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IRONWORKERS OFFICIALS RECEIVE LONG SENTENCES

Seven Years for Pres. Ryan—Others Get from One to Six Years—"Confessers" Freed

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 30.—A remarkable scene in the struggle of the wives of the prisoners to reach their husbands attended the sentence of the dynamite conspirators. It was ordered that all the spectators should be cleared from the room and the prisoners be allowed to talk with the members of their families.

Six men were given their freedom through suspended sentences. These included Edward Clark, of Cincinnati, the dynamiter who confessed the blowing up of a bridge with the help of Hockin. He had appeared as a witness for the government.

Ortie McManigal, another confessed dynamiter, was not sentenced at this time.

In some cases sentence of one year and one day were imposed so that these men might be confined in a federal prison. Prisoners with sentence less than one year are kept in county jails.

Federal Judge Albert B. Anderson had many of the prisoners whom he said he considered less guilty than the rest, brought before him to make statements.

All motions for new trials were over ruled by Federal Judge Anderson. Motions for arrest of judgement on behalf of all the men also were overruled. As soon as the court convened a few minutes after 10 a.m. District Attorney Miller rose from his seat.

"If the court pleases, the government asks for judgment on the verdicts," he said.

Chester H. Krum, counsel for the prisoners then addressed the court.

"We ask in behalf of all the 38 men found guilty that the verdict be set aside."

"The motion will be over-ruled," said the court.

The motions for arrest of judgments were likewise disposed of. Turning toward the prisoners, Judge Anderson said:

"It has been more difficult than we expected to arrive at the degree of guilt in each of your cases. Have any of you anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced against you?"

To this a few of the prisoners replied, and either protested their innocence or pleaded for leniency under extenuating circumstances. In one or two of these cases the judge took the plea into consideration.

Frank M. Ryan, President of the Iron Workers' Union, was sentenced to 7 years.

John T. Butler, Vice-President, 6 years.

Herbert S. Hockin, former secretary, and formerly of Detroit, 6 years.

The others, as stated above, all received from one up to seven years.

BRIDGE COLLAPSED

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Jan. 1.—Eight men were killed and fifteen injured when a freight train on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad went through a bridge over the Guyandotte River, three miles from here at 11 o'clock this morning. The known dead are:

Engineer, E. S. Webber, Russel, Ky.; Emmett Wood, Talbot, W. Va.; Chas. Maddy, Talbot, W. Va.; John O'Connor, Huntington, W. Va.

It is said that four more iron-workers were missing.

CARRYING AWAY THE HUGE MASS OF SNOW

125,000 GARMENT WORKERS ON STRIKE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Men and women garment workers, estimated in number at 125,000, went out on strike in New York today, tieing up approximately 4,000 factories. They demand higher pay and better working conditions.

Mass meetings of strike began as early as 4 a.m., and at dawn, light in a drizzling rain picket squads of twelve had been posted at all the factories affected. In each squad were at least two women. Forty-five halls throughout the city have been engaged by the strikers for gathering places. Violence has been discountenanced by the leaders and the walk-out was accomplished with no disorder.

The walk-out was endorsed by 35,786 to 2,322.

LIVELY RIOTS AND MANY ARRESTS

Strikers Storm Garment Workers Factory on Top Floor — Clerks and Police Repell Attack

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Several lively riots and a number of arrests today marked the strike of the garment workers. The most serious trouble was at the factory of Smith, Gray and Co., in Williamsburg, where the police reserves had to be called out to drive out 600 men and women who tried to storm the building. The strikers advanced from four directions and started to climb the stairs to reach the 350 employes on the top floor. A few who succeeded were met by a squad of clerks, and for nearly an hour a fight was waged both inside and outside the building. The employees on the upper floor helped the police by raining missiles on the heads of the attacking party. Four policemen, who bore the brunt of the attack were badly used up. The reserves stopped the fight, but made no arrests.

The strikers and their sympathizers attacked other factories, and at one place 10 were arrested before quiet was restored. The clothing manufacturers after a conference today declared that 75 per cent of the employes of nonunion shops were still at work. The strikers, on the other hand, maintained that their force had been augumented today by 25,000 recruits. The strikers held several conferences during the day and declared they would accept no compromise. They threatened to extend the strike to other cities if their demands are not satisfied.

William Crowin, secretary of the clothing trades association said that applications for work had come from more than 1,000 tailors.

"We have not decided yet," he said, "whether we shall employ strike-breakers or not."

Members of the state board of mediation continued their efforts to reach an understanding between the contending parties and a conference between the arbitration board of the chamber of commerce and representatives of the two factions to the dispute was held during the day in an endeavor to settle the controversy.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Efforts to settle the Garment Workers' Strike today failed.

SCENE OF THE DEATH-DEALING SNOWSLIDE AT COAL CREEK.

TWO ACCIDENTS AT CANMORE

CANMORE.—On December 26th a serious accident occurred as the result of a whirlwind which did some damage to Mr. Stirtan's barn. Louis Merapace was passing there at the time and had his leg broken. He was taken to the hospital where his injured leg was set, and from latest reports is doing well under the circumstances.

CANMORE, Alta.—Another accident happened on December 28th when John Hedley and Alex. Misievicz were making the gas for the moving pictures in the basement of the Miners' Hall and the chemicals exploded burning Alex.'s face. John Hedley escaped unhurt. One furnace was blown to pieces and the damage is estimated at about $400.00.

200 MINERS ENTOMBED IN JAP COLLIERY

TOKIO, Dec 31.—Over 200 Japanese coal miners were entombed and are probably dead as the result of an explosion which occurred in the Ubari colliery at Sapporo on the island of Hokkaide today. Of the 200 and more men who were working in the galleries of the pit at the time, only three were brought to the surface alive and the officials fear that all the rest have perished.

BOILER EXPLOSION KILLS 9

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 28.—Seaboard Air Line officials here report nine were killed in the explosion of a boiler in one of the shop buildings of the system at Hamlet, N.C. Charles B. Utter, general foreman, his brother, William Utter, Electrician Reynolds and six roundhouse helpers, mostly negroes, are dead. The cause of the explosion is not known.

STOP PRESS

SIR RICHARD'S CONDOLENCE

The following wire was received by W. R. Wilson, manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., and handed to us for publication after we had gone to press:

"W. R. Wilson, General Manager, Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Fernie, B. C.

"I deeply deplore the fatal snowslide at Coal Creek. Kindly extend my sincere sympathy to the injured and relatives of the deceased persons.

'RICHARD McBRIDE."

INDICTED FOR TRAIN WRECK

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 31.—Sixteen officials and directors of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad and two trainmen were indicted on charges of involuntary manslaughter by the Marion county grand jury in connection with its investigation of the wreck on that road in a suburb, on November 16. Sixteen persons were killed when a passenger train ran into open switch and collided with a freight train.

Prosecutor Frank P. Baker says he will make an effort to bring the indicted railroad officials to trial as soon as possible.

LLOYD GEORGE IS LAUGHING LAST

Doctors Continue to Bolt from Association in Favor of Insurance Act

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Physicians continue to give in and agree to the terms of the state insurance act.

In London nearly all the medical men needed to serve on boards have been obtained. The reports from the provinces are equally encouraging to the chancellor of the exchequer.

Two more members have resigned from the council of the British association because of their disapproval of its tactics.

BEAVER MINES FIRES

About nine o'clock on Christmas night the house of Mr. McVicar, the manager, was completely destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is not known, as there was no one in the house at the time, Mr and Mrs. McVicar being at the children's Christmas Tree, and no fires had been left in the stoves before they left home. It is difficult, however, to account for this being the work of an incendiary, seeing that the manager of the mines here is well liked and respected by all in the camp. As everyone was either at the Christmas tree or skating rink, the fire was not noticed until it had such a hold that the efforts of those who attempted to quench the flames proved ineffective. The sympathy of the community is felt for Mr and Mrs. McVicar in this heavy loss, as they were only partly insured.

Six nights later another fire occurred. On New Year's Eve, between 11 and 12 o'clock, the tent belonging to Mr. Simon McDonald caught fire through, it is supposed, the overheated stove pipe. With the exception of two trunks and a few odds and ends saved by Mrs. McDonald everything was lost. The tent, with two others, are situated well up on the hill, too far away for speedy assistance. Mr. McDonald had only left town the day before on a visit to Passburg.

MEXICAN RAILWAY EMPLOYEES ON STRIKE

Demand Higher Wages and an Eight-Hour Workday For All Involved

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 27.—Two thousand shop employees of the National railway of Mexico went on strike today because of the refusal of the management to grant an eight-hour day and an increase in wages.

The strike was called simultaneously at San Luis Potosi, City of Mexico, Nuevo Laredo 100 skilled mechanics and 100 other employes walked out. The shops are closed.

Because of the already demoralized conditions along the line of the railway as the result of rebel activity, the strike has caused the greatest concern. Railroad officials refuse to discuss the situation beyond stating that the strike will not cause a tie-up of the lines and that they believe regular train service can be maintained.

At a number of points bridges and stations have been burned by the revolutionaries and long stretches of roadbed destroyed.

The employes presented their demands some weeks ago with an ultimatum that if they were not accepted, a strike would be called before the end of the year. No intimation had been given, however, that today was settled as the date of the walkout.

U. S. STEEL WILL BUILD IN CANADA

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The U. S. Steel Corporation yesterday decided to erect a twenty million dollar plant at Sandwich, Ont. The plant will include blast furnaces, wire rail structural and bar mills.

TRAGIC DEATH OF MAN IN BELLEVUE

BELLEVUE, Dec. 26.—On Christmas afternoon John Cappleson left Bellevue to drive Mrs. Wm. Sihvon and another lady to Coleman. The next morning about four a.m., the team he had been driving was found tangled in their harness up against a telephone pole between Frank and Blairmore. A couple of hours later the dead body of Cappleson was found lying on the side of the road, a few hundred yards from where the horses had been found. When picked up the body was still warm. The face of the dead man was badly cut and there was also a large hole in his head. It is supposed that the unfortunate man was asleep in the rig, as people who met the team on the road noticed that the team were apparently guiding themselves. The team evidently had become frightened and overturned the rig and in all probability dragged the man some distance. The body was removed to the Mounted Police Barracks at Frank.

Mr. Cappleson was a Finlander and had been a resident of Bellevue for some time where he was highly respected by all who knew him. One brother in Oregon, and a married sister in Canmore, Alta., are the only relations of the deceased man.

C.P.R. OPPOSES COMPENSATION ACT

Railroad Joins with Insurance Companies in Opposing Proposed State Control of Insurance

TORONTO, Dec. 31—Are the employers' liability insurance companies to be allowed to stand between the employers and injured workmen and to make money out of the distribution of compensation for injuries?

This is the crux of a struggle between the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and its allies on the one hand and the insurance companies on the other. Now comes the news that the C. P. R., representing itself as one of the largest employers of labor in Ontario, has allied itself with the insurance companies in opposition to the proposed system of compensation under state control.

In the brief submitted to Sir William Meredith, the C. P. R says: "The company considers it desirable that some law should be put on the statute book of the province of Ontario with this object in view, but it firmly denies that these desirable results would be obtained by the enactment of any measure of compulsory state or class insurance.

"A still further objection advanced by the C. P. R. is that in an effort to make a good showing by keeping down rates to please the employing classes, there would be a resulting deficit that would have to be made good by the public treasury. It objects strenuously to any plan whereby it would be compelled to contribute to a state insurance fund and be forced to share the accident liabilities of other railroads."

Under the scheme proposed by the manufacturing association, the injured workman would look to the government for his compensation. The assessment for the support of the compensation fund would be on the payroll.

ASKING FOR HIGHER PAY

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Increased pay, which will amount to $3,000,000 a year has been asked by the town and country post office officials of Britain. The applicants assert that when their salaries were fixed Christmas boxes were taken into consideration. These they state only amount to $1,500,000. They ask for the abolition of the Christmas boxes if they get the increase asked for.

SIX DEAD, EIGHT INJURED, IN COAL CREEK SLIDE

Hundreds of Tons of Snow Come Down Mountain without Warning---Dozen Men Entombed

CARPENTER AND ELECTRICAL SHOPS DEMOLISHED---LIGHTS EXTINGUISHED

Five Bodies Interred New Year's Day Funeral Largely Attended---All Festivities Postponed

LIST OF DEAD

ROSARO DANIELE.
THOS. CATANORA.
JAS. BUCKLEY.
WM. MALLYCZUK.
ALEX. WORTHINGTON.
HENRY NEIL.

INJURED

ARCHIE NICHOLSON. — Injured back.

PERCY JONES.—Injured back and pelvis.

FRED PLATT.—Fracture and dislocation of foot; wound on face.

SAM CARDAMONI. — Fractured shoulder and injury to back.

TONY SECRETI.—Fractured ribs.

GEO. MICHELL.—Injured leg.

SAM KING.—Bruized knee.

WALTER CAMPBELL.—Crushed fingers, knee and face cut.

THE DISASTER

The disaster of last Monday has cast a gloom over both Coal Creek and Fernie, many of the New Year festivities being cancelled as a consequence. There is very little to add to that which appeared in our "Special" of Monday, the main details of which will be found on page 2 of this issue. Fortunately, as anticipated, no further bodies were found, and all the injured are progressing very satisfactorily. The actual cause of the disaster is only too well known, but as to the exact happenings immediately following it there are various versions and opinions. These, however, are mere details in comparison, and is not surprising, for in the excitement, commotion and eagerness to rescue very little thought could be given to taking in the immediate surroundings. Seven a.m., these days, is pitch dark, and this too must have handicapped the work in many respects.

Another Version

One of the first, if not the first, on the scene was Harry Martin, and his version of the catastrophe will be found of interest. Mr. Martin says that at the time he was in the weigh shack, the first car having just come on the scale to be weighed, when all the lights went out. He got up from off the chair, looked through the window and remarked to the company's weighman, "There must be something wrong." He listened and heard somebody yelling. His first impression was that someone had been electrocuted, and rushed out. He met a man holding his arm, and when he asked him what was the trouble received no answer. The man was evidently stupified, and he told him to go into the weigh box. Further on he saw a man sitting down, and the same question was put to him, but with the same result. Martin tried to lift him up, but he did not let him. Still further ahead he met yet another one, and from him he learned, not in words, but by gesture, that there was something the matter, he pointing with his finger to the spot. He looked, and all that he could see was a pile of snow. He rushed to the scene, but could not see nor hear anybody. He then rushed back and shouted for lamps and shovels. The three injured men whom Martin met on the way were taken to the weigh shack. Jack Gray rushed off for the doctor and Martin with others started shovelling. Martin believed that his brother was in the pile, and was greatly relieved when a few minutes later he found him walking about hale and hearty.

A Prophecy That Came True

Four years ago, when the cribbing was being erected which was then considered to be a safeguard against a repetition of the slide of 1907, a few men were standing at Coal Creek station waiting for the train. The conversation turned upon snowslides, and one of the party, an old timer, remarked that it would be but a few years when another slide would come along and shoot right over the cribbing. He explained that snow and other refuse would pile up behind the cribbing, so fast that it is but a matter of two or three years before it gets heaped up to the top, and when the next slide comes along the additional velocity it would gain by jumping the cribbing, would do greater damage with far worse fatal results than the first one.

THE FUNERAL

Never in the history of Fernie has there been such a procession as the

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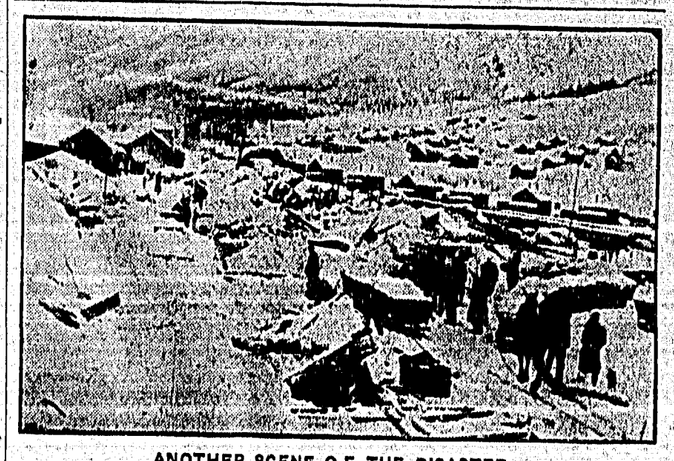

ANOTHER SCENE OF THE DISASTER

THREE MINERS KILLED IN SANDON SNOWSLIDE

Bodies Cannot Be Recovered until Spring—Six Finlanders Caught

SANDON, B. C., Dec. 31.—As the miners were going from the Noble Five mine to their boarding house at noon yesterday, six men were caught in a very large snow slide from the mountain, 2,000 feet above. Three Finlanders were killed and the other three had miraculous escapes. A rescue party started out immediately, no trace could be found of their bodies which will not be recovered until spring.

The slide is known as the Deadman slide, one man being lost in the same place last year.

The snowstorm, which has been raging for the last 48 hours, is one of the worst seen in this district in recent years.

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THE COAL CREEK CATASTROPHE

Report of the Terrible Disaster as given in our Special Issue Monday

Just as we are about to celebrate the passing of 1912 we are confronted by a catastrophe at Coal Creek that is surpassed only by the "big bump" of May 22nd, 1902, when one hundred and thirty two men were hurled to eternity by an explosion of gas. While the cause of today's disaster is neither gas, nor in any way connected with the getting of coal, and did not occur in the mines, it serves as an instance to illustrate the insignificance of man when Nature starts to assert her latent powers.

We have been complimenting ourselves on the beautiful weather that we have been enjoying—in spite of the heavy snowfalls. The mildness of the weather, the warm winds, and the intermittent thaws have dangers that few of us realize, in spite of the fact that they are hanging over our head day and night more threatening than the sword of Damocles.

Only the more daring among us ever climb the mountainside to get an idea of the vast quantity of snow that lies on the benches, and the danger that results from the drifting winds is generally lost sight of in our admiration for the beautiful effect of the snow clad slopes. Still, as one looked up the steep slope of the mountain rising above the scene of the calamity that occurred this morning, one canont fail to recognize an air of warning in the steepness of the mountain with its ledges and benches upon which the snow accumulates, and our attention is drawn to this particular place on account of the knowledge of a previous disaster in this identical spot, in December 1906, when Chas. Douglas was killed and another man injured. After this accident snow sheds, or cogs, were erected to break up any slides that might descend at a future date. This puny break in the descending avalanche of snow apparently failed to serve as any protection, for it would appear that the mass of snow came right over this, completely demolishing the buildings standing in its way.

THE SCENE OF THE DISASTER

The disaster occurred at 6.55 this morning, and within a few minutes there were hundreds of men frantically digging the snow away in a desperate effort to rescue those who were buried beneath it. Supt. Shanks was early on the scene and directed operations. The cries for help of two of the unfortunates were audible, and these were the first two out. During the day the task of displacing the thousands of tons of snow was steadily going on. Up to the time of going to press no further casualties than those reported above is known, and no others are expected. The carpenters and electricians' shops, which were in the same building, is one mass of wreckage. In December, 1906, the landslide caught a part of the carpenters' shop,, but this time it completely demolished it. The exact site of the accident is between No. 9 and Old No. 1 North. The mines immediately ceased operations, and the men returned to town about 9 a.m.

EYE-WITNESSES TO THE SCENE

Ernest Neidig, the tipple boss, said that about 6.45 he was in the super's office taking his instructions for the day. Generally he takes up a big gang of men to clear the track and surroundings of snow, but on this occasion, for some inexplicable reason, he decided to go up to No. 19 incline with the steam dinky, and another man, to take a run through the snow. This is the first morning, he said, that he only put such a few men on. When he saw no lights around the carpenters' shop he immediately concluded that there was something wrong. When he got down there he, of course, saw what had happened and acted accordingly. Three Italian laborers, who were working on the track, were knocked clean over the railing and were killed outright. There was a tremendous wind blowing at the time and the snow brought down with it a large number of stumps and trees which were strewn around in all directions.

Supt. Shanks, when seen, was hard at work, but in between he told our representative that he was in the wash-house putting on his pit boots when the accident happened. He arrived on the scene shortly after. The loss to the company property was only between $3,000 and $4,000.

I. Foster, who is employed in the carpenters' shop, says that about 7.05 he was in the shop, when he heard a noise which he immediately recognized as a snowslide, having been close to, and an actual eye-witness of the 1906 occurrence. He, together with the others there made a dash for the open door, except J. Buckley (the man who was standing by his side when the 1906 slide occurred). Buckley is numbered amongst those killed, together with young Alec Worthington, who was empoyed in the same shop. Foster immediatey took a hand in the rescue operations, and the first men brought out were W. Bennett and Fred Platt. The former was not much hurt, but the latter was not so fortunate, having sustained some serious injuries and wounds. In the electrical shop there was only Georgie Michel, who at the time was lighting the fires, and made a dart for safety. He was, however, caught and sustained serious injuries.

Young Michel was not brought down to the hospital in Fernie, but was conveyed by our rig from Dr. Workman's house to his own home, a distance of about 150 to 200 yards. A short journey though this was, it was an extremely painful one to the injured boy, as with every lurch of the cutter he was compelled to give vent to screams of agonized pain. His cries were truly pitiable, and he looked a total wreck. There is every hope of his life being saved, although at what cost to his health and strength it is difficult to surmise. It is probable that at any rate he will be crippled as a result of his injuries.

From another report of the catastrophe, related by one who was at work on the tipple at the time, it seems that the extinction of the lights soon after seven this morning did not convey any idea that anything out of the ordinary had happened. However, as the lights were not switched on again, a suspicion that there was an accident somewhere began to be felt, and just then some of those who had not been severely hurt came running on to the tipple with the news of the havoc that had been wrought in the carpenters' and saw sharpening shops by a snow slide. At once men left for the scene of the disaster, and they at once set to work getting the victims out of the debris. Amongst the dead is Alec Worthington, upon whom the doctors and men worked for almost two hours in their efforts to bring him around, but in spite of all their efforts they had finally to admit failure.

Great credit is due to the Superintendent Shanks, who did not spare himself in his efforts to rescue the dead and injured, and there is not the slightest doubt that more than one of the injured owes his life to the splendid and almost superhuman efforts of the supt. on their behalf. This opinion has been expresed to us by an eye witness, and we give it the publicity it deserves.

Other eye-witnesses have the same report to make. Whilst with the men who were at work removing the snow and debris there was no commotion or confusion, it was difficult, in the midst of death, to obtain much detailed information. It would appear, however, that whilst six are seriously injured and in the hospital, there are a number of men, less seriously injured, who proceeded to their homes.

Further details and photographs of the scene of the disaster will be published in our next Friday's issue.

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE 1906 SLIDE

The snow slide in 1906 also occurred early in the morning, around eight o'clock. The snow at that time was particularly heavy on account of having been sodden by the heavy rains preceding.

Chas. Douglas was at work at his bench in the carpenters' shop, when the mass of snow, coming in contact with the building tore away the rear end of the shop and part of the roof. The unfortunate man was buried in the snow and wreckage, and when found by the rescue party had succumbed.

There was only one other working in the shop at the time, Jack Campbell who was at his bench on the opposite side, and escaped without serious injury, little difficulty being experienced in extricating him from the light covering of snow in which he was found.

INCREASE OF 2,400,000 TONS IN OUTPUT

Coal Mines of Alberta Being Rapidly Developed to Meet Growing Market in Prairie Provinces—Forty-Four New Mines Opened up in the Province of Alberta This Year.

EDMONTON, Alta., Dec. 30.—That Alberta is becoming more and more the coal field of the prairie provinces is shown by returns which are being received by the mines branch of the Department of Public Works for the province. John T. Stirling, the provincial inspector of mines, stated yesterday that he estimated the output of Alberta coal during the year just closing would be quite 4,000,000 tons, as against 1,694,564 in 1911. A large part of this coal is shipped to centres in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

44 New Mines

During the year 44 mines have been opened up in the province, the majority of these being in the Edmonton district. The older mines of Southern Alberta, around Lethbridge and the Crow's Nest Pass, have largely increased their output.

A new and up-to-date rescue station has just been established by the provincial government at Lethbridge. The rescue station is fitted up with appliances for ten men for fire fighting below the surface. The other provincial rescue station, at Blairmore, is fitted up with apparatus for eleven men. Other stations will be established this year in the Edmonton district.

The branch of the Canadian Mining Institute which has been formed in Alberta is growing rapidly in membership and importance About 100 mining engineers, managers and others engaged in mining have joined the institute. Two meetings have already been held, and the next quarterly meeting will be held at Fernie in March.

MINING COMETITIONS

Mining competitions.—W. R. Wilson Offers Three $50.00 Prizes

The president of the branch, W. R. Wilson, has offered three fifty dollar prizes for papers on mining subjects by members of the institute belonging to the Rocky Mountain branch. The subjects are as follows:-

1. For the best paper illustrated by drawings or sketches on underground haulage dealing with the varying conditions in the flat mining areas of the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. Also the varying broken and undulating seams of the Rocky Mountain areas. Papers on this subject will be presented at the second regular meeting of the branch.

2. For the best paper on mine ventilation, accompanied by plans illustrating the system best adapted to flat, irregular and pitching seams. Papers on this subject will be presented at the third regular meeting of the branch.

3. For the best paper on mining coal under the general conditions prevailing in both the flat mining areas of the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan and the Rocky Mountain areas, including pillar extraction under the various conditions found in the different districts and when accompanied by dangerous roof breaking and irregular settlement with possible effect upon main roadways and open old work areas. Papers on this subject will be presented at the fourth regular meeting of the branch.

Mr. Stirling is secretary of the branch.

Strikes have been particularly numerous in Russia this year, and the number of workers involved during the past nine months, in comparison with the same period last year, has been eight to one. The present year's total so far (827,000) is about two-thirds of what it was in the revolutionary year of 1905 (1,277,00). In 1906, the number of strikers throughout Russia was 1,075,000, and in the following year there was a drop of about 300,000. Last year was a comparatively peaceful time in the labor centres of Russia, for in the first nine months only 105,000 were involved in disputes where work was stopped. It ought to be observed, however, that, as in 1905 and 1906, the greater number of the strikes during the past nine months have been entered into in order to call attention to political grievances.

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Further details will be given later

DEMOCRATIC AUSTRALIA

Elections to be Held in April—Nationalization of Trusts

MELBOURNE, Dec. 23.—With the close of the Australian parliament Saturday members are busy in their constituencies getting ready for the April election. The government chances for returning is said to be good but the battle will be a bitter contest. The liberal party during the last three years of labor administration has been forced to adopt methods of the labor party in preparing a solid platform to which every candidate will be pledged Their platform judging by that of the state liberal parties, will be strongly democratic and not a great deal more conservative than their opponents. The coming election, carrying with it erferendum on the nationalization of the trusts operating in the commonwealth together with federal control of trade and commerce and industrial affairs will be one of unusual importance.

NATIONALTIES OF INDUSTRIAL WORKERS

The Pennsylvania State Board of Industrial Statistics has gathered some complete reports concerning the various nationalities represented in the industries of that state, so far as 151 of the largest industries are concerned. As the results are announced, there are 490,027 native workers, 327,000 foreign workers and 6,125 negroes the latter evidently not being included in those classified as "native" workers. During the past year the increase was largely in native workers, being 14,574 native and 1,517 foreign workers, while the number of negroes employed decreased 737. This decrease in the number of negroes employed was mostly in the coal mines, some of the steel and textile industries showing a slight increase.

In coal mining the foreigners greatly outnumber the native workers, as shown by these figures: Anthracite workers, 52,322 natives and 82,945 foreigners; bituminous workers, 49,568 natives and 115,767 foreigners. In blast furnaces the foreigners also outnumber the natives by 6,718 to 4,316. But the natives employed greatly outnumber the foreigners in all other industries, particularly in steel plants, rolling mills, machinery and hosiery mills, locomotive works, textile and boots and shoe plants.

The board figures from these statistics that, so far as Pennsylvania is concerned, natives are employed mainly in the unskilled pursuits.

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VICE-PRESIDENT HAYES WELL PLEASED WITH THE STRIKE SITUATION

The strike on Cabin and Paint Creeks was never in better shape than it is at the present time. During my recent visit to the strike zone, I was much impressed with the splendid spirit of solidarity and the determination on the part of every striker to stand loyally by the cause until a just settlement is secured. With such a spirit as the governing force there is no power on earth or in the heavens above that can prevent the success of this battle for human rights. It may not be amiss to say that every resource of our great organization will ever be used in behalf of our comrades on Cabin and Paint Creeks.

This is an age of organization, and it is the height of folly for the operators to believe that West Virginia can long remain unorganized. Our organization is here to stay, and we feel confident of the final outcome. If certain operators can meet and treat with the roganization in this state, there is no good reason why the Cabin and Paint Creek operators cannot do likewise. Our wage scale and conditions are not prohibitive but are relative and competitive, and if the operators are sure of the fairness of their position, they cannot consistently refuse to meet the representatives of the miners in joint conference.

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Fraternally yours,
FRANK J. HAYES,
International Vice President.

MINERS' INSURANCE PLAN

There is now on foot a movement among the miners employed under the Lehigh Valley Coal Company to establish an insurance feature around the mines that will act as a protection to widows and orphans of victims killed in the mines. Petitions are being circulated among the employes, and when sufficient names are secured the paper will be presented to the company authorizing it to deduct so much from the earnings of the men and pay the total amount to the heirs of the deceased. Under the plan proposed, every miner earning over a certain amount would contribute 50 cents for every death, while the lowest paid class of labor would give 25 cents. The men have requested that the company contribute a proportionate share. In the event that the plan is adopted, the men agree to work on the day that an employe is being buried.

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W. B. Wilson, former international secretary of the United Mine Workers of America, was not re-elected to Congress at the recent election, but he is said to be slated for secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor in President Woodrow Wilson's cabinet.—Coal and Coke Operator.

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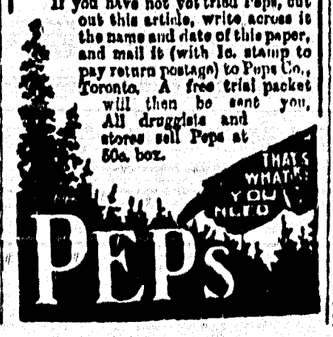

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The General Strike

III—IN AMERICA AND FRANCE

By Robert Hunter

(Courtesy of the National Socialist.)

It is a curious fact that the Haymarket riot in Chicago gave to the present French labor movement the idea of the general strike.

In this country the Haymarket affair brought a terrible reaction. The labor movement lay stunned after its brief flirtation with anarchy. The union men drew away from the anarchist agitators, and taking their information from the capitalist press only, concluded that Socialism and anarchism were the same thing, and would, if tolerated, lead the movement to ruin and disaster. Without a doubt, the bomb in Chicago put back the labor movement for years. It ended the great national movement for an eight-hour day and did more to induce the rank and file of trade unionists to reject all association with revolutionary ideas than perhaps all other things put together.

In France it had an altogether different effect. From that moment on, the anarchists took new heart. The general strike became the object of the hour, and little by little, the "Conservative" believers in political action were forced by the "Revolutionary" direct actionists out of the leadership of the French union.

In 1888 the French unions meeting at Bordeaux voted the following resolution:

"Considering: That the monopolization of the instruments of labor and of capital gives to the employers a power as the strike puts power in the hands of the workers.

"That capital is nothing if it is not put in action by labor; that, therefore, in refusing to work the workers would destroy by a single stroke the power of their masters.

"Considering: That the partial strike can only be a means of agitation and organization, the Congress declares:

"That the general strike alone, that is to say, the complete stoppage of all work, or, in other words, the social revolution, can lead the workers toward their emancipation."

The French trade unions had for years advocated working class political action and this was a move on the part of the anarchists to put the Federation of Trade Unions in opposition to political action. The opposition was increased when the French Socialist party, meeting in Lille, in 1890, defeated a resolution declaring for the general strike. At the various congresses thereafter, both trade union and Socialist, the general strike became the great bone of contention. The trade unionists began to look upon it as of vital importance, and the Socialists, in opposing it, were placed in an apparently indefensible position.

At this moment a great orator appeared on the scene. The young, unknown lawyer, Aristides Briand, assumed the leadership of the advocates of the general strike. There is no question that Briand is a master of oratory and behind him were many able direct actionists who had set out to divorce the unions from political action.

The history of this episode has much in it that even today lies in darkness. All sorts of rumors are rife concerning the reactionary forces that were behind Briand at that time and however one may look at his brief career as a revolutionist, there is much in it that points to double-dealing. A bit of history will illustrate.

The capitalist politicians had for years tried to break the great power of the Socialists in the trade union movement. The anarchists were, of course, active to the same end. Some of the unions were indeed at that time dominated by anarchists. The "revolutionary" anarchist unions, however, were always in need of funds because the anarchists have, as every one knows, utter contempt for organization and for payment of dues. This led certain radical politicians to urge the French municipalities to take what seems to many the most extraordinary act of any government and that was to vote funds for the support of its most bitter enemy, namely, these most violently "revolutionary" unions.

Trade union halls were built by the cities; funds, were voted for their upkeep; and these trade union headquarters were turned over to the use of the unions. Despite the fact that the government placed its agents in these halls to watch and report upon the union movement, the anarchists found these halls an acceptable and inexpensive arena for their action. The various halls were soon consolidated into a national federation. A brilliant young anarchist, Pelloutier, became the secretary of this organization. With the help of the unions in this federation, of the anarchists in control of other organizations, and of a few other radicals opposed to political action, Briand won a complete victory over the older trade union leaders.

The Trades Union Congress at Nantes was the final battleground, and those who believed in political action were there defeated decisively, and they withdrew from the hall. Divided thus into two factions, the older unions were soon overwhelmed by the General Federation of Labor, which was organized at Limoges in 1895. The new organization was made up of a union of the Federation of Trade Union Halls, and a new organization composed of trade unionists, anarchists and professional men.

From this moment on political action was spurned by the unions. The general strike, direct action and sabotage became the rallying cries of the new organization. The Socialist leaders were practically annihilated and all efforts to capture the new organization have thus far been futile.

Nor, indeed, is the rule of the anarchists soon to be overturned. Certainly not until the French trade unions adopt a different method of voting. For instance, the Miners' Union, with over 100,000 members, has exactly the same number of votes in the congress as a small group of Paris anarchists with thirty or forty members. This system of voting allows the forming of little groups all of which can be affiliated with the trade union movement. These little groups can each send a delegate and each delegate exercises the same power whether he represents a dozen or a million workers.

The philosophy and the organization of French syndicalism (trade unionism) is the subject of another story. Let it suffice here to say that the general strikes in the late 70's and 80's in America gave birth to this idea in France and that the partisans of the general strike were so bitterly and so unanimously combated by those who believe in political action that the latter were literally forced out of all leadership in the French trade union movement.

This history has this importance. The general strike as a panacea is not, of Socialist origin, nor is it of trade union origin. It is certainly not from Marx or Engels, as some have claimed. In fact, nearly every trade union and Socialist leader outside of France looks upon the advocacy of the general strike as a menace to the Socialist movement, and as a dangerous fancy for the trade union movement.

We shall take up in later articles the views of the chief Socialists and trade unionists. Just now we are dealing with the history of the general strike, as a panacea, and the credit for that belongs wholly to the anarchists of France, to the renegade "revolutionist," Aristides Briand, and to the subsidies which the French cities voted in the effort to divorce the trade union movement of France from working class political action. An idea which comes into the world with such questionable parentage may be a good one, but it should be forced to undergo the most rigid and searching examination.

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WHO KILLED THE CHICAGO WORLD?

By J. O. Bentall

The Chicago Daily World, formerly the Chicago Daily Socialist, was thrown into bankruptcy on December 5, 1912, and placed in the hands of a receiver.

Many who put money into the daily and many who have worked hard for years to keep the paper going are asking for the cause of its failure.

A naked statement of fact is due the people who have sacrificed for the daily and due the party that has backed it.

Had there not been a volley of misrepresentation by the very parties who are responsible for the suspension, this statement would not be as greatly needed as it now is. But for a management to first wreck such an important party institution and then shift the blame on innocent persons must not go without reply.

I am not going to deal with the policy which the daily pursued during the last two or three years. Leave that to the judgment of the Socialist party and let the party decide if it wants a repitition of that policy.

The management is the immediate concern of this article.

Before the newspaper lockout and strike in Chicago, the daily had struggled hard for a mere existence on account of comparatively small circulation and lack of capital. Difficulty in obtaining advertising had been experienced since the paper was started. It was no easy matter to make ends meet, but the comrades contributed from year to year enough to keep it afloat.

When the newspaper strike was called, however, a new condition arose. The other papers were entirely out of the field for several days and the World had the whole territory formerly occupied by the big metropolitan papers all to itself.

Of course, the equipment was inadequate for this temporary condition, but the little press was set in motion and was grinding out obout 300,000 papers every twenty-four hours.

For over one month this little giant kept pouring forth this enormous edition.

During this time the business manager kept his head pretty cool, so that during May and June the manager reported a surplus of about $10,000. But a cry came from the managing editor, E. Val Putman, recently a Hearst employe, and a late candidate on Hearst's Independent ticket, that more editors were wanted and more presses, and more everything.

Fancy salaries with lots of overtime and extras became the rule of the house. Fifty people were put on in the editorial department, fifty in the advertising department, over thirty in the business department, eight janitors and a like proportion in other departments; in all 275 people were on the payroll.

Add to this an enormous telegraph and photograph and electrotype expense. Add $333 a month rent for a want ad room and $250 a month for a basement pressroom under the Post building, besides the regular quarters, making a total rent of over $14,000 a year.

On the 21st day of July I made a full statement of these and other extravagences to the Cook County Delegate committee, warning them of impending ruin, pleading for retrenchment and a sane business policy. As a member of the board of directors at that time I protested against the practice of the fearful recklessness of the majority of the board, John C. Kennedy, Seymour Stedman, Mary O'Reilley, W. E. Rodriquez and J. P. Dolson. I showed the symptoms of utter abandon, such, for instance, as voting Editor Putman over $130 for one month's downtown expenses for eating, drinking and sleeping in addition to his regular salary.

The delegate committee agreed with me and ordered retrenchment, but the majority of the board, made up of the above mentioned comrades, have always defied the party and acted against its instructions.

Two big presses were added and a stereotyping outfit secured amounting to over $25,000. Carpenter work one month alone, covering some minor changes in the building was reported at over $3,000.

Attorneys' fees to Mary Miller for $1,296, of which $800 were paid, and Clara Christensen for $950, of which $500 were paid, show another leak which could have been avoided by calling all of the lawyers of the party together and asking them to undertake the work in question.

Finally, the management got into such close quarters that it had to borrow money or suspend. This was in the latter part of July.

A promoting concern was found which promised a loan of $10,000. To secure this the attorney for the concern was given $900. In addition thereto the board spread a resolution on its minutes giving the loan concern stock to the amount of $102,000 as collateral security, thus putting by far the majority of stock into the hands of this loan concern. This was done in violation of the express instructions of the delegate committee that stock should not be disposed of in such quantities as to jeopardize the control of the society by Cook County. Information concerning this transaction was withheld from Cook County for three months.

Moreover, this resolution is in the minutes of a meeting held on the 18th day of July. I was present at this meeting and am recorded voting against the squandering of money and other reckless motions. The resolution giving away the stock of the daily was, however, not brought up while I was at the meeting, but was either passed after I had left, or added after the adjournment of the session. Not until I returned from the campaign down state, in November, did I discover this miserable piece of work.

The $10,000 first borrowed from the loan people grew to $15,000, then to $18,000 and then into sums aggregating over $130,000. Part of this was paid back from time to time and new loans made. From the time the first loan became due the loan people put their own men in charge.

Comrade Leissemer, who was at the head of the advertising department, was let out by one Harrison M. Parker former business manager of the Chicago Tribune and a son-in-law of Stubbs, the Union Pacific railroad king.

Parker was no small man. His attorney represented him as the greatest newspaper man in America, and that while with the Tribune, Parker received the fancy salary of $23,500 a year, and was now worth much more to the Daily World.

This Parker put one Price, of the Tribune, and one Searsey, of the Hearst papers, on the advertising payroll at $35 a week each. These two gentlemen were getting $80.00 a week at the Tribune and Hearst papers and were paid the difference by some parties not yet revealed to the Socialists of Chicago.

Having gotten control of the daily, these creditors now ran the whole outfit as they pleased. They came up to the delegate committee and asked even impolitely to be given the paper and the outfit in name as well as in fact, and that the party give its moral and financial support to them in their service of running a nice Socialist paper.

An agreement was reached to this effect between these good capitalists and the board, myself and comrade Dreifuss protesting.

Before the Delegate Committee, Stedman, Dolson, Kennedy and Mary O'Reilley argued that the only salvation of the paper was to transfer it to these nice capitalists, assuring the party that a perfectly good Socialist

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LAST MONDAY'S CATASTROPHE

THE first news most of us received of the disastrous slide on Monday morning was the return of the mineworkers. True, it is no novelty; we know that this may mean an accident to men or machinery, but it did not require any more than a cursorary glance to tell that something serious had happened. Men passed us by; their faces more or less blank—they scarce acknowledged our greeting; they were not too anxious to speak, and when they did speak they gathered in groups and the look of horror on the listeners face told only too plainly that the inevitable accident had happened.

We have caves and explosions, they seem inevitable—to be part of the tribute nature exacts for our desecration—for we trespass upon her preserves and we must take the consequence, and no man dare question her justice, for she knows no social distinction, no race, no creed; it would almost seems that she takes a delight in mocking at man's property law; yet none dare call her wanton. But who among the many workers who gazed on the mantel of snow, cold but glorious, thought for a moment that that same snow was to within a few brief minutes form the shroud of six of their number?

It is the end of the year. There was youth and mature age among the little group in that shop. Youth with its ambition and great resolve for the coming year; the parent with his many hopes for loved ones, his promises to them of some future pleasure and long promised want. Surely thought both this must be accomplished in the coming year. Just a few brief seconds of cheery greeting; just a few moments of toil, and then like the shaking of some gigantic Niobean drapery the snow start on it journey of destruction. Silently, but swiftly at first, sweeping the puny structure of man aside as the boy overturns his house of bricks; gathering force and scavenging the mountain of its debris—down to rest in the valley below; down upon those who fate has selected.

The story of rescue; of the herculean effort of humans; the sobs of the mother; the wondering of the child; all these we know, for it is the lot of the worker.

Two days later we gather for the sequel. Gather in the churches, on the roadside, at the grave; we hear the solemn words of the minister and priest, the smothered sob of the mourner. Out on to the street they pass—out again to the snow-clad hill, for the snow again shall be their shroud. We stand bareheaded paying the only tribute we can possibly pay, and even that is no more than that of the little tot, who looks on wondering when his mother removes his hat. His wonderings and his knowledge are as profound as our own—for we are in the midst of death.

That the sympathy and respect shown to the bereaved last Wednesday could in any way alleviate their distress or compensate them for their loss we do not for a moment suggest, but it certainly must have been some consolation to them to witness the deep and sympathetic attitude of the crowd who were doing just as much as man can do when facing death—gaze on in silence—as impotent as the inanimate corpse.

Our effort now must be with the living, and by doing our share to them we shall be paying our real respect to the dead. Bands, banners and flowers will convey our respects to the dead—for we can, after all, do little more—but with the living we must deal now and in ministering to their wants and their requirements we shall be able to measure the depth of our sympathy and regard for the departed.

WHY NOT TRY COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT

WITHIN the next fortnight another municipal election will have become a thing of the past, as yet no excitement has arisen over the affair. Here and there a possible candidate's name is heard, but none that could cause any surprise. Municipal business has been tried here since the town's incorporation, but so far we can hardly be considered a howling success. On the contrary, no progress is being made, and we seem to be completely at a standstill. Some blame previous administrations for this deplorable state of affairs, whilst others do not go quite so far back. Whatever and whoever is to blame, the fact remains that we are making no effort to get out of the rut. Since we evidently cannot get men whose business experience would enable them to improve matters, to come out and stand for election, the only way, it would seem, would be to get a commission form of government. Practically every city or town that has tried it is retaining this form of administration, and assert that this is the only form to ensure satisfaction and success. This is not surprising, for it stands to reason that a commissioner who has made a study of civic affairs and devotes all his time in the interests of the city must be in a better position to handle the work than seven men who are of necessity compelled to study their own interest first, and in many instances have little time for that of the city. As to cost, the city would be no worse off. The mayor and aldermen receive some two thousand dollars a year out of the city's coffers. For little more than that a good commissioner could be had. He would relieve the mayor and aldermen of all civic work, the only say in the matter they would have would be to periodically meet and hear what progress he is making. With a commissioner at the helm the city would not lose over $1,000 in road taxes; neither would the majority of the workingmen practically be disfranchised. Lethbridge at its last election voted on the question, and a tremendous majority voted in its favor. Fernie citizens yet have time to discuss the matter. A public meeting should be called without delay, have the matter thoroughly gone into, and if found advisable, have the question as to whether we should have a commission form of government, or not, printed on the ballot paper.

ALL A QUESTION OF PROFITS

THE Ministerial Association of Nelson, B. C., has published a pamphlet on the White Slave question entitled "The Situation in Nelson, B. C." Ten facts are presented—Facts that cannot be refuted—Facts that should sound the death knell of Capitalism to every ear that is not stone-deaf and among these may be included the majority of these ministerial mushites.

Out of their own mouths are they convicted.

The sum secured in this way amounts in round figures to over $4000 per year," in other words—PROFIT.

"These certificates are issued by medical doctors, and **a Fee Charged therefor.**"—PROFIT.

"Mortgages are held at unusually high rates of interest."—PROFIT.

"The segregated district in Nelson, B. C., as elsewhere, furnishes a convenient rendezvous for all classes of criminals, a station for the White Slave traffic and a profitable field for those who live on th proceeds of vice."—PROFIT.

"This demand has created a White Slave traffic, an organization having immense financial resources."—PROFIT.

Inability to obtain sufficient wages to keep them properly is the main explanation of prostitution. This evil like the other social sores is the natural product of the system of—PROFIT.

Employers do not pay small wages because of any desire to drive women to prostitution, but they must compete, and to continue their own existence must have—PROFIT.

This is part of the concluding paragraph of the brochure:

"As ministers we are amongst you with no selfish ends to serve, but with a desire to promote the good of ALL without selection or degree."

Taking them at their word, and likewise those of their opinion, would say—If you really mean it answer these questions:

Realizing that the prime reason for the evil you denounce is low wages and as wages are determined by the condition of the labor market—not by any so-called ethical considerations—why not join with those who are endeavoring to promote the good of ALL by replacing the system of private ownership of things collectively used for a system of collective ownership for individual benefit?

Very likely the reply will be: "That is Socialism!"

What if it is? The question is not one of names but of principle. So long as wages are paid so long will there be social evils. It cannot be otherwise, as wages presuppose profit; profit stands for the extraction from one individual to the material advantage of another, for which no return is given.

Do not mistake the position that, because we attribute the trouble to PROFIT, that we say it is WRONG to take PROFIT, not a bit of it! As individuals we must comply with the conditions of the rules governing us; yet, once convince enough of the world that a change is necessary—in other words, a social revolution—then it will be effected—when the evils of society which today furnish so much material for the reformers and upon which many of them batten can no longer continue, because the ROOT cause has been completely eradicated.

WHO WAS TO BLAME?

IN connection with the death of a man named Wilson, at the Hillcrest Mines, some very interesting information has recently come to light. It would appear that the man was overcome by gas at about 7.15 a.m., that, having been worked on by the Doctor and others he showed signs of life about 10.30 a.m., but that he later died. The rescue station at Blairmore was not notified of the accident until 10.30, and a pulmotor was immediately despatched, arriving there at 11 a.m., but was too late to be of service. It certainly would appear that someone was guilty of negligence in this matter, and while it cannot be stated that the life would have been saved had the pulmotor been there at eight instead of eleven a.m., the possibilities would at least have been tested. This seems to be nearly a repitition of something that happened at Bellevue a little more than a year ago when two men were smothered in a fall of coal, from which they were taken out in a few minutes, and while (we are told) three pulmotors were in the company's office at Blairmore, these were not requisitioned. The merits of the pulmotor may be matters for debate but it cannot be denied that they hold out some hope in such cases, hence there is no excuse for their not being tried when they are at hand. If the Government of Alberta would make it compulsory for the coal companies to keep at least one at each of their mines they would be improving the present situation, and surely the financial consideration involved is infinitesimal when compared with human lives.

Mayor Hardie, of Lethbridge, was in town during the week.

The postponed ball under the auspices of the Ladies' Benevolent Society will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 8th.

The suspension of Jailer Owen by Chief Hall, for one week dating from last Monday, for neglect of duty, was also upheld by the Commissioners.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Benevolent Society will be held at the home of Mrs. J. L. McIntyre, on Saturday, January 4, at 3.30 p.m.

The regular monthly tea of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church will be held at the house of Mrs. F. Bonnell, on Tuesday, January 7th, from 4 to 6.

Rev. H. R. Grant, former pastor of the Knox Presbyterian Church here, now of the St. Paul's Church, Vancouver, was a visitor at the home of A. C. Liphardt. Mr. Grant was accompanied by his wife and daughter, and left yesterday for the coast.

B. C. FEDERATION OF LABOR ANNUAL CONVENTION

The annual convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor takes place in Victoria on January 13. J. W. Gray (who was appointed District delegate at the last Convention) will leave here on the 10th inst.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF W. F. OF M., DISTRICT 6

The fifteenth annual convention of District 6 of the Western Federation of Miners wil convene at Nelson on Jan. 8. Secretary Carter will be the fraternal delegate from District 18, U. M. W. of A.

CONSTABLE SHOOTS DOG

A meeting of the Police Commissioners was held on Thursday night. G. Radland complained that Constable Harrison shot his dog. The constable explained that as he was passing the Queen's Hotel the dog, which was a big boorhound, made a vicious attack on him, and he therefore felt justified in shooting it. The Commissioners agreed with him.

THE TRITES-WOOD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREAT TO THE CHILDREN

The annual custom of the Trites-Wood Company, Ltd., of distributing candies, nuts, etc., to the children of Fernie, was this year carried out in the usual way. This event is always looked forward to by the kiddies with eager anticipation.

At ten-thirty on New Year morning over one thousand were marshalled into line by Mr. Trites and some of his assistants, and one by one they filed in the door, and each received a bag of goodly proportion generously filled with apples, oranges, candy, nuts and raisins.

As they were disposed of they marched out the back door, and it must have been a source of enjoyment to the members of the firm to see the happy faces of the children as they made havoc with the contents of their parcels.

This custom has been kept up by the firm for the last ten or more years and their kindness is always appreciated.

DONALD PUTNAM IS HEARD FROM

Sometime ago, it will be remembered, Mrs. Wm. Putman was in town looking for her son, Donald, who had mysteriously disappeared from Fernie in July. A diligent search was made by the Provincial and local police, but without success. No reason could be assigned for his action, and it was thought that it was another case of lost identity. This belief, as it now appears, was wrong. His mother, who is residing in Kenmare, North Dakota, has now heard from him. He is working on a fruit ranch near Tacoma, Wash. The approaching holidays, evidently made him think of home, and plucking up courage, sat down and wrote to his mother. He does not attempt to make any excuses, he just felt sore, tired and down-in-the-dumps, so that particular morning, when he was going to work, when he was on the track, he just turned and walked until he came to Baynes. From Baynes he walked over the line at Gateway to Rexford, where he caught a freight. He went through Spokane to Wenatchee, then to Everett, Seattle and Tacoma. Then over the mountains from Tacoma to Yakima, back again to Puyallup and Tacoma. All this occupying about a month when finally, after having worked some of the time and part of the time hungry and no work, he found steady work at a ranch near Tacoma.

As is natural with boys of that age (17) he was too proud to write home for help.

When Mrs. Putman was here we suggested that she should send out circulars with a photograph of the boy broadcast through the west, and also one to every paper. Had not the boy written this would have had the desired effect, for the following day his employer handed him a clipping from the Seattle Times. It was the circular, reprinted. Mrs. Putman had quite a number of replies to it, some stating they saw him in such and such a place, but as it happens they were all cases of mistaken identity.

Ald. W. W. Brown has returned from a trip to the coast.

Jas. Broley, seen this morning, stated that he is not quite sure yet whether he will contest the mayoralty, owing to pressure of business.

The winning numbers of Liphardt's Drawing Competition are: 1st Prize, coupon No. 2475; 2nd Prize, coupon No. 3219; 3rd Prize, coupon No. 3218.

The regular monthly tea of the Ladies' Guild of Christ Church, will be held at the home of Mrs. Francis White on Wednesday, January 8, at 3.30 p.m.

Three men were had up for being drunk during the week, but owing to the holiday spirit the magistrate took a lenient view of the offence and discharged them.

The annual dog races, which were to have been held on New Year's Day, were postponed until next Saturday (tomorrow) out of respect for the bereaved families of the snowslide victims.

The following marriage licenses were issued at the local Provincial Government Office during the week: Angus Morley Thomson, Calgary, and Edith Florence Lindley, of this city; Edwin Rutledge and Kate Cartledge, both of this city.

$10.00 REWARD

A. B. Trites is offering a reward of $10.00 for information that will lead to the arrest of the party or parties who trespassed on his private grounds just before Christmas and cut down some Christmas trees.

BURNS' NIGHT

January 25th is Burns' Night, and this year falls on a Saturday. There is to be a social and dance on that night in honor of the famous Scotch poet, particulars of which will be published in our columns at a later date.

WELL-KNOWN CUSTOMS' MAN DEAD

News has just come to hand that D. Hoover, the U. S. Customs' collector at Gateway was found dead in his house below the Customs' office, about 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve. The cause of death is supposed to be ptomaine poisoning. The deceased had been in Gateway for many years and was well known in Fernie.

THE ISIS

The seven reel program at the Isis seems to be proving an attraction for th eattendances nightly have been exceedingly large. The programme for to-night and tomorrow is: "Wedding Gift," "The Foreclosure," "A White Indian," "Alferni's Tragedy," "For Love of Her," "Tangled Relations," and one other comedy. On Monday evening "The Forest Rose," a two-reel Thanhouser production adapted from Emerson Bennett's story of pioneer days in the great west, will be shown.

The photographs appearing on the front page of this issue were taken on the morning of the disaster by Leonard Hunnable.

We hear that Al. Rizzuto, Louis Carosella, L. E. Macdonald and Jas. Robertson are prospective candidates for aldermanic honors.

Rev. I. W. Williamson, Provincial Secretary for the International Sunday School Association, will preach in the Methodist Church next Sunday morning.

On Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock Mr. Edwin Rutledge and Miss Kate Cartlidge were united in wedlock, Rev. J. F. Dimmick officiating. The wedding was celebrated in a most happy manner; a number of relatives and friends were present, and a most elaborate supper was spread and games, music and singing were enjoyed in a hearty manner.

Richard W. Bowen and Miss Jennie Johnson were united in marriage on New Year's Eve at 9 o'clock. The ceremony took place in the home of Thos. Uphill, only the near relatives of the couple being present. A splendid feast was provided and a most enjoyable evening was spent in singing and hearty god will. Mr and Mrs. Bowen left on the following morning for Yale, B. C., where they will make their home. Mr. Bowen is well known in Fernie, having served prominently on the City Police force. He has a host of friends in the city who all join in wishing him and his bride the best that life can give. The marriage was solemnized by Rev. J. F. Dimmick.

NOTICE

A meeting of the Concert Committee in aid of Brother William Griffiths will be held in the office of T. Uphill on Sunday, the 5th inst.

All members are requested to be present at 6.30 p.m.

JOHN W. GRAY,
Secretary.

DEATHS

CASLISH.—On December 27, at Michel, Peter Caslish.

CORRIGAN—Patrick Corrigan, of Michel, at General Hospital, Fernie, age 54 years and 9 months. Funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon last from the Catholic Church.

TAXI CAB DRIVERS STRIKE IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Five thousand taxi drivers decided tonight to strike and this will result in London beginning the new year with less than half the usual service of taxicabs. The trouble originated in the action of several companies advancing the price of gasoline. Under the agreement between the owners and drivers, the latter have paid eight pence per gallon. When the advance was made they were notified that beginning the new year they must pay 13 pence. They offered to pay 10½ pence, but the owners refused. Intervention by the board of trade with a view to settling the dispute failed.

THE KIND OF RESOLUTIONS THAT WINS THE FIGHT

I have just finished submitting a referendum vote to the miners of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, the question of donating $10,000.00 to our International Treasury to be used in assisting our comrades in West Virginia in their efforts to defy their masters and demand the right for a better understanding relative to the marketing of their labor power.

I am proud to say that the result of the referendum has been almost unanimous, and I have today forwarded check for the above amount to National Secretary Perry. These are the kind of resolutions that it requires to help men who are battling to free themselves, and I trust that it will be an encouragement as well as a relief.

McAlester, Okla., Dec. 16, 1912.
Editor The Labor Argus,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Editor,—Some unscrupulous comrade of West Virginia has forwarded me several issues of your paper which has contaminated me to such an extent that I herewith enclose you money order for $1.50 for two one year subscriptions.

I enjoy immensely reading the battle that the miners of that District are putting up trying to secure a foothold, looking forward to freedom. And in saying this I am not overlooking the efforts that are being put forth by your favorable paper in their behalf. I am sure the striking miners must feel the value of your help in their struggle, and I want you and the miners of West Virginia who have the moral courage to fight for a better condition in which to live both for themselves and families to know that the miners of the Southwest are with them to the final end, and that they will understand that all of the organized states have their eyes on the outcome of their fight and are passing just such resolutions as the above one referred to all over this country.

With my best wishes to you in your work and a brighter and happier day for the working class, I remain,

Yours very truly,
FRED W. HOLT,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Classified Ads.--Cent a Word

PIANO LESSONS

Mrs. Titus, playing at Isis Theatre, would like a few pupils. She speaks several languages and the Isis guarantees her to be first-class. Call at the Isis or at Premier House. 20-3

LOST.—Bunch of Keys, between Post Office, Bank of Commerce and Trites Wood, Ltd. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to P. O. Box 308.

WANTED—Teams to hire for logging. Wattsburg Lumber Co., Wattsburg, B. C.

FOR SALE—Player Piano; terms arranged. Apply, J. B., c.o. Ledger.

FOR RENT.—Four-roomed House—Apply. W. Minton, Lindsay Ave., Annex, or "H.M.," Ledger Office.

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply, Mrs. B. L. Thorne, Hosmer.

WANTED—Men to sell lots in our three subdivisions in Athabasca Landing. Our western salesmen are making a good income. The Great Athabasca Land Co., 15 Alberta Block, Calgary. 2-20

PARTNER WANTED — Working partner wanted for coal mine. One with pit boss papers preferred. Must have thousand to fifteen hundred dollar capital. Country bank. Proposition will stand closest investigation. Apply to P. O. Box 135, Pincher Creek, Alta.

POLITICAL ADVERTISING

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for
W. W. BROWN
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Everybody's Doing It
DOING WHAT?
Buying Shares in the
CROW'S NEST PASS TRUST COMPANY

of course. You can't get away from it. It's the best thing you have ever been offered and is going to pay big dividends.

Have You Got Your Shares Yet?

"Take a little tip from Father" and get busy. Remember there are only 1500 to go at par ($10) and half are gone now.

Hurry to the Napanee Hotel and see the Trust Company Men

E. Ross Mackenzie or James Davidson

A LETTER ADDRESSED TO EITHER WILL BRING YOU FULL DETAILS.

News of The District Camps

HOSMER NOTES

R. S. McTaggart was up at Nelson last week looking over some real estate he is interested in there.

The committee, with J. Hannah as chairman, have agreed upon price for B Level pillars. Nuf sed.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. D. G. Wilson, supt. of the mines here, has been transferred to Bankhead to be general manager there, and Mr. Shaw from Canmore will take up his duties as supt. here. We wish Mr and Mrs. Wilson every success in their new home.

The Hosmer Literary Society seems to be "literally" defunct these days.

It's great walking up to the mines this weather. Oh, you good old summer time!

The annual masquerade ball of the local lodge of Knights of Pythias took place on New Year's Eve in the Opera House. The Coleman Orchestra provided the music and a pleasant evening was spent. The costumes, though barely up to the standard of previous years, were of quite a various character. The prize winners were as follows: Best dressed ladies—Mrs. J. A. Carruthers and Miss T. Whyte, representing Queen Elizabeth and grandfather's clock, respectively. Best sustained character: Gents, Mr. I. J. Brown, representing a Dutchman. Comical costume: Mr. T. Keir, representing an Ape. The most conspicuous of the others were: Miss Marlatt as "Dutch Cleanser"; Miss McKelvie representing "The Victorian Age"; Mrs D. G. Wilson as a "College Undergraduate"; Mrs. J. May as a "Japanee"; Brownrigg and Musgrove as the "Gold Dust Twins," a very comical character and well worthy of a prize; Mr. R. S. McTaggart, as an "Highlander;" Messrs McKelvie and Barlass as pierrots; Mr. F. Rambridge, as an "Admiral"; Mr. J. A. Carruthers as "Mephistopheles"; Mr. H. Brooks as a "Scotchman"; H. Brown as Santa Claus."

The K. P.'s installed the following officers for the next term: C. C.—W. J. Simmonds; V. C.—H. McDonald; Prel—H. Smith; K. R. S.—W. Balderstone; M. of W.—W White, P.G.; M. of F.—A L Fortier; M of Ex.—C. L. Hiltz; M. at A.—A Millar; I. G.—E. Noddle; O. G.—Thos Cole.

The afternoon firebosses thought that the kid that put the tipple on the hog on Tuesday evening was a little angel. It gave them all a fine opportunity to go to the masquerade.

T Massiano, the Italian whose life was despaired of, through being injured in No. 2 North, is out of hospital and progressing satisfactorily.

A. E. Cox spent Christmas in and around New York.

Tuesday evening, New Year's Eve, there was quite a lot of first footers on the road in the early morning.

Mrs. Kent was here on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Carruthers, this week.

We hear that a few of Hosmer's citizens are of the opinion that Fernie police are not very good judges of music. (Wonder why?)

We managed to get over Christmas and New Year with a struggle, but how about Russian Christmas? Beware!

BANKHEAD NOTES

The school closed for Christmas holidays and is to re-open on January 6th.

The contract having expired for janitor of the school, new tenders are being called for.

A young man, accused of disorderly conduct, was taken to Banff and fined $35.00. Two others summoned, to appear, skipped out. It looks as if they took the fine for three men off the one just because he had man enough in him to toe the mark It's pretty steep for a first offence, and we wish Banff justices to know it.

The Xmas tree entertainment was a success in every way, the Hall being packed to its capacity to listen to the children. The chair was occupied by Mr. Wheatley.

Special services were held in the church on Christmas Eve.

A motorman, named Joe Bodjys, was killed in the mine on the 26th December by the falling of a stringer from the roof. The affair caused a feeling of sadness coming as it did right after Christmas Day. At the inquest a verdict of "accidentally killed" was returned.

Night school re-opens on January 6th.

The hockey team is to give a dance on New Year's Eve.

COLEMAN NOTES

Winter sure made its appearance in good shape here on the first of this week, there being about 4 inches of light snow, with the wind blowing about 40 miles an hour It made many stay in doors for the first time this winter.

Mr. Wm. Graham, manager of the Opera House, has taken a trip to Creston for the Christmas holidays to visit his family who reside there.

Mr and Mrs. Carey Macfarlane and daughter, who have been visiting friends in Coleman for a few days, have returned to their home in Chocorne, Alta.

Mrs. J. L. Lonsbury has gone on a visit to Chocarne to spend new year with friends.

There has been quite a few accidents here around the mines of late, but fortunately none very serious.

The mines still continue to work steady and the output is increasing every day.

Mr Peter Patterson and Miss Patterson, of Blairmore, were visitors in town the first part of the week.

Mr. John Makin, of Michel, has moved his family to Coleman, where he intends to locate in the future.

The Coleman boys have got busy and organized a brass band, and as there is plenty of musical talent in Coleman, there should be no trouble to have as good a band as any town in the Pass.

The St. John's Ambulance Association, of Coleman, is giving a dance in the Opera House on New Year's Eve.

What's the matter with the Opera House? Why nothing, when you can see twelve to fourteen picture shows for 50 cents a month.

The Burns' Club are holding their annual ball on New Year's Eve in commemoration of the immortal poet.

BELLEVUE NOTES

Mr. Ford, Chief of Police, of Coleman, was visiting in camp on Sunday, the guest of Mr. George Bateman.

Mr. Geo. Copeland, of Kipp, was visiting visiting some friends in camp on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Thomas Taylor, of Maple Leaf, was taken to the Hospital Christmas Eve and was operated on later in the week. She is doing as well as can be expected.

Mr. R. Mitchell is now occupying the house that was vacated some time ago by Mr. W. Mattison.

The boarding house that was vacated recently by Mr. R. Mitchell is now occupied by Mr. Lee, of Lethbridge.

Mr. W. E. Christie went to Frank to preach on Sunday night in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Young.

Mr. Bob Dicken, who has been in Bellevue, as machinist, for some time, pulled out for Kipp this week. We wish you success, Bob.

The funeral of the late Bro. William Capelson took place on Sunday last and was fairly well attended, under the circumstances, as it was snowing all the afternoon. The burial was at the Blairmore Cemetery. The brother was a native of Finland. He had no relatives at Bellevue, but it is understood that he has some relatives at Canmore and Coleman. The unfortunate man was on his way from Coleman when he met his death. The brother has been a member of Bellevue Local for the past five years and was highly respected by all who knew him.

Miss Pearson, who has been spending the Christmas holidays with her parents in town, left for college on Tuesday.

Mr. George Christie entertained a number of the young men of Bellevue at his home on Monday evening.

Mrs. Albert Hallworth, of Royal View, Alta., is visiting Mrs. Harry Blake at Maple Leaf.

HILLCREST NOTES

Warner—White

The home of Mrs. White was the scene of a pretty wedding at 6 p.m. on Christmas Day, when her daughter, Ethel, became the bride of Alexander Warner, of the Coal Company's staff. The drawing and dining rooms were festive and pretty with Christmas decorations, palms and cut blossoms. The bride, who looked attractive and winsome in her wedding robe of ivory duchess satin, carried an exquisite shower bouquet of bridal roses. Rev. J. W. Jones tied the nuptial knot in the presence of a large number of guests. At the conclusion of the ceremony a delectable supper menu was served. Mr and Mrs. Warner were the recipients of a magnificent array of gifts. After a honeymoon spent in the East they will take up their residence at Hillcrest.

Mr. Murray McVicar, who resigned his position as tipple engineer a short time ago, has taken up a similar position at Bankhead.

It is with regret that we record the resignation of Mr. George Atkinson, principal of the Hillcrest school. In the two years spent in Hillcrest Mr. Atkinson made many friends. We wish him success in his future venture.

The dance which was held in the Union Hall, on New Year's Eve, was largely attended. The Hillcrest Orchestra furnished pleasing music, and the entire event proved a most enjoyable occasion for all those who attended.

At the regular meeting last Sunday Mr. James Gordon was elected secretary-treasurer of the Hillcrest Local. The position was vacated by the resignation of Mr. George Hambrough.

PERSONAL

If Charles Warlaby, brother-in-law of Winounskie (deceased) late of Corbin, B. C., will kindly communicate with District Secretary A. J. Carter, he will hear of something which will be to his interest.

The Hillcrest boys wish to commend Mr. Chas. Fuchs, manager at the Union Hotel, for the courtesy extended to them during the Christmas and New Year holidays. Here is wishing Mr Fuchs and his family a happy and prosperous new year!

The dancing class is going full swing. In a short time we will all be able to dance the Highland fling.

MICHEL NOTES

We understand that Pete Baldassi, who was fined $300 and costs a week ago by J.P. Burton, for delivering three kegs of beeer after eleven o'clock on Saturday the 21st, December, has entered an appeal.

Harry Carr was down from the Yellowhead Pass and spent Christmas and New Year with his wife and family.

The jury empanneled to enquire into the cause of death of Peter Sadlish returned a verdict of suicide.

On Christmas Eve the children of Old and New Michel were all given presents in Crahan's Hall. Previous to the giving out of the presents they gave a concert in the Opera House, which was kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Lockhart.

The meeting held in the Odd Fellow's Hall on Monday afternoon for the purpose of electing a School Trustee resulted in the election of Mr. Joseph Wagner, who polled a vote of 18, Mr. Meikle polled 8, and Mr. John Dixon 5. There was considerable dissatisfaction expressed by a number of Michel residents on account of the Chairman ruling they were not entitled to a vote according to the act.

Richard Garbutt and Jack Ireson, of Corbin, spent Christmas here.

The concert, supper and dance held in Crahan's Hall, Christmas Eve proved a success in every way, and every one present enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Part of the programme consisted of children's songs as follows: Pixies' song, flower song, and Eight Little Mothers' song. The rendering of these was a treat, and those who were responsible for the training of the children are to be highly commended for the way in which the little ones carried out their parts. The following gentlemen, Messrs. Cockran, Almond, Baker, Harries, Bastain, Williams, Towhey, Dowe and one other gentleman whose name we are not in possession of, all sang with great success. Rev. Mr. Curry gave a recitation which brought down the house. After the concert the hall was cleared and dancing was commenced and kept up until the wee sma' hours, everyone going home thoroughly satisfied with the night's entertainment.

On New Year Eve the Knights of Pythias gave a supper and ball in Crahan's Hall. There was a large crowd present and every one enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Nat Evans, once a resident of Michel, is spending a holiday here and renewing old acquaintances.

Martin McGarey and Nat Howels, of Maple Leaf, spent New Year's Day in Michel.

A dance was held in the Venezia Hotel New Years night, and a large crowd were present.

Owing to the stormy weather the turkey shoot held last Sunday was not very well patronized, and only four turkeys were shot for. The result was: Wm. Savage, 2; James Davey, 1; and W. Kelly, 1. Porter was not in it at all this time. Better luck in the future, Bill.

Fifty dollars was given out by Mr. Lockhart on New Year night at the show. The lucky ones were: Mrs. Littler, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Albert Estabrook, Mr. Geo. Nettleson and Mr. John Pietro.

On Friday last about 2.30 p.m. Pete Sadlish, a Slavonian miner, living in New Michel, committed suicide by stabbing himself below the heart. The deceased leaves a wife and family of three.

We are sorry to report the death of Alex Murphy, who died on Christmas Day from tuberculosis of the lungs. Deceased had been working up till a week or so previous to his death. The funeral service was held in the Methodist Church and conducted by the Rev. M. Currey.

A dance was held in Martin's Hall, New Michel, on New Year Eve, under the auspices of the Bohemian Society. It was very well patronized, and everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

A meerschum pipe is being given by Mr. Hampton, of the bowling alley, New Michel, for the highest score made at 5 plus. So far Chris. Gris is at the top with a score of 35.

Richard Behan, an old resident of Michel, but now of High River, Alberta, is spending a holiday with Mr. A. C. Murray, of the Elk River.

W. E. Newing and family left for Calgary on Saturday last, at which place Mr. Newing goes into business for himself.

Mr. Johnstone, of the Great Northern Hotel left Friday last for Spokane.

COAL CREEK

The Christmas tree and tea party held in connection with the Presbyterian Church, on December 27, passed off successfully. Dr. Workman took the part of Santa Claus to perfection, while Mr. Shanks had charge of the bag containing the numbers out of which the children had to draw for their respective presents. They were ably assisted in their duties by other officers and members of the church. Songs and recitations rendered solely by the children constituted the programme.

The Rev. Mr. Pearson will conduct the service at the Knox Church, Fernie, on Sunday morning next, and in the evening address the congregation here on the subject, "A strange raiment," or "The man who is not in the fashion." Everyoody welcome.

The camp was early astir on Monday morning, when the news of the sad catastrophe got around, and great credit reflects upon those who directed operations on the rescue work, and the workers, who in spite of the cold wind, manfully stayed with it till all were cleared away. Jack Moore, Harry Fox and John Atkinson, being about the first on the scene, acted with promptness. We were pleased to note the Rev. C. Hannan, of the Methodist Church, diligently plying his shovel on the work of rescue. Supt. Shanks deserves all credit for the manner in which he superintended operations, assisted by other members of the staff.

Sam King and Walter Campbell were omitted from the list of injured in the special edition. King is suffering with a bruised knee and Campbell with crushed fingers, leg and face cut. We learn that all the injured are doing as well as can be expected.

The baby boy of Mr and Mrs. John Drew passed away of pneumonia on Saturday, aged 15 months. Our sympathies go to the parents.

Mr and Mrs. Worthington desire to thank those who put forth such strenuous efforts to bring their boy back to life; also for the many expressions of sympathy extended to them in their trouble.

Below we give a brief sketch of the late A. Worthington. Born in the year 1896, in Lancashire, England, he came out to this country with his father and mother some 6 years ago, making their home at Michel. From there they resided at Morrissey, and after operations ceased at Morrissey they came to Coal Creek, where he has always endeared himself to all he came in contact with. He was a violinist of no mean ability, and was always one of the first to offer his services for any charitable purpose. He had also taken up amateur photography as an hobby, and on the morning of the disaster, he had in his pocket 12 post card photos, which he had taken of the man O'Neil, the saw sharpener, who was killed, and had intended giving them to him. He was a bright, intelligent boy, always ready to lend a helping hand. The sympathies of the whole camp go to the grief-stricken parents.

The New Year festivities were somewhat curtailed owing to the gloom over the camp. McNally's famous band made their tour of the camp.

Mrs. William Ireland was taken to hospital on New Year's Day to undergo medical treatment. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Whilst George Gould, junior, was coming off shift on Friday, December 27th, the mule he was driving suddenly let out and landed George in the mouth. He was removed to Fernie Hospital.

Tom Whitehouse, employed as a miner in No. 2, had the misfortune to lacerate his eye by running against the corner of a piece of lagging. After being attended to, by Joe Hamer, he was able to proceed home.

The mother of Mrs. Chris. Wright, of Morrissey Villa, is spending a few weeks up here with her daughter and son-in-law.

CANMORE NOTES

The young people here enjoyed the Christmas tree and entertainment, and presents were distributed to 252 children.

For the satisfaction of breaking the mirror in the bar-room the payment of $94.00 should add to the enjoyment of the man who was responsible for this damage.

As a wind up to the celebrations of some of our residents here Feodor Kurczuk had three men arrested for breaking two windows, two lamps and a clock. Two of the culprits left for parts unknown and the other had to pay a fine of $14.85.

Pete Ariczuk had two windows broken, for which four sports paid $12.35 each. Amusement of this kind evidently proves somewhat expensive, and it is to be hoped these parties will be able to find a little better outlet for their energies in something more pleasant both to themselves and their neighbors.

The new skating rink is causing some excitement of late. This was built by the company, and a hockey match was played there on New Year's Day between Bankhead and Canmore.

Charlie Sing was very busy on Monday night carrying turkey to the rink committee who had a special supper served at his restaurant. Whether they also had their fill of Sam Suey we are unable to state.

On Monday, January 6th, the famous Bell Ringers will provide an evening's entertainment at the Miner's Hall. Don't fail to hear them.

The mines are running at full swing just now.

NOVA SCOTIA COAL

HALIFAX, Dec. 31.—The total value of the yield of the farm, factories, fisheries, forests, mines and livestock of Nova Scotia, according to the summary to be published tomorrow is $13,893,548. The total coal shipments from Nova Scotia mines amounted to 16,383,000 tons and the value at the pits mouth is placed at $25,000,000. The lumber shipments were reduced by high ocean freights but the cut was three million feet. The agricultural yield is $28,000,000. The gold mines output which has been constantly diminishing is down to $95,000,000.

DISASTER AT COAL CREEK

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one that wended its way to the cemetery on Wednesday afternoon last, the nearest approaching it being that of the late President Sherman. The Catholic and English Churches, were crowded to capacity at the services for the dead, the vast majority of whom either by rig or on foot followed the remains to their graves. The Italian Society, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the latter of which Jas Buckley, one of the victims, was a member of, were out in full force, and the City and Salvation Army bands rendered appropriate music, the former heading the mournful procession. Rev. Father O'Neil conducted the service at the Catholic Church, and Rev. Father Michels at the graveside. Funeral orations were also delivered by members of the Italian Society, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The Rev. Mr. Walton conducted the service at the Church of England as well as in the cemetery.

In all there were six burials, five of the victims and the other Patrick Corrigan, a miner, who had died in the hospital on Sunday, December 29th.

The other victim, Henry Neil, will be buried on Sunday next at 2 p.m., when it is expected that some of his relatives from further west will be here.

The funeral of the late Alex. Worthington took place the same day, but not at the same time, as the church services were held at Coal Creek. Our Coal Creek Correspondent says:

The funeral of the late Alex Worthington, one of the victims of the sad disaster up here on Monday last, will be long remembered for its impressiveness. Fully 300 people attended to pay the last tribute of respect. The funeral arrangements were ably conducted by J. English. The company ran a special train for the purpose of conveying anyone desirous of attending. The body was brought home from the undertakers' parlors on Tuesday afternoon. Service was conducted at the house by Rev. Mr. Pearson, of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Mr. Hannan of the Methodist Church. Owing to some misunderstanding the special which was due to leave Coal Creek at 3 p.m. did not get here till 4 p.m. The company kindly placed the general office at the disposal of the people as a waiting room, which kindness was greatly appreciated. On arrival at Fernie the cortege was met by the Salvation Army band and a number of Odd Fellows in regalia. Mr. Pearson officiated at the graveside, and amid heartrending scenes the casket was placed in its last resting place.

Much credit is due to Thomson and Morrison who had the funeral arrangements in hand, and who carried out the sorrowful proceedings without a hitch. In this they were ably assisted by W. R. Beatty, of Cranbrook.

In our special edition we gave the date of the previous snowslide as December, 1906. In looking over our records we find, that this is incorrect, as it occurred on February 8, 1907.

The inquest will be held in the Provincial Court House this (Friday) evening at 7 o'clock.

The Fernie Ladies' Benevolent Society postponed their annual ball which was to have taken place on January 1. This they did out of respect to the men killed at Coal Creek, and it seemed to the society that it was the only way in which to show their sympathy for the sorrowing relatives and friends. The society takes this opportunity of expressing their sincere sympathy to the bereaved ones.

On all sides the expression of eulogy is heard of the excellent work done by Supt. Shanks at the time of rescue and after.

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In Old Country Labor Circles

Organized Labor is acting with great determination and firmness in Blackburn. The leaders of the trade unions having members at the Greenbank Foundry have written to the employers demanding the withdrawal of the non-unionists imported to replace the engineers on strike. If this is not complied with all trade unionists at the works will be called out. Ironfounders, smiths and strikers, moulders, carters, laborers, all the trades employed at the foundry are involved in the decision, which is stated to have been unanimous. A general strike would, of course, mean the virtual stoppage of the work, but so far the dispute has been confined to the Greenbank Foundry.

Miscellaneous

Official details of the delegates voting on the question of the five days working week for all miners were issued by the Federation of Great Britain to the affiliated Unions, as appended:

FOR	
Lancashire	55,000
Notts	28,000
Scotland	75,000
Northumberland	99,000
North Wales	10,000
Forest of Dean	3,000
Total	306,000

AGAINST	
Yorkshire	70,000
Midland Federation	36,0000
Derbyshire	30,000
South Wales	116,000
Cleveland	10,000
Bristol	2,000
Cumberland	6,000
South Derby	3,000
Leicester	6,000
Somerset	4,000
Total	283,000
Majority for	23,000

At a meeting of the Committee of Management of the Scottish Miners' Friendly Society secretaries were appointed as follows for the respective counties: Lanarkshire, Mr. Frank Hughes; Ayrshire, Mr. Alexander Wallace; Fifeshire, Mr. Robert Robertson.

About 1,000 workmen employed by Messrs. W. and T. Avery, Ltd., weighing machinists, Birmingham, have struck work because of the alleged victimization of a polisher and partly to secure improved working conditions.

Galashiels (Selkirk) printers have secured, at a conference, an increase in wages of compositors from 27s. to 29s., and a reduction in the working week from fifty-four to fifty hours. Linotype operators are to receive a twelve and a half per cent increase. The advance begins with the new year.

The Dundee carters have made a demand for an increase of wages from 23s. to 25s. per week.

The clerical staff of the Great Northern Railway in the West Riding division are protesting at the response of the company to their application for a revision in salaries to meet the increased cost of living.

The result of the vote of the Miners' Federation on the question of giving districts rights to nominate Parliamentary candidates is as follows:

In favor	348,00
Against	231,000

Parliamentary Questions

Workmen's Compensation Act.—Mr. McKenna, replying to Mr. Gill, said the total amount paid in compensation under the Act during 1911 by employers in the seven great groups of industry for which returns are collected—that is, mines, quarries, factories, docks, railways, constructional work, and shipping—was £3,056,404. The number of disablement cases was 410,031, and the number of fatal cases, 4,021.

Mr. Thomas' Warning

The danger of another national railway strike, of which Mr J. H. Thomas, M.P., gives warning, is an unpleasant reminder that all is not well in the railway world. The present trouble springs from the exclusion of Ireland from the three years' agreement which was arrived at as the result of the inquiry last year. Mr. Thomas says if Ireland is not included his opinion is that the men would not have the agreement again, and might even go out on strike during the currency of the agreement. This grave statement obviously calls for further action on the part of the Board of Trade, which ought not to find the present difficulty insuperable. On the Midland Railway there is no abatement of the unrest which arose out of the charges of victimization brought by trade union members against the management. Mr. Sidney Buxton has communicated with the company with respect to the charges that their officials at Sheffield are organizing and supporting the Free Workers Union, and that the employees are being openly informed that if they want promotion they must join that organization and leave their trade union.

Unionists v. Non-Unionists

Grave symptoms of unrest amongst the miners are breaking through the surface. One of the chief factors in the creation of trouble is the difficult problem of union and non-union men. It is expected that during the next fortnight many non-unionists employed at the Pendlebury pits will have joined the Lancashire and Cheshire Miners' Federation, but the whole of them are required to join if a strike of the union men is to be prevented. This decision has been arrived at by the delegates to the Miners' Federation of Lancashire and Yorkshire, and Mr. Thomas Ashton, the general secretary, has carried out the decision by sending notices to the owners of pits in Pendlebury that the union men will cease work in fourteen days if the whole of the non-unionists do not join. A similar campaign is to be started in South Wales by the anthracite colliers, and notices are to be tendered at six collieries where 4,500 men are employed.

Variety of Grievances

The Northumberland miners do not consider they are being fairly treated by the owners over the wages question, and are protesting that they are not given all the information to which they are entitled in regard to the prices paid for coal. "It is too much like regarding the workers as having no right to a voice in the results of their labor," is the comment of the men's board. Although the representative of the Erewash Valley owners and the Notts Miners' Association have spent several hours in conference respecting the surfacemen's dispute at the New Hucknall and Bentinck Collieries there is no improvement in the situation, indeed, it is possible that the men may hand in their notices.

A ballot of the men employed at the two collieries upon grievances of the enginemen and stokers in particular resulted in an overwhelming majority in favor of a strike. The Yorkshire miners find the tactics of the master very irksome. Some collieries are bringing men from other districts to work for lower wages than those agreed upon, and are refusing to submit cases to arbitration or inquiry. A pointed warning to the owners has been given by the men's representatives. If the owners are wishful of peace they would do well to treat the men's association more courteously.

Fife miners may be persuaded to drastic action unless there is willingness to remedy their principal grievance that, after being on the night shift, they have to rise from bed in order to uplift their fortnightly money to which they are legally entitled.

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TO NATIONALIZE AUSTRALIA LAND

By George A. Dorsey, Ph.D., LL.D, Chicago Tribune

SYDNEY.—Committed, as it is, to the nationalization of the land, New South Wales finds that misrepresentations have to be met and that a certain large element of the public has to be convinced that land nationalization is necessary and that it can be achieved without confiscation, revolution, or other disturbance.

A further difficulty is the existence of several kinds of land tenure, which gives rise to conflicting interests and greatly complicate the problem.

A beginning has been made in two directions: the commonwealth land tax and the recently proposed tenure of leaseholders.

By a progressive land tax the state will make big estates unprofitable and so gradually buy them back without paying for the unearned increment, meanwhile discontinuing the outright sale of crown lands.

Land Tax Assessment Act

The commonwealth land tax assessment act (1910-1911) relates to unimproved values, which, in relation to land, is defined as "the capital sum of which the fee simple of the land might be expected to realize if offered for sale on such reasonable terms and conditions as a bona fide seller would require, assuming that the improvements, if any, thereon or appertaining thereto, and made or acquired by the owner or his predecessor in title, had not been made."

"Improved values" means the capital sum which the fee simple of the land might be expected to realize if offered for sale on such reasonable terms and conditions as a bona fide seller would require.

"Value of improvements" means the added value which the improvements give to the land at the date of valuation, irrespective of their cost.

The land tax is to be paid on the unimproved value of all lands except those especially exempt. The taxable value of all the land owned by a person is: In the case of an absentee, the total sum of the unimproved value of each parcel of land; in the case of an owner not an absentee, the balance of the total sum of the unimproved value of each parcel of land after deducting the sum of £5000.

Progressive Land Tax

At the same time the commonwealth parliament imposed a progressive land tax upon unimproved values. There are two schedules. First, a rate when the owner of the land resides in Australia. Thus, for so much of the taxable value as does not exceed £75,001, the rate of tax per pound shall be 1 penny, where the taxable value is £1 sterling, and shall increase uniformly with each increase of £1 sterling in the taxable value, in such manner that the increment of tax between the taxable value of £15,000 and a taxable value of £15,001, shall be 2 pence. So the increment of taxes increases until we reach £75,000, every pound sterling of taxable value in excess of which is taxed at the rate of 6 pence.

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Stad wynika, ze istotnych przyczyn wszelkich zmian społecznych i przewrotow politycznych szukac nalezy nie w glowach ludz kich, nie w ich wzrastajacej swiadomosci wiecznej prawdy i sprawiedliwosci, ktore sane przez sie nie istnieja, lecz w zmianach zachodzacych w sposobie produkowania i wymiany; nalezy ich szukac nie w filozofii, lec ekonomii danej epoki.

Rozbudzona swiadomosc, ze istniejace urzadzenia społeczne sa bezrozumne i niesprawiedliwe, ze rozum stal sie bezrozumem, a dobro stalo sie zlem, jest tylko oznaka, iz w metodach produkowania i formach podziału dobr, zupełnie niespostrzezenie odbyły sie przemiany, do ktorych nie pasuje juz porzadek społeczny, zastosowany do poprzednich ekonomicznych warunkow.

Oznacza to jednoczesnie, ze i srodki do usuniecia zla—w mniej lub bardziej rozwinetej formie— musza rowniez znajdowac sie w zmienionych warunkach produkcyi.

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Jednew slowem, srodki dla usuniecia zla społecznego nie moga byc wynalezione, raczej wymyslone przez jakiegos genialnego mysliciela, lecz musza przez takie go, lub takich byc wykryte w zmienionych stosunkach ekonomicznych danej epoki.

W tym samym stopniu, w jakim mozliwe jest takie odkrycie jest tez mozliwy rowniez i socyalizm naukowy.

Wymyslic mozna to, czego wca le niema; odkryc zas mozna tylko to, co juz istnieje w rzeozywistosci. Coz wlec znaczy—odkryc w rzeczywistosci ekonomicznej srodki do usuniecia obecnie istnie jacego zla?

Znaczy—wykazac, ze sam rozwoj tej rzeczywistosci stworzyl juz i stwarza w dalszym ciagu, podstawe przyszlego porzadku społecznego.

Podstawowa teza materyalnego pojmowania dziejow glosi, ze mysli ludzkie warunkuja sie bytem ludzi, czyli ze w procesie ruchu historycznego, bieg rozwoju ideji okresla sie w ostatniej linii biegiem rozwoju stosunkow ekonomicznych. A jezeli tak, to jasnem jest, ze powstanie nowych stosunkow ekonomicznych z koniecznosci pociaga za soba zjwawienie sie nowych ideji, odpowiadajacych zmienionym warunkom zycia—i jezeli temu, lub innemu genialnemu czlowiekowi, przyszła do glowy ta, lub inna nowa idea socyalno-polityczna—to stalo sie to skutkiem koniecznosci rozwoju stosunkow.

I tak samo rozpowszechnianie sie tej nowej socyalno-politycznej idei, jej przyswojenie sobie przez stronnikow genialnych odkrywcow, nie moze bye uwazane za przypadkowe, a takze te nowe idealy ekonomiczne rozpowszechniaja sie glownie wsrod tej klasy, lub warstwy ludnosci, ktora bardziej od innych cierpi na skutek przestarzałego juz porzadku społecznego.

A poniewas w slad za rozpowszechnianiem sie idei, odpowiadajacj stosunkom ekonomicznym, musi predzej, czy poznicj na stapie urzeczywistnienie, to jest tryumf nowego porzadku społecznego, to i caly rozwoj społeczny, z wlasciwemi momentami rewolucyjnemi, ukazuje sie takze, jako historyczna koniecznosc.

Stosownie do tego zmienily sie rowniez i sposoby propagandy socyalistycznej; dawniejsi reformatorowie społeczni działali na chybi—trafi, zwracali sie do oswieconych monarchow, lub innych potznych, a szczerych przyjaciol ludzkosci, obecnie zas socyalisci posiadaja scisle i logicznie zbudowany program, ktorego najglowniejsza podstawa jest materyalistyczne pojmowanie dziejow.

Nie oczekuja oni, ani wspolczucia dla socyalizmu od wsystkich klas społeczenstwa, ponlewaz wie dza, ze zdolnosc danej klasy do wspolczucia danej idei rewolucyjnej zalezy od ekonomicznego polozenia tej klasy i poniewaz wiedza, is z posrod wszystkich klas społeczenstwa wspolczesnego, tylko proletaryat znajduje sie w takiem polozeniu ekonomicznem, ktore z koniecznosci pcha go do walki rewolucyjnej, przeciw istniejacymu prozadkowi społecznemu.

Ten materyalistyczny fakt, z nieubłagana koniecznoscia odbija sie w bardziej, lub mniej zrozumiały sposob w glowach wyzyskiwanych proletaryuszow—i jest rekojma zwyciestwa idei socyalistycznej.—Robotmk Polski.

Italian

L'ORGANIZZAZIONE E' NECESSARIA

Stiamo per cominciare un nuovo anno, fratelli di lavoro; aniamoci in uno sforza supremo allo scopo di organizzare le forze del lavoro, in modo che al terminar del 1913 le file del grande movimento operaio abbiano conseguito quella forza e quella potenza che ad esse di buon diritto aspetta.

Nulla si potra concludere di efficace ed utile—per quanti sforzi si facciano—sino a che fra i coscienti operai vi saranno dei lavoratori disorganizzati, sino a che vi saranno degli esseri che ignorano quali fatali conseguenze possono arrecare ai compagni di lavoro coll'essere restii nell'organizzarsi.

L'opera di propaganda non deve cessare a niun costo; noi tutti abbiamo una importante ed imperioso missione da compiere: quella di educare coloro che ancora non sono membri della grande famiglia unionista.

Se noi tutti lavoreremo di buon'armonia e consacreremo le nostre energie allo sviluppo di questo movimento, non havvi dubbio che non tardera a spuntare il giorno benedetto in cui tutti i lavoratori e le operaie del mondo intero diventeran fratelli e sorelle di una grande e nobile organizzazione del lavoro.

Quando spuntera quell'alba—e spuntera indubbiamente—allora sara tempo per i cavalieri del lavoro di cessare temporaneamente l'apostolato di propaganda e di avere un grande giubileo per commemorare un'era novella nella storia del lavoro dell'umanita.

L'organizzazione e necessaria, e indispensabile se vuolsi che il lavoro riceva quella considerazione, alla quale ha diritto da tempo immemorabile.

Unitevi, lavoratori del mondo; voi non avete nulla da perdere—astrazion fatta delle pesanti catene che vi tengono in uno stato di sottomissione e di schiavitu—ma tutto da guadagnare.—Eugene Derne.

I PROGRESSI DELLA U. M. W. of A.

Al 30 Novembre il numero dei membri in regola colla United Mine Workers of America saliva a 377,394.

E' questa una bella cifra, non havvi dubbio; ma bisogna ricordarsi che sonvi ancora centinaia di migliaia di minatori che non fanno parte di questo movimento operaio. Bisogna lavorare a tutt'uomo per convincere costoro ad entrare nelle file unioniste.

A Child Protection Society which has been formed in France has just lodged a complaint with the authorities against the existing conditions of child labor in a large glass works in the neighborhood of Paris, and a prosecution is to follow.

Three years ago the Chamber of Deputies passed a law prohibiting the performance of night work by those children, and the Parisian workers refused to allow their own children to be employed in the glass works. The night work, it is alleged in the complaint of the society, continues, and to conceal infringements of the law—whether by night or by day—during the rare visits of the factory inspector the children are said to have been smuggled out of sight into cellars and other out-of-the-way places.

To make up for this shortage in the local supply of child labor children are imported by "padroni" (child dealers) who buy the children at ages ranging from nine years upwards, and at prices varying from 15 dollars to 30 dollars. To meet the requirements of the law the children are always stated to be at least thirteen years of age.

These children, it is said, were at first imported from Northern Italy, but now they come chiefly from Spain. The condition of the poor little aliens, working eleven hours a day—or night—in a factory far removed from their natural protectors and mere passive instruments in a dividend-earning machine, will readily be understood without detailed description.

DARROW'S SECOND TRIAL

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—The second trial of Clarence S. Darrow, the Chicago attorney who was chief counsel in the McNamara trial and who was indicted on two charges of jury bribing, will be begun here January 20 instead of January 6, as formerly scheduled.

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WHO KILLED THE CHICAGO WORLD?

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and trade union paper would be published by making a contract that Cook County could dictate the policy.

The Delegate committee turned down the proposition and declared that it was better that the paper die than to make it a power in the hands of the capitalists.

When the party refused to sell out these capitalists began to pull off. They had already secured lien on the accounts to the amount of over $85,000, which they still hold. The amount due them at present is about $70,000, so they are well secured.

When the bond issue, amounting to over $33,000, came due on December 1st, these capitalists wanted to put the bondholders off and exchange the old for new bonds. Most of the bonds were held by comrades, many of whom had given their hard earned savings to help the daily and were in need of their money.

On November 20th, only a few days before the crash, when it was well known to the management that the paper could not continue, a letter was written to the bondholders urging them to exchange their old bonds for new ones and also buy more bonds.

Here are some quotations from that letter:

"You are one of the original bondholders of the Daily Socialist which has achieved success as the Chicago Daily World. You came to our support when there was no security back of us. Now that we have security back of our bonds, it is fitting that we offer to you, before anybody else, our new 3-year 6 per cent first mortgage bonds."

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". . . We want you and every comrade who subscribed to our original bonds to take new bonds for twice the former amount."

". . . Nearly $100,000 in assets protect you."

". . . You know us as comrades—know how honest our motives are. To you we're like a bridge that's carried you safely over.

"Almost any of your friends would be glad to invest in such a bond when they realize that our obligations can be paid.

"Let us hear from you today, comrade. You have been our friend in need, now be friendly in prosperity.

"The blessings of all humanity reward helpers of our cause."

This is the stuff that the management and the $23,000-a-year Tribune man tried to bluff the comrades with. Only after I told the management that every man having anything to do with sending out this letter could be put behind the bars for obtaining money under false pretenses did they return such monies as came in response to the above letter.

The bonds fell due on December 1 and the trustee, Comrade Marcus Hitch, compelled under the law to take possession or himself become personally liable. He endeavored to get a friendly receiver, a Socialist, appointed so that the assets might not be squandered. Stedman, of the board, opposed this and the next day some creditors threw the concern into the bankruptcy court and this court appointed the Central Trust Company of Illinois as receiver. What will be left after this company is paid for its services can easily be imagined.

The bondholders, who are almost entirely Socialists, are now trying to save the equipment as far as possible and put it into the hands of the Socialist party.

If the plant were to be sold and the type and machinery removed, it would probably not bring a total of $10,000.

As it stands, however, without being disturbed, it could not be duplicated for $50,000. It is this asset that the bondholders hope to save for the Socialist party, thereby avoiding a total loss both for themselves and for the party.

At its last meeting the Cook County Delegate Committee decided to cooperate with the bondholders, first to establish a weekly paper, and later when sufficient funds have been collected and when occasion demands publish a daily Socialist paper, thoroughly representing the Socialist party and not to be a cheap imitation of capitalist sheets.

In spite of this decision by the Socialist party and instructions to its representatives accordingly, Steadman, supported by Mary O'Reilley, Rodriguez, Kennedy, and others, opposed the action of the Socialist party and made a counter proposition at a mass meeting called by themselves as members of the board of directors, held on Sunday, December 8th, to gather funds and organize a stock company outside of the control of the Socialist party and thus repeat the tragic performance of the past six years.

Had a sane business and editorial policy been adhered to during the strike, the Daily World could have paid off at least $50,000 of its debts and been on a sound economic basis. It could have established itself as a real Socialist paper, thoroughly supported by all the workers and keenly respected by all opponents to Socialism.

Many Socialists think that the management is responsible for the financial disaster and is guilty of having thrown odium upon the Socialist party by publishing a paper that neither the unions nor the capitalist class respected.

They think that for these same individuals to come at this time and ask comrades and the workers in general to raise $150,000 for another paper like the lamented World is only another evidence of the utter lack of judgment on the part of these people.

Many of the comrades feel that it was by using the daily which was entrusted into their hands that they were able to advertise themselves and perpetuate themselves as members of the board.

The party has stood firm at all times for a clear policy and for good management and is not to blame for the failure of the daily. If it is to blame at all it is because it has been too lenient with elected officials who were allowed to continue in office even when they defied the instructions of the party.

The rank and file of the Socialists in Cook county are loyal and true to the principles of Socialism. The comrades in Chicago will yet build up a Socialist press worthy of the revolutionary movement of the working class. By a sane and conscientious use of the money of the workers a mighty instrument for the toiling masses will yet be secured and used in the struggle for emancipation.—International Socialist Review.

BACK TO COAL BURNERS.

The Southern Kansas Railroad has returned to the use of coal for its engines. For some years the passenger service engines on the through trains have been using oil, but the return to coal has been made. The Santa Fe main line trains are also being changed back to coal burners as rapidly as possible. Recently the Standard Oil Company announced that it would make no more contracts to supply oil for fuel.

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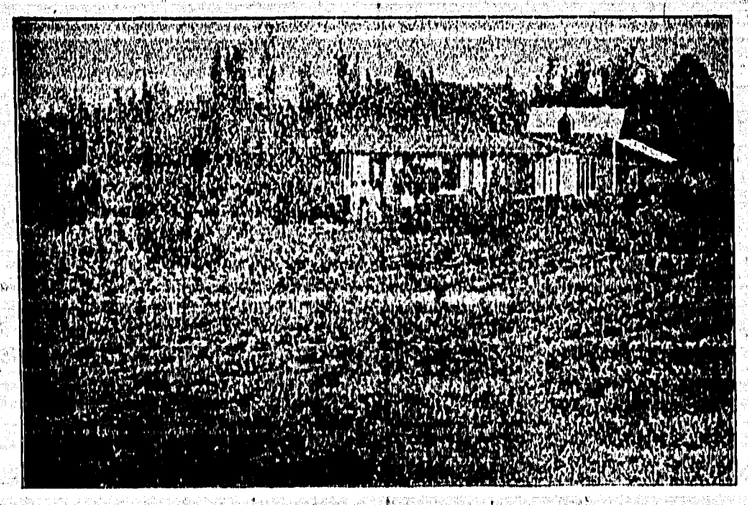

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