permission for the purchase of a Twentieth Century Snow Plow, the cost of same being $130, F.O.B., St. Thomas, Ont.

Nominations for Aldermen and Mayor for the next year's council will take place at the City Hall on the 9th January, and the election will take place on January 12th, the City Clerk to act as returning officer.

A further shortage of $90.35 in connection with the affairs of the ex-City Clerk was reported, and this amount together with the total sum reported by Mr. McDermid is, we understand, to be covered by the Fidelity Company.

FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF THE BELLEVUE SUFFERS

Any who desire to make contributions in aid of those dependent on the victims of the colliery disaster at Bellevue, Alta., are requested to send them to A. J. Carter, Secy. of District 18, U.M.W. of A., Fernie, who will make due acknowledgement, and the names of the donors and amounts subscribed will be published in our colums. The following have subscribed up to date.

International U.M.W. of A., per T. L. Lewis	$500.00
Thomas Crahan, Michel	100.00
C. P. Hill, Edmonton	100.00

We are pleased to state that the net amount of the proceeds turned over by the Stoddard Stock Co., who played "My Wife's Family" at the Grand Theatre on Saturday last for the benefit of the widows and orphans created by the Alberta mining disaster amounted to $60.

This company, which is an excellent one, deserves every commendation for the generosity displayed.

KILLED BY FALLING TREE

Another of those fatal and unhappy accidents which by their number seem to herald the approach of Christmas, occurred this morning, when a lumberman met his death at No. 9 Camp of the Elk Lumber Company, by getting in the way of a falling tree. Up to the time of going to press no definite particulars are to hand in connection with the man, the only information being that he is a foreigner, of Slavonic nationality.

We understand that R. T. Stewart has been successful at the recent examination held in Frank. He now possesses first class papers for the old country as well as those he has recently obtained for B. C. and Alberta. Mr. Stewart holds first class certificates for mathematics and geology and has studied very successfully under Prof. Briggs, Wight and Barr, in the allied subjects of electricity, advanced mechanics in the Heriot Watt College, Edinburgh.

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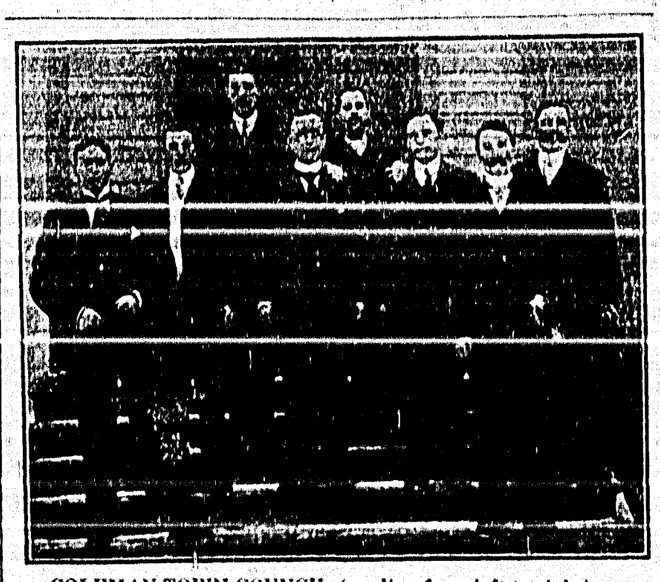
The Militia Department is compiling a list of saddle horses, teams, etc., available in the event of a sudden mobilization. Nobody knows what it portends and conjecture is rife. The construction of the G.T.P. under military supervision, an attack on the North Pole, a recognition of the Mexican insurgents as belligerents or (happy thought) to prevent cattle rustlers from lifting the Canadian Navy.



COLEMAN TOWN COUNCIL (reading from left to right)
J. Sargent H. Clark
J. O. C. McDonald Mayor A. Cameron. A. Morrison. R. Holmes
H. James S. Shone

CONVENTION CALL

Office United Mine Workers of America.
Indianapolis, Ind., December 5, 1910.

To the Local Unions of the United Mine Workers of America. Greeting:

You are hereby notified that the Twenty-Second Annual Convention of the United Mine Workers of America will be held in Columbus, Ohio, commencing at 10 a.m., Tuesday, January 17, 1911, in Memorial Hall.

A careful examination of the following extracts from Article Five of the Constitution will show the basis of representation and the manner of election of delegates.

Section 2. Representatives to the International Convention shall be elected directly from Local Unions and shall have one vote for one hundred members or less, and an addtional vote for each one hundred members or majority fractional thereof, but no representative shall have, or be credited by the Credential Committee with more than five votes, nor shall said Credential Committee transfer votes to any delegates not duly authorized by the Local Union, and no person shall be eligible as representative who is not a miner or mine worker or employed by the organization, and is a bona fide member of a Local Uinon in the district which he is said to represent.

Note—The term "Miner or Mine Worker" includes any one working in or around the mines and a member of a Local Union.

Sec. 3. No Local Union shall be entitled to representation in the International Convention that is in arrears for dues or assessments for two months preceding the one in which the Internation Convention is held and which has not in every particular complied with the Constitution of the District in which said Local Union may be located, or which has less than ten members, and any mine within the jurisdiction of the United Mine Workers, having been once organized for aperiod of three months and allowing itself to become lapsed, defunct, or refusing to pay dues or assessment to the organization, shall pay a sum equal to three months' dues and assessments on all members to the International and District Unions, before it can be reinstated or reorganized, and must be in good standing for four months previous to the month in which the International Convention is held before said Local Union shall be entitled to representation in the annual or special convention.

Sec. 4. If it shall appear, upon investigation, that any Local Union has lapsed in order to evade the payment of tax or assessments, the International Executive Board shall insist upon the payment of all back taxes and assessments

Sec. 5. All newly organized Locals must be organized at least three months and have two months dues paid prior to the month in which the International Convention is held before they will be entitled to representation, unless said new locals are composed of members from old locals in good standing at time of organization; the fact that a new local is composed of members of an old local must be attested by the District Secretary.

Sec. 6. Representation shall be based upon the average membership of the Local Union for the last three months upon which payment has been made, previous to the month in which the International Convention is held.

Delegates to the International Convention shall be elected at any regular meetings after the call for convention has been received, and a notice shall be posted at the mine at least three days prior to such meeting, stating that delegates are to be elected. Delegates to the International Convention shall receive a majority vote of members present at meeting when such delegates are elected.

Sec. 7. Any member of the United Mine Workers of America accepting a position other than that of a miner or mine worker shall not be eligible to act as representative to any Sub-District, District or International Convention, or represent the United Mine Workers in a central or State Federation of the Labor Convention, while holding such a position; but accepting a position with the United Mine Workers or any other affiliated organization shall not be construed as making a members ineligible to act as representative.

Sec. 8. The books of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be closed for the year on November 30 and no credentials shall be received after January 10, nor shall any delegate be entitled to a seat in the International Convention unless their Local Union was in good standing on December 1, preceding the date upon which the annual convention is held.

Sec. 9. Delegates to the International Convention shall be paid railroad fare to and from the convention on the following basis: Delegates shall represent five locals if said locals contain not more than 500 members. When there are 500 members in one local and a less number than five locals, such local or locals shall be entitled to send a delegate, and any Local Union situated one or more miles from any other Local Union shall be entitled to send a representative and should there be more than five votes in any one local or group of locals, they also shall be entitled to a representative for the additional members as provided for in this constitution. The Executive Board shall have power to levy on the members to carry out the above provisions, provided said levy be necessary.

Sec. 10. Where railroad certificates cannot be obtained by delegates attending the International Convention they shall furnish receipts for the fare paid

Delegates to the Convention should be elected sufficiently early to enable the Secretary of the Local Union to forward the duplicate credentials in time to reach the International Secretarys office not later than January 10, 1911.

Negotiations are now being made to secure special rates of transportation. Instructions to delegates concerning the purchase of tickets will be published in the United Mine Workers' Journal, together with the rates obtained at various hotels.

T. L. LEWIS, President.
EDWIN PERRY, Secretary-Treasurer.

DISQUALIFIED

Alderman Frayne of the Lethbridge City Council has been disqualified because he accepted a position as foreman or superintendent at a daily wage in connection with work done at Henderson Park, which is the property of the City of Lethbridge. Frayne says that he is convinced that he has not violated his oath of office and declines to say whether he will resign or not

Music lovers are requested to keep December 26th in their mind as there will be a treat in store for them.

TAFT MISTAKEN

Welshman With Eight Children Now Writes that He Can't Get Along

WASHINGTON—When the President was in New York in October he went to Ellis Island for an inspection trip. While at the island the president became interested in the case of George Thornton, a little black haired Welshman with eight motherless children. Thornton had been held up on account of physical defects, and his case was being heard by Commissioner Williams. The President looked Thornton over and said he was sure he could take care of himself and his eight children and he was accordingly admitted.

Now the White House has received a letter from Thornton acknowledging his inability longer to take care of himself.

"We made a big mistake in coming to this country," says this letter, "I thought my sister was in better circumstances. She hasn't anything to help us with; not one cent I haven't got. We would do our work all right at home. Kindly answer back.'

TELEGRAM

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AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

To Organized Labor and Friends Greeting:

At the Thirtieth Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor, held at St. Louis, November 14-26, 1910, the subject matter of the situation in Los Angeles, California, came up and received the most serious consideration. It was clearly demonstrated that there exists in Los Angeles a deep-laid and sinister plan inaugurated and being carried out by the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of the city, the association acting as a subsidiary agent of the National Association of Manufacturers, and that the plan has for its purpose a war of extermination of the organized labor movement of the Pacific Coast and the crushing out of the American spirit of manliness and independence.

It is not necessary to recount the struggle of years against the printers' union of Los Angeles for it is well and generaly known. Last May the employers provoked a contest with the brewery workers. A month later in June the contest was made upon the machinists, moulders, patternmakers and all others in the metal trades, as well as upon the leather workers. Union men of Los Angeles were forced to take up the cudgel, not only in in defense of themselves, but of the workers who were not members of organized labor. It was a struggle to secure a living wage and humane conditions.

The international unions of the trades aided their members in Los Angeles to the best of their ability. The trade unionists of California assisted to the fullest of their opportunities. The toilers of Los Angeles have made, and are making, one of the most gallant and heroic struggles on record. The National Association of Manufacturers through its subsidiary, the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of Los Angeles, controlled the officers of the city government who acted as puppets and passed ordinances denying the men the right of peaceably walking the streets or talking with workers whom they may meet. Hundreds of union men have been arrested and persecuted and through a system of refined torture of the "Third Degree" the endeavor has been made to fasten crimes upon peaceable and law-abiding workers who have been thrust in prison, as well as threatened with violent demonstrations of lynching.

Through the agency of the Los Angeles Merchants and Manufacturers Association, innocent widows and wives have been ruthlessly taken from their homes, charged with murder or detained in gloomy corridors for weeks while their little children were suffering from want of care.

Union men and non-unionists allke are standing shoulder to shoulder in Los Angeles to defend, protect, and promote their interests and their rights—the rights of manhood, womanhood, and childhood.

The organized labor movement of the continent, the American Federation of Labor, at its recent convention at St. Louis, after full consideration by unanimous vote resolved to appeal to the organized toilers of America for moral and financial assistance; and this appeal is now made to all who love justice and liberty, to aid the workers engaged in the contest in Southern California and along the Pacific Coast. All members of organized abor and friends are urged to take up this appeal promptly and to organize a system by which voluntary contributions may be made.

All financial assistance should be sent to FRANK MORRISON, Secretary, American Federation of Labor, 801-9 G Street N.W., Washington, D.C., who will forward receipt to the sender, and due acknowledgement made and credit given. Each day's receipts will be transmitted promptly to our needy brothers on the Pacific Coast.

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President.
FRANK MORRISON,
Secretary.

COLLISIONS WITH POLICE ARE FREQUENT

MELBOURNE.—The carriers' strike in Adelaide has taken on a serious aspect. Almost all the industries are at a standstill in consequence of a sympathetic strike and the price of food is rising rapidly. The trade unionists are intimidating the free laborers and there are frequent collisions with the police, who are almost helpless to restore order. The general outlook is ominous as it is feared that the agitation will spread over the whole of Australia. The carriers demand higher wages and shorter hours of work and to these demands the employers are not in the mood to acquiesce.

WOMEN IN FINLAND PARLIAMENT

Ifteen women have been elected to Finlands new parliament. Speaking of Mrs. Ala-Kulju, who was a member of the previous session, George Renwick describes her as a buxom peasant's wife, "such as one would meet carrynig loads in the market place, but in knowledge, in determination, in speech, and in patriotism, the embodiment of a sturdy peasant file, well fitted to help in ruling and guiding a nation."

PROTECT THE MINERS

The Alberta government has acted with considerable alacrity in deciding to have a rigid investigation made into the recent Bellevue mining horror. The coal mining industry has assumed considerable proportions in Alberta and every possible precaution should be taken to ensure the safety of those engaged in it. C. O'Brien, the Socialist member of the legislature, is entitled to credit for bringing this matter to the attention of the government—Lethbridge Weekly News.

JACK LONDON ON THE "SCAB."

"The only honest morality" displayed by either side is white-hot indignation at the iniquities of the other side. The striking teamster complacently takes a scab driver into an alley and with an iron bar breaks his arms so that he can drive no more, but cries out to high Heaven for justice when the capitalist breaks his skull by means of a club in the hands of a policeman. Nay, the members of a union will declaim in impassioned rhetoric for the God-given right of an eight-hour day, and at the time be working their own business agent seventeen hours out of the twenty-four."

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Per Wm. Piegon, Agent.
Witness—E. A. Stone. 15-6t

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TO WARM UP OFFICIALS

Miners to Have the Fullest Investigation Into the Recent Disaster

HAD DEMANDED INSPECTION

The following are the telegrams which passed betwen Burke, of the Mino Workers' Union and Stirling, the Provincial Mine Inspector at Edmonton, in which Stirling declined to make an inspection before the disaster, and appointed the local inspector Heathcote, in whom the miners expressed want of confidence, to make the inspection. The report of Heathcote on December 7th, showing the the mine to be free of gas is also reproduced.

Dec.3, Burke to Sterling—Desire the presence of the inspector immediately.

Dec.3, Stirling to Burke.—For what reasons is inspector required at Bellevue? Wire immediately.

Dec. 3, Burke to Stirling—There is considerable quantity of gas in the mine ever since explosion (on Thanksgiving Day).

Dec. 3, Stirling to Burke.—Your wire received, have instructed Inspector Heathcote to make investigation at Bellevue immediately.

Report:—I, E. Heathcote, have examined No. 1 seam and found the timbering, ventilation and general condition to be good, and did not find any gas present. December 7th, 1910.

That serious charges of negligence against company officials and others, in connection with the terrible mine disaser on Friday, in the Canadian West Collieries at Bellevue, in South ern Alberta, are likely to come out of the inquest that will be resumed on Monday next, is learned by the Capital from information placed in the hands of Chas. O'Brien, Socialist member of the legislature, yesterday, and which information Mr. O'Brien will endeavor to bring to the attention of the house this afternoon.

Through representations made to Attorney-General Mitchell this week, by the United Mine Workers of district 18, through their legal representative, the attorney-general has comsented to have his department represented at the inquest by Crown Prosecutor Campbell, of McLeod, so that the department will be in a position to institute prosecution against the company officials, if necessary.

Miners May Take Action

The action of the attorney-general has relieved the miners from any necessity of instituting proceedings on their own behalf, and incidentally gives the right to the miners attorney to cross-examine all witnesses produced at the inquest. Should the attorney-general's department however decline to take action against the mine officials following the inquest, it is stated that the miners themselves will proceed to lay charges of negligence against the company's officials.

The miners will base their claims for prosecution upon the fact that the mine fire boss, the very morning of the accident, had posted a notice on the door of the mine declaring the mine to be free from gas.

Demand for Previous Inspection

Several days before the disaster in which 31 men were killed, the miners dissatisfied with the work of local Inspector Heathcote, wired to the provincial inspector (Stirling) at Edmonton, asking him to come down to the mines and make an inspection. Stirling replied that he did not think this was necessary, as there was a local inspector on the ground. The provincial inspector did not go to Bellevue until after the disaster had occurred.

A court stenographer, at the request of the miners, will be present at the inquest to take the evidence in detail, in case prosections are brought, the attorney-genearl's department have agreed to take the evidence in shorthand.

Tells of Disaster

Fresh from the horrors of the disaster, an Edmonton man who reached the city last night, and who left the mines a brief hour and half before the disaster occurred, told the Capital last evening something of the agonizing scenes at the mouth of the mine.

"I had been up in the coal mine sections on some business,' said the Edmonton man, "and stopped at Bellevue on my way back. I visited the mines of the Canada West in company with some union officials, at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. We went through the mines, and I am positive that I noticed gas in some of the shafts. We got out of the mines about 5.30 and at 6 o'clock we took the train for Michel.

"When I got to Michel I found a telegram awaiting for me telling me that an explosion had occurred in the mine I had just left. I caught a special bringing apparatus and relief parties, back to Bellevue, and arrived at the mines again just after the first relief party had gone in.'

"The sight at the mouth of the mine was one of the most agonizing I ever saw or ever hope to see. Fortunately the families of many of the miners killed in the mine disaster, lived abroad, otherwise, there would have been a repitition of the awful scenes of the Cherry Mine disaster.

"The wives of the dead miners were hovering about the mine mouth, crying, not in the ordinary way that women weep, but in agonizing heart-shaking sobs that went right through you. Among the foreign families all you could hear from the children was the cry of 'papa, papa' in heart-rending cries of grief. Big, husky miners and mine operators, went about their work of relief sobbing like children.

"When I got to the mines one relief party of about fifteen men had already gone in, and another of the same number was preparing to go in. At four o'clock in the morning, when some of the missing miners had been accounted for, one of the relief party came running out of the mine with the cry that the entire relief party had been overcome with the gases in the mines and were out of business.

"At the announcement, the whistles of the plant and the locomotives in the place began sounding the distress signal, and presently from all directions, from the mines a mile or two away, miners and others came pouring to give relief. Large relief parties were formed, but the gases in the mine had become so strong that rescue could only be undertaken by a series of rushes, with the relief men tied together with ropes.

"One by one the bodies of men, dead and alive, unconscious and conscious, were brought to the outer air. I never again wish to see such a horrible sight as that of the dead miners when brought out.

"At seven o'clock next morning all had been accounted for save four of the forty-seven entombed miners. Two of these were afterwards discovered alive in the chutes, and were rescued by heroic attempts of some of the relief party.

H. A. Mackie, of Edmonton, has been retained by the miners to look after thei r interests at the inquest—Daily Capital, Edmonton.

12,00 WILL NOT ENJOY YULETIDE

NEW YORK—As the Christmas tide approashes and Christmas joy rules on every hand, it is almost staggering to think of the number of persons in New York City alone for whom there will be no Christmas unless it is furnished by the bounty of others.

According to the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor there are more than 12,000 families in New York alone who are in actual destitution while it is estimated that there are 25,000 families whose finances are so meagre and whose expenditures are so carefully planned that there is not sufficient for other than the usual food outlay on Christmas Day.

There are countless thousands of children in these families who will have no Christmas toys. Thousands of little hearts will be cut to the quick at the sight of the toys of their more fortunate playmates and the realization of the fact that there is to be no Christmas for them.

One of the most heart-rending sights in the whole city, just now, is to be seen in front of any of the toy shops. The gaily decorated windows filled to overflowing with rich toys and cheap toys, are surrounded by ragged little chaps who lift their grime covered hands to their dimming eyes and wipe away the tears. For they know the toys are not for them.

O'BRIEN'S BILL WORTHY OF A BETTER FATE

The two bills introduced into the legislature by Chas. O'Brien, the Socialist member for the Rocky Mountain riding, are worthy of a better fate than to expire in committee.

One bills calls for a fortnightly pay day and the other asks better protection for the miners in the coal fields.

On the first bill it is difficult to see where there can be any reasonable objection. Where the companies pay once a month under any circumstances it seems only a matter of book-keeping to make two pays in the month, and if by doing this mining companies will satisfy the miners on that point one would naturally suppose that the companies would be first to make the move, as a satisfied gang is one of the best assets of any company employing labor largely.

On the second bill, the necessity for better protection has just been demonstrated in a ghastly and heart-rending accident in the very district which the Socialist member represents.

Failure to consider either or both of these bills would leave the legislature open to the imputation that the bills were thrown out because they were introduced by a Marxian Socialist, an imputation which would be highly discreditable to the government, and the private members of the house. No matter what O'Brien's politics are nor whom he represents, his bills are entitled to just exactly the consideration which their necessity justifies.—Daily Capital, Edmonton.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR PRINTERS

The educational commission of the International Typographical Union sends us a finely printed boklet giving the views of students who are taking the Course of Instruction furnished by the union.

The testimonials range from those of apprentices in their teens to accomplished craftsmen in the sixties, and all speak highly of the Course. Modern educational methods are employed, and display or decorative printing is placed in a more scientific basis than it has heretofore occupied. The Course is not theoretical, however; as the students learn by working, and throughout the booklet there are many testimonials saying their every-day work by the lessons. One young man notes a weekly increase in wages of $6; a sixty-year-old says he has learned more about the higher branches of composition than in his previous experience; a New York journeyman, who was "railroaded" through his apprenticeship, credits the Course with giving him an opportunity to learn more than he could have learned through a properly tutored apprenticeship, while an English-born student says the I. T. U. Course was more valuable to him than his seven-year apprenticeship in the "tight little isle."

This trade educational course is sold below actual cost. The printers' union defrays all the advertising expenses and gives prizes of from $5 up to students when they complete the ourse. This is but one of the many features carried on by the typographical union, and it is attracting the attention of those interested in trade education the world over.

SLAUGHTER KEEPING UP

TEN MEN ENTOMBED IN A BURNING MINE

Explosion Sets Fire to Timbering of Shaft and Cuts off Escape

DENVER, Col.—With the chances against their being rescued alive, ten men are imprisoned to-day in the mine of the Leyden, four miles west of Denver. No. 2 shaft, through which the men must come if recsued is on fire and apparently the mine is full of gas. A rabbit, placed in a box, was lowered six feet in the shaft for twenty minutes and brought out dead. The air compressor, tipple and hoist of the mine have been burned, making it impossible to clear the mine of gas.

The fire started from an electric spark from a motor. This caused an explosion and the timbering of the shaft was soon blazing fiercely. Mine officals say the men have one chance to escape. If the men, on seeing their escape cut off, turned north in the workings they may be alive, but if they turned south it is feared that by this time all are dead.

Shaft No. 1 is separated from shaft No. 2 by a narrow wall. A rescue party, under the direction of Samuel Perry, President of the Leyden Coal Company, made an attempt at first to break down the wall and the twelve imprisoned men could be heard working madly on the inside in their efforts to gain freedom. At the same time efforts were made to gain an entrance to shaft No. 2 through Shaft No. 1.

Efforts to force an entrance to the entombed men were later abandoned, as it was feared that a draft would thus be created that would soon put the fire utterly beyond control.

"ROD AND GUN."

December "Rod and Gun' contains excellent reading for the devotees of the chase. A canoe trip in New Brunswick. Winter on the Pacific Coast; big game stories by well known writers with other interesting matter sustain the reputation of this splendid magazine.

As this journal deprecates wanton slaughter and those who indulge in this unsportsman-like conduct are dubed game hogs, the recent exploits of the German Emperor and his guest the Czar entitles the pair to be included in the category. The party had an avenue roped off, beaters drove the deer past the stands where the crowned heads shot at the imprisoned and semi-domestic deer and details of the massacre are heralded all over the world.

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THE BELLEVUE INVESTIGATION

FOI months past the member of the Rocky Mountain Division, C. M. O'Brien, has endeavored to introduce legislation for the benefit of those who constitute the major portion of the electorate of that division, but without avail, the plea for the procrastination has been the necessity for careful consideration so that the amendments would be as comprehensive as possible. We do not say that this neglect could or would have averted the recent terrible disaster on December 7th, but it has had this result, that the Alberta Government appointed W. A. Campbell to act on behalf of the Crown at the inquest which resumed its deliberations on Monday, December 19th.

The expressed intention that this investigation will be thorough it is to be hoped will be not only strictly adhered but likewise effected with the minimum of delay.

In the past these enquiries have started, been postponed, deferred, and dilly-dallied with so long much on the same lines as the circumlocation office that Charles Dickens describes so graphically. It is to be hoped, although we candidly acknowledge our scepticism, that this investigation may not be like the anger of Cassius' "which much enforced shows a hasty spark and straight is cold again." Our doubts on this score have already received a certain amount of substantiation by the regrettable incident which happened the first day of the proceedings, when two of the jurors, A. Cameron (foreman) and T. M. Burnett, created quite a sensation by their actions, the former stating that he did not consider they were called by their oath to determine the cause of the explosion, but merely to deal with the question of the cause of death. Despite lengthy explanations to show him the full significance of his oath, which was repeated in detail by the Coroner he still persisted in maintaing his original contention. Burnett stated that he was prejudiced, and therefore did not feel capable of dealing with the question. This created an impasse, and owing to the inability of Attorney Campbell to get in communication with Attorney-General Mitchell, at Edmonton, for several hours, subsequently an adjournment was decided upon until January 3rd, 1911. In the meantime a commission will be appointed for the purpose of obtaining and considering data in connection with the disaster, which will be submitted to the jury on the resumption of the hearing.

FEDORENKO FREE

IT is a source of great gratification to be able to state that Canada has not surrendered the political refugee, Savvo Fedorenko, to the minions of the Czar, and that he is now a free man. Hence, we may say, the despot can no longer expect to snatch his victims when they take refuge on the American Continent, and the recent reports that have ben circulated through the press relative to the conditions that obtain in that benighted land ought to place the "land of the bear" in the same category as Cannibal Islands. This struggle to obtain the freedom of Fedorenko has cost a deal of money and energy, but it is well spent, because of the principles involved.

THE PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

THE Tenth Annual Report of the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis recently received contains some exceedingly interesting information regarding the methods of treatment that have been initiated in the various provinces of the Dominion for the purpose of combating the dread disease. There is considerable discussion relative to the causes, but the real bottom cause, although touched upon vaguely, is not specically dealt with—viz., Poverty—because to deal with this fundamentally would necessitate a revolution—i. e., a complete change—and instead of production primarily for profit it would be for the use and enjoyment of all the units of human society.

The Hon. Adam Beck, of London, Ont., in his address says:

"We are not planting our cottages in rough, unbroken fields. It may be that a rough, unbroken field is as good, and that the patient will get just as much fresh air, and will become just as well, but we believe that we might equally well make it attractive, and we believe that we might have shrubs and a nicely kept lawn, and everything to make the patient feel that there is hope in life, and stimulate in him a desire to get cured."

Dr. Holbrook: "We hope to persuade the Board of Education of the city (Hamilton) that open-air schools are the proper thing."

Dr. John Stewart, Halifax: "The principal work done so far has been to supply milk, eggs, blankets, and so on to the indigent. We are also attending to the building of shacks and window extensions in in the houses of the poor.'

Dr. McNeil, Summerside, P.E.I.: "In all our schools, halls and public buildings we have cards printed in colors drawing the attention of the school children and people generally, as to the value of fresh air in their rooms, and warning them not to spit on the sidewalks or on the ground."

If the above methods are beneficial in effecting improvements, if not a cure, in one infected with the germs of disease is it not pertinent and sensible to ask Why not prevent the disease by the provision of like accommodation for every individual instead of first compelling them to live in cramped squalid and unsanitary quarters and then, when infected with disease remove them to healthful surroundings? The removal of those diseased and leaving the foci of infection practically undisturbed is surely "penny wise and pound foolish."

Why not lay the axe at the root of the evil. demolish all the tenements and flood every dwelling with sunshine and fresh air?

That would cost too much, and, therefore, is not feasible," replies the apologist for the continuance of the present disorder. If so, why expend so much time and energy patching up a few unfortunates leaving the focus of infection undisturbed? "Too radical," again retorts the apologist; "let's take a step at a time." Yes, and while this step is being taken the entire staircase is weakening.

These "tuberculosis" and kindred societies furnish an opportunity for the expenditure of a certain amount of otherwise latent energy to a crowd of disciples of dilettanteism who preen themselves, peacock-like, with the expectation of receiving the plaudits of the populace because they are "doing something for the good of humanity." This economy at the spigot and prodigality at the bunghole is pitable to those who realize that the only cure-all is one that will eradicate all the social evils. Those who are constantly talking about "constructiveness" and "practical remedies," should ask themselves the question, If it be an excellent plan to to build shacks for the derelicts of society is it not far more "constructive" that every human being should be surrounded by conditions and enjoy the comforts of a home in which disease will be reduced to a minimum?

To accomplish this means an upheaval of Society, as it is at present constituted, to be succeeded by a system which will relegate the need of tuberculosis sanatoriums, sweat shops, red light districts to the limbo of the used-to-be.

We do not, by any means, advocate that the various unfortunates should be left alone, knowing perfectly well that the fear of the propagation of these diseases is an incentive to the adoption of prophylactic measures, but to talk of eradicating without removing the source is decidedly unscientific, and about as futile as the labor of Sisyphus. Undoubtedly there are many whose labors are used in the various movements for the removal of evils who are often discouraged at the paucity of results obtained that, once thoroughly convinced of the ineffectiveness of their efforts to accomplish more, may, instead of floundering in the pool of pessimism, determine that the real cause be removed and employ their energies more profitably to that end. To these we would answer: What are the prime factors in the creation of disease? To which we answer without fear of contradiction, Ignorance and Poverty .This explanation being accepted, let us urge that they aid in dispelling ignorance in toto and not in part, and by so doing its twin evil, Poverty, with all that follows in its wake must disappear. The query may then naturally follow, How? By increasing wages? No! but by the total abolition of the wage system whereby those who operate the tools of production and distribution are slaves to the owners thereof—instead of individual ownership, Social ownership!

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURE OF ALBERTA

We have just received the 1909 report from Edmonton which is repolete with information of interest to those engaged in agricultural stock-breeding and poultrp raising pursuits.

Under the head of "Vital Statistics" the total number of births registered for the year is 6,897 and the proportion of males to females is 1,000 of the latter to 1,086 of the former.

The number of marriage registrations received was 2,384, and the mean marriage age, for males 28.94, and for females 24.22. The total death list 2,662, being 1,559 males and 1,103 females.

In the report of Dr. Barrow, medical inspector, it is stated that there has been much more typhoid fever in the province than there should have been even after making every allowance for the rapid increase of population. The sanitary condition of many of the towns and villages leaves much to be desired. The list of places visited is furnished, and it is significant that Canmore received the doctors attention on four different occasions, whereas other point was visited more than twice in connection with typhoid fever.

In the "Report of the Director of the Provincial Laboratory" under the head of "Rules for the Sick" for "Tuberculosis' we read the following: "It is in the power of man to cause all germ disease to disappear from the world.'—Pasteur.

"Consumption is the most common form of tuberculosis and is a germ disease. It is preventable. It is curable. Avoid patent medicines. Good food, rest, abundant fresh air night and day, and light are the best cures."

There is an old proverb, "First catch your hare, then cook it."

How to get good food when there are so many adulterations on the market is one of the difficulties that presents itself, particularly to those with slender purses. It is somewhat ironical advice to offer an individual who has a large family and small salary to take rest and he needs must defer this until the time comes to take the Long Rest. Abundant fresh air is procurable in Alberta if above ground, but many of those working in coal mines are not always able to comply with this suggestion.

When the people awaken to the fact that practically all the evils both physical and social are the off-spring of ignorance of the causation then they will be able to follow the advice given, but until they do they will merely deodorize rather than eradicate.

EXPLOSION KILLS FOURTEEN MEN

NORTON, Va.—An explosion in the mine of the Bond Coal Company at Greene, six miles east of here, caused the lives of 12 of the 14 men in the workings at the time, on Dec. 14. Only two escaped, one of whom died shortly after being taken out.

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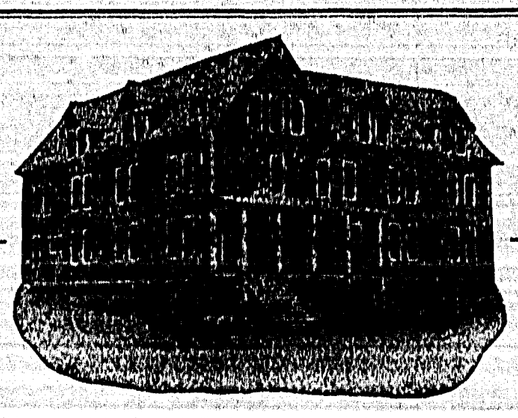

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The Bellevue Enquiry

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Q. Dr. Malcomson, you are a surgeon physician practising in Frank?
A. Yes.
Q. You were present at Bellevue the night of the mine disaster on the 9th of this month?
A. Yes.
Q. What time did you arrive, doctor?
A. I arrived at the pit mouth about 9 o'clock. I arrived with Dr. McKay.
Q. You are prepared to give evidence in the death of 31 men. The number being so many they are identified by the attached list. The names are as follows:
Fred Alderson. Do you know him?
A. No.
August Antok?
A. No.
Albert Belgum?
A. No.
Frank Belgum?
A. No.
J. Bonato?
A. Yes; I know him.
Q. Did you see him that night.
A. I saw him next day.
Q. Do you know him?
A. Yes.
J. Drewinski?
A. No.
S. Darcole?
A. No.
M. Gera?
A. No.
Peter Gera?
A. No.
Charles Letti?
A. No.
Gus Robo?
A. I only identified him by his wife bringing him in on Saturday afternoon.
F. Roberto?
A. No.
Andrew Saari?
A. No.
S. Semeta?
A. No.
B. Tripodi?
A. No.
Herman Teppo?
A. No.
T. Ullvinen?
A. No.
J. Ullvinen?
A. No
M. Quintella?
A. No
A. Quintella?
A. No
Hans Wellberg?
A. No.
Peter Paul?
A. Yes.
Q. You saw him; did you know him?
A. Yes.
Mike Korman?
A. No
N. Kunsimen?
A. No.
N. Sumok?
A. No.
M. Kondratishon?
A. No.
John Bornat?
A. No.
John Dosko?
A. No.
Q. You just knew the three men then?
A. Yes.
Q. Did you see any dead bodies when you got there that night?
A. Yes; one that night. There was one man that Doctor Mckay and I tried artificial respiration on for some time, because there seemed to be some signs of life when he arrived there. We worked on him for probably half-an-hour.
Q. You don't know his name?
A. No.
Q. Did you go into the mine yourself, doctor?
A. Yes; I went in with a Mr Roberts, the engineer of the West Canadian Collieries. I merely went in to find out any arrangements I could make outside for the care of the men as they came out. There was nothing we could do that night, so I came out.
Q. So you only saw the one body that night?
A. That is all. I saw a man who had a bad scalp injury that Doctors Ross and McKay were sewing up.
Q. You saw him?
A. Yes; he was alive; he recovered.
Q. He is not one of these men then?
A. No.
Q. But you saw the bodies the next day, doctor?
A. Yes.
Q. How many bodies did you see?
A. I went over 27 in the wash-house, and saw three about 11 o'clock that were brought out later. They were robed in brattice cloth.
Q. You went over them with their clothes off; you saw their bodies?
A. Yes; with their clothes off.
Q. What was the medical cause of death?
A. In my opinion the 27, with the exception of one, possibly, who had his face and scalp smashed in died from the effects of carbon monoxide poisoning.
Q. Do you know whether I am right in saying that is a gas following an explosion?
A. I only know by reading of it.
Q. You dont know. Anyway, it is called afterdamp?
A. Yes.
Q. You say, doctor, that one man had his face crushed, or his skull crushed?
A. The skull crushed.
Q. What kind of a wound was that?
A. It was a wound that may have been caused by a large lump of coal or rock that had fallen on him.
Q. From above?
A. Well, had been projected on him; it was on the upper part of the face.
Q. Was it a bruise from above, or straight in the face?
A. I would not like to draw any conclusion. He had been examined more exhaustively by Doctor McKay.
Q. These other men, doctor, that you saw dead on that occasion, you tell us you knew Bonato; you saw him the next morning, didn't you?
A. I saw him the following afternoon, Saturday.
Q. You saw him stripped?
A. Yes.
Q. He died of asphyxiation?
A. Yes.
Q. Any signs of wounds on him?
A. No.
Q. Nor burns?
A. No.
Q. Was there any burning on any of them?
A. None that I saw. There were several small abrasions, but nothing to speak of.
Q. No burning or singeing?
A. No.
Q. That is of the 27 you saw stripped?
A. Yes
Q. On the other three bodies there was no sign of wounds except the small abrasions?
A. Yes.
Q. Of the other three. Did you make an examination of them?
A. No, I didnt wait. I had been there three hours, and they had been telephoning from Frank for me to come back, and so I could not stay.
Q. They were covered with brattice cloth?
A. Yes; they were lying in the bottom of a mine car, and I could not examine them.
Q. So there is no question that of the 27 men you did examine they died of asphyxiation with the possible exception of the man whose skull was crushed in?
A. There is no doubt. The appearance was so decided that you would never forget it. Death from carbon monoxide is something you never forget. I examined them carefully at different times and under electric light, and they gave me the impression of waxwork figures. It was more intense than a life-like picture. The small abrasions instead of being dull were much more normal, and the color was much more perfect than in actual life. Of course the coloring is due to a mixture of the carbon monoxide with the blood, which gives it what is generally described as a "cherry red color." It remains for a long time.
Q. Then on that peculiarly vivid description of the skin, marks would show very plainly if there were any?
A. Yes.
Q. The man whose head was crushed. Did the rest of his body give indications of the carbon monoxide?
A. Yes.
Q. So that he would really have died in any case from that?
A. Well, I would think so. They all had a similar appearance, and even the blood that was oozing from them was all of a very bright color.
In reply to further questions by Mr. Campbell, Dr. Malcomson stated that in his opinion the man with the crushed skull had been overcome previous to receiving the blow on the head, basing his assumption on the fact that the body showed undisputable evidence of carbon monoxide poisoning. Such a blow on the head would have rendered him unconscious, and in such a condition it would have been impossible for him to have inhaled the gas through his lungs, so that he must have been overcome by the effects of the gas before he was struck on the head. The appearance of the body, he explained, was similar to the others who had died through asphyxiation by carbon monoxide, and the blood would have to be in circulation to bring about such a result.
Mr. Campbell: You understand this inquest, as you have heard, is on 31 men, and you have told us you examined 27, and examined three the next day. There is one man you did not see; do you know who that was?
A. No.
Q. Did you see these men who were working with the helmets, the Draeger helmets. Did you see any of them?
A. No.
Q. You did not see any of them?
A. No.
Q. (By Mr. Biggar). With regard to the man whose head was wounded, can you give us any detailed description of the wound?
A. No; I could not give it to you thoroughly.
Mr. Campbell: Doctor Ross and Doctor McKay examined him you say?
A. Yes; I only saw him afterwards. Some of the doctors were down at the wash-house, and some at the lamp house. I was near the pit mouth at the time, and consequently I did not examine this man thoroughly.
Q. I would like to ask you, do you think had there been a supply of oxygen kept as a precaution, could anything have been done to help these men by having such a thing on hand?
A. Well, I cannot answer that question thoroughly, because there is no doubt oxygen would be a great help in reviving a man who is overcome with gas, but it must depend on the time, how long he had been exposed and the volume of gas he had inhaled.
Q. You understand, doctor, I am asking a theoretical question, which is for our assistance. Would, in the event of an explosion a supply of oxygen kept as a precaution be a good thing to have?
A. Undoubtedly so, I think.
Q. And is that a practical thing to get and keep?
A. Yes; it can be got and kept.
Cross-examined by Mr. Mackie
Q. Doctor, you state that in your opinion the bodies that you examined were those of parties who must have met their death by suffocation through carbon monoxide. Is it not a fact that the appearance of one who has died through suffocation either by carbon monoxide or carbon dioxide is about the same thing?
A. I don't think that they would be.
Q. Well, in your opinion, do they not present the same appearance?
A. No.
Q. They don't? Then what is the appearance of a person who has succumbed to carbon dioxide?
A. Well, the appearance—of course I cannot say from absolute knowledge, I can only go from my general knowledge on the subject. With carbon monoxide the death is caused (if the body of gas is large enough to overcome a man) so quickly that practically it is without a struggle. With carbon dioxide a man does not die so much from poisoning but really from want of air, and he struggles more for the want of air.
Q. Then how long would it take for a person to succumb by breathing in carbon monoxide. What would be the length of time. Of course that would vary according to the density, and I expect you will answer me in that respect, but generally speaking, where there is enough carbon monoxide to cause death, how long would you suppose the time required to produce death?
A. To produce death?
Q. Yes.
A. I don't know that I can answer that question exactly, because a man even though he be to all intent and purposes dead, might be resuscitated after the gas is in the blood. If the volume is large enough a man will be overcome very rapidly, without having any symptoms whatever. If the volume is small, say 5 to 10 per cent, the man may have slight symptoms, and get some symptoms such as weakness in the legs.
Q. Twenty-six of these men at least, in my mind, came to their death as you stated, and the density must have been particularly large. Can you, from these facts tell us approximately what length of time it took to kill these men by breathing in the carbon monoxide?
A. No; I cannot answer the question.
Q. Could you approximately make a statement of the time required. You say in carbon monoxide they would very readily drop off; can you establish the time?
A. No.
Q. What would be the symptoms of a person about to succumb to carbon monoxide; his behavior—his conduct?
A. About to succumb?
Q. Yes. that is, one who is inhaling, and the gas is about to get the better of him. What would be the symptoms affecting the man?
A. Weakness of the legs; probably headache; and he would simply fall over.
Q. Would it have the effect of producing drunkenness on him?
A. If there was a small volume it would, I fancy.
Q. A small volume?
A. Yes.
Q. Would carbon dioxide have the same effect?
A. Well, the symptoms, I think, would be similar, because it is suffocation practically in both for a certain length of time.
Q. I am informed that in carbon dioxide there would be a decided drunkenness, whereas in monoxide there would not. Am I properly or improperly informed?
A. I can only say what I have already, that is, the only difference is regarding the volume the man is exposed to. If the volume is small, I say the symptoms might be similar to each other to some extent.
Q. How do you ascertain if death is there or not?
A. By the heart beat, and by artificial respiration.
Q. You can always get the pulse?
A. Not necessarily, but you might get the heart beats, and a man might possibly be resuscitated after that.
Q. How long would it take you, as a medical practitioner, to come to the conclusion that life is absolutely extinct, and that the man is not in a state of insensibility?
A. Well, I dont know how long. If I had an idea—if the body was warm, if there was a slight sign of heart beat, I would work on the man for a considerable time, just as one would on a man who is drowned.
Q. What means do you take to ascertain the beating of the heart?
A. The stethoscope.
Q. How long would that take?
A. Only a fraction of a minute.
Q. Were you in the mine?
A. Not up to the point of the explosion. I was part way in.
Q. Then you did not render assistance as a medical practitioner inside the mine?
A. No.
Q. Assuming that the explosion took place, or there was an explosion taking place in this mine, say at 7.30 or 7 o'clock in the evening—assuming that the 11 men were taken alive out of that mine say about 12 o'clock, by means of the Draeger helmets, or by oxygen administered in one form or another, would it, in your opinion as a medical practitioner, have been possible to save more men, or all the men, if the mine had been equipped with a proper ambulance corps and with a proper sufficiency of stored up oxygen, and with the means of rendering first aid?
A. Well, I cannot answer that as regarding those men. I could not in all fairness answer that question by yes or no.
Q. Well, you see, you would not fix the time for me in any shape or form, as to the duration of life under poisoning by carbon monoxide, so I have to assume certain facts to lead you to assume certain conclusions. Now, assuming that this took place through carbon monoxide, at a certain hour, and a certain number of men do not succumb to it. They are taking it in the mine under the full density or pressure for a number of hours, they are taken out alive by means of oxygen, as I am informed, and the use of those helmets. Then, I say, if there had been a proper ambulance corps ready with all the appliances necessary in such cases, would it have been possible, in your opinion, to have saved more lives?
A. In answer to your question, of course, I don't know how many men were brought out by the aid of the Draeger apparatus. Many of them were brought out, I think, the night before, before the Draeger apparatus had been brought down to the mine at all. The only answer is that I have not a scientific knowledge in the subject of gases. Carbon monoxide is a gas that suffocates people from feeders from the coal, but to give a scientific opinion I am not qualified. Undoubtedly, in my mind, the Draeger apparatus must be of great service; there can be no doubt at all about that. With regard to whether or not it would have saved more lives, I cannot say.
Q. I am only assuming that these 11 men were taken out by the use of the Draeger apparatus, or the administration of oxygen. This is the only way, I understand, that they were able to be resuscitated to the point of being taken out. This was, say, 5 hours after they had been subjected to the gas. Then, if the mine had been properly equipped with ambulance stretchers in large numbers, or proper corps fitted for that purpose carrying tanks of oxygen, would it, in your opinion have been the means of saving more lives?
A. I think if they could have been got out undoubtedly it would.
Q. No doubt about that?
A. No; if they could have been got out in time.
Q. Is it not a fact, doctor, that the only sure test between carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide is a blood test?
A. It is the only one I know, except, of course, getting the gas free in the mine by an expert.
Q. How did you come to the conclusion, absolutely, that these people had died from suffocation through carbon monoxide?
A. Only from appearance.
Q. There is a possibility that you could be mistaken in that?
A. Well, I have seen a great many people dead, of course, and I have never seen an appearance of this kind before, in fact, the appearance was so life-like that in one case I used my stethoscope to see that he was really dead, and the man was absolutely in a state of rigor mortis at the time. It is something I will never forget. I never saw anything like it before.
Q. What is the composition of carbon monoxide?
A. I cannot tell you that. I only know that it is a gas as a result of an explosion, that is all.
Q. What would be the chemical formula of the gases which would produce this carbon monoxide?
A. Which would produce it? Well, I cannot say, as a medical man. These things are what belong more to the scientific side. What produces it? I cannot tell you.
Q. You will no doubt see why I am asking you the question?
A. I can only give you the chemical formula, of course. One atom of carbon and one atom of oxygen.
Q. The gas, I understand, doctor, which exudes from the coal, is called marsh gas, which is expressed chemically C.H.4.?
A. Yes.
Q. Would it require this gas, this C.H.4., to produce the carbon monoxide?
A. I believe it is the result of the explosion of the C.H.4. that this carbon monoxide is produced.
Q. Then there can be no possibility of carbon monoxide existing in a coal mine without the exudation of a large volume of coal gas in some form or another mingling with the air in the ventilation of the mine?
A. So far as I have read, I believe that carbon monoxide is not as a general rule, supposed to be free in a mine. It is only after an explosion.
Q. Am I to understand by your evidence that it could not be produced except by the means of an explosion?
A. I cannot say that positively. I am not posted well enough to know that. All that I can say is that so far as I have read in medical literature, it is not generally found free, but that it is the after result of the explosion of free gases.
Q. Could this gas be produced by an explosion caused by ignition, or by any other method. This carbon monoxide, you say, is the result of an explosion; is that explosion the result of ignition? Would there be fire in order to necessitate the presence of carbon monoxide? Is that correct?
A. Yes.
Q. You are positive about that?
A. Well, I don't know any other way the explosion might occur except by ignition of some kind.
Q. Of course, we have been assuming an explosion all the time?
A. Well, there must, in my mind, be ignition to cause the explosion.
Q. Well, that is the point I have been trying to get at one way or another. Could you get that by heat as well as by ignition?
A. By heat?

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Signori!—Prego se di piacere vorra concedere un posto nelle colonne del pregmo. dilei giornale la seguente rettifica riguardo alla nota "Veritas." Gl'Italiani della colonia di Bellevue, Alberta, eternamente riconoscenti ringraziano l'eccellenza A. G. Perrera, Italian Consul, Vancouver, B.C., giunto costa accompagnato dal'egregio suo segretario particolare il 14-12 scor. fermandosi costa circa due giorni informandosi minutamente su ogni particolare. Visito le disgraziate famiglie colpite nel' affetto dei piu cari del'immane disastro, ebbe per miseri calde é sincere parole di conforto, offerendo l'inmediato soccorso la dove lo richiedesse. Parti il 16-12 da Bellevue lasciando nel curoe di tutte gl'Italiani costa residenti la piu tenera é sincera gratitudine é reconoscenza verso l'illustre uomo, che seppe colla sua generosa affabilita ha rialzare nel morale i cuori del superstiti purtroppo; scossi. dal immane disastro.

I piu rispettosi saluti, Devomo.

A. C.

Bellevue, Alta.

Z OBORU PRACE.

Vraždenie robotnikov vo vel'kom.

Neni toho týždna, aby sa neprihodilo nejaké nešťastie, ktoré by si nevyžiadalo vačši počet robotnických životov. V celej Europe, ktora je na počet obyvatel'stva tri razy vačšia než Spojené Staty Severoamerické, neuda sa ze celý rok tol'ko vražedných pripadov, kol'ko sa ich uda v Spoj. Statoch za jeden mesiac. Pravi sa, že kapital je všade stejný. Neni to pravda, ponevač americký kapitalism je jeden z najpažravitejších. Nikde si nevyžiadal kapitalism tol'ko l'udskej krve, kol'ko sijej vyžiadal doposaial' americký kapitalism. A kol'ko si jej ešte vyžiada!

Najviac robotnických životov vyžiaduje si americké banictvo. Na tomto poli je prelievana kry robotnicka každý den. Neni toho dna, aby v niektorej bani nebolo zabito niekol'ko banikov. O tom sa verejnost' ani nedozvie—časopisy pišu len o takom vraždeni, kde najmenej desat' robotnikov utratilo svoje životy.

Nedavno tomu, čo sa udal výbuch v uhl'odole v Starkville, ktorý je majetkom Colorado Fuel and Iron Co. V uhl'odole tomto bolo zabito asi 70 banikov.—Vyšetrovanim bolo zisteno, že za nešťastie je zodpovedna sprava dolu, ponevač uhl'odol nebol dostatočne polievaný. Koronerova porota svalila celu vinu na spoločnost', lež tej sa nestane ani toho nejmenšieho, ponevač ona je v Colorade neobmedzeným vladcom. Cela vina sa svali na niektorého mrtvého banika a dost' mažna, že spolocnost na miesto, aby dala vdovam a sirotam nejaku nahradu, tieto na nahradu ešte zažaluje. Svoju žalobu proti vdovám a sirotam oddovodni spoločnost tým, že vinnou mrtvých banikov prišla spoločnost' ku hmotnej škode. Od takých pažravcov možno očakavat' všetko, a sudcovia? Neni toho sudcu,ktorý by im nedal za pravdu.

Hned' po tomto výbuchu nasledoval výbuch plynov v Delague, Colo. v uhl'odolu, ktorého majitel'om je organisovanej praci nepriatel'ska firma Victor American Fuel Com., kde nechalo svoje životy 80 banikov. Iné vraždenie banikov udalo sa v Hillsboro, Ill., v uhl'odolu spoločnosti Shoal Creek, kde boli zabiti štyria banici a šest' ich bolo smrtelne poraneno. Potom nasledoval výbuch plynov v uhl'odolu Lawson v Black Diamond, ned'aleko Seattle, Wash., kde bolo obetovano 12 banikov. V asfaltovej bani Jambo, ned'aleko Durant, Okla. bolo zabito štrnast' banikov a tu by bol býval počet zabitých o mnoho vačši, len že šťastnou nahodou nebolo v dole vica robotnikov.

Varžedný kapital ničí životy robotnikov nie len v uhl'odoloch, ničí ich v železiarnach, oceliarnach, na drahach v tovarnach a vobec všade. Robotnik neni si svojim životom istý nikde. Tak na priklad v Newarku N. J. vypuknul ohen tamojšej tovarne na výrobu spodného ženského šatstva a za obet' tomuto ohnu padlo vyše 60 žien a raz tol'ko ich je doživotnými mrzakmi. A myslite že za toto vraždenie je niekto zodpovedným? Ani pomyšlenia. V každom z tu spomenutých pripadov vraždenia robotnikov je dokazané, že zamestnavatelia boli na pričine nešťastiu, jako na priklad spomenuta tovarna na výrobu spodného pradla v Newarku, kde bolo zamesthano asi 250 robitničiek, mala len jedny schody a tie boly shnité, ale tu neni moci, tu neni zakona, ktorý by v takýchto pripadoch zakročil a pre robotnikov spravodlivost' vynutil. Je to cynické prirovnanie ked' povieme, že všetko maso zdražilo, len l'udské maso zlacnelo, ale je to pravda. Za zabitie psa sa musi dnes viac zaplatit' než za zabitie robotnika.

Najnovšie vraždenie banikov udalo sa v nedel'u dna 11, dec. vo "Western Canada Collieries" v uhl'odolu Bellevue, kde dl'a prvých zprav zničeno bolo asi 30 banickych životov, medzi nimi istotne značný počet Slovakov, bo tam je našich rodakov hodne usadeno. I tu zapričinily výbuch plyny. Kol'ko to zase vdov a sirot a kto sa o ne postara? Nikto! Kto bude niest' vinu za ztratu tol'kých životov? Zaše Nikdo!

Lež na čo pokračovat'? Kapital vraždil a vraždit' bude, ponevac vidi ze ti ktorých vraždi, mu za to este d'akuju a stavaju sa proti tým, ktori na toto vraždenie poukazuju. Prečo by nevraždili, ked' armada knazov vraždeniu tomuto žehna a smrtelným hriechom vyhraža tým robotnikom. ktori by sa opovažili tieto riadky čitat'. Je tu odpomoc? Je, ale my ju ešte ani len nevidime. Ale prist', pride!—Rovnost l'udu.

Bellevue Enquiry

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Q. Yes; by heat pure and simple, could the carbon monoxide be produced by both methods?

A. I could not give a positive answer to that question. I am honestly not well enough up in mine gases or chemistry to answer it; whether great heat would explode it or not. I suppose I ought to know, but the fact is I do not.

Q. All we want to know is whether there was actual ignition, or heating, in the mine, to produce this accident; or whether it was through a slide in the mine, by sparks in the mine resulting from rocks coming together; or something about it. So that is the best evidence you can give in connection with the production of carbon monoxide. You are not altogether sure whether it is through heat or ignition, or both?

A. No; I am not sure.

Q. I believe you stated with regard to the man whose head was crushed that you came to the conclusion that the accident, or rather the crushing, was subsequent to the asphyxiation?

A. Of course, it would be difficult to be absolutely positive . . . .

Q. Was the body as high a color as the rest of the bodies?

A. Yes; practically similar. Of course, on the face one goes more by the color of the lips and the cheeks than from the rest of the body.

Q. There is no possibility of that color being there through absorption?

A. Not if he was dead.

Q. So that it is likely that this man also met his death by asphyxiation from this gas, and that as he lay dead he met with some further mishap?

A. I have no positive conclusion.

Q. It is open?

A. Yes.

Re-exxamination by Mr. Campbell.

Q. There are two gases, you say, can be in a mine, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide?

A. Yes.

Q. Carbon monoxide is what they call fire damp?

A. I don't know; after damp is the only name I know it by.

Q. And that is the gas you say that causes this intense coloring?

A. Yes.

Q. You also said to Mr Mackie that it is caused by explosion?

A. By the result of the explosion, yes.

Q. Mr Mackie very properly asked you whether it might be caused by heating. I will put it a little different. I suppose before you became a doctor, as a boy you made fire by friction. Friction would cause enough sparks to fire, and that fire would be sufficient to cause an explosion?

A. Yes.

Q. And if the rock is of a flinty nature, would they in tumbling cause sparks that might cause ignition?

A. They certainly would if the rocks were large enough to cause sufficient force.

Q. A body of flinty rock, weighing some 40,000 tons, coming down and smashing up, bumping against itself, would it cause sparks?

A. I should think it would cause sparks enough to ignite the gas.

Q. Enough to run the electric light, do you think? Now, doctor, in regard to gas being there, you said the Ontario doctors know about this carbon monoxide because it is the same poison that arises from explosions in our stoves at home.

A. Well, you see, it in open fire places; you see it in gas for lighting purposes. It is a dangerous gas, of course. You read of it in all connections in the East.

Q. Do you know enough about gas to know that a gas might be hidden behind a bed of suspended rock, in a pocket formed behind that rock, unapproachable; and in that rock falling would that bring the gas with it, even though the gas was lighter than air; would the suddenly falling rock carry the gas down with it?

A. I should think it would, but I am not posted on mine matters to the extent of giving evidence that would be clear. I am willing to give anything I have.

Q. There is just one other point; you say the difference between dioxide and monoxide poisoning is that dioxide is the cutting off of oxygen simply, that a man chokes to death, and in that case his face would exhibit some signs of the struggle?

A. It would show signs of the struggle the same as a drowning man.

Q. Whereas in monoxide, it is like the laughing gas of the dentist?

A. Well, I dont know.

Q. But so far as the appearance of the face is concerned?

A. Yes. I think so.

Q. He would not have the struggle?

A. No.

Q. Now in mines, I suppose, no one gets either of these gases absolutely pure; there must be a combination; there may be several as a result of the explosion?

A. Certainly; they are all the results of the loosening of the gas from the coal.

Q. One important matter Mr. Mackie mentions is about this rescue business. Do you think as a doctor that had such an outfit that could have gone right in and taken the men out, do you think from the condition of the mine . . . . They were all brought out that night were they not?

A. No; the next day.

Q. Were any brought out that night?

A. I only saw two.

Q. Any dead?

A. One; the one I spoke of, on which we tried artificial respiration. Whether there were some brought out before I don't know.

Q. One will be sufficient for our investigation now. One was brought out dead; what time did you say that man died.

A. About half-past nine.

Q. And he is the man who had crushed his head?

A. No.

Q. So that he was dead of asphyxiation at half-past nine?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You would not be expert enough to say, would you, doctor, in a large mine extending the depth this one evidently does, whether the effect of this explosion would be more dense in one place or one place more dangerous than another?

A. Well, of course, I would have to know the mine and the position of the places.

Q. The probabilities are that one place might be more dangerous or more than another?

A. There is no doubt about that.

Q. So that the men in one crosssection might die, and other men three or four hundred yards away might be all right, and might be brought out later?

A. Yes; of course. I have only experienced one accident, in the Frank Mine where three men were caught. One was so badly injured that he could not get out; the other two tried to get out and died; the other man was brought out and recovered. There are a great many factors that must be taken into consideration.

Mr. Mackie: Twenty bodies were found with their mouth over the compressed air pipe, or jet, apparently in the attempt of getting the oxygen. Taking that into consideration, had there been a properly equipped ambulance, with the necessary ingredients to meet such cases, such as compressed oxygen, is there not a possibility, (assuming the fact that they were found in that position as though trying to get assistance) that these men could have received the assistance that the other men got?

A. Yes; that is if they could have been reached.

Mr. Burnett: I understand the latter part of this evidence is appertaining to the cause of the explosion?

The Coroner: I suppose it is.

Mr. Burnett: I understand our enquiries are in the cause of death, is that right?

The Coroner: There is a lot of this [illegible] If the explosion is the cause of death, then it is the duty of the court to investigate what led to the explosion. We want a thorough investigation into the whole thing.

Mr. Burnett: The jury's duties, I understand, are to enquire into the cause of death?

The Coroner. Well, it goes further than that; it also includes when and where, and by what means.

Mr. Burnett: By what means the mine exploded?

The Coroner: No; by what means the men came to their death. We want to find out as to whether there has been any cause for the explosion, whether it is an after effect, or whether the mine has been worked in a proper way so far as its bearing on the case is concerned.

Mr. Burnett: It is to inquire into the cause of death, so I understand.

The Coroner: No; how, when and where, and by what means. That is your duty.

Mr. Burnett: And not how the mine exploded?

The Coroner: No; not how the mine exploded.

Mr. Burnett: I think this evidence has been brought forward to prove how the mine exploded. I dont think that is a thing this jury should be called upon to consider. I think myself there have been questions put to the doctor here just as if he was a fully qualified mining engineer as well as a physician.

The Coroner: At the same time we wish to have a thorough investigation, and it is better not to curtail it in any way.

Mr. Burnett: I think the cause of the explosion is something that this jury should not be called upon to listen to. We are to look into the cause of death, and the doctor has given us that.

The Coroner: Yes; but it goes further than that, Mr. Burnett.

Examination of Dr. Malcomson resumed.

Dr. Malcomson: With regard to the Draeger apparatus, the question has been put to me about this apparatus, personally I have no knowledge of it, but I came in contact with two men who had experimented with it, who were in my house. They had used it, and had a thorough knowledge of the matter. They made the statement, very emphatically, that unless men were absolutely and thoroughly trained and drilled and equipped, it was practically useless. They had to have a proper training to be of any service whatever. I make the statement from men who knew it.

This concluded the examination of Doctor Malcomson.

(To be continued next week)

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Letters To The Editor

Editor, "District Ledger.'

Dear Sir—I would ask your kind permission for the publication of a short report dealing specially with the rescue party from Hosmer and Michel at Bellevue. In addition to those who were conveyed by special from Fernie, a number of others followed on the Flyer.

Upon arrival at destination I was one of the party who entered the mine between 3 and 4 a.m., accompanied by Mr. Bridge, one of the Company officials. At a point known as 84 chute we were met by Supt. J. Powell, who told us that Strachan and Alderson of Hosmer had already been in with the Draeger apparatus on, and had found eight men alive and taken out two from the bottom of 124 chute, where the remaining six were being kept alive by means of an open valve from a high pressure air line. They returned, taking with them a half hour apparatus (which unfortunately was lost on the way, with which to bring out another man. An accident happened to Alderson's apparatus that put it out of commission. They managed to reach the men at the charging station. Strachan then returned for help, leaving Alderson with the entombed miners. This was when we met Strachen first, and as he stated that there was no more oxygen and potash, more was needed, which was obtained from the outside.

Andrew Matusky put on the helmet and went inside, carrying with him one of the half-hour apparatuses, for the purpose of bringing one of the miners out with him, but on arrival at the charging station, he found that all the men with the exception of Alderson had collapsed, and were unable to walk. After conferring with Alderson, Matusky returned for help. On arrival at 8 chute, he explained the situation to the remainder of the party, who after waiting about half-an-hour for the oxygen coming from the surface, grew impatient, and began discussing other means of rescuing the imprisoned men. It was at this point that Spurston suggested that they advance, ten feet apart, to the danger line, or as near as they could get to the men, when by means of a rope, which Powell sent for, one man could advance and pull out the men, one at a time, to the fresh air.

The party, which included Strachan, Powell, Carter, Matuskey, Mather, the doctor and a few others from Bellevue, agreed to this suggestion, and with Spurston in the lead, testing for firedamp, proceeded to the charging station. They had covered 1,000 feet before Spurston found any indication of firedamp, and that was only a 1-4 cap, which gradually increased to about 1-2 inch, although about 200 tests were made. On reaching 124 chute, where Fred Alderson and the seven men were lying one on top of the other in a heap, they started to drag them out. When they had got four of the men out, most all the party were shouting that they were all in, and were beating a retreat, dragging one another as far out of danger as was possible., Spruston, before retreating managed to get the remaining four off the top of each other, and laid them in such a position that the air from the valve would blow directly upon them. Matuskey, Carter, Mather and Stubbs managed to get to the fresh air, and after recovering, made their way to the surface for help. On the way out they informed those by whom they were met that the rescue party were overcome with whitedamp. I, as one of the party, ran all the way in, and found them laying in heaps on the side. The men were dragged to the nearest charging station, and there Spruston was found and also dragged out. At this point two men whom I do not know helped to carry out three more. In the meantime, E. Evans had found Strachan, who was unconscious, and the four of us took him to the charging station and worked on him and three others for three-quarters of an hour. If more men had been available at this moment, I am sure that we could have saved Alderson, but we could not leave these men who were so near death.

On the arrival at the surface of the four members of the party who had escaped, the whistle was blown, and in a few minutes between twenty and thirty men were at the mine ready to go in. They arrived inside just as we were getting Strachan and the other three round, but were too late to save Alderson. Had it not been for Mather, Carter, Matuskey and some others of the party, who pulled Strachan out, until they nearly collapsed, I am doubtful if we should have saved him.

On arrival at the surface we washed and went to the Bellevue Hotel for something to eat, but were told that it was not dinner hour, so our wants could not be ministered to. We explained our condition, and stated that coffee and sandwiches would do; but we were still refused, although men from nearby points were being served in the dining room, men who had only arrived that morning. However, we were fortunate enough to get coffee and sandwiches at the other hotel.

In conclusion, I may say that, in my opinion the rescue party, knowing the danger that the eight imprisoned men ran, were, under the circumstances (not having any oxygen, and realizing that minutes were precious) quite justified in taking the course they did. The seven lives that were saved were, I think, worth the risk.

In explanation of the presence of whitedamp, when so many tests were made on the way, I attribute it to a chve in in the workings beyond chute 124, causing a displacement of the whitedamp to expand and thereby overpowering the men and the fire boss, Alderson, between the time Strachan came out and the rescue party going in, as it was found that the white damp had backed out from 124 chute to 84 chute in a very short time.

Thanking you for the space in your valuable paper, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

A RESCUER.

Coleman, Alta.
Dec. 15, 1910.

To the Editor, District Ledger.

Dear Sir,—With your kind permission I would ask for a little space in your valuable paper to express my opinion on a subject that should be made known generally. In the Calgary Daily Herald of December 12th, one of the rescuers tells his story, and says that after working as one of the rescue party all night that when he went up to the hotel for food it was refused because it was after the regular meal hours. It is a crying shame that after men had worked as the members of the rescue party had to be denied food.

I wonder if these men had asked for a bottle of whiskey whether they would have been turned down. Then there might have been a difference, because there is more PROFIT in a bottle of booze than there is in selling a meal to a hungry man.

Yours truly,

SYMPATHISER.

COAL CREEK BY 174.

The lucky winners of the turkeys in the Xmas tournaments are as follows: Pool—1st, Wm. McFegan; 2nd, Jack McPherson. Whist—seven up: 1st, Ike Cartnell; 2nd, Jack Tyson Cribbage: 1st, Thos. Wilson; 2nd George Crabbe; Dominoes: 1st, Jno Drew; 2nd, Ned Harrison; Checkers: 1st, Ralph Milne; 2nd, Frank Landers.

No. 9 Mine opened up again last Saturday, but work could only be found for 7 pair of diggers, the other thirteen pair having to hustle for work in the other mines.

At the election held up here on Saturday the 10th for the miners' representative on the Board of Examiners, J. W. Gray received 40 votes; Thos. Uphill 35 votes; majority 5.

The annual meet of the C.C. L. and A.A. was held in the Club Hall on Sunday the 18th, with W. H. Evans in the chair. There was a fairly good attendance. The business of the meeting was to hear the financial statement and elect officers for the next year. Application had been made to the C.N.P Coal Company for sanction to have roller skating in the club hall, also to have moving picture shows. The secretary of the Coal Company replied that the insurance company would not stand for moving picture shows, but that they might have the roller skating or say two nights a week. The Board of Management have now ordered the skates necessary and they should be here early in January, when there will be sure to be some work for the doctor. Officers elected: President, John Shanks; Vice-President, George O'Brien; Secretary, Wm. McFegan; Assistant Secretary, Jno. Combe; Treasurer, Robt. Johnstone; Auditors, Jno. Caufield, Geo. Finlayson; Board of Management, James McPherson, J. T. Puckey, Joe Harmer, T. Ratcliffe, Steve Hall, Thos. Beattie, Wm. Puckey, Jos. Hewitt.

The election for checkweigh men took place up here on Wednesday and the following is the list of ballots cast: Harry Martin, 268 (elected); John Kent, 110; W. H. Evans, 432 (elected); Edward English, 153; J. E. Smith, 272 (elected); Dave Paton, 345 (elected); Thos. Uphill, 253; Thos Addison, 95; H. Snow, 96.

A driver named Wm. Whitehouse got severely crushed between a car and the coal on Wednesday morning and was removed to Fernie by special train.

A young man named Ernest Watson got his ankle severely crushed in No. 3 Mine on Thursday morning. He was acting as a rope rider or the day and was in the act of changing the switches when the pin pulled out of the draw bar and the car ran back upon him.

A grand smoker will be held in the Club Hall on Xmas Eve, for club members only, commencing at 7.30.

All the kiddies and kidlets under the age of 14 years are requested to attend the Club Hall on Monday the 26th of December, when they will receive their presents from the Xmas tree. It is expected that Santa Claus will be able to commence about 7 p.m. sharp.

The two Fisher lads pulled out last week, their destination being Roundup, Montana.

Percy Hesketh, of Bellevue, is visiting his brother up here this week, everything being closed down at present at Bellevue.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of Willie Worthington, the beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Worthington, which took place last Monday at the house of his parents after an illness of two weeks. The interment took place at Fernie Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, being attended by a large number of friends and relations. The sympathy of the whole camp is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Worthington in their sad bereavement.

COLEMAN NOTES BY 22

At a largely attended meeting of the League Committee o the Hockey Team a letter of thanks was sent to Mr. T. Frazer, of Blairmore, for his presentation of the cup. The following are the fixtures for the season, the matches to be played on the grounds of the teams first mentioned:

Jan. 2.—Michel v. Hosmer.
Jan. 2.—Coleman v. Frank.
Jan. 7.—Blairmore v. Michel
Jan. 9.—Frank v. Blairmore.
Jan. 11.—Hosmer v. Coleman.
Jan. 14.—Frank v. Hosmer.
Jan. 14.—Michel v. Blairmore.
Jan 18.—Coleman v. Michel.
Jan. 18.—Blairmore v. Frank.
Jan. 21.—Hosmer v. Frank.
Jan. 21.—Blairmore v. Coleman.
Jan. 25.—Hosmer v. Blairmore.
Jan. 25.—Frank v. Coleman
Jan 28.—Coleman v. Hosmer.
Jan. 28.—Michel v. Frank.
Feb. 1.—Hosmer v. Michel.
Feb. 1.—Coleman v. Blairmore.
Feb. 4.—Michel v. Coleman.
Feb. 4.—Blairmore v. Hosmer.
Feb. 8.—Frank v. Michel.

There will be an opening match on the 26th December at Coleman, the opposing teams being Coleman and Blairmore.

The members of the Orange Lodge will meet in the Club Room at 7.30 for the purpose of reinstating the lodge.

S. Shone welcomed his brother from England during the week. T. Steel also had the opportunity of a re-union with his brother William from the coast. William looks fine and we wish him much enjoyment.

We regret to have to announce the death of the child of William Bradford, which succumbed to an attack of fever. The parents have our deepest sympathy

William Hayshon is the proud possessor of a fine boy. William is a Welshman, true, but he can scarcely claim this nationality for this latest addition.

HOSMER NOTES.

Voting for District Officers in Hosmer resulted as follows: For President Harrington, 161; Powell, 164; for Vice-President, Tupper 261, Stubbs, 40, Evans 473. Board Members, Kriwosky 139, Smith 104; McLean 103.

Hosmer Local Union placed a beautiful wreath on the casket of the late Fred Alderson who so unselfishly gave up his life at Bellevue

In addition to the fund that has been opened for the purpose of relief for the dependents of the brothers killed in the Bellevue Mine disaster, a special call for the benefit of F. Alderson's widow and four children has been made. The district will give whatever support possible to this worthy object as there never was a more deserving case.

Hosmer's children are reaping the benefit of numerous Christmas trees this week. All the religious bodies of the town and the K.P.'s are taking this method of distributing presents via Santa Claus.

We are having a sample of slack time a in Coal Creek and Michel: four shifts per week being our average now.

A great gathering of the clans is to take place the evening of January 2nd here A local Scotch society of sons of guns or something of the kind being billed to give a Scotch ball and supper and they expect to have a full house The bagpipes are to be there, also a full supply of booze.

The Board of Management of the C.C.L. and A.A. desire to thank the artistes of Fernie who assisted in making the concert held on the 13th the success it was. A very substantial sum was realized towards the children's Xmas treat, and of which a balance sheet will be issued after accounts have been settled.

CORBIN NOTES

Albert Allen and W. Warren left here for Michel on Saturday.

Mal Allen arrived back after a six weeks' trip to New York and other Eastern cities. We are all pleased to see Mal again handling the cash.

The Corbin Baronet has been spending a few days in Michel this week and returned as usual with a good report.

James Wades left here on the Speeder for Fernie Monday evening on business. (Was it White's gasoline speeder?)

Tracy Ryan boarded the train here for Spokane on Saturday morning. Tracy never said "Good-bye."

E. J. Roberts, jr., left for Spokane this week on a business trip.

Our doughty Nimrod, Tom Brace, is going great guns for the shooting competition her on Christmas morning. Tom will have to mind his "luck" does not beat him.

The members of the Corbin Social Club held a general meeting for the election of officers for the year 1911. A. M. Black, J P., opened the meeting by presenting the musicians, Tom Davies and Hugh Bell with presents for work done on behalf of the club. The officers elected were as follows: Hon President, W. Gus Smith; Hon. Vice-President, Thomas Williams; President, J. R. Thomas; Vice-President, A. M. Black; Secretary, J. Wade; Treasurer, J. Stewart. The meeting was closed by rendering a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs. A. M. Black, W. Parkhill and W. Sproule for work done on behalf of the club.

Paddy Corbin's new dancing master was by no means a success, so not to be out done he tried the "Bubble and the fly'

Matt Ball left for his homestead at Trenville on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Clough will receive on Sunday, December 25th, after 4 p.m.

Mr. Bough, the Provincial constable, here, was doing duty in Michel last week-end.

Mr. Gordon went to Coleman on a business trip this week.

Mr. Morris, instructor of Draeger rescue apparatus, and Mr. R. Strachan, Inspector of Mines, were here on Monday giving instructions as to how to use the apparatus.

Mr. R. E. Nulty, the beer agent, paid his usual monthly visit to the Elk Valley this week.

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