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DAVIDSON SURE WINNER!

Free Speech Denied by Conservatives at Corbin During This Week

AMERICANS SHOW WHO RULES IN B.C.

Mine Officials Bluntly Tell Socialist His Policy is Detrimental to Capitalism--Admit that Capitalist Candidate Would be Received

A new phase in electioneering has turned up and that is to deny the right of free speech to Socialists where such is possible. Corbin is a closed town and every inch of ground and property within a radius of two miles belongs to the company. Consequently for the purpose of addressing a meeting of electors there the Socialist candidate asked permission of the Secretary for the use of the hall, the only meeting place in the camp. The request was granted. Late in the afternoon, however, the Secretary came along and said that the Superintendent had forbidden the use of the hall for any meeting to be addressed by Socialists. Candidate Davidson then called upon the Superintendent, and in reply to the question why he had given such instructions was bluntly informed that as Socialism had as its aim and object the collective ownership of mines and other property, he did not consider it in the interests of his company to permit such teachings amongst his men. Asked if the hall would be open to advance the candidature of the Conservative Party, he freely admitted that there would be no objection whatsoever to that. The strange part of it is that the Corbin mines are owned and controlled by American capitalists, and that Gus. Smith, the superintendent referred to, is an American himself. At least we must surmise as much, as his name is not on the voters' list.

Here is a case where American capital, with the power and influence this capital gives them, which McBride, Ross and other members of the government, as the capitalists' executive, uphold.

Workers of Fernie Riding, do you realize the slur and insult upon your intelligence? Cannot you see that your employers, your exploiters, are afraid of allowing you to hear the other side of the question? Do you not recognize that your masters are determined to keep you down and exploit you to the very utmost. Do you not see that they are afraid of you? They do not want anyone to point out to you how you can better your conditions, how you can make your life a little more congenial, how you can emancipate yourselves? They believe that so long as they can keep light away from you, so long as they refuse to let anybody put you wise to your own conditions, so long will they be able to hold you in the hollow of their hands. We believe in this they are mistaken. You are as competent to judge best what is good for you. Electors of Fernie Riding, you must resent this insult. Tell your masters that you can see into their little game, that you will no longer stand for abject enslavement, and the only and best way you can do this for the present is to go to the polls on Thursday, March 28, and vote as one man for the candidate who stands for equality and justice to all, and is here for the sole purpose of working in your interests, viz—**WM. DAVIDSON!**

Schedule of Meetings

The campaign is being conducted vigorously all along the line. Enthusiastic meetings have greeted the Socialist candidate everywhere and his success at the polls is a foregone conclusion. Mr. Davidson (accompanied by Mr. Turner) is now touring the western part of the division, and from latest reports are making good headway. Starting with Saturday next, two more well-known speakers will jump into the fray, Miss Muscat and C. M. O'Brien, M.P.P., and on Monday Clem Stubbs will swell the galaxy of speakers. On Wednesday evening, election eve, a final monster rally will take place in the Grand Theatre.

The following are the meetings so far arranged for:

Saturday, March 23rd—MICHEL—C. M. O'Brien and Miss Mushkat

Sunday, March 24th, 2 p.m.—FERNIE—C. M. O'Brien and Miss Mushkat.

Sunday, March 24, 7.30 p.m.—COAL CREEK—C. M. O'Brien and Miss Mushkat.

Monday, March 25th—HOSMER—C. M. O'Brien and C. Stubbs.

Tuesday, March 27th—MICHEL—Wm. Davidson and C. Stubbs.

Wednesday, March 27th (Final Rally)—FERNIE—C. M. O'Brien, Wm. Davidson, C. Stubbs.

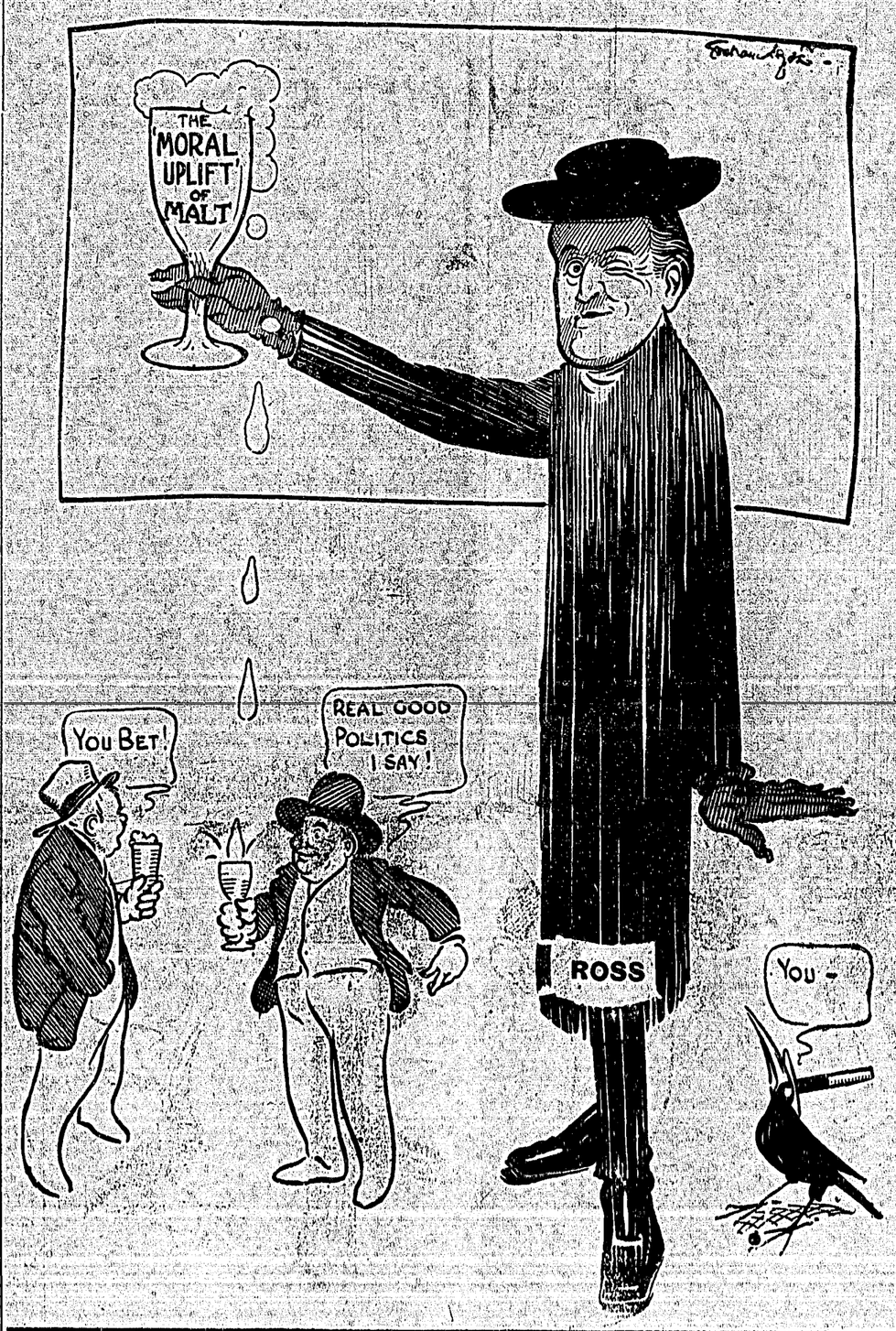
A Note of Warning

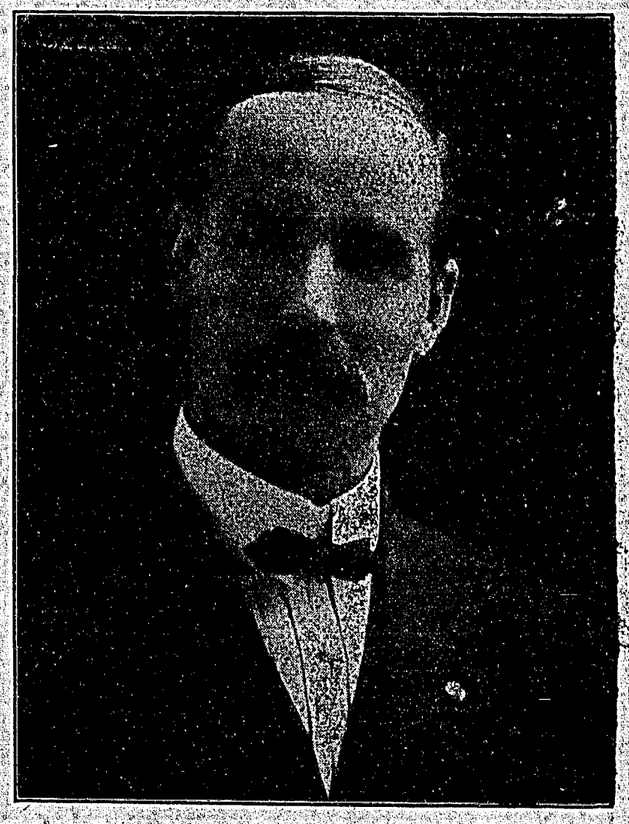
From past experience it is known that many Conservatives, in their "zeal and ardor" for the "cause," have violated the Provincial Election Act. It is known that much fraud and chicanery has been practised in the past. To all such persons we would sound a note of warning. The Socialist Party having learned a few lessons from the past are on this occasion prepared for such contingencies, and have perfected their plans to such an extent that anyone attempting to practice such frauds as impersonations, double voting, etc., will assuredly get short shift. The scrutineers are well prepared and know what to do in such cases. At the last election a few of these scoundrels were detected and received heavy penalties. For the benefit of those who may innocently be led into such frauds, we would mention that anyone who has his name on two separate electorial lists is not permitted to vote in either. The act also says: "If any elector shall vote at more than one polling place in anyone electorial district, he shall, on summary conviction before a justice of the peace, be liable to a penalty of fifty dollars and all the votes given by him shall be null and void."

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

For the benefit of those residing outside of the Fernie Riding, but whose names are on the Voters' List, we would point out that they can exercise the franchise by voting in any part of the riding. Those residing in Alberta, and who wish to vote, should take a run up to Crow's Nest, as the nearest polling booth to them, and cast their vote.

POLITICS!





WILLIAM DAVIDSON, THE COMING MEMBER FOR FERNIE RIDING

CRESTON, B. C., Mar. 20.—Greetings from the army of coast and interior workers who have their eyes fixed on the result in Fernie. We expect Fernie workers to do their duty by electing **DAVIDSON. SHILLAND** is certain of election in the Slocan; **HEATHERTON** has good prospects in Greenwood. **PETTIPIECE** putting up good fight against great odds in Ymir. **LEFAUX, WILLIAMS** and **PLACE** will be elected on Vancouver Island. His Majesty's loyal opposition will consist of six Socialists in next house. Take your coats off and go into win on the 28th.

NAKUSP, B. C., March 21.—Having splendid meetings all through Slocan district. **SHILLAND'S** Election is certain. Government has not even replied to recent demands of Federation of Labor as promised. The workers of Fernie can and should answer this contempt. **DAVIDSON** must be elected.

ALBERTA PEOPLE PAY TOO MUCH FOR COAL SAYS JUDGE

EDMONTON, March 19.—That the people are paying too much for coal in Alberta and that special inquiry should be made with a view of placing the responsibility who orit properly belongs, was in effect the statement of Hon. J. P. Maboe, chief commissioner of the board of railway commissioners of Canada.

The statement grew out of evidence and arguments on the complaint of the provincial department of agriculture against the excessive rates charged by the Canadian Pacific railway for the hauling of coal in Alberta.

Judge Maboe declared that somebody was reaping a big profit from this industry and if it was the railroads they could be reached by the board, and the price of coal reduced to the consumer.

Appears for Province

Charles S. Hotchkiss, provincial publicity commissioner, appeared in behalf of the department of agriculture and supported the complaint. He said that Alberta had long borne the burden of excessive rates, ranging from fifty to a hundred per cent higher than in other provinces of Canada despite the lower cost of operation for the railroads.

Coal Operators

Mr. Hotchkiss then introduced a number of coal operators from Taber including W. W. Douglas, C. C. Cook and W. E. Bullock. The southern operators complained particularly of the competition of Pennsylvan's coal which was favored by a discrimination of 42 cents per ton from Fort William to Winnipeg and 55 cents to Brandon. The minimum rate from Taber to Winnipeg was $4.45 per ton. The operators found considerable difficulty, they said, in keeping their mines running more than three months in the year, imposing a heavy burden on the miners, many of whom were obliged to remain with their families under starvation conditions.

Resuming his argument, Mr. Hotchkiss maintained that the traffic officials fixed to suit themselves, were a law unto themselves. The earnings of the C. P. R. have become immense, argued Mr. Hotchkiss, and excessive rates are charged without regard to fair profits. The public has suffered in consequence, he added.

GIRLS SELL FOR LESS THAN DOLLAR IN STRICKEN CHINA

SHANGHAI, March 19.—Children are selling in the central China famine district today for a trifle less than $1 American money each. Not in years have such bargains been offered. Speculators are investing heavily in producing girls. Boys are not so much in demand.

The fathers and mothers who are selling their own children to strangers say that they have no choice between selling them and seeing them starve to death. Already the people of the famine districts are dying by wholesale either directly of starvationor of the diseases which attend it.

DAVIDSON TO SPEAK AT ROSS MEETING

In return for the courtesy extended to Mr. Ross at the Socialist candidate's meeting in Michel on Wednesday last, the Conservative Party has invited Mr. Davidson to speak at their meeting in the Grand Theatre, Fernie, next Monday night. The invitation was gladly accepted.

I will pay $50.00 reward to the party or parties that can prove I never voted the Socialist ticket.—Wm. Harmison, Michel, B.C.

BALLOTS ARE SECRET

It is timely to point out to uninitiated voters that there need be no fear on their part as to the way they vote leaking out. This is impossible. **Your vote is Secret and no one but yourself will ever know it.** If you are afraid to express your opinion through force of circumstances, through the necessity of holding down your "job"—your existence—there is no reason why you should not express it secretly at the polls, by voting for the man that can best serve your interests—**WM. DAVIDSON**

"I have known our Cabinet "Misfit" for quite a few years now, but have never known him to be any good. And any working man in this constitutency who will go on the 28th and deliberately cast his vote in favor of the Honorable W. R. Ross, must have a spite against himself, his wife and children, and is striking a malicious and wilful blow against all the working class in the Province of British Columbia."—A Subscriber.

Minimum Wage Bill Introduced by Asquith

Balfour is Again Unionist Leader

LONDON, March 19.—Premier Asquith today introduced in the house of Commons a coal mines bill intending to establish a fixed minimum wage for underground workers.

The district boards will frame regulations and conditions for assuring the regulating and efficiency of work in the mines and workmen failing to comply with these conditions and regulations are not to be entitled to the fixed minimum wage.

The bill does not contain any penal provisions for either side and does not compel an owner to open his mine or workmen to descend into the pit.

Workmen who are paid less than minimum wage will be able to recover in the courts.

Premier Asquith said he introduced the bill with great reluctance, but that it is absolutely imperative in the good of the country. The government only resorted to legislature when all hope of a settlement by agreement between the employers and miners had disappeared. He believed that after the passage of the bill and the establishment of a principle of minimum wage by law there would be no longer any difficulty in settling the trouble.

Measure Only Temporary

The Premier explained that the measure was only a temporary one whose specific purpose was to settle the present difficulty in coal trouble in Great Britain. Its enactment will, therefore, be in effect only three years unless the coal industry wishes to prolong it. A reasonable minimum wage for miners with a safeguard to protect owners against slackness and deficiency of output will be settled by the district boards.

The minimum rate of wages will be retroactive, the men being paid from the date of their return to work at the rate subsequently fixed by district boards.

Miners Want More Definite Measure

LONDON, March 20.—At a meeting of the Miners' Federation last night much discontent was expressed at the indefiniteness of the minimum wage provisions and it is expected that the labor leaders will renew their attempts to secure their schedule of minimums by amendment. The government, however, is anxious to have the miners return to work on Monday, as the shortage of coal has resulted in the dislocation of railway and public services, as well as business of all kinds, and the situation is becoming disastrous. Therefore, every effort will be made to get the bill through. The House of Lords will hold a special sitting on Saturday, in order to carry the measure through the necessary stages.

Charles Fenwick, Liberal member for Northumberland, and who is a working collier, says he thinks that it will be necessary to take a ballot of the men on the bill before work is resumed. If so, it will be impossible to resume work on Monday.

Strike Benefits Nova Scotia

SYDNEY, N. S., March 20.—If the coal strike in England continues much longer, the Dominion Steel Corporation will make up out of extra coal profits the money it lost by not getting the bounty on pig iron.

It was estimated that the bonuty would give the steel company about $500,000 a year. Since the strike in England the demand for coal has been of record-breaking proportions and it is stated that the company can make a profit of over $2 a ton on all it sells. At this rate it will not be long before the bounty is made up, as coal is selling as fast as ships can be found to transport it to the erstwhile users of Welsh coal.

(Special to District Ledger)

LONDON, March 22.—Asquith government got second reading of Minimum Bill through with majority of 123. Premier refuses to insert statutory amount for wage, and labor men will kick, but Unionists will support government. Balfour displaces Bonar Law as leader.

French Miners Quit Work

Demain, France, March 19.—A strike which began yesterday among the coal miners of this region is extending throughout the district. Of 13,000 miners attached to pits about 7,000 have quit. They demand an eight hour day and pension of 40c. a day at conclusion of twenty-five years' service.

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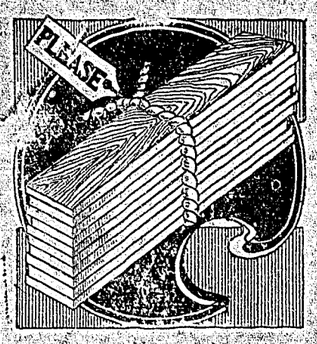

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Electors! on the 28th prove to the Hon. W. R. Ross that BEER cannot always beat PRINCIPLE.

The armies of the world are becoming so honey-combed with Socialism that they cannot much longer be depended upon to shoot down their fellow men.

Humanity swings upward. We are advancing from stage to stage in the evolution of social institutions. The next stage upward will be the abolition of rent, interest and profit.

A bill making it illegal for employers of labor, during Presidential elections to threaten the employers with the closing down of factories or reduction of wages should certain candidates or party be elected has been introduced by Congressman Pepper, of Iowa. A fine of $1,000 or imprisonment for not less than a year is provided in the bill. That's a good bill, and might be very useful in B. C.

W. R. Ross would have us belidve that he was "acting under the instructions of the C. N. P. Coal Co." when he took the stand he did in the Krutz case. This sounds so wonderfully nice and simple that we would certainly recommend the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company to any bum lawyer, as he will only have to "follow their instructions!" We are beginning to understand the oft-quoted expression—"An ornament to the legal profession."

Socialism will break up the home. That is the cry. That is not the aim of Socialism. Socialism aims at establishing homes. The Montreal Witness recently declared that seven thousand married women of Montreal toil the night or day through for the wives of other men. They have no time to be with their children or to care for them. That is what capitalism does. It breaks up the home. Every time you vote for either McBride or Ross or Borden you are voting for desolated homes and general hell.—Cotton's.

45 MINERS KILLED IN RUSSIAN MINE

ST. PETERSBURG, March 19.—Forty-five miners were killed as the result of a gas explosion in the shaft of a coal mine at Uzovka, province of Saratov, today. The cause of the explosion is not known. The mine is owned by a Russian company.

Nyal's FAMILY REMEDIES

SOCIALISTS CUT DOWN GRANT TO KASIER

BERLIN, March 19.—As an indication of what may happen when the Socialists become the dominant political power in Germany and a foretaste for Emperor William of what he may expect from the "Reds," the Socialists in the diet of Alsace-Loraine have struck from the civil list in the budget $25,000 annually paid by the province to the Kaiser. They have also taken from the governor of the province $25,000 of the $50,000 "representation fund" of the executive and the "secret fund" of the political police for secret service. The Socialists ask that the amounts thus saved shall be used in increasing the salaries of underpaid small officials and employes in the state service.

A Vote for Davidson is the "Intelligent Way"

CAMPAIGN NOTES

Our hope of the future is in the education of the masses.

Let the nation hear a demand from the laboring man's voice.

The Government Road Gangs will not be sufficient to save this seat for W. R. Ross.

I am ashamed of a civilization that makes 5,000 men depend on one —Wendall Phillips.

McBride dealt at some length with his Royal Commissions, but has yet to convince the workers of the great benefits that have accrued to them.

"The rich may steal the labor power of the poor, but the poor are punished if they try to recover the smallest part of the surplus of their own labor."

The government should see that all able men are kept busy. When men are busy they have no time to meet in unlawful assemblages, and wake up the police.

"Socialism is a criticism of modern social conditions, a theory of progress, an ideal of social organizaton, and a practcal movement of the masses."—Morrs Hillquit.

After the joint meeting at Michel Wm. R. Ross had a caucus meeting with his supporters in one of the bar-rooms in that town. Much import(ing)ant business was transacted! Y-e-s!

We shall expect, as a matter of course, that there will be protest against mud-slinging during the approaching campaign; but when it comes to bricks—well! That's different.—Portland Telegram.

What has the McBride government done for the Fernie district that the people there should obsquatulate themselves in the august presence of Bill Ross.—Lethbridge Herald. ("God knows!" said Taft; and, well, "Doeth He," evidently—from the nomination papers.)

This is the concise way the British Columbia Federationist of Vancouver sizes up the labor situation out there: "The chief industry in B. C. is the building and filling of jails, and the sale of government lands and real estate.

William Waldorf Astor, Pall Mall Gazette, says the government should present a bill to get power to seize the miners' strike fund. This should appeal to the Hon. R. W. Ross, and the workers might be disposed to support him in such labor legislation!

Socialism will give to the capitalist what it wll give to the workers, namely, the full return of the social value he creates. The capitalists howl against Socialism on the ground that it means confiscation. Evidently the capitalists under the present laws are getting more than their share.

The workers' demonstrated to the "big guns" of the Conservative Party that they know a little more about the splendid opportunities for those willing and able to work in this Province. The Premier certainly ran into a snag when he thought he could explain so easily the reason for the unemployment througlout this Province.

In order that the Inspection of Factories Act should be carried out it was found necessary for the Trades and Labor Council to draw the attention of the Government to infringements of the act. The government evidently cannot guarantee that its laws will be carried out. The workers have to be continually watching them.

Remember this, that all labor legislation enacted in this Province has been fought for by organized labor and their representatives in the House. The Conservative Government has GIVEN nothing but what the workers have been able to force from them contrary to the desire of the capitalists of this part of the country. The Attorney-General emphatically admitted that such was the case when speaking here on Tuesday night.

W. J. Bowser has been credited with being the "brains" of the Conservative Government of this Province, and of the Socialists he says:

"The Socialists are well posted on public affairs, and have the courage of their convictions."

Referring to this particular campaign, he says:

"The only people who make it at all interesting are the Socialists. If it were not for them it would be a walk-over."

Premier McBride has formally announced what has been generally known for the past few weeks, that the government would immediately appeal to the country for re-election upon a new railway policy. Briefly, it means that the government will furnish the money to build the roads, the workers will do the work for their bare keep and live in camps unfit for human habitation, and when completed Bill and Dan will own them. Profits for the business men, land speculation for the real estate sharks, work for the workers, and a beautiful legacy for the future coupon clippers. What more should the workers want—Work? The development of "our" resources comes high, but we must have it.—R. P. P., in Winnipeg Voice.

An enormous difference in wages paid under government ownership and private ownership plants in the shipbuilding industry is shown in the census bureau advance sheets covering the year 1909, which shows that the government at its own works expended in salaries and wages during that year, $15,317,000, distributed to 16,428 employes. This produces an average payment per year to each employe of approximately $920. The report does not employ the same method n dealing with private shibuilding companies, but a comparison can be arrived at by doing a little figuring. The employes in the private plant, including all who draw salary or wages, as in the above comparison receive an average yearly amount of $515. In the private plants $13,986,000 was the total sum distributed. The difference in favor of the government employe is $405 per year, per employe. This comparison is made by the Milwaukee Leader and is probably fairly accurate, as investigations at the plants of the United States Steel Corporation, Schwab's Bethlehem Works and other places have revealed conditions of labor that were almost beyond belief. Still thousands of the "free" laborers in the private plants vote regularly against government ownership for fear they would become "enslaved" if they had to take more money for their wages.

The following caustic comment from the Edmonton Capital shows that the calibre of the dominant political party in B. C. is correctly guaged on the eastern side of the Rockies:

"The McBride government has adopted a law to permit women lawyers to practise in the coast province. Seeing that Dick McBride has about the biggest aggregation of effeminates following him in the House, it is quite reasonable to suppose that the interpretation of the laws they make would be an easy chore for the women who will make a study of them."

"Do you mean that girl with the spots on her face?"

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14 KILLED IN EXPLOSION

SAN ANTONIO, March 18.—Fourteen men were killed by an explosion of a locomotive boiler in the Southern Pacific roundhouse here today.

Many more were injured.

Most of the dead and injured were strikebreakers, who took the places of Southern Pacific men who went on strike here several months ago.

So fearfully mangled are several of the bodies that it is thought they never will be fully identified.

HALF A MILLION MAY QUIT APRIL 1

CLEVELAND, March 19.—Whether there wil be war or peace in the bituminous fields at the expiration of the present contracts on March 1, will be known, it was said today, by the end of the first session of the conference of operators and miners of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois here tomorrow.

Three hundred and six thousand bituminous miners in the United States and Canada will abide by the result of the conference. If a strike is called nearly 500,000 men will quit work on April 1, when it is predicted the anthracite miners also will walk out.

Briefly stated, the situation is this:

The operators demand a wage decrease.

The miners demand a wage increase.

The best either party hopes for is a compromise.

Representatievs of the operators, eight from each o fthe four states, will meet here today in preliminary conference. If the agrement is not renewed work will stop automatically April 1, but any action of the miners representatives must be favored in a referendum vote by the miners before it becomes legal.

Suspension Now Sure

CHICAGO, March 19.—Announcement was made from the Illinois coal operators' organization today that it would be practically impossible for the miners and operators in the bituminous fields to reach a new agreement by April 1, and that a suspension on that date was certain.

An investigation has shown that the steel trust controls eighty per cent of the steel industry and that the net profits for the past nine years have reached the enormous sum of more than $1,000,000,000. The investigation likewise shows that J. P. Morgan received $70,000,000 for his work in the reorganization of the steel trust.

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Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre.

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World Declares Workers Are Being Driven to New Belief

Instead of declaiming that there is no reaosn why the American workman should become a Socialist, the New York World has now begun to show how the terrible industrial conditions are driving the worker to Socialism. Sunday the World published the third of its articles on conditions in the steel districts. The article was headed "Conditions in Steel Town Make Workmen Turn to Socialism," and described things as they are in Steel Town, the industrial town of the Pennsylvanian Steel Company, adjoining Harrisburg, Pa. In part the World's article was as follows:

Steelton, by the Susquehanna River at the lower end of Harrisburg, is the Pennsylvania Steel Company; nothing else is there worth mentioning besides the steel plant and one or two big cigar factories to use the cheap labor of steel workers' wives and children. The town's 14,000 inhabitants enjoy all of the advantages and disadvantages of benevolent corporate paternalism. The town government is the steel company, and the steel company is the Pennsylvania Railroad, so we should find the best that corporate brain power and corporate money power have been able to create in an American industrial community.

Another consideration makes Steelton especially well worth investigating: It is still a community of American workingmen. The Pennsylvania Steel Company employs an unusually large proportion of skilled labor—and skilled labor still means, generally, in the steel industry, American-born labor.

When running at full capacity the company employs here in round numbers 8,000 men of whom approximately 5,000 are American-born and 3,000 foreigners. This is just the reverse of the proportions in the American iron and steel industry as a whole.

So here, if in any steel and iron producing community in the United States, we would find the "American standard of living for the American workingman."

Gets about $15 a Week!

Fifteen dollars a week is more than a liberal estimate of the average income of the skilled steel worker and head of an American family in Steelton.

Skilled workmen in the machine shops receive 20 to 30 cents per hour, plus a possible premium for efficiency. Four dollars a day is the wage of the exceptional man; three dollars is above the average, even when the plant is running at capacity. For a long time work has been slack; many men are not making more than half time; shopmen are working eight hours instead of ten; others four to five instead of six days a week.

In one of the "company houses" visited by the World correspondent lives a skilled mechanic. Husband and wife are of English-Scotch-Irish descent, and their fathers and grandfathers have been American farmers. The man works nine hours a day, six days a week for 22 cents an hour, making his present earning capacity $1.98 a day, approximately $52 a month, $624 a year.

The husband walked in then from work, black with dirt, and plainly tired.

"There's scarcely a meal when I wouldn't eat more if we could afford it," he said.

Made Him Socialist

"Now, I'm a Socialist; the steel mills have made me one. I wasn't thinking about Socialism or very much about politics, except to vote for the high tariff I knew the company wanted, until I began to be pinched by hunger. Then's when a man begins to think. Our organization is growing all the time. We meet weekly and have about 100 members. Here's a ticket for an entertainment tonight, glad to have you come." The wife laughed.

"He almost bores me to death with his Socialism and his reading," she added. "But it's just such conditions as these that are making converts. My father's a Democrat and my brother's a Republican. No, they don't send us anything to eat from the farm. They think because we are in the steel mills we ought to be rolling in wealth and saving money. Bob sends 'em his Socialist papers, but they're too comfortable to care to be anything but Democrats and Republicans!"

Here again there was surprising absence of bitterness and apparently no dissatisfaction with the employer. Conditions were accepted as the inevitable. To the wife, worn thin by work and worry, a chicken farm seems to be the possible solution of their family problem. To the husband, enthusiastic propagandist, Socialism is the star of hope.

"When the workers wake up and vote to own the machinery of production, then and not till then can we get relief," he said, smiling through his mask of soot.

World's Editorial Comments

In commenting editorially on conditions in Steelton, the World said:

"Passing on from its review of the shocking conditions of life and labor among steel workers in South Bethlehem, the World today describes an American steel town.

"One pathetic touch not noted at South Bethlehem is the longing of these boys and girls from the fat Pennsylvania farms to go back, to be at home again in easier conditions of work, with pork and corn in plenty and milk for the children—really milk enough. It is no paradise which the giant steel industry has created on American soil for refuge from the 'hard and ill-requited labor of the farm.'"

Herve on The German Victory

By Gustav Herve—Translated by A. M. Simons.

The following is the leading article by Gustave Herve in the current number of his paper, La Guerre Sociale. Herve is the most prominent direct actionist and syndicalist in the world. Sometime ago he was sentenced to two years imprisonment for his anti-military activity. While in prison he continued to edit his paper and has since been sentenced to nine more years for articles written while in prison. He was at one time a member of the central committee of the French Socialist Party, but finally resigned because, as he said, he felt that his advocacy of direct action was injuring the party. In view of these facts his comment on the German election is most significant.

"While we may consider the vote as of only secondary importance as a revolutionary weapon we can not deny the importance of four million and a quarter of suffrages.

"Without giving offense to any one, it seems to me that even if I were an anti-voter (a mania with which I have never been tainted) I still could not repress a certain jubilation when I see the magnificent slap in the face that the German Socialists have administered to the Kaiser and to the united Protestant and Catholic clericals.

"I have formerly jeered at the German Socialists somewhat. I believe that I even said once to its face—to be sure it was only for the purpose of spurring it on—that it was only a machine gathering votes and dues.

"When last summer our German comrades made their splendid manifestation against war, and when, in France, we had shown so little of brilliancy—then it was that I recognized that this formidable machine for the gathering of votes and dues might transform itself, if the Kaiser became too brutal, into a formidable machine with which to smash him and his supporters. Then, I began to wish that we had such a machine in France.

"And I wished this all the more when I came to see that the Socialists were moving further and further from dogmatic doctrinarism into actual life.

"Now, that the German Socialists have turned from metaphysic to practical tactics it is time to quit smiling, my emperor.

"Do you know of what this continuous, irresistible march reminds me?

"It recalls to me the great enveloping movement of the army of the royal Prince of Prussia in August, 1870, against the unfortunate army of Napoleon III., and the forced marches which ended at Sedan.

"But this time it is not the army of Napoleon III. that is being surrounded and besieged. It is that of Kaiser Wilhelm. The Catholic centre still resists like the infantry of marines at Bazeilles. But this centre, recoiling upon itself, is losing hold, and one feels that its resistance will soon have an end.

"The heavy battalions of the Socialists march methodically forward, making no mistakes, no false movements, but occupying one by one the cities, investing one by one the villages.

"A new Imperial Sedan is impending whose end will be a new republic—the German republic.

"The Kaiser knows this. He well knows that any European war, no matter what might be its result, might easily precipitate the catastrophe. He knows that he cannot, with impunity put arms into the hands of a military people which has this superiority from the revolutionary point of view over the English people, that it was trained in the barracks to use the rifle and the cannon. He knows that he cannot, with impunity, put arms into the hands of a people, even though peaceful, who have given proof of their bravery on a hundred fields of battle, and who have in their past, perhaps, the greatest revolution of modern times—the Protestant reformation.

"The electoral triumphs of the Socialists is not alone a victory for German liberty; it is a victory for international peace.

"Do we in France know enough to draw from the victory of our friends in Germany the lesson of organization, of method, of discipline, of harmony that we need?

"We certainly have need to attend their school for a little while. They have attained to a cordial understanding between the Socialist party and the unions; they have created within the bosom of the German working class two formidable organizations, one political, the other economical, marching forward in harmony, hand in hand, giving to the German people faith in themselves and that enthusiasm which moves mountains.

"We, on the contrary, whose political life is further advanced than that of the Germans, we have, by means of our internal dissensions, our sterile discussions of personalities, developed a party on the one hand and a general federation of labor on the other, equally stagnant, with equally ridiculous inefficiency, treasuries without money, journals without readers, and have engendered demoralization, skepticism and disgust.

"In truth, I begin to ask myself if, with our great phrases of insurrection, direct action, sabotage, 'and 'chasing the foxes,' we are not, after all, from a revolutionary point of view but little children beside the Socialist voters of Germany."

FOUR DEAD; 60 INJURED AS CARS ROLL DOWN BANK

Limited Train Hits Broken Rail, and Coaches Tumble Into a Creek In Illinois

DANVILLE, Ills., March 8.—Four persons were killed and nearly three score injured as the result of the derailment of the Continental limited train westbound on the Wabash railway at Redwood bridge, two miles west of West Lebanon, Ind. All the cars left the rails, and some of them turned over. A broken rail is said to have caused the accident.

Two of the cars are said to have rolled partly into a creek, the derailment taking place at the end of a bridge.

Several of the injured may die, and it is said that several others may be dead in the wreckage.

WHAT THE OLD COUNTRY WORKING CLASS IS AFTER

Finally, let me repeat that the average working man does not care one rap about pension bills, or labor exchanges or insurance bills; that he will, as a matter of fact, bitterly resent the fourpence toll when the insurance bill is passed, but that he does want higher wages and that he ins rdano,tlbzbb is determined to get higher wages it is not the least bit of use telling him with his seventeen shillings a week that the shareholders cannot afford to give him twenty-five.

We have taught men to desire a fuller and a more satisfactory life than their fathers had and when a whole class really desires a thing they are petty certain to get it somehow or the other.—London Express.

GET IN THE GAME!

There are some things that can be done through absent treatment, but the devils of social and economic injustice can be removed only by the laying on of hands. This means vigorous, determined, personal effort. If you're croaking because "the world's going to the bow-wows" — if you're blue because you think you're not getting a square deal—ask yourself honestly if you are doing all that you can to save the world from hell, and if you really deserve any more than you're getting.

On general principles I say unhesitatingly that the workers are not receiving a just share of the common product in our industrial life. But there's many an industrial workman who needs a jolt instead of a jolly. He needs to realize that unless he gets into the game with a whole heart and a strong will, he doesn't deserve what some other chap is digging out for him.

Yes—by "the laying on of hands"—all hands together—that's the way the job will be done. Let every worker who believes in himself and in the prosperity and well-being of his group stand ready to do his part in the fight for our common humanity.

WANTS TO PREVENT STRIKE BREAKING

HALIFAX, N. S., March 18.—A measure is now before the house of assembly introduced by one of the members for Cumberland amending the Employers' Liability Act. It is a strike breakers bill. It provides that it shall be illegal for any employer, directly or indirectly, to bring any workmen into Nova Scotia during a strike or lockout without having given notice to such workmen of the existence of such strike or lockout.

A POINTED QUESTION

The Boston Common (Ind.) Nov. 18.—Columns are being written to prove that the great recent gain in the Socialist vote—the upstanding fact in the late election—doesn't mean Socialism. All agree, however, that it means discontent; widespread, profound, growing discontent. One fact should be remembered. The Socialists have a program. Agree with it or not, you have to face it, for in politics you cannot beat something with nothing. No longer can this discontent be pooh pooched. It may be guided. But Standpatters cannot guide it. The discontent is because of their guidance. Middle-of-the-road moderates like President Taft aren't guiding it—it is thrusting them aside. The more radical Progressives want to guide it, but haven't agreed very far upon a program. That is what they will have to do soon if it is not to get beyond their reach, also. . . . . If the wise men who reject the ultimates of Socialism wish to avert them, it is high time for them to begin to point out better paths. If not Socialism, what?

CONDITIONS PRODUCED BY THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM

By Ernest Pratt, Toronto.

Because we produce for profit, we have war.

Because we produce for profit, we have panics.

Because we produce for profit, those that produce nothing live in palaces while those who produce the world's work live in hovels.

Because we produce for profit, hundreds of thousands of working men live almost on the verge of starvation, in a land where there is an abundance for all.

Because we produce for profit, we have strikes and lockouts, and workmen have even been blacklisted.

Because we produce for profit, injunctions are used against union men and they are thrown in jail by the thugs of the capitalists.

Because we produce for profit, the militia and police are used to protect scabs who take union men's jobs.

Because we produce for profit ninety seven per cent of the laws enacted by the parliaments are enacted in the interests of the owning class, while labor's petitions, with rare exception, are ignored and trampled upon.

Because we produce for profit, the courts are lined up against organized labor to imprison or hang their officials.

Because we produce for profit we have thousands of unnecessary accidents every year in factory, mine and railroads.

Because we produce for profit, we have swindling and forgery, cheap and injurious competition, suicide, premature death and degeneracy.

Because we produce for profit, thousands of young men live single all their lives becaues they cannot provide for a wife and family on the wages they receive.

Because we produce for profit, we have slums where vice and crime are fostered and matured; thus our prisons are filled to overflowing.

Because we produce for profit, we live in a land of master and slave, where an army of unemployed is constantly growing larger.

SOCIALISTS HAVE SUPERIOR BRAINS, SAYS ENGLISH LORD.

MANCHESTER, Eng. — Lord Hamilton, the great anti-Socialist, in testifying before the railway commission, said that the reason the Socialists had control of the unions was "because many of these Socialists are very cunning fellows and have considerably more brains than their fellows."

When asked why he opposed them he said they were wasteful and unfit. When asked how he reconciles that statement with the statement that the Socialist had superior brains to their follows he said: "What I mean is that they are a menace to me and the shareholding class."

"You mean that only non-Socialists should control the unions," he was asked.

"Yes," he answered.

"That is to say, that the less able should control those whom you admit are men of superior brain power?" he was asked, and he refused to answer, appealing to the chairman.

(Ed.—No doubt the noble lord's brain power gave out at this "point." We can imagine him opposing anything that conflicted with the interests of the "shareholders" (widows and orphans, impecunious curates, etc.) not to mention his own particular "interests." Why even the "Hon." Billy would decline such a query as that.)

ITALIANS REAP DEATH HARVEST IN TRIPOLITANA

BENGAZI, Tripoli, March 18.—More than 1,000 Arabs were killed and another 3,000 wounded, according to the Italian news, which says the Italians recently stormed and occupied an oasis in the north, which was strongly entrenched and held by a large force of Arabs.

The Arabs bravely defended their positions, but were routed by the Italians at the point of the bayonet.

Over 400 Arabs' corpses were left on the battlefield and Italian officers report that an enormous number were carried off by the retreating Arabs.

The loss of the Italian troops is given as three officers and 25 soldiers killed, while they also had seven officers and 55 soldiers wounded.

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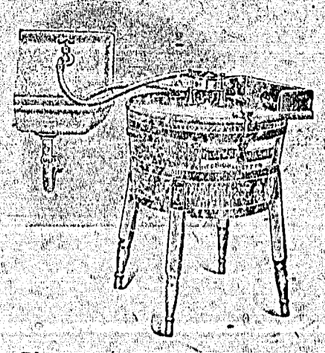

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How Things Might be Under Socialism

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Schools.—The public schools are socialized now. They would under Socialism be conducted practically as now. But as Socialism would end poverty, it would be possible for all children to be highly educated then, and, as people became more enlightened under more favorable conditions, methods of teaching would become more practical and effective. This is merely the logic of development.

Roads.—Dirt roads are socialized at present. Socialism would merely systematize the work and through providing permanent improvement work for such as were not otherwise employed would build more permanent and better roads. Rail and other roads would be handled much in the same manner as dirt roads are now.

Churches—Churches would be supported by voluntary contributions of such as wanted them, as they are now. But under Socialism every toiler would be able to support and enjoy what pleased him, and consequently the church would become the instrument of the toiler, as it cannot be today when so many of the principal supporters are mere exploiters of the toiler, and the toiler is so robbed he is unable to contribute to anything.

Woman Suffrage.—Socialism is the only movement that is consistently for suffrage for all women regardless of whether they have property or not, and that has declared for the "abolition of all laws that in any way discriminate against women." By ending the need of woman and child labor in the industries, it would do more to elevate womanhood and the home than any movement the world has known. Women are members of the party now, are candidates of the party everywhere, and women Socialists are almost as numerous as male Socialists.

They Killed Them

By J. O. Bentall

It was on Friday when they did it. Ghastly headlines and horrible details in the hideous capitalist newspapers shrieked forth that five men were being hung. One was a negro, four were white.

Had those four men committed a crime? Had they been brutal? Had they wantonly murdered an innocent farmer? Had they chopped his body and crushed his bones? Had they been deaf to his pleadings and dead to his cries for his wife and baby?

Certainly, all that.

Can no excuse be offered for their unspeakable inhumanity? Was there no circumstances that might bear witness in their favor?

None.

Agreed then that the crime committed by the four slayers can in no way be excused. What further can be said?

Simply this: These young men and boys have been brought up in an environment that made them brutes. They had seen and heard all that is vile and vulgar.

Society, organized and civilized. Christianized society, had thrust among them the robber who holds up the worker at the pay window and loots his pay envelope. Who drives the victim with the lash of necessity till his body is bent, his bones broken, his life crushed out. The robber who pounces upon the little girl and the little boy and hurls them into the mill that grinds them into dollars. The robber who has no scruples, no fears, no conscience. The robber that is protected by law, government, by society.

This robber, the greatest of all robbers, who steals the sweat and blood of the toilers, who brutalizes and dehumanizes every soul upon whom his breath falls, was thrust by society, organized, civilized, Christianized society, among four little babes whose mothers loved them because of their sweet, soft bodies, their bright sparkling eyes and their gentle baby coo-ings.

And this great Robber began to breathe upon these babies. He breathed the breath of the dram shop, and the breath of the brothel and the breath of the corrupt politician, and the breath of the gambling den, and the breath of religious hypocrisy, and the breath of poisonous ignorance, and the breath of the yellow press.

The babes grew and became young men. They had breathed the atmosphere that society, environment had supplied them with. They took on the forms of the robber that society had thrust among them. The robber that city government, that state government, that national government supports, protects, encourages.

So these babies when they became men, became brutalized, dehumanized criminalized, just like the big robber that robs the toiler at the pay window and picks his pocket with fingers of the dram shop, the brothel, the gambling den, the yellow press.

Then they killed a man. They killed a good honest farmer. They did it in a brutal way, the same brutal way that the big robber kills the man in the mines, the women in the shops, the boys in the mills, the girls in the factory, with the permission and protection of the mayor, the governor, the president.

Then the State, the protector of the big robber who robs the toiler at the pay window, took the four men and hanged them by the neck till they were dead.

One of them, a mere boy, was not heavy enough to break his neck by the fall, so one of the state's servants put his arm around the dangling boy and pulled down so as to help in the process of strangling.

It's a merry stage.

The State first criminalized these men and then killed them.

That is the noble deed of the State. The state expects to expiate its crime by killing its own product. It expects to warn others and make them take heed.

But the next morning in Chicago more crime had been committed than before the hanging.

No. No.

You can't make criminals by a bad environment and then make them good by hanging them.

Socialism proposes a clean, just, decent environment where there shall be no big robber who robs the toilers at the pay window and who teaches the people how to be bad by the use of the dram shop, the brothel, the gambling den, the yellow press.

Socialism proposes a clean, just decent environment in which it will be easy to do right and hard to do wrong.

Socialists do not believe that society can rid itself of crime by killing the criminals, but rather by doing away with the conditions that produce criminals.

TWO YEARS' STRIKE

Ends in the Coalfields of Northern Colorado

DENVER, Colo., March 12.—By an agreement entered into between officials of District 15, United Mine Workers of America and officials of the American Fuel Company, the strike in the Northern Colorado coalfields, which has continued for nearly two years, is virtually settled so far as the eight mines of this company are concerned.

As a result about 300 men wil return to work in Louisville and Lafayette to-morrow, and nearly 1000 men will return to work in the northern fields within ten days. The agreement was the result of concessions on both sides.

World-wide Strike

NEW YORK, March 12.—A world-wide strike of coal miners is regarded by the coal trade as more than a likelihood if the negotiations of the anthracite and bituminous workers and their employers in this country do not result in a settlement.

With more than a million coal miners on strike in Great Britain, and 150,000 miners in Germany voting to quit work to force higher wages, a severe shortage in coal in Europe is faced. Anthracite coal operators are drafting their reply to the hard coal workers here for presentation to the miners on Wednesday, while next week at Cleveland the bituminous operators and their employees will confer in an effort to bring about an adjustment of conditions in these coal fields. Meanwhile coal is being loaded on the Atlantic seaboard for Southern America and European points, usually supplied by English firms.

Looking for Scabs

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Mar. 12.—Agents who are said to represent British interests are travelling through the southern anthracite section offering big wages to miners to accept employment in Canadian mines, the output of which is to be sent to England, where a shortage of coal is expected for half a year after the miners' strike is over.

MOUNTAIN STILL A MENACE TO FRANK

Move City to Safe Location Urges Commission

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., March 11.—The report of the royal commission appointed by the federal government to investigate into the stability of Turtle mountain which has for years been considered a menace to the town of Frank, Alta., has at last been published and the results are far from reassuring to the citizens of the little mountain colliery town.

The report is to the effect that continued mining operations inside Turtle Mountain are making more and more imminent the danger of a repetition of the disaster which overtook the town of Frank in 1903, when practically the whole town was wiped out by a landslide and scores perished.

In spite of the commission's findings the people of Frank have not become unduly excited, and on account of the pecuniary loss entailed, it is expected that no one will think of moving until the Dominion authorities step in and order that the town be removed. An outstanding paragraph of the report is as follows:

Should Abandon Townsite

"Whatever the report of this or other commissions, the town can never be an important one on its present site, since there will always remain the dread of another calamitous slide like that of 1903. In spite of undoubted individual hardship caused by the abandonment of the present site, the town on a new and safe site might prosper as never before. The townsite should be abandoned."

The transference of the C.P.R. track from the danger zone will be necessary The C.P.R. has not as yet taken action and the change of route is not decided.

WAGE RATES OF CHINESE COAL MINERS

W. H. Donner, Pittsburgh, Pa., who lately returned from the Orient, says Chinese coal miners are paid 7 cents for a day of 12 hours, in addition he receives his food from his employer, but this consists of about 1 cents' worth of rice and meal. Coal at the pit mouth in China is sold at 35 cents a ton. The coal is transported from the mine to the river or railroad by coolies, a distance of a mile or more, for which they receive one cent for carrying about 400 pounds.

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Low Wages And White Slavery

Pauline M. Newman, Trades Union Organizer

Say what you will, lo wwages are bound to go hand in hand with white slavery. Wages paid to women workers, and especially to girls in department stores, are NOT enough to live on decently.

The average wage paid to a girl in a paperbox factory, sweatshop and department store will range from $4 to $5 a week. In cities like Chicago, New York and Boston these girls must pay $1.50 a week for a room. Out of the remainder they must buy clothes and food, pay their doctors' bills, get their amusements, etc. Clothes are expensive. The cost of living is high. Work is hard and tiresome. The hours are too long. The work is also monotonous because it is so arranged today that the worker is nothing more than a part of the machine. The desire for nice clothes is there, whether the wage is little or big. The yearning for something more pleasing than making garments or a paper box or selling over a counter is within a girl regardless of how much she earns. And the everlasting question arises, What is to be done?

Many of these girls pick up sufficient courage to tell the foreman or superintendent that they can't possibly get along on the wages they get, and they hope he will give them a rise. Instead of her hope coming true, he looks at her, sizes her up from head to foot, and asks, with a friendly smile, "Why don't you look for a friend on the side?"

If you don't believe this, gentle reader, go and try a job in one of the big department stores and convince yourself of its truth.

Unfortunately for the girl of small intelligence, this suggestion works oftentimes. She doesn't bother the foreman again, but thinks over what he has said to her. In her imagination she sees herself with one who would really be a friend to her. She is tired of cheap moving picture shows and would like to be taken to real theatres, to nice restaurants and to many attractive places. So she decides to do what other girls have done and look for a "friend." It is easy enough to find one, for there are thousands of "friends," whose chief business it is to pick up these tired-out, underpaid wage slaves and get them into a life of hell by giving them a "good time" for a little while.

The little shop girl's "friend" takes good care of her. He takes her to a theatre and after the theatre to a "swell" place for supper. There she meets many men and women who eat, drink and are merry. Music, dancing and wine are all for her. She is told by her "friend" that he loves her and that he always will. He buys her new and pretty clothes, and, in short, sees that her desires are satisfied. He finally persuades her not to go back the store and work her life away. And what is the use of going home? Did she not have enough of wretchedness, misery, poverty and worry there? And so the girl, intoxicated with the excitement of the new life, quits the store and leaves her home to live with the "friend." Then follows the tragedy.

There are many girls who do not go into the business because of getting nice clothes. They are forced into it because there are families to support and not enough to support them on—that is, not enough to buy the actual necessities of life. Some of us who have worked in factories KNOW THIS TO BE A FACT for we have seen it with our own eyes.

I nthe year 1907 the statistics of New York showed that more than 65 per cent of the prostitutes came from the slum districts. What does that mean? WHO LIVE in the slum districts? The working class, of course. Low wages paid to the father, low wages paid to the girl, and THAT IS WHAT FORCES HER INTO THE RANKS OF THE WHITE SLAVE. Don't forget that.

What is to be done, then? GIVE THE GIRL WORKER A CHANCE TO LIVE, A SHORTER WORK DAY, WAGES SUFFICIENT TO COVER PRESENT DAY NEEDS. Make her working and living conditions human and there will be little or no temptation to go out at night for pleasure or to look for a "friend."

How to do it? Join the union. Organize one if there is not one in your trade. Start today. Don't wait for tomorrow—tomorrow may never come.

Remember that white slavery is an economic problem. Yes, a bread and butter question, and the evil of white slavery, together with all other evils such as child labor, industrial robbery, political corruption, hypocrisy, will exist just as long as a system which produces these things exists.

The problem of white slavery will be solved when all economic problems are solved. And many other problems may be solved when the working class man and woman learn to use their power on the economic as well as on the political field.

Intelligence and organization are the watchword! — The Progressive Woman.

Questions Answered

How about watered stocks?—Under Socialism all industry will be owned by the whole people. Consequently there will be no stocks and bonds of any kind, and if none, then no watered stocks.

Is New Zealand a Socialist government? No. It is largely controlled by union labor and has a great deal of government ownership, but it is a capitalist country and is only beginning to consider real Socialism.

What will be the salaries of government officers under Socialism? That will be for the whole people to say. Cotton's Weekly is not running Socialism, but only seeking to get full power into the hands of the people themselves.

How does Socialism propose to keep power in the hands of the people? By establishing both political and industrial democracy—that is, by putting all power in the hands of the whole people, including power to keep the power. You will notice Socialism is not merely a system of laws, but a method.

How would it be under Socialism where one farmer had poor soil and another good soil? Just as it is under similar conditions. But under Socialism it would be possible to farm co-operatively and in doing that eliminate the unfair advantages that now prevail, while at the same time giving all the use of the best machinery.

If I have a little farm now, would I have under Socialism to start all over again? No. Under Socialism no one would have to "start" at all, because the start would be provided for all in the means of production owned collectively. The "start" is due to a system, which robs most people of most of their lives before they get a chance to really live.—Cotton's

DECREASE IN WAGES

10,000 Railwaymen of Grand Trunk Will Not Submit to Ruling Without a Struggle

TORONTO, March 11.—Conductors, brakesmen and baggagemen on "short runs," or branch lines on the Grand Trunk Railway have been notified that increased rates of pay which became effective January 1, of this year in accordance with the award of the board of conciliation, and arbitration after the strike of 1910, will be reduced after April 1, between 5 to 45 per cent. The announcement is received by the railwaymen with much dissatisfaction and they are indignant at what they consider a gross breach of faith, and the company's action will not be accepted without a struggle, and a strike affecting 10,000 men is talked of.

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COAL IN YUKON TERRITORY

A large body of anthracite and semi-anthracite coal has been discovered at the head of White River, Yukon territory, Canada, a few miles from the summit of Skolai Pass. The new fields are within fifty miles of the great Chitina-Kotsina-Nizina copper district of Alaska, where extensive mining operations are in progress. The new coal areas were discovered last fall, and without making public announcement a company made locations and sot a large force of men at development work. Skolai Pass is only fifty-seven miles from the Bonanza copper mine, where a branch of the Copper River Railroad now terminates. In Yukon territory coal lands are leased by the Canadian Government for twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre, with a royalty of 5 cents a ton on the merchantable output of the mine. The United States Congress has taken no action toward leasing the Alaska coal fields, and copper men are discussing the possibility of getting coal from the new Canadian district.—Fuel.

GOVERNMENT

A government is an organization that can build warships, but not peace ships;

That can distribute mails, but not express matter;

That can run navy yards, but not stock yards;

That can build canals, but not railways;

That can give away valuable rights, but never get them back;

That can make profits for others, but not for itself.—Life.

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District Officers' Appeal to Workers On Davidson's Behalf

We stand together on the industrial field with our Unions, but we divide our strength on the political field, and so, while striking for better conditions with one hand, we put a fetter on the other. Take the Fernie Election as an example. On the one side we have a lawyer—the paid servant of a coal company, whose interests are the opposite to that of the employees—on the other a man whose past record is known as a consistent advocate of workingclass interests. On the industrial field we are paying out money to fight against the attempts of the different companies to deprive widows, orphans and dependents of our foreign brothers of their just rights, and at the same time we send a man who gets his wages from the very people that are everlastingly forcing us to pay out our good money. Is not this a very stupid course to pursue? Do you not think that the members of Parliament in B. C. don't say to themselves, What easy marks the working class are? What would you think of the man who would expect a cat to be a guardian of canaries? You would say that he was all kinds of a fool, and yet you are not a bit the wiser. You have had the chance to select a man who does not promise to represent all classes because he knows it cannot be done.

"We don't say to you vote a certain way because we say so, but do ask you to look into the question and satisfy yourselves of the advantage of sending those whose actions prove their sincerity of purpose."—(Excerpt from President W. B. Powell's address delivered at the Eight Annual Convention held in Lethbridge in February, 1911.)

The voters of the Fernie Riding have now before them the opportunity of voicing their ideas upon the question of continuing in office a representative of the master class, or displacing him by seating a clear-cut representative of the workers.

On this occasion there can be little excuse for confusion on the part of the voters, as the two candidates clearly represent the two great opposing interests in present day society, and the only misunderstanding on the part of any voter would be in a misconceived idea os to their particular class interests.

Any student of correct political economy will admit the fact that Labor alone produces all wealth, though we may still find those apologists for a system that lives upon the exploitation of Labor, who make miserable attempts to deny this fact.

For centuries the workers have struggled with their masters to attain what they consider to be a fair share of the product of their labor, always being strenuously opposed by those whose profits would be reduced by any advance the workers may make. The master class have, however, long before the wage-workers, realized that the legislative powers were an absolute essential in continuing their right to plunder the workers, and have at all times made it their particular business to secure themselves in this control. One need not look far for proof of this statement, but the lack of understanding on this point can be readily explained by the fact that those things that are most easily seen are the least observed.

Make a comparison between the laws on the statute books of B. C. that protect the interests of the workers and those laws that protect the interests of property, and the holders of property, and it is not difficult to determine in whose interests the legislative body of this province is working.

In the struggle between workers and exploiters there can be no line of division of products that can be adjudged fair; the struggle between the workers for a greater share of the product as wages, and the exploiters for a greater share as profits, must continue until those who produce the wealth shall own it. The governments of today are composed not of producers, but of men who are skilled in the art of exploitation, and who are given to leading the workers upon flimsy pretexts unkept promises like lambs to the slaughter.

In conducting this struggle the workers have tried by organization and force of numbers to accomplish their purpose, but by our experiences in the conflicts of the past, wherein we find all the powers of judiciary and state lined up against us, we are rapidly learning that the labor question is a political question, and that in this struggle the worker must take possession of the reins of government.

The policy of passive resistance cannot be profitably followed; in this regard we should not lose sight of the now famous Krzuz Case. It has been pointed out what this means to the workers in B. C., whose dependents are resident outside the bounds of the Province. What does it mean to the worker whose dependents are resident inside of the province? Does it not mean that there is a premium placed upon the employment of such workers, where, in the event of a fatal accident the companies are liable for compensation to the extent of $1,500, that would not have to be paid in a case where the dependents were resident outside the Province? Can it be any wonder under such circumstances that a more thorough campaign will be conducted to encourage immigrants whose employment will thus reduce the liability of the employers. The argument used is that the legislation is for the benefit of residents of B. C., and that an industry in the Province should not be taxed for the support of residents outside the Province. But would the McBride government extend this principle also to the disbursement of dividends? If it is not right, in their opinion, to send money out of the province for dependents of the workers, is it right that profits arising from the hides of the workers should be sent to stockholders outside the Province? Are Mackenzie and Mann residents of the Province of B. C., and will they not particularly profit by the railway policy of the McBride government?

The answer of the Hon. W. R. Ross in the Krzuz case is that he was working for the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, and protected their interests, and we are forced to the conclusion that he would continue, as he has done in the past, to work for the benefit of his employers in the same conscientious manner.

The answer should be a big majority for DAVIDSON!

C. STUBBS.

Unity on the Political field as well as on the Industrial. This policy has ever been advocated by the progressive members of the Trades Union Movement in recent years, and today we find ourselves almost as a unit in endeavoring to uphold and carry out that principle.

The stumbling block, however, seems to be that we are not so unanimous as to what are actually the best methods which will lead us to accomplish that desired end. If we, the workers, are to make any headway in achieving the results so eagerly looked forward to by the workers of the world, i.e., to own and control the means of production, then we should make every legitimate effort and not quibble over details, to place men in the legislative halls who will use their energies to that end.

In the coming election, the men in this riding will have the opportunity of sending one of their class to represent their interests; one who will be as creditable a representative of any body of workers under any and all circumstances: one who has studied and knows the wants of the workers, and one who will do all in his power to protect their welfare at Victoria if elected—**that one is WM DAVIDSON.**

In his letter on Labor, Pope Leo XIII. concludes as follows: "That remuneration for work must be sufficient to support the wage-earner in decent comfort." I think every one will agree with him, in fact, I have not heard anyone yet who disagreed on that point, but the fact remains that so far as the old political parties are concerned, they have never nor do they pretend to know how every wage-earner can be assured of sufficient remuneration to merely exist at all, to say nothing of living in decent comfort. It is well known what Taft's reply on this question was when asked, "God knows!" he said. This is a question that the workers should ever keep before them. Will McBride, Ross or any of the old parties try to solve it? or do you think it possible that they could solve it if they did try? Do you think that the policies which they are now advocating will enable them to meet this unemployed problem? I, for one, say most emphatically—No! On the other hand Davidson as a Socialist representative can at least show you by logical arguments that it is within the reach of practical politics to deal with and successfully overcome such an all-important problem.

Premier McBride made the boastful statement at the meeting in Fernie that every man in B. C. could get work if he desired to do so. This is rather a strange declaration in face of what has happened at Vancouver and also in view of the present conditions in this immediate neighborhood. It is now four months since the settlement of the strike, and what do we find? In Michel alone there are 400 men who have not yet had the opportunity to work, and in Fernie they are only working on the average half-time. It is possibly true that if these men had a hundred dollars to spend in railway fares they may locate a job, and if they were ever fortunate to do so I am confident that very few would be able to find work in the mines. Probably some would seek and obtain work in Alberta, but to be candid in the matter their chances would be very slight. And supposing, after commencing a man should be so unfortunate as to meet with a fatal accident, the dependents that were left behind in B. C. would, according to the position taken by the operators in the Krzuz case be deprived of the miserable pittance they should receive for the loss of the bread winner. Of course, this is one of the benefits the workers receive in supporting McBride and his government. If you desire this state of affairs, then continue to vote for Ross.

The question might be asked, what right have I, as an official of this District, to try and use my influence on behalf of any particular political party? In reply I would say that at the recent International Convention the Constitution was so amended that it now gives members the right and privilege of coming out and fighting any and all on the political field who are opposed to the interests of the workers. It also gives the right to those members who may be so blind to their own interests, as to work and vote for those political parties whom the majority know full well cannot and will not protect the interests of labor. The fact however remains that when the majority of a Local or District decides to support a certain candidate the only logical conclusion is that he is the one that should be recognized and supported. From an official standpoint I have no hesitation in saying at this time that there is only one candidate who is representing the workers in this election, and who will be endorsed by the majority of the workers, and that is DAVIDSON.

I would urge you, who are in doubt as to whether Ross or Davidson is the one that should represent your interests to take the opportunity and attend the meetings of both parties, and then I am sure, if you consider the matter honestly and impartially, that you will be convinced that Davidson is the only one that can conserve and protect your interests at Victoria.

A. J. CARTER.

A Contempary's View on the Election

"Bruce," in Saturday Sunset: "I don't believe the people of British Columbia are so simple as Mr. McBride thinks they are. While it is not likely that his government will be overthrown, I think there is enough innate honesty and self-respect in the people of British Columbia to demand a check upon the government and to resent Mr. McBride's assumption that the electors are a lot of ninnies.

He said: "Conservatives have never taken advantage of their power. Who does he suppose is going to believe such a statement? Is it not well known that the government is bending every effort to defeat the one Liberal in the house, that by taking advantage of their power, they have already voted $200,000 to be spent in Alberni as a bribe to the electors of that riding? If the Conservatives have not taken advantage of their power, why have they permitted only one session of the public accounts committee in seven years? That committee is the only safeguard for the proper expenditure of the people's money. Why has Mr. McBride not allowed that committee to sit? Is it because it would have been made public that the government has already been compelled to pay the first instalment of interest, amounting to $800,000, on the C. N. P. Railway bonds? What is he afraid of? If his government were absolutely straight, if all were as it should be in the public accounts, why is he afraid to have them investigated by a committee composed of his own followers? In Ontario and in Ottawa the public accounts committee is second only in importance to the cabinet itself as an agency of the public interest. Yet Premier McBride, using the power vested in him by a topheavy majority, has prevented it even from organizing.

"When you come to think of it, what could be more hypocritical than his boast that the government has not taken advantage of its power? Everyone knows that no concessionaire of the government dare call his soul his own. Everyone knows that the license-holders of this province are under the thumb of the government, that road appropriations are used for the purpose of bribing constituencies, and that every department of the government is turned into a great vote making and holding machine.

"Why did Premier McBride use his power to bring on an election fourteen days after dissolution if he were not taking advantage of his position? Why does he bring on an election with obsolete lists, which deprives thousands of electors of the right of the franchise if he is not taking advantage of his power? Why does he refuse a redistribution, the lack of which gives the cities huge advantages in representation over the rural districts, if it is not to take advantage of the public, using the power in so doing which the public has put in his hands?

"Could Pecksniffianism go further than when Premier McBride tells us his government has not used its power to take advantage either of its opponents or the public?

THE CIRCULATION OF SORROW

The men who labor spend their strength in the daily struggle for bread, to maintain the strength they struggle with. So they live in a deadly circulation of sorrow, living but to work, and working but to live, as if daily bread were the only end of wearisome life, and wearisome life the only occasion of daily bread.—Daniel Defoe.

WASTE OF WAR

The nations of the world spend nearly £400,000,000 a year on preparations for war. What might not be accomplished with even a quarter of this sum in the fight against destitution and disease? In the last ten years Britain has spent £338,000,000 on naval expnediture and £292,000,000 on Army expenditure. A small proportion of this money would have built hundreds of thousands of healthy homes, would have given food and clothing and medical attention to every neglected child. Any movement that stands for social reconstruction cannot shut its eyes to the terrible waste of national resources involved in war.—British Labor Leader.

A Socialist recently gave his experience before he saw what the new system stands for. A Socialist had been in the habit of dropping in to his place of business and explaining Socialism to him. He thought the Socialist was crazy on this one point. He had great pity for him. He thought it was too bad such a bright fellow should be led into believing all the rant he was getting off. The non-Socialist even blushed in shame at the folly of the Socialist. But after many days of thought he got the hang of the ideas, and they began to appear mighty good. He then saw that while he was pitying the Socialists, the Socialist was really looking upon him in compassion and was exercising a great deal of patience. Now the non-Socialist is a Socialist and is undergoing the experience of being regarded as more less of a pitiful fool by his former ignorant associates.

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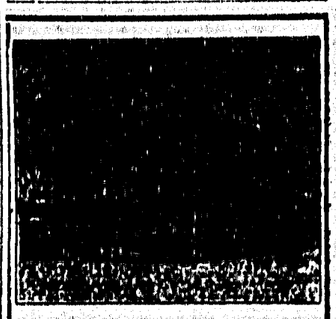

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE WORKERS IN THE LUMBER INDUSTRY

THE Fernie Free Press, the recognized organ of the Conservative Party of this city, would have the lumber jacks believe that a certain paragraph appearing in a recent issue of this paper was meant to cast reflections on the men engaged in the lumber industry of this Province. We would ask the workers engaged in the lumber industry of this district to consider whether this paper or the Fernie Free Press stands consistently for the interests of the working class of this district. Also, can the Conservative Party have the audacity to say that the methods they adopt to catch your votes is not casting insulting reflections on your intelligence? We have repeatedly demonstrated the fact that the Conservative Party stands for the interests of the master class of this Province. You do not belong to the class that own the mills, and their interests are diametrically opposed to yours. You stand in relation to one another as buyer and seller. They buy your labor-power—the only property you have—and it is to their interests to buy it as cheaply as possible. It is to your interest to secure the best price you can for your labor-power, and to get the best possible conditions under which you may apply that power. You have yet failed to realize the benefits of collective bargaining to the same extent as other workers of this province. It is surely time you fell into line with the progressive workers of the world by organizing on the industrial field. You must work and are compelled to work for those who own the tools of production. Although at the present time you are unorganized you have the opportunity of standing shoulder to shoulder with your class at the ballot. You have the privilege of demonstrating that you have sufficient intelligence to recognize that you are workers, and that only a worker can represent you in the legislature at Victoria.

We say that no worker, who claims to be intelligent, can vote for a politician who stands for the interests of the master class. WM. DAVIDSON is a worker, pledged to stand for the interests of the working class at all times, and if you are intelligent you cannot but mark your ballot on March 28th for him. It is up to the workers in the lumber industry of this district to do their utmost to return WM. DAVIDSON to Victoria with an overwhelming majority. He will undoubtedly be returned, but you can do your share, with the rest of the workers of this riding, and after all it is but voting for your own interests.

COLLECTIVE BRAINS WILL WIN.

WORKERS of the mine, mill, factory, office and field, your brothers who understand, but who have no more brains than you, are pleading with you. You have had more educational advantages than your fathers, perhaps, and can know that the remedy is at hand. The time is near for labor to arise in the majesty of its tremendous power, and claim the right to be the beneficiaries of the institutions, of learning and culture they have builded, and to be the recipients of the fruits of its unselfish industry. The earth is here for all the people of the earth—not for the exclusive few of favored castes or classes.

The struggle for complete emancipation is now on and it is a conflict of capitalists' brains against working men's brains. And the workers will win because it is tons of brains on one side to ounces on the other. And when will the victory be? It will be just as soon as the workers learn how to use their brains collectively in their own interests—especially on election day.—Miners' Magazine

HOW ROSS HAS EARNED FOR HIMSELF THE UNENVIABLE SOUBRIQUET "BALLOT BOX BILL."

W. R. Ross first gained for himself the title Ballot Box Bill by reason of some crooked work in connection with the counting of the ballots in one of his first campaigns in the Fernie District. Despite the demands for an investigation into the transaction nothing was ever done, and Ross was allowed to keep a seat which many people justifiably believed he had secured by unfair means. He then gained the above soubriquet, which undoubtedly will stick to him until he shall have earned for himself a more endearing name, and a—— Well, who knows. They say that that place is paved with "intentions," and Billy has plenty of 'em.

McBRIDE'S WHITE B. C.

To show what faith can be put in McBride's much-vaunted boast of keeping this province "white" it is interesting to note the number of Orientals that entered through the ports of B. C.

The other day in the Ottawa House of Commons the question of Orientals was discussed, when Mr. Stevens asked the Minister of Interior a few questions. The following is an excerpt from the "Proceedings of the House of Commons" on the subject:

ORIENTAL IMMIGRATION

Question: 1. What is the total number of Chinese that have entered Canada through ports of British Columbia up to date?
Answer: 1. 16,902.
Question: 2. How many Japanese?
Answer: 2. 13,764.
Question: 3. How many Chinese during last year?
Answer: 3. (Fiscal year), 5,254.
Question: 4. How many Japanese during last year?
Answer: 4. (Fiscal year), 436.
Question: 5. How many Hindus have entered Canada?
Answer: 5. 5,142.
Question: 6. How many Hindus during last year?
Answer: 6. (Fiscal year) 1.
Question: 7. Has the department any record of the arrival of Dr. Sundar Singh?
Answer: 7. Record shows that Dr. Sundar Singh arrived at Halifax, N.S., March 12, 1909, per S.S. 'Virginian' of the Allan line.
Question: 8. Was any order issued for his deportation? If so, was it executed?
Answer: 8. Yes; not yet executed. Still pending.
Question: 9. Did the said Sundar Singh comply with the immigration regulations?
Answer: 9. No.

How long do the miners of British Columbia intend to stand for their interests being made the football of party politicians and grafters at Ottawa and Victoria? — B. C. Mining and Engineering Record.

"P S"

All we ask is an intelligent vote. This means a vote for Davidson. Think it over, and ask question, "How can a vote for Ross be intelligent?"

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The duty on coal.—Was this removed on behalf of the workers of Canada or the capitalists? What attitude did the Hon. W. R. Ross take during the strike on this question?

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The Hon. W. R. Ross has changed his view on Workmen's Compensation. But the expense to the workers has been too much to help him in this thinking. "It's too late now!"

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"I owe a great deal to the fair-minded people of this district," says the Hon. W. R. Ross. It has been owing a long time, too, and these people do not figure on letting him pile up this debt any longer.

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The leaflet as to the benefits derived by Ross' representation is considered by the hon. member extremely brief and to the point. In fact it left him no room for discussion on Tuesday last.

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Since the big Conservative Rally is over it is to be hoped the mines will now work more steadily and the miners have no further occasion to worry themselves as to the administration of the affairs of this province.

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W. R. Ross likes the Royal Commission on Labor as it throws off his responsibility to the workers to someone else's shoulders. He does not know sufficient about the matter to represent the interests of labor in the legislative halls.

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The amount of beer sent up to Coal Creek the other night expresses very emphatically the amount of intelligence the Conservatives think the miners up there possess. However, there are not enough of this average of intelligence to make a majority.

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Ross as an exponent of consistency.—He says he represents the interests of the workers, and to benefit them does his best to make the Compensation Act almost valueless. How can he explain? McBride and Bowser cannot help him out either.

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Did you notice how disappointed "Dick" looked when he arrived at Fernie on Tuesday night? Was he overcome with emotion at the tremendous ovation accorded him? It was certainly chilly, and most of the rubbernecks did not know his "Serene and Gay Honorableosity" had arrived. Too bad! Too bad!

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Who has your interests at heart more, a man who does his best to make a Compensation Act practically useless or one who has devoted his efforts to seeing that foreign dependents shall be entitled to consideration? Can you discern no principle behind these two men? Vote for the man with principle—WM. DAVIDSON.

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This is Ross' appeal based on what he conceives to be material interests: "I appeal to everybody. I care not if he is a **business man or a property owner** in the City of Fernie." The Socialist appeal is not limited to the "business man or property owner," but includes them, as well as those who have but their labor power for sale—all workers.

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When the railroads are completed in what better position will the working class find themselves? To what extent have the workers of the United States benefited by railroad development? If they are sharing the prosperity for what reason are they emigrating to this country? For their health or for the privilege of building Canadian railroads? Evidently they cannot stand prosperity.

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Will Ross promise the miners more care (Voice: Certainly; any old thing to get a vote—and a promise is cheaper than a cigar!) carpenters, bricklayers and masons work on government buildings; the unskilled laborers work on government roads; the ranchers more extensive markets and better prices for their produce; the clerks adding machines to help them in their labors? Yes; of course! Anything for your vote!

PATRIOTISM!

But what confounds the intelligence is that in all countries, the poverty stricken, the disinherited, the over-worked beast of burden, ill-fed, badly housed, badly clothed, badly educated, as are three-fourths of the inhabitants of every country, march like one man, at the first call, whatever may be the cause of the war. People who would not take one step to render a service to their neighbors, workers like themselves, march hundreds of miles in order to get killed for the masters who sweat them.—Gustave Herve.

Electors of Fernie Riding would do well to elect William Roderick Ross to take a rest from parliament after his arduous duties there. He would then be able to take a trip to England and appear before the Privy Council in the Krzuz Case. Who better is able to uphold the interests of the capitalists in this case than the "Hon." William, the man who knows the pros and cons of it?

The capitalist federal government has renewed its spring advertising in the Old Country for "an army of 60,000 laborers" to come to Western Canada to "build railways." Inasmuch as the workers were already here and elected the executive committee of employing class and made it possible for the present policy to be pursued, there is nothing else to do but face the music; whatever the consequences. Meantime there are thousands of jobless men roaming about Western Canada and wondering where their next meal is coming from. For the outcome of having the labor market further accentuated the government must be ready to accept the responsibility. It may mean some real riots before this time next year, but the employers will use one portion of the working class to club, bayonet and shoot the other portion into submission. It's a great game, and the victims, with some exceptions, so far seem to have liked it. But just wait till next election day and see.

POVERTY CAUSES

"Intemperance and immorality are no longer the chief causes of poverty in New York City." So runs an Associated Press dispatch of the 9th in transmitting its account of a report of the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. Intemperance and immorality never were the chief causes of poverty, in New York or anywhere else. If intemperance and immorality were the chief causes of poverty the greatest poverty would be among the rich. Is that a paradox? Then make the most of it. Heretofore as well as now it has been true, as the above named society reports for the current year, that "poverty due to industrial conditions is far in excess of that produced by vices." Nor are these conditions accidental or unavoidable. Poverty among the industrial poor is caused by the wealth of the idle rich. Every dollar that goes to anyone who doesn't earn it, is extorted somehow from others who do earn it.

Davidson Meetings Along the Line are Most Enthusiastic

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT MICHEL

Stronghold for Davidson

On Sunday evening last Wm. Davidson, the workers' candidate, supported by J. C. Turner, addressed a large and appreciative audience in Mutz Hall, Michel. J. C. Turner was the first speaker, who drove home with telling effect the necessity of the workers returning one who would represent their interests. After the applause that greeted the conclusion of his address had subsided, the chairman extended an invitation to any one who wished to take the platform on behalf of the opposition, but as no one was forthcoming the candidate, Wm. Davidson was called upon. The candidate occupied the platform for about an hour and a half, and his remarks brought forth considerable applause from time to time. After the speaker sat down a collection was taken, and meanwhile questions were invited. A few questions were submitted, one of which was as to whether the Socialist Party was opposed to the church. Wm. Davidson replied by asking this counter question, "Does the church stand between the worker and the full product of his toil?" The speaker did not believe the church took such a stand, and therefore it was evident that if such was the case there was no quarrel between the church and Socialism. The Christian Church was inaugurated by working men, and therefore, if the church today opposed the betterment of the workers' conditions it was in direct contradiction to the original principles of its organization.

Michel will go solid for Davidson on the 28th as the workers there are determined that one of their own class must represent their interests.

HOSMER LOOKS LIKE TURNING UP A BIG MAJORITY FOR DAVIDSON

HOSMER, March 17.—At two-thirty this afternoon the first public meeting to discuss the campaign issues in this riding was held in the Opera House. In spite of the inclemency of the weather a very fair audience was on hand when the chairman called upon J. C. Turner to address the meeting on behalf of the workers' candidate, W. Davidson. After J. C. Turner had completed his address, the candidate, Wm. Davidson, occupied the platform, and went very thoroughly into the issues before the electors, and from the applause accorded him at the conclusion of his speech it is evident that Hosmer is determined that their efforts will be directed towards the election of one who will undoubtedly represent their interests at Victoria after March 28th.

Wm. Davidson, the Socialist candidate, created a remarkable good impression in Hosmer on Sunday, and the indications are that a good portion of the Liberal vote will come his way.

One of the most amusing things of the campaign, so far, is a cartoon showing McBride's White B. C. in Hosmer. It appears that a woman, who has two children, and who lost her husband in an explosion at Coal Creek, has been acting as janitor in the public school. The secretary of the trustees, finding some petty fault, discharged the poor woman, and forthwith hired a Chinaman. The fact of a Chink being given the preference at a time when there are so many people out of work, and the fact that one of the trustees has been secretary of the Conservative Association, and the other is on the executive committee (the executive committee, bag and baggage are connected with the C.P.R.), makes McBride's White B.C. a somewhat played-out and stale expression in Hosmer.

A noted citizen, who suffers from a misplaced strain of phoney jocularity, collared a four-eyed friend of his and proposed to show him his picture. Behold the four-eyed "gink's" surprise when they stopped at Harry Schapka's pool room, and he was shown the picture of a "Chink conservative." Now really, after "due deliberation and careful consideration" our four-eyed friend does not in the least resemble that frightful Chink.

A party of C. P. R. officials arrived in a special "Colonist" car to view the mountain of coal in Hosmer. We do not believe there is any truth in the report that Sir Thomas O'Shaughnessy was with them.

Sometime ago the Fernie Free Press published a detailed definition with considerable addenda of what constituted a "bohunk." The marvelous descriptive powers of the F. F. P. were taxed to the limit, and if I remember aright it was something about a man who worked like the devil and who got nothing for working. I saw a pair of those peculiar individuals arrive from camp at Mike Sorkees. They had been working three months, and the total amount of their cheque was $40.

W. R. Ross was along the pike, accompanied by Fred Watters, extending the "glad hand," and that winsome vote for me "in a general way" smile. I wonder how far they carried my $40 friends with the blankets, and how many votes the glad hand afore said, can rely on?

Old man Amand is in charge of the Ross committee rooms. The old gentleman was an applicant for the post office once on a time. This appointment looks like a sop to Cerberus.

Talking about the Post Office at Hosmer there are a number of really dyed-in-the-wool, stamped-on-the-hide, don't-know-no-better Conservatives who are frothing at the mouth at the appointment of Tom Smiley by the C. P. R. Conservative Association.

They say Ross has promised that the somewhat spacious government premises at Hosmer shall be further beautified by the addition of a tennis court. "Oh, Sam! can it be that other climes can tempt you?"

On a certain day last April a school election was due to take place in Hosmer. A small portion of the community who, though they lacked children themselves were highly interested in the election. To prevent a vote, which would have resulted in the election of a popular working man, a smart young sport, with a large family thought he could outwit the whole comunity. Knowing the vote was restricted to property owners or their wives, he sent to Cranbrook for an assessors list of eligibles. I think there were 10 eligible, and the meeting terminated in a lively scrimmage. We wonder if the "association" has any business at Cranbrook this election.

Old "Doc" Paley used to say, one very common error misleads the opinion of mankind, that authority is pleasant, submission painful. In the general course of human affairs the very reverse of this is nearer the truth. Command is anxiety; obedience, easy. "D'ye mind that now, Mary?"

The French vote has quit weeping for "Laurea," and a certain gentleman has promised to deliver the goods en bloc. I wonder what Joe Filion thinks of this?

MEETING AT NEW MICHEL

A large and attentive audience gathered at the hall of the Venezia Hotel on Wednesday night, 20th inst, to hear the Socialist candidate, Wm. Davidson, on the political issues before the electors of Fernie Riding. The Hon. W. R. Ross accepted the offer of the Socialist Party to appear on the same platform to explain the position of the Conservative Party.

The chair was occupied by H. Elmor.

The meeting was first addressed by J. C. Turner, who in the course of his remarks explained for the satisfaction of the audience that personal references to the Conservative candidate were only to be taken into consideration as showing conclusively that the Conservative Party could never represent any but capitalist interests. So far as Mr. Ross was concerned the speaker had no ill-will towards him as an individual, but however sincere the Conservative candidate might be he could not by any means represent the interests of the working class. Turner dealt with the vote-catching methods of the capitalist candidate in a very vehement and effective manner, and in fact left the Hon. W. R. Ross in a difficult position to get back at him.

After the conclusion of Comrade Turner's brief speech the Hon. W. R. Ross held the platform for a matter of thirty or forty minutes, but at any rate he had not a long story to tell, but hoped it would be a pleasant one. He expressed his own personal regards for our member elect, and then went on to deal with some of the remarks made by the previous speaker, and finally concluded with a few stock objections to the Socialist policy and ideas. His supportors were not very numerous on this occasion, but at times a murmur here and there signified he had some little support amongst those who were in the same position as himself so far as discussing the principles of Socialism were concerned. For the benefit of those who could not look at things from the standpoint of the working class, the Conservative candidate mentioned the fact that the Government would spend in Michel $18,500 on improvements. This was not brought forward with any intention of catching votes, so that it is understood in any case this money will be expended there next session.

Wm. Davidson, the candidate for the workers of this riding, then took the platform, and proceeded to enlighten the Minister of Lands on some of his mis-conceptions on Socialism, dealing at some length with the appeal made by the Hon. W. R. Ross to arouse religious prejudice. His explanation of the stand taken by the Socialist Party on the religious question satisfied the audience who received same with applause. He also demolished the capitalist candidate's theory of the destructive policy of the Socialists, and also showed that the action of the superintendent of Corbin Mines demonstrated in no uncertain tones that this campaign was being fought between labor and capital. The coal company at Corbin had refused the right of public speech to the Socialist Candidate on the grounds that his party stood for the collective ownership of the mines and other means of wealth production. The Hon. W. R. Ross, on the other hand, orpresenting the capitalist interests of the province stood for the upholding of the present system of profit making, and would be at liberty to speak on the property of that company. The Corbin Coal and Coke Co. realized full well that the Socialist Party represents the working class movement and that the Conservative Party stands for the capitalist interests. The speaker also showed how it was that police were sent into this district during the strike to preserve capitalist law and order, to protect the property interests of the master class and not the right of the working class. The function of capitalist government was explained lucidly, and the Krzuz case was also dealt with in a clear and comprehensive manner. The record of labor legislation was also thoroughly explained, and other policies of the Conservative Government dealt with briefly. The speaker concluded by asking his audience to consider their interests as a class, and on March 28th they would have the opportunity of expressing their desire to change the present system of wage slavery by marking their ballots for the Socialist Candidate.

The applause which greeted the conclusion of this speech was sufficient guarantee that the workers in Michel are fully aware as to where their interests lie, and will demonstrate this fact on March 28th.

As a safe-guard buy nothing in the baking powder line unless all the ingredients are printed on the label. The manufacturers of the brands of baking powder in which large quantities of alum are used, are afraid to print the ingredients on the label as no person would buy it at any price. Magic Baking Powder is pure and guaranteed not to contain alum.

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News of The District Camps

HOSMER NOTES.
By "Antibilitreuer."

A miner named Wassall Leba was injured in the mine on Thursday last through a post falling on him, causing a compound fracture of the right leg.

The worker's candidate—Wm Davidson—addressed an enthusiastic meeting in the Opera House on Sunday last.

Have you seen two strangers in town and wondered who they were? Well, one is a well known art critic, representing a millionaire, and the other one represented a paper well-known for its cartoons. They were after the cartoons exhibited in the Main Street. The art critic said it was worthy of the late Tom Brown, and P——'s representative said he had discovered another Phil May. But, after all it is not to leave Hosmer. After the election is over it is to be framed and hung in the school museum.

We understand that a $1 a day hotel charged Wm. Davidson $2 a day. What will they charge Billy Ross?

On Monday, April 8th, 1912, the Knights of Pythias will hold a grand masquerade ball in the Opera House. There are prizes for the best dressed lady, best dressed gent and comic costume. The prizes are on view at T. A. Cornett's Main Street.

Still another old timer is quitting us, Jerry Shanay, and is leaving this week for the coast.

The meeting of football enthusiasts called for Tuesday last, was unavoidably postponed. Notice will be posted as to meeting place and it is to be hoped that there will be a good rally.

The St. Patrick's dance held in the Opera House on Monday last was largely attended, and the excellent programme was greatly enjoyed. The proceeds went to the ladies Altar Club.

We notice another Hosmer advertiser in the Ledger, viz., Mills and Son, and their motto "The home of good clothes." We can fully substantiate.

One step won't take you very far—
You've got to keep on walking;
One inch won't make you very tall—
You've got to keep on growing.

One word won't tell 'em all you know,
You've got to keep on talking;
One little "ad" won't do it all—
You've got to keep 'em going.

BELLEVUE

Mr. Edward Coupland went as representative for Bellevue to the annual League Meeting of the Crow's Nest Pass Football Association held at Coleman on Saturday last.

Mr. James Cousins, of Bellevue, spent last week-end with his wife at Fernie.

Mr George Davis and family removed from Fernie last week to settle down in Bellevue.

A dance was held in the Socialist Hall on Thursday last for the benefit of the new learners.

The Rev. W. H. Irwin preached on Sunday night on the subject: "The Effects of Poverty." Next Sunday's subject, "The Remedy for Poverty." Discussion invited.

The amount raised at the basket social held in the church on March 5th was $140.

The boxing contest between Young Morris and Sam Granger held at Bellvue on Monday was declared a draw.

An Irish Social was held in the church on Monday night, Mr. Fred Padget acting as chairman. Programme: Song, Mr. George Christie; Irish song, Mr. D. H Irwin; Irish speech, the Rev. Mr. Young, of Frank; selection by the band; song, Mrs. F. Wolstenholme; dialogue and song, F. Padget and Dave Hutton; selection by the band. Games. After this an Irish supper was provided by the members of the church.

The Bellevue band are showing fine progress under the leadership of Mr. George Godwin (late of Fernie), and it is anticipated that Bellevue will have a fine time this coming summer. But it is always understood that Bellevue is never behind.

HILLCREST NOTES
By "Concertina Joe."

Mr. John Brown, General Manager, arrived home last week after an absence in the East on business, and is looking as well as ever.

A swell dance was given by Mr. Cunningham, of the Hillcrest Hotel, at the Hall on Monday. Pincher Creek Orchestra furnishel the music and everybody was well satisfied, and kept up the light fantastic until early in the morning.

Mrs. J. Taylor arrived back from the coast, where she was on a visit to her son Albert. We are glad to announce that he is doing fine. He is staying at present at Hillcrest.

Who said that diamonds were not attractive. A certain young man lent his diamond ring to his intended to wear for the dance, with the result that the following week the diamond attracted so many aspirants, some belonging to Cape Breton, Wigan, Scotland and other parts. So numerous were the aspirants for the hand of the daughter that the mother put them to work on the washing machine and packing water to see whether they were afraid of a little work. So anxious were they of being on the right terms that they tore right into work without a murmur. There was no need of a grievance committee on this job. However, all of the aspirants were not subjected to work, as some were a little wiser. They sent letters of proposals to the young woman, but they were all turned down. That's the way, put them all to work when they come along, whether they come in a pair of clogs or dancing punts.

So keen is the race amongst the unemployed these days that some trust to win by overloading themselves with cigars, which no doubt will enable the fellow that's runing light to win race.

The tin can band is preparing itself for two processions in this town in the near future, as it is rumored that Dan Cupid has been successful with two parties.

Andy Lukas was here Saturday from New Michel, and is trying to make a deal to get part of the townsite to sell. He says that he would have no trouble to sell Hillcrest real estate as it looks better to him than any town in the Pass. Mr. Lukas has been in the real estate business quite a while, and is a keen observer.

We are glad to see Kelly in town this week looking well after his experience in falling off the bridge.

The new tipple is near completion and will be in use in a short time, which will make a great improvement to the output. Hillcrest is promising to be a busy town this summer. Quite a number of business men from Frank, also some from Blairmore, are contemplating moving here, which speaks for itself.

We would advise some that are enquiring from the boss if it is right for them to attend the St. Patrick's ball, to ask also if it's not very ignorant to smoke and chew tobacco at dances and shows, and help to make the place more like a bar-room than a hall.

Your correspondent was unavoidably delayed Sunday night, and if it were not for this incident would have shown a little more hospitality than Jimmy did. Do better next time, fellow.

J. S. Bowie and Thos. Taylor were collecting for the Co-operative Store around pay day, and met with great success. Much credit is due these gentlemen for teh work they are doing for this movement.

Instead of picking flaws, why not try picking flowers? Folks who harp on one string are not necessarily angels—they might be harpies.

COAL CREEK

Ed. Caulfield, who has not been in the best of health for the last few months, left here last Saturday for a three months' trip to his old home in Cumberland, England. It is to be hoped that the change will do him good.

Eli Yearby decided last week to shake the snow of Coal Creek from under his feet, so he left last Wednesday for the coast district.

Robt. Billsborough, who was admitted to the Fernie Hospital last week to undergo an operation for rupture, is progressing as favorably as can be expected.

We are pleased to be able to report that Jack Arnold was able to leave the Hospital last week and is now getting around with the aid of two crutches.

Last Saturday night quite a crowd of the boys visited Fernie to see the billiard game between Joe Dodds and Jack Wilson. Dodds conceded Wilson thirty in a game of three hundred, and after a very quiet game Wilson won by over seventy.

Another St. Patrick's day has gone into oblivion and the masquerade ball, I am sorry to say, did not come up to the expectations of the committee, owing, no doubt, to the slack times and shortage of spondulicks. There was a fairly good turnout of ladies, in all the various costumes imaginable and unimaginable, but there was certainly a poor turnout of gentlemen. The prize winners were as follows: Best representative Irish character, Miss Ruth Spruston, an Irish peasant girl; best representative gentleman, Mr. Cecil Minton, an Irish gentleman; Comic character, Mrs. D. Oliver, who would have tipped the beam at anything about five hundred pounds including the nose. As a real novelty Mr. S. Phillips (a double event—boost for the Ledger and Davidson) and Miss L. Gray (as Miss District Ledger) were certainly very original, lack of space prohibits a detailed description of all the costumes worn. Taking everything into consideration all present had a very enjoyable time. A good supply of refreshments was handed around at midnight to which every one did justice. Michel Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Almond rendered excellent music, and the duties of floor master were ably executed by Mr. Ed. Coughlin. There were quite a number of Fernie people present.

Mr. E. W. Hughes paid a visit to Coleman last Saturday in connection with the fixing of the C. N. P. Football League, but nothing of any great importance was done at the meeting except the regulating and revising of the rules. The next meeting will be held at Coal Creek on March 30th.

A grand concert was given in the Club Hall on Thursday evening to help to raise funds to meet the expense of the little debt standing on the building fund of the Presbyterian Church. A good program of vocal and instrumental music was well rendered by well known local artistes. The Rev. E. Stevenson acted as chairman.

The Young Men's Bible Class of the Methodist Church assisted by the Sunday School teachers, gave a social evening to some of their friends last Thursday. Games were played, refreshments served, and a very enjoyable time was spent by those present. The young men are to be congratulated on their ability to play the host.

Look out for a grand treat (date later) tea and a service of song. You will not have to miss this.

Mr. E. L. Stewart, general manager for the T. W. Co., was up here on business last Monday.

Mr. W. Barton, the Singer Machine agent was doing business up here this week.

The mines were all idle up here last Saturday and again on Thursday.

A very enthusiastic meeting was held in the Club Hall up here last Friday evening in the interests of the Socialist candidate, Wm. Davidson. J. Carter acted as chairman, and introduced the speakers. The first was J. C. Turner, who is well known up here as a local orator. He certainly set the ball rolling with great vim, dealing chiefly with circumstances that had come under his personal observation while traveling around the country. He kept the floor for the best part of an hour. Mr. Davidson, on rising, was greeted with rounds of applause, he being no stranger up here to most of the boys. At the outset he said that he was very sorry that the Hon. W. R. Ross was not present, or that any of his colleagues would not take the platform in the Conservative interests, as he (Davidson) did not like the idea of going after a man who was not present. He kept his audience spellbound for over an hour as he explained different ways they have in dealing with various bills that come before the house and the treatment that the workers receive at the hands of the Conservative Party. After he had done speaking he asked if there were any questions any one would like to ask. One gentleman had sent three up in writing, which I am sure, had the said gentleman not got so excited, the answers given would have convinced him of how much he knew about Socialism. One or two other questions were asked and answered with the utmost satisfaction. The meeting closed just after eleven o'clock.

On Sunday evening, March 24, in the Club Hall, at 7.30, Miss Mushkat and C. M. O'Brien, M.P.P. (Alberta), will speak on behalf of Wm. Davidson. OPOSITION INVITED — QUESTIONS ANSWERED

FRANK NOTES

Mr. W. Simpson, of Frank, has got the position of master mechanic at Hillcrest. He commenced work on Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs. A. S. Blais and family arrived home from Ontario on Saturday morning.

Mr. Cunningham, the new manager of the Sanatorium, arrived from Lethbridge the end of last week to take the position vacated by Mr. Germaine.

A meeting of all the ratepayers of Frank was called by Mayor McGowan for Monday night. The gathering was held in the school hall, and its object was to discuss the future of the town. A good number of men were in attendance. Even though some papers in the distance seem to know a great deal about Frank and the mountain, and are still making false reports, those of us who live in Frank have scarcely anything new to report, as everything as far as our future is concerned is about in the same way as a week ago, except that A. Price, the western manager of the C. P. R., is expected to-night (Wednesday) to discuss the matter with our council and look after their own interests.

The citizens of Frank are disgusted with the exaggerated newspaper reports that have been published all over the province about the Frank mountain.

Mr and Mrs. McClellan have moved back to Lethbridge, where they came from about a month ago.

Harvey Murphy has received a license to run a wholesale liquor store in Blairmore.

Charlie Burrows, who has been the boss here for some time, has received a job in Bellevue. His son also goes to work there, and on Saturday last he moved his family to that town.

Somerton is putting on a big sale of jewelery previous to his farewell to Frank.

Sam Lesson who has been working at A. V. Lang's Store for some time, bid Frank farewell last week, and is going to start up busines for himself elsewhere. Before leaving a number of men of the town gathered at the Calabash, of which he was a member, and spent a pleasant evening. A number of addresses by local orators were given and then a presentation to show their regret at his leaving.

Mr. Bonamica, who has been among the business men of the town for the past few months, has closed down his store in view of the report that has been given about the Turtle Mountain.

A. E. Hanson, who has been plumber in the Crow's Nest Hardware for about eight months, left on Saturday last for Nelson, B.C.

On Saturday last Mrs. Chatfield moved to Blairmore. Mr. Chatfield is still carrying on his jewelry business in town.

Mr and Mrs. Crawford, of Frank, are now living in Blairmore.

Mr. Dorkin, Mr. Patmore, Mike Murphy, and Mr. McDonald have taken houses in Blairmore and moved their families during the past week.

Mrs Petrie and family left for the ranch last week. Petrie, who is working in the mine here, now lives at the Frank Hotel.

A good number of the Frank people attended the St. Patrick's masquerade dance at Blairmore on Monday night

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A Boy Scout concert was held on Monday, March 18th, the chair was taken by P. Williams, superintendent, and a fine programme was given by the school boys and girls. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Miss Norton for the great pains she had taken with the children.

We hear that F. M. Thompson has taken over Mar On's store at Blairmore, and Mr. Wycherby and Mr. Anderson are going to manage the Lille store for Mr. Thompson.

S. Mason and J. James are up from Taber and have already commenced work. They will get their families here as soon as weather permits.

Mr. Cooper, of the Blairmore Bank, was a visitor in town on Sunday.

Mrs Robert Evans is here from Blairmore nursing Mrs. J. Williams, who is, at the time of writing, very sick. We hope for a speedy recovery.

We are all sorry to hear that J. May is still very ill in bed with typhoid fever.

The mines are working full blast here and there seems to be plenty of cars to supply the demand.

Arnold Pinkney was a week-end visitor, the guest of Mr and Mrs F. M. Thompson.

Board Member Hyslop, of Coleman, was here on union business last Saturday.

Mr and Mrs. J. Hineline were visiting Blairmore on Wednesday and took in the play.

Mrs. W. O. Evans was a visitor in Frank on Monday, and was not afraid of the slide coming down.

Mr and Mrs. W. L. Evans, and daughter, were visiting Bellevue on Saturday last.

Mr. Pinkney, of Blairmore, was in town today.

LABOR'S UNREST

Due to the Indifference of Capitalists
By Hector Macpherson

De Tocqueville somewhere remarks upon the fact that the condition of the people at the outbreak of the French Revolution was better than in the previous years of the century. It may seem strange that the popular outbreak should take place just when an improvement was taking place in the circumstances of the people. The explanation is obvious. When people are hopelessly crushed under the heel of tyranny there is not spirit enough left to protest. It is only when tyranny is being relaxed, when popular aspirations for freedom are allowed to develop, that discontent gets voice and there grows a demand for action. In this country we find the same phenomenon. The workers today are certainly better off than those of a former generation. The improvement that has taken place, combined with political power, fills the worker with an ambition to have a better share of the national wealth. The spread of education, too, is largely responsible for the widespread discontent in the world of Labor. In addition is the publicity now given to the huge fortunes and extravagant expenditure of men of wealth. The terrible contrasts between rich and poor, the great gulf that separates the Haves and the Have Nots, cannot fail to increase greatly the unrest among the workers. In his "Wonderful Century," Dr. Wallace points out that sixty or seventy years ago a millionaire was a rarity. Now they are to be reckoned by scores if not by hundreds. In regard to the division of the national wealth, the annual income of the country was estimated a few years ago at £1,107,000. Half of this went into the pockets of five out of the forty-three millions of the population. On the subject of poverty we have the result of Mr. Charles Booth's inquiries into the life and labor of the people. We are told that about thirty-two per cent of the four millions of the population of London fall within his four classes of poverty because they earn not more than a guinea a week per family.

What a commentary upon our civilization is the description given of the working classes by Mr. Frederic Harrison some time ago. He said:

"To me, at least, it would be enough to condemn modern Society as hardly an advance on slavery or serfdom if the permanent condition of industry were to be that which we now behold—that ninety per cent of the actual producers of wealth have no home that they call their own beyond the end of the week; have no bit of soil or so much as a room that belongs to them; have nothing of value of any kind except as much old furniture as will go on a cart; have the precarious chance of weekly wages, which barely suffice to keep them in health; are housed for the most part in places that no man thinks fit for his horse; are separated by so narrow a margin of destitution that a month of bad trade, sickness, or unexpected loss, brings them face to face with hunger or pauperism. This is the normal state of the average workman in town or country." And what of the depths of poverty reached by the submerged tenth, the great mass of homeless wanderers? The author of "Wealth and Want" gives the following vivid glimpse into the great under-world of poverty, as contrasted with the gaudy splendor of the life of the luxurious rich. After remarking that at a flower show in the Temple Gardens there were £100,000 worth of orchids alone, he goes on to say: "A high iron railing separates the Temple Gardens from the Thames Embankment, where every night a different sort of 'show' takes place. It is a pitiful exhibition of outcast humanity. You find men and women sitting upon the benches all night, and some of them, utterly overcome, lie down on the pavement close to the parapet, or under the arches of Waterloo Bridge, placing between their shivering bodies and the freezing stones bits of newspapers to render the cold less intense. Not infrequently the police find that some of those poor wretches have been frozen to death. It does not speak well for our modern social conditions that we have presented to us such glaring contrasts in life as we have here exhibited on the one side of a high iron fence and on the other. Here £100,000 worth of orchids; there, homeless human beings, starving and with no place to sleep."

From the earliest ages the cry of the poor has gone up to heaven. Poverty, gaunt and tragic, has ever shadowed civilization. Philosophers, from Plato to Sir Thomas More, have busied themselves with Utopian schemes, and prophets and poets have looked forward to a golden age when peace and plenty would reign. Notwithstanding the advent of Christianity, with its gospel of brotherhood, the oppressed still cry alound for justice and the wail of the destitute is heard in the land. In presence of the contrasts specified, the workers are refusing any longer to be hewers of wood and drawers of water to those who eat, drink, and make merry in their palatial mansions. Lazarus refuses to accept in beggarly fashion the crumbs that fall from the rich man's table. He is now demanding a seat in the banqueting hall. For this state of affairs the capitalist class are largely to blame. Had they, as I have repeatedly remarked, followed the noble example of Robert Owen, who transformed his works at New Lanark into a paradise by treating his workers as human beings and devoting his surplus wealth to their elevation — had the capitalists done this they would not today be fighting for their very existence. But they sowed the wind and are now reaping the whirlwind.—Reynolds'.

STRIKE AFFECTS COTTON MILLS

MANCHESTER, Eng. — Thus far about two per cent only of the cotton mills have been compelled to close. Diminishing coal supplies and increasing difficulties of transportation make the outlook black. The engine trade of this district is rapidly approaching stagnation. The Armstrong-Whitworth works, world-famed engineering and armor plate works, employing 5,000 artificers, have closed, some departments rendering idle 1,200 hands. It is feared the entire works will soon be suspended. Several other leading firms are in the same plight. Orders are plentiful and urgent, yet thousands of willing craftsmen are idle.

LONDON, March 20.—The Daily Telegraph announces that there are grave indications in the dock and other industrial districts of London of serious labor troubles all over Great Britain this spring.

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Socialism is Not Communism

By Victor L. Berger

Under Socialism people will produce but not consume, in common.

Our aim is Socialism, not Communism. We want this understood.

Between Socialism and Communism there is a great deal of difference.

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Collectivism is not a negation of property, nor is Socialism. Please keep this in mind.

Socialism simply demands the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution. We will produce in common, but the consumption will remain individual.

Socialism will control only our capital, not our property. A Socialist Commonwealth will not do away with the individual ownership of property, but only with individual ownership of capital.

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It is Communism that denies individual ownership of all property. The Communists want to produce and consume in common. There are few conscious Communists in the world at the present time.

To make myself still more explicit, "capital" is that part of wealth which is used as means of production—that is, raw materials, as machinery, factories, etc. To socialize these is the aim of all Socialists.

But all products and wares, after they have been distributed for consumption and personal use, will remain private property.

It is necesasry to state this at this time because there are some Communists who think they are Socialists.

There are even some editors who seem to find it difficult to distinguish between capital and property from a Socialist standpoint.

A Social Democracy must socialize capital because in the Co-operative Commonwealth the industrial democracy must rule.

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Under the present capitalistic system collective capital, especially as organized in the trusts and big corporations, has practically nullified most of the advantages of political democracy, and thus the capitalist class has become the ruler of the people.

It is clear from all this that the people must turn privately owned capital into collectively owned capital as a matter of self-preservation.

The people must do it because private capital, which was formerly a means of progress, is now impeding progress.

In short, the private ownership of capital was for several hundred years an historical necessity. Now the collective ownership of capital is becoming an historiacl necessity.

That such is the trend of the time we can see at a glance from the discussion that is going on in the daily and weekly papers and in the magazines.

But that trend is toward Socialism, not toward Communism.

The measures that the Socialists will take and must take will closely connect with the present system and evolve from it. As a matter of fact, the collectivity—that is, the nation, the state, and the community—will closely follow along the lines of what people have already long been doing, only they will do this from a Socialistic standpoint.

So Collectivism is not Communism, and Karl Marx and Fredrich Engels, for instance, who in their early days were Communists, later on in life became Collectivists and Social-Democrats. Communism has often been tried, and, outside of a few small religious communities, has failed.

About 1840 there was a wave of Fourieristic Communism in this country. It was started by Albert Brisbane, and some of the most brilliant and best men and women this country has ever produced, participated in the experiments. But all the Communistic settlements where the religious and ascetic elements were lacking came to naught.

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Socialism, or Social-Democracy, has never been tried, because it will be the outcome of modern conditions—of the invention of machinery, and the centralization of capital on one hand and the development of political democracy on the other.

Communism would be a step backward, would be a retrogression to a very primitive and low stage of human society.

Social-Democracy will mean a step forward toward a higher civilization than history has ever known.

Just to emphasize the difference between Collectivism and Communism—between the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution and the common ownership of everything—there is nothing in Collectivism that will prevent people who are so inclined from saving.

They will be able to save just as much as they wish: they will be able to utilize their savings in any manner they choose with one single exception. They will not be able in any possible way to "invest" their savings—that is to say they will not be able to use their savings to make a profit!

Of course, our capitalists will cry out, "What is the use of a man possessing a hundred thousand dollars if he cannot invest his money?" which means, what is the use of a man possessing wealth if he cannot use it to work others and live himself without work?

This, I will admit, is a grievance that cannot be helped.

But it is a grievance that is no grievance: First, because under Collectivism there will not be the slightest necessity for individual saving with a view of providing for the future or old age, for care will be taken of every citizen. Second, there will be no encouragement for saving, for accumulating capital will be looked upon as the function of society, and not of the individual.

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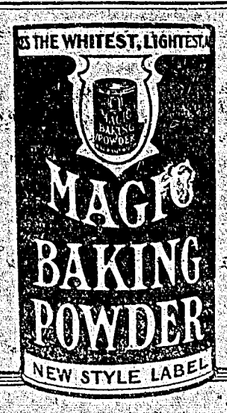
But it is a grievance that is no grievance the Co-operative Commonwealth, the Socialist Republic or any other state in this article.

I have simply tried to bring out a few of the differences between Socialism and Communism, and about these a great deal more may be said.



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(From the London Chronicle)

The coal-miner, so strenuous in his demands just now, was among the last of the toilers to discover that he had a soul of his own. There was the Scotch mines, for instance, whose woes are summarized by Mr. Hackwood in his "Good Old Times": "From about the year 1445 until 1775 the miners of Scotland were bought and sold with the soil. It is stated in old chronicles that bloodhounds were kept to trace them if they left their employment, and to aid in bringing them back. By statute law miners were bound to work all day in the year except Paschal and Yule, and if they did not work they were to be 'whipped in the bodies for the glory of God and for the good of their masters.' Not until 1775 was the first law passed in an attempt to better this state of things, but it was 1799 ere the law gave the working miner of Scotland his complete freedom."

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Socialism Coming Says Sky Pilot Get Ready Now

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—"This new internationalism—Socialism—is the common ideal of the common people. It is coming. Nothing can stop it. The social revolution is on its way. You had better get ready."

This was the statement of the Rev. R. J. Campbell, pastor of the City Temple, London, speaking at the Plymouth Congregational Church here.

"That there is social unrest is now admitted by our most conservative brothers," said the reverend gentleman. "The people are dissatisfied, and by the people I mean those who work for a living. They are dissatisfied. They are discontented. And why? Because the workers are waking up to a realization that they are entitled to that which they produce; they are entitled to the world itself. They realize that they deserve the abundant life. And what is more, they are beginning to realize that they possess the power to do anything they may decide upon.

"And so we find a class struggle. The workers are striking economically, politically, religiously and in every conceivable manner. They are striking for the world. They want the world. And they deserve the world if they can get it. We have only recently learned in England that when the workers stop working we intellectuals stop eating. When the workers stop producing we big, brainy, all-knowing philosophers and thinkers and preachers just simply sit down and stop eating.

"And now I wish to turn to the new internationalism of our day. This new internationalism means that the world is shrinking. The world is no longer a mighty planet; it has shrunk so that we are no longer strangers, but neighbors. Barriers are being broken down. No longer are we surprised at the characteristics of others. We are no longer strangers.

"What is the connecting link between all nations and races? Why is there strife in India, China, Morocco, Algeria, Persia, Los Angeles, Berlin and London? Why are all these human beings struggling? Why are all their ideals similar in the main? Because they have interests that are identical; they have earthly heavens within common reach; they realize that a victory of the producers in China means a step forward in India. The world is tied together. At last is the world organized—fighting.

"What is this new internationalism? Nothing more than Socialism. Socialism is the demand of the workers for more life, more air, for cleanliness, health, beauty, love, joy. Socialism gives concrete expression to these aspirations. Socialism thrills youth and manhood with this new internationalism and produces a fervour even more intense than was the church ever able to produce."

Fear of Socialism Wearing Off, Says The Omaha News

The Omaha (Neb.) News recently contained the following editorial:

"One of the leading newspapers observes with alarm that over 38 per cent of those voting in the recent Los Angeles election voted for Socialism.

"Collier says that there are over 500 Socialists in public office and that the best way to fight any harmful kind of Socialism is to fight for more honesty in our laws and more justice in our treatment of our fellow men.

"Prof. Hoxie, in the Journal of Political Economy, says: It is the Otises, the Posts, the Parrys, the Van Cleaves and the Kirbys who are most active in raising up revolutionary Socialism in this country.

"In this way do experts figure out the undoubtedly remarkable trend toward Socialism, but what actuates the fellow who really votes for Socialism?

"Isn't it that many patriotic citizens see no place else to go? Demonstrations that both old party organizations are tarred with the same stick have about killed fetishism.

"The things that many patriots want government to do in respect to corporations, government seems unable or unwilling to do, and yet those things are distinctly part of the Socialist propaganda. They appear to be the right things to do, to such patriots, in the interest of common humanity, regardless as to what party makes much or little of them.

"Again, as Collier's says, 'the results of what Socialists do when elected help them in subsequent elections.'

"The fear of red radicalism in Socialism is wearing off, and the conduct and success of Socialists already entrusted with civic power may lead to a sort of modified but efficacious Socialism that other enlightened communities than Berkeley, Pasadena, Schenectady and Los Angeles (within 12 per cent) may indorse."

(This should be read over very carefully by you, Mr. Voter, and mark—"the results of what Socialists do when elected . . ." This is a point that should not be lost sight of. What do the Conservatives do—the bunch who follow the McBride demigod? If you people who will insist on calling yourselves "level-headed business men" will but take the trouble to follow the reports of doings in the Victoria House you will very soon discover that you elect a flock of sheep—pinheads—who follow their leader without a whisper of dissent. To call them sheep is an insult to the intelligence of that animal; to describe them as asses is equally insulting to a very useful beast of burden; but to describe them as parasites is much nearer the truth if not the whole. Mr. Voter, the results of what Socialists do when elected will prove a very useful argument to those gentlemen who, with parrot-like persistency cry "I ain't going to share up with any d—— Socialists what little I have got!" These people can generally be disregarded, as they invariably possess very little, and if their wealth is contained only in brain power—then indeed they are paupers!)

CARMEN ORDERED TO QUIT THE UNION

The Controversy on the Great Northern Has Reached Sensational Stage

CROOKSTON, Minn., March 18.—The controversy between the Great Northern Railway and Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America, reached a sensational stage here today, when warrants were placed in the hands of Sheriff Daniels for the arrest of Superintendent Knobel and Master Mechanic W. J. Smith, on the complaint of John H. Walters, Grand Lodge deputy, the charge being the discharge of all union carmen here because they would not quit the union.

Men assert they were called in by the master mechanic and given the choice of quitting the union or being discharged, and that they were discharged. Knebell and Smith refused to testify on the plea that their evidence might tend to incriminate them.

Some sensational affidavits have been secured and a bitter struggle, which may involve many, probably will develop. Other warrants will follow regarding blacklists. The Great Northern has thus far discharged only union carmen at Crookston and Sioux City, but the carmen at Hillard, Minot, Glasgow, Havre, Troy (Mont.), Whitefish, Everett and Grand Forks have been notified to leave the union, or they would be discharged. Other union men here and at Grand Forks are incensed.

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OTTAWA, March 12.—Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, has decided to make a tour of Canada from Halifax to Vancouver, visiting all of the industrial centres.

He plans to go into the mines, to inspect the great factories, to see for himself the conditions under which the laboring men are working. In the west, Mr. Crothers will visit the factories of Winnipeg, and undoubtedly will spend a day or two at Edmonton.

With the development of factory production and subsequently the corporate organization of industry, the moral element therein was eliminated, control passing from the producers who put character into their work, to the non-producing, non-ethical capitalist.

Subsequently the cancer of capitalism attacked the public press. Half a century ago the editor usually owned the organ he conducted. He meant what he wrote and wrote what he honestly thought was true or desirable in the public interest. Today the men who control the leading organs of the country are not journalists at all. They are capitalists, and just as at an earlier stage, they squeezed the moral element out of production, they have succeeded in a similar dis-service in journalism.

The moral is to ignore the opinions and to carefully weigh the statements of fact usually appearing in the editorial columns of the daily press and for workingmen to promote the financial success, influence and circulation of the labor journals and for farmers to do a similar service for the agricultural press honestly attached to the interests of the farming community.—Canadian Co-Operator.

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Il suo pianto e sempre stato "una British Colombia Bianca." Quardando sull'estimazione della provincia, per l'anno venturo, come a detto il ministro di finanza Ellison, noi obbiamo un ittema di $500.00 dollari come la somma che si aspetta di ricevere il governo del tributo cinese che vengono in questa provincia. Il tributo dei cinesi che entrono in questo terreno e di dollari $500,000, meta che va nella tresoreria Provinciale ed un'altra meta sene va al governo federale. Questo sara, il perche, a dire che il totale del tributo cinese dell'anno venturo a coloro che entrano in questa provincia l'e sommata a cento mila dollari, o pure in altre parole, l'e l'intenzione di McBride, Ross, di permettere due mila cinesi di entrare in questa Provincia durante l'anno venturo. Per quale motivo? Non vi e altra risposta solo di prendere Operai Asiatichi per lavorare sulle ferrovie a meno prezzo. Come questa e una domanda vitale alla popolazione di questi parti del Canada, i elettori della vicinanza di Fernie ed altri posti, bebbono domandare ai candidati una spiegazione di questo.

Noi vogliamo, sentire a Mr. Ross su di questo motivo.

Elettori, prima che votate per un conservativo domandate a lui una piena e sodisfatta spiegazione di questa British Colombia Bianca.

Questa domanda l'e troppo importante di ci schersare.

Sarebbe a dire la vera vita dell'operai in questa Provincia, ed e come una propria preservazione e prima leggia di natura, potrettatevi, votando la tichetta Socialista.

FORSA

Nell'urtimo e l'unico valido argomento sara la forsa. Noi possiamo parlare quanto vogliamo di giustizia e ingiustizia, di male e di bene, ma dopo tutto sono idee separate. Senza la forsa di potere mantenere queste idee, ho avendo la forsa, e mancando usarla, di che bene sono le idee pura, o, che argomento sono a loro medesimi? Nienti mai in causo di dispiuto il partito al dispiuto si comincia sempre a parlare di male e di bene, ma, quando verra a dimostrarsi il partito piu forte, sempre vincera e mantiene il giusto per vertu' della forsa. La forsa e giusta.

Cosi adesso come in ogni tempo.

Questo tuono sara brutale, ma e vero e noi dobbiamo trovare la verita, "Voi dovete sapere la verita, e la verita vi fara libero."

Per esempio; noi imaginamo che si fara sciopero. Noi ci avviciniamo ai superior con l'argomenti usuali per il costo del vivere, ecc; e la nicessita di megliorare condizioni di lavoro, per corte, ore, O avanzare la giornata.

Loro proveranno a prendere piu di quello che prendevano attualmente. Naturalmente domandono perche ci rende piu comodo di prendere piu, ben sicuro, E'loro si credono che e giusto perche e dentro le loro interesse.

Nell'altra mano i superiori sono in contrario, se i lavoranti avanzano la loro giornata loro ricevono meno profitto. Credono che i lavoranti non e giusto di prendere piu alta paga e andiam a spiegare come non e raggionata i lavoranti debbono domandare il stato d'impiego non permette i lavoratori, ecc. I lavoranti dicono che piu alta paga e sempre meglio i superiori dicono che piu alta e la paga piu le peggio.

Quale sarebbe giusto?

Noi vidiamo. Noi diremo che si fara sciopero. Qui vi sono due coppie di vita umana, una sara coppia piccola, una mano piena di persone — superioriqui vi e l'altra coppia una massa di lavoranti sicuramente tengona la stessa forma e vita. Ancora mantengono contrarie idee del mal e del bene. Perche? la coppia piccola sono compratori della forsa lavorante e la coppia grande sono venditori della forsa lavorante, i compratori vogliano comprare a meno prezzo ed i venditori vogliano vendere piu caro.

Loro non sono stati obili ad arrivare un' Egrimento di comprimessa ed il sciopero fu fatto, venuto al vero argomento dopotutto, una prova di forsa e un combattimento, ed a un combattimento il piu forte sempre vincera, non vuol dire forsa muscolare, neanche a numero ma qualunque partito che potra' dimostrare la forsa sul motivo particolare del combattimento in quale loro sono sfidati. Adesso il sciopero non e vinto con forsa di numero; numeri sono debolezze come si consista un sciopero. Questo dimostra un ardenet desiderio dei uomini che fanno sciopero per mantenere l'altri lavoranti via di questa localita. Non importa che i scioperanti sono grossi e forti; la forsa muscolare non vincera questa qualita di combattimento.

Non vi dimenticate che il sciopero e solo una prova del stato mercato della forsa dei lavoranti; se il mercato e favorevole a loro i scioperanti vinceranno o altrimenti perderanno. Un sciopero sta in se stesso un combattimento finanziale e se renda comodo i superiori sempre vinceranno continuandolo al lungo.

Loro ci anno da combattere un combattimento di essere seduti o aspettono.

Un sciopero e un gioco d'indovinare e soldi dei scioperanti contra la moneta die capitalisti, e quando e finito l'ultimo centesimo dei scioperanti i capitalisti tengono molti dei dollari rimasti. Consequentamente se i scioperanti fanno un poco dsturbo, il polizzotto, che e a disposito dei bossi, sono usati a far fuoco e dare bastonate. Lavoratori, lasciate d'indovinare soldi e indovinate voti. I capitalisti tengono piu soldi, ma voi avete piu voti.

Nei prati industriale i vostri numeri, e la vostra debbolezza, nei prati politicali vostri numeri vi da forsa non indovinate. Insegnate come si usa la forsa.

La maggioranza di voi l'avete usata per i vostri maestri. Voi avete votato per la medesima cosa che avete andato contro. Voi avete votato per la classa che avete andate contro. Voi avete combattuto nel prato dove siete piu debole e avete votato contro le vostre interesse nel prato dove siete piu forte. Con coraggio splendido, con ammirabile devuzione, con la fortituda meravigliosa, voi avete fatto sciopero, voi avete mantenuto per lungo tempo, acquistandovi freddo e fame, disposizione di formare case, ed ogni qualita di miseria e privozione, voi avete fatto questo ancora e ancora, e poi quando avete andato alla ballottagine sarebbe stato voto cosi facile per voi di aver segnato il vostro voto al punto giusto, voi avete votato contro le vostre interesse. Ritrattoto un lavorante che va al ballottagio a dare il voto al partito capitalisto.

Un partito che ci fondano i loro maestri (chi non donno moneta per raggioni sentimentali) piu tardi il medesimo lavoratore prende arte in un sciopero, e il stesso governo che lui a votato, torna libero, al comando dei maestri, tutti i polizzotti e l'assassini del governo che sono considerati nicissari, e se lui non si guarda bene prende la sua "e dove discende il bastone del polizzotto sulla sua testa lui sente l'eco voto che a dato all'ultima, Elezione."

Lavoranti, lasciatevi di battervi sulla testa. Relizzate qualunque che tiene le retine del governo in sue mano vuol dire societa.

Relizzate che voi avete anche la forsa, di prendere queste retine.

Ricordatevi che vi e un partito che voi potete usare per quel punto.

Ricordatevi che quello sara solo per la classa dei lavoranti.

Tale partito e il partito Socialisto del Canada il quale e per i lavoranti. Il partito cia adesso due membri nelle camere dei deputati nella British Columbia. Se voi sapete le vostre interesse ne possiamo fare tre il giorno 28 Marzo.

WM. DAVIDSON e nomitrato per il partito Socialisto, uno dei megliori politicali dei lavoratori organzzati. Un voto per DAVIDSON e un membro e dove voi aete le vostro interesse.

un membro e dove voi aete le ostre interessé.

Il vostro voto e cosi prezioso, usatelo per voi medesimo, e l'unico mezzo che potra essere votate per DAVIDSON.

Saluti Delli Lavoratori

CRESTON, B. C., Marzo 20.—Saluti dall' armi del costo ed interiori lavoratori chi tengono gli occhi accomodati sul risulto in Fernie. Noi aspettiamo i lavoratori di Fernie per fare il loro dovere per ellettare **SHILLAND is certain of election in the Slocan; HEATHERTON** tiene un buono prospetto in Greenwood. Pettipiece sta facendo un buon combattimento in Ymir. Lefaux, Williams e Place e sara eletto a Vancouver Island. L'apposizione legale di suo maesta cousistera di sei Socialisti in un'altro parlamento. Levatevi il giacchetto ed andate a vincere il giorno 28.

NAKUSP, B. C., Marzo 21.—Avendo parlamento splendido per tutto Slocan distretto. L'elezzione di Shilland e sicuro il governo non a neanche risposto per le domande della Federazione Operaia come promessa. I lavoranti di Fernie possono e debbono rispondere questo contegno. Davidson dovra essere eletto.

Conferenza Libera Non e Stata Ammessa dei Conservativi in Corbin

L'officiali delle miniere sdegnosamente anno detto al candidato Socialisto che le sue idee sono di termine ai capitalisti—anno ammesso che il candidato capitalisto l'e cordialmente accettato.

Un nuovo modo li elezzioni e riuscito quello che sara negarsi il devitto di conferenza libera ai Socialisti dove sara tale possibilita. Corbin e un villaggio chiuso ed ogni pollice di terreno e proprieta dal limite di due miglia appartiene alla compagnia. Consequentamente per il proposito di fare parlamento ai lettori la il candidato Socialisto a chiesto permesso al segretario per usare la sala' l'unico posto di tenere parlamento dentro il campo. La domanda fu accettata. Tardo dopo mezzogiorno, come mai il segretario fu venuto e disse che il sopra intendentte a proibito di usare la sala per qualunque conferenza che dovevano fare i Socialisti. Il candidato Davidson ando a trovare il sopraintendente e rispondendo alla domanda perche lui aveva dato tale incarica fu rabbiosamente informato che il Socialisimo avuto come sue idee e dismesso il collettivo patronale delle miniere ed altra propieta lui non e considerato nello interesse della sua compagnia di permettere tale insegnamento fra i suoi uomini. Fu domandato se la sala sarebbe aperta per fare entrare il candidato del partito causervativo, lui francamente ammesso che non vi era nessuna accessione a quello.

La parte straniera di quelli e che le miniere a Corbin sono impatronate e direggiute dei capitalisti Americani e quel Gus Smith, il sopraintendente, che noi siamo a parlare, e un Americano lui medesimo. Al piu meno noi dobbiamo essere dispiaciuti, che il suo nome non e sulla lista lettorale. Qua vi e una causa dove capitale Americano, con la forsa ed l'influenza di questo capitale da a loro, il quale McBride, Ross ed altri membri del governo, come capitalisti esecutivi.

Operai della vicinanza di Fernie, voi relizzate l'insolto sulla vostra intelliggenza? Voi non vedete che i vostri superiore, tengono paura di permettere a voi di sentire l'altra parte della domanda? Voi riconoscicte che i vostri maestri sono di termine a tenervi abasso al piu che possono. Voi non vedete che tengono paura di voi? Loro non vogliano a nessuno di insegnare a voi come se possono megliorare le vostre condizioni come potete farce le vostra vita un poco piu meglio, come vi potete avanzare voi stesso? Loro credno che al piu lungo che tengono la luce distante di voi, basta che loro rifiutano di lasciare qualche uno che vi mette sveltezza alle vostre condizioni, basta che loro vi possono mantenere nel vacante delle loro mano.

Noi crediamo a questo che loro sbagliano, che voi siete competenti ad urgervi meglio quale sarebbe il bene per voi. I lettori di questa vicinanza di Fernie, voi vi dovete risentire a questi insolti. Dite ai vostri maestri che voi potete vedere nel loro piccolo giochetto, che voi non piu state a fare i schiavi, l'unica maniera che potete fare questo al presente sara di andare ai voti il Giovedi Marzo 28 e votate come un uomo per il candidato che sta per le cose uguale e giustizia a tutti, e le qui per solo proposito per lavorare per le vostre interesse, viz.—**WM. DAVIDSON!**

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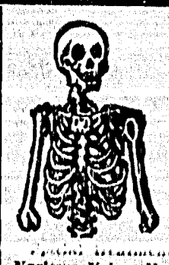

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2497	Hosmer	W. Balderstone, Hosmer, B. C.
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2352	Passburg	J. Kluscarits, Passburg, Alta.
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The meeting of the above league was held in Coleman, Saturday last, the following delegates being present: E Copeland (Bellevue), J. Hayes (Michel), C. Claridge (Fernie), W. Hughes (Coal Creek), W. Shoan (Coleman), H. Derbyshire (Burmis).

Election of officers for ensuing season resulted as follows: Hon. Pres. W. R. Wilson (Fernie); Hon. Vice-President, L. C. Stevens (Burmis), President, G. Clair (Coleman); Sec.-Tres., D. Paton (Fernie).

The auditors reported the accounts of the league being correct.

It was decided to make the entrance fee to the league for this season $30; entrance fee to Mutz Cup, $15 (only teams in the league to play for Mutz Cup). The Crahan Cup is to be played for in open competition, any team in the Crow's Nest District to be allowed to enter, entrance fee $15.

It was decided that every club this year must use goal nets in matches. Fixtures are to be arranged at the next league meeting which takes place at Coal Creek on Saturday, March 30th, at which all club representatives are requested to attend.

MISS VERNA FELTON RETURNING

It is some time since the patrons of the Grand Theatre had the pleasure of seeing the Allen Players, and they will no doubt turn out en masse to witness the production to be presented by this company during their three nights' engagement, commencing on Thursday next, March 28th.

For the opening bill the company are going to present "The Divorcions," a modern comedy in which Grace George created a great sensation a few years ago. This play deals with the absurdity of the modern divorce laws, and is pronounced by many to be one of the best of the modern comedies. All lovers of good music will appreciate the addition of the Royal Hungarian String Quartette an aggregation of musicians who were originally with Franz Lehar's "Merry Widow" Company in Vienna for 418 days.

The Allen Players are so well known here and their efforts to please have always been so much appreciated that there is no doubt they will be greeted with packed houses during their stay here.

THE ISIS

Crowded houses and "standing room only" has been the order of the week at this popular picture house. "The Battle in the Clouds," and "The Siege of Calais" were remarkable, and brought forth realistically the art of the moving picture machine. It is pleasing to note that the public appreciate the management's efforts to get the best in the line. For to-night and to-morrow (afternoon and evening) the programme will be, "Her Ladyship's Page," "The Relentless Law," "Pathe's Gazette," "Securing Evidence." On Sunday a special biblical drama will be shown, entitled "Judith.' Other pictures to be shown shortly are "East Lynn" and "Buffalo Jones."

FERNIE FOOTBALL CLUB

A meeting of all players and those interested in football will be held on the 24th inst to ararnge for the coming season, also socials, etc.

The Fernie Juniors Football Team has been formed for the season and subscriptions will be received by J. Wood.

MERRITT

James Ashworth, prominent consulting engineer, formerly general manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. arrived from Vancouver last evening. He has been engaged during the week, on behalf of the Diamond Vale Colliery Co., in the investigation of last week's disaster.

DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Board of District 18, U. M. W. of A., met in Fernie on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week at which there was a full attendance.

NINE LIVES LOST IN MINE EXPLOSION

SCRANTON, Pa., March 20.—In a gas explosion, caused it is thought by mine settlings, nine persons were killed and two injured today in Dunmore, near here. The families comprising two women and seven children were either blown to pieces in the explosion or burned in the fire that followed and destroyed their houses.

Although coal was mined in Engaind at a very early date, several centuries passed before any laws existed with relation to mining. The first act of Parliament referring to coal mines was passed in 1736, and provided that "If any person or persons shall wilfully and maliciously set on fire, or cause to be set on fire any mine, pit, or depth of coal, or cannel coal, every person so offending, being thereby lawfully convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of felony, and shall suffer death, as in cases of felony, without benefit of clergy."

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BRITISH SOCIALIST LEADER IS ARRESTED

LONDON, March 20.—At the time the House of Commons was considering Premier Asquith's minimum wage bill, action was being taken by the government against the most noted Syndicalist leader, Tom Mann, who was arrested last night at his home in Wimbledon.

Mann, who is the acknowledged leader of the English Syndicalist spoke at Salford, Monday, at a communist meeting. He was accompanied by Guy Bowman, who is under a remand on a charge of inciting soldiers to mutiny. Among the other speakers was Upton Sinclair.

Mann is charged with feloniously, maliciously and advisedly publishing certain printed matter called the "Syndicalist," endeavoring to seduce persons serving in the forces of his majesty the king by land or sea from their duty and allegiance to his majesty and inducing said persons to commit traitorous and mutinous practice, contrary to the incitement to mutiny act of 1797.

JOB GOING A-BEGGING

Quebec Sheriff Ill Because He Cannot Secure Executioner to Carry Out Sentence

MONTREAL—Reports from Fraserville, Que., state that Mr. E. Martin, sheriff of that district, is seriously ill from worry over his inability to hire a hangman. With an execution only eight days off he can locate no one willing to take the position, and may have to undertake the task himself. Since the passing of Radcliffe Canada has had no official hangman.

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