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McBRIDE GOVERNMENT AGAIN RETURNED TO POWER

Davidson's Magnificent Showing In the Face of Tremendous Odds

CAVE-IN AT NO. 1 SOUTH

At Coal Creek--One Dead and Two Injured--One Man Missing

A cave-in at No. 1 South Mine, Coal Creek, took place early this afternoon and as a result Wm. Whittle lost his life, and Wm. Corlet was seriously injured, having his ribs crushed and other bodily injuries. Corlet's partner, an Italian, was working along with him, and has, so far, been unaccounted for. It is believed that he is still under the cave. Another man, whose name has not been ascertained, has his leg badly crushed. The accident occurred about the time the afternoon shift was ready to go to work, but on seeing Whittle's body being brought out many of the men turned back. The deceased was about 33 years of age, and arrived from Lancaster some 3 years ago.

We understand that the men working in this mine have noticed many defects in the roof, and have from time to time pointed it out to the officials, but no notice seems to have been taken by them to have it remedied.

ASQUITH APPEALS TO THE MINERS

LONDON, March 28.—Premier Asquith this morning issued an appeal to the miners of Great Britain to accept the Minimum Wage Bill, which, he said, would effect largely what they had fought for. The Premier said he recognized that the agitation, as far as the great bulk of the men were concerned, was a disinterested movement. Now that their grievance had been removed by the establishment of the principle of a minimum wage with machinery which could be trusted to fix reasonable rates, he strongly appealed in the name of the whole community for the resumption of normal industrial conditions.

The monthly tea given by the Methodist Ladies Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. John Woodhouse, on Tuesday, April 2, from 3 to 6 o'clock.

DISASTROUS FIRE HITS BLAIRMORE

On Monday night about 11.30 o'clock the people of Frank and Blairmore were awakened by the fire whistles of both towns blowing. Men were to be seen running in all directions till it was discovered that Main Street, Blairmore, was on fire and all went in that direction. It was a calm night and but for that fact Blairmore might have been burnt down. As it was the fire got the best of the small fire brigade force that they had at work and about half the block was entirely enveloped in flames. The Cosmopolitan Hotel was nearly in ruins. A little later Frank fire brigade appeared on the scene and did excellent work in holding down the fire under the able leadership of Chief McDowan, and both brigades worked together and made an impression on the blaze. The train from Coleman brought that brigade to the spot, and the united efforts of the three brigades soon had the fire under control. Several buildings were burnt to the ground, the Cosmopolitan Hotel, the Dry Good Store of Kalel Bros., the Royal Bank Building were amongst them. The worst feature of the fire was that a young man lost his life, an Italian; it is said that he was under the influence of liquor and was pulled out of the hotel once, but went back again and was not seen alive again. Next morning his remains were taken from the smouldering ashes and are being held in the secretary's office at Blairmore.

Large crowds from every town in the Pass thronged the streets till the morning.

FOR SALE — Eggs for Hatching from Pure S. C. W. Leghorns, $1.00 per dozen, or $7.50 per 100; also, No. 1 pen, $1.50 per dozen, or $10.50 per 100. Apply, S. J. Harrison, Wardner, B. C.

INCREASING ALARM OVER GREAT STRIKE

English Capitalists Fear Labor War is Beginning of Revolution

LONDON, March 25.—Alarm at the crisis caused by the strike of the 1,000,000 coal miners is increasing, and no attempt is now made by the "upper classes" to conceal their uneasiness over the situation. Even the Times, which ordinarily does not get excited at anything, is beginning to lose its profound feeling of calm confidence that the whole thing will fizzle out and that no harm will be done the privileged classes.

The Times, commenting today in a leading article on the strike, concludes by saying: "We fear that the worst time has still to come, whichever way things turn."

From the point of view of the Times it is not so much the danger of the present strike, but the recognition of the fact that the entire working class is permeated with the spirit of revolt that is causing the feeling of disquietude among the exploiting classes.

The capitalists think that the present strike has been no ordinary struggle between men and masters, but an attempt to force the national government to coerce capital into submission to a labor union program.

Naturaly they regard this as almost revolutionary in character and are horror-stricken at the appalling wickedness of the working class in thus daring to use their power.

TOM MANN LET OUT ON BAIL

SALFORD, Eng., March 28.—Tom Mann, labor leader, was today released on $2000 bail, after giving a written guarantee that, pending his trial, he would not repeat his incitement to the troops to mutiny. He is charged with "feloniously, maliciously and advisedly publishing certain printed matter, endeavoring to persuade persons serving in the forces of the King on land or sea from their duty and allegiance to His Majesty, and inducing said persons to commit treacherous and mutinous acts."

MINERS TO VOTE ON ENDING STRIKE

LONDON, March 27.—The event of the day in connection with the coal strike was the prompt decision of the Miners' Federation to take a ballot of the men on the question of terminating the strike. The ballot paper reads: "Are you in favor of resuming work pending the settlement of the minimum wages in the various grades by the district boards to be applied under the coal mines minimum wage act?"

THE ALLEN PLAYERS AT THE GRAND

A large audience witnessed the performance of 'Divorcons' at the Grand on Thursday night. Miss Felton in the leading role was up to her usual high standard, and the large company supporting her likewise rendered excellent service. The play deals with the French divorce law, and is a comedy above the average. The scenic effects and costuming was remarked upon as being of exceptional beauty. To-night (Friday) Leo Tolstoi's "Ressurrection" will be given; to-morrow's matinee, "A Stranger in a Strange Land," and tomorrow night, "Transgression."

THE ISIS THEATRE

Whilst politicians and campaigners were busy during the week fighting the electors of Fernie passed their time pleasantly by visiting the Isis Theatre, and viewing the beautiful pictures thrown on the screen. The orchestra, too, appears to be a great attraction. For to-night and tomorrow "The tWo Marriages," a two-reel film Cines Co. of Rome will be the feature, and is said to be one of the best in the line of love, intrigue and tragedy. Other pictures to be shown are "Views of Oswego Falls," "The Fixer Fixed," "Mutt and Jeff." "East Lynn" is also promised for an early appearance. The management is also offering free a beautiful silver spoon for two coupons

Admiral Kingsmill suggests that lantern slides and lectures illustrating navy conditions be employed to stimulate popular interest in the Canadian naval service. This is a brilliant idea. The Canadian navy would just suit the limitations of a magic lantern. With a line of sentimental songs, such as "The Anchor's Weighed," and "My Jack Gets Drunk Today," quite a bunch of bright young young men might be weaned from the farm and started on a life on the ocean wave.

ELECTION RESULTS

The complete election results have not yet come to hand, but there can be no doubt that the McBride Government has hypnotized the province with their "White B. C." and "Railroad Policy." So far as is known it has been a clean sweep for them. No Liberals have been elected, and only one Socialist, Jack Place, of Nanaimo, who got in by 43 over his Conservative opponent, and 247 over the Liberal.

Parker Williams, according to the latest reports, was beaten by only four votes, but whether this return is complete or not, is not known. Victor Midgley polled 662 votes in Victoria. As matters stand, therefore, His Majesty's Loyal Opposition will consist of ONE—Jack Place, Socialist. Even Brewster, the only Liberal member in the last house, was beaten in Victoria.

THE FERNIE VOTE

	Ross	Davidson
Fernie	396	312
McDougal	24	3
Coal Creek	77	149
Michel (Old)	77	135
Michel (New)	40	40
Hosmer	92	40
Corbin	35	28
White Spruce	11	1
Crow's Nest	33	11
Sparwood	7	4
Harmar's Ranch	4	4
Elko	56	5
Galloway	11	6
Jaffray	55	7
Waldo	38	4
Gateway	7	2
Fruitlands	10	2
Flagstone	2	1
Baynes Lake	33	1
Morrissey Junct	11	1
Krag	33	3
Bull River	10	4
Dorr	12	1
	1074	764
Majority for Ross		310

The following interesting document has "fallen into our hands"—in fact, it fell out of the ballot box when the returning officer opened same to secure his instructions, and was intended in this particular instance for that gentleman. It is written on a sheet of paper, on the reverse of which is the printed letter-heading of Ross' Central Committee Rooms. Now, you free and independent voters know that the returning officer was no Socialist—no sir, he was a free and independent person, selected for those reasons and those reasons alone, to act in that capacity. The fact that this particular returning officer has been "sucking" since he was a baby, and is still compelled to "suck" to try and obtain the "job" that is the Mecca of all political heelers, is of no consequence. Well here it is, and the old fault we find is with the heading, for it should read: "INSTRUCTIONS TO THE RETURNING OFFICER."

Instructions to Scrutineers

1. No person is allowed in the polling booth, but the returning officer, poll clerk, and agents of parties accredited in writing; outside of the voter and candidates themselves.

2. If a voter, in favor of Ross presents himself, who cannot read or write, he is entitled under Section 116 and 117 to have his ballot marked in the presence of the Returning Officer and agents for candidates.

3. If an elector wishing to vote for Ross finds that somebody has already voted in his name, he is entitled under Section 118 to have a ballot delivered to him, and marked as "tendered ballot."

4. If an elector in favor of Ross should through mistake spoil his ballot, and before placing same in box, admits that he spoiled the ballot, scrutineer should insist that he be given a second ballot, under Section 119.

5. Any elector wishing to vote, and known to be a Socialist, and who is, in the opinion of the scrutineer, not entitled to vote, should be challenged, that is he should ask the Returning Officer to swear him.

6. The scrutineer, as a voter comes in to vote, will strike his name off the voters list, and, at the same time, will write his name with his number on a slip, which slip, from time to time, will be forwarded to the Central Committee. The object of this is to show that voters have cast their votes, and at the same time to enable the outside committee to bring in all men who have not voted.

IMPORTANT

All voters who have this mark (x) marked opposite their names on the voters list, are to be sworn as they are reported absent from the Fernie Electoral District.

Be careful that voters who are marked as dead on your list, are not voted upon.

It is important that in cases where a voter is entered twice on the list that only one ballot is allowed to be cast. All these cases are shown on your list as repeaters.

All names marked through in red on Voters List have been struck off the list in accordance with the Supplementary List attached.

SUICIDE AT GALLOWAY

A man by the name of Theaubault, working in the lumber camp, at Galloway, committed suicide yesterday. The man had been rather queer in his head of late.

The official count in this riding will take place on Monday next.

Fred Allan, of Corbin, and Miss Sybil Reading, of this city, were married at Macleod on Saturday, March 23.

For the benefit of Creekites visiting the Theatre a special train will leave Fernie on Saturday night at 11 o'clock.

We believe that Ross and his party have made as clean a fight as their interests and convictions would permit—that is from their own viewpoint.

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT POWELL ON MINING COMMISSION

The following communications were received by President W. B. Powell, District 18, U. M. W. of A., notifying him of his appointment as one of the three Commissioners to makeenquiries into and concerning the Mining Law of Alberta.

(Copy)

Approved and ordered. (Signed) G. H. V. BULYEA, Lieut.-Governor.

Edmonton, Saturday, Feb. 17, 1912

Pursuant to the provisions of "Chapter 2" of the Statutes of Alberta, 1908, being "An Act Respecting Inquiries Concerning Public Matters," the Executive Council advise, upon the recommendation of the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, dated February 8th, 1912, that John Thomas Stirling, of Edmonton, William Baden Powell, of Coleman, and Walter Floyd McNeil, of Calgary, be appointed Commissioners to make inquiry into and concerning the Mining Law of Alberta, and to embody in their report thereon any amendments to the existing law regarding the operation of mines for coal or other minerals which they may consider necessary.

(Signed) ARTHUR L. SIFTON, Chairman.

(Copy)

Edmonton, March 16, 1912

Sir,—I hereby attach copy of Order in Council appointing you one of the Commissioners to make inquiry into and concerning the Mining Law of Alberta.

It is proposed that this Commission meet in Calgary on April 16th, and I will be pleased if you would arrange accordingly.

Your obedient servant,
F. J. STIRLING,
Provincial Inspector of Mines

William Baden Powell, Esq., Coleman, Alta.

Our Prophecy

THE ABOVE CARTOON APPEARED IN OUR ISSUE OF MARCH 23, 1912

ATHABASCA LANDING THE TOWN TO TIE TO

The remarkable development of northern Alberta due to the building of several lines of railway is a feature that has attracted the attention of settlers and investors alike for some time past, but news of the impending completion of the C. N. R. to Athabasca Landing has been the means of stimulating interest in the opportunities and illimitable resources of the great country of which the coming town of Athabasca Landing is destined to be the centre.

It does not require any imagination to conceive an important commercial city becoming a concrete fact within a few short years at the gateway to the wonderful Peace River country, where millions of acres of the richest land in Canada are open for homestead.

The completion of the railway line will certainly be the signal for the shipment of hundreds of tons of freight, setlers' effects, etc., to Athabasca Landing, while th ecreation of this base of supplies with its excellent geographical situation will open up business opportunities of almost endless variety.—Advt.

MAN KILLED AT HOSMER

Robert Doyle, a motorman, was fatally injured in the main tunnel, A Level, on Wednesday evening about six o'clock and expired in the hospital about 10.45 the same night. Brother Doyle is well-known and respected throughout the Pass by all who knew him. The greatest sympathy is extended to his brother who resides at Hillcrest, and to his father and sisters who reside at Broxburn, Lanlithgowshire, Scotland.

TUTHILL—DUDLEY

A quiet wedding took place Wednesday evening, March 20, at the Mount Pleasant Methodist Parsonage, between David Hood Tuthill and Miss Lora Henrietta Dudley, both of Fernie, B. C. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Grace Dudley, and brother, both residents in Vancouver; the groom being supported by Mr. James Mayor, formerly of Fernie, and now of Vancouver.

The bride's parents are among the oldest and most respected residents of Fernie, where Mr. Dudley has been engaged for many years in the employ of the C. N. P. Coal Co. The bride and her sister were very popular among the young people of that mountain city. The happy couple left on Thursday morning for Victoria for their honeymoon before returning to Fernie. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Lashley Hall.—Daily Province.

END OF THE LAWRENCE STRIKE

Increased Wages Granted to 275,000 Workers

BOSTON, March 26.—The great Lawrence strike which brought in its train increased wages to 275,000 textile workers in New England, was declared officially off at all the mills in Lawrence today, having accomplished its purpose, in the opinion of the leaders.

That the strike has done this and more is acknowledged by several labor leaders not affiliated with the Industrial Workers of the World, which directed the Lawrence labor war. Jas. Whitehead, secretary of the weavers' association of Fall River, declared today that the increase in wages which is going into the pockets of the New England textile workers is the direct result of that two months' contest.

187 MINERS KILLED IN EXPLOSION

(Special to the District Ledger)

WELCH, Va., March 27th.—Eighty two men were killed today by a gas explosion in the Jed Coal and Coke Company's mine at Jed, West Virginia, half a dozen miles from here. Only eleven men escaped alive and one of these died within an hour after being brought to the surface. To-night 33 bodies have been located and the rescuers hope to have them out shortly. Exploring parties will have covered all of the mine by 3 o'clock Wednesday morning, and expect to have all the bodies out at noon. Some local mine men are inclined to regard it as a physical phenomenon. The families of the dead men find themselves in sore straits. Work has been very slack at the mine. Outside aid will be asked for.

105 MINERS KILLED

Rescue Experts Give Up Attempts to Enter Fire Hole in McCurtain, Ok—Cave-in Chokes Shaft—Flames Follow Explosion and Air Force Fails in Fanhouse Collapse.

McCURTAIN, Ok., March 24.—One hundred and five lives is accepted as an approximately correct estimate of the human toll taken this morning when Mine No. 2 of the Sans Bois Coal Company was wrecked by an explosion.

Of 116 men of the day shift, only eleven are known to be alive, while the others are entombed behind and below debris.

In the opinion of government experts and mine officials they are dead, and a special train which brought physicians and nurses from Fort Smith, Ark., returned to-night. Five physicians remained with the faint hope that some of the imprisoned men might be found alive.

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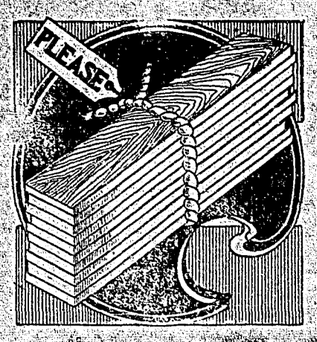

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Minimum Wage Bill Passes Third Reading

Miners Still Dissatsified --- Latest News From the Front

(Special to the District Ledger)

LONDON, Eng., March 27th.—The government's Minimum Wage Bill, whose object is to put a stop to the disastrous coal strike will be the law of the land within 24 hours.

Thus far, however, the end of the strike and of the distress and suffering it is causing to a million miners and over two million other workers and their families and dependents throughout the country is not in sight.

The Miners' Federation met today to discuss the general situation and to consider a proposal for submitting to the miners the question of balloting as to whether the Minimum Wage Bill should be accepted. Mine owners also conferred, but the result of their discussions has not been made public. The Cabinet hopes the miners will seize excuse afforded by the enactment of the Minimum Wage Bill for returning to work. Even if this hope should be realized, it will be necessary to take measures to relieve the great distress, and it is understood the government already has decided on effective methods of carrying this out. Protection of miners who resume work also must be provided for and it is thought this would necessitate calling out of army service.

It is also likely the government will establish national wages board with an independent chairman to consider and determine on proposals for introduction of minimum daily rates of $1.25 for men and 50c. for boys on the understanding that with these two points settled all miners will return to work while negotiations are proceeding for fixed minimum rates for other grades of workmen.

Already troops are in a state of preparedness in Wales, and at any moment their services may be required to protect miners at Brynkinalle Collieries, who have been working for several days, and an attempt to interfere with what was made last night.

LATER.—This is a fateful day in the history of the British trade with the passage through Parliament by a large majority of the bill establishing in legislation the principle of a Minimum Wage in the country's most important industry.

The Minimum Wage Bill passed its third reading in the House by a vote of 213 to 48, amid scenes of great excitement. The House of Lords reassembled at 2.50 o'clock to receive the mill, and on motion by Lord Herschel it passed its first reading.

Premier Asquith, on leaving the House of Commons, was loudly cheered by all members. The miners' leaders declared their intention to keep up the strike until they have secured guarantee of a minimum wage of five shillings for men, or until the district boards, as provided by the bill, arrange acceptable terms. The government's persistent efforts to secure an outside settlement collapsed in a most dramatic manner. Premier Asquith had the greatest difficulty in getting the owners and the men to meet yesterday, and it was only finally on the earnest appeal of Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary, that the owners consented to confer with the men's representatives. The meeting lasted but a few minutes. The representatives of the Scottish miners put forth a demand for a minimum wage of five shillings and nine-pence for men and two shillings for boys, whereupon the owners, protesting that they were always being faced by fresh demands, angrily broke up the conference and quitted the room, leaving Premier Asquith and Secretary Grey, and Chancellor Lloyd George thunderstruck and crestfallen at the unexpected turn of events.

It was under great emotion at the result of disappointment at this scene, that the Prime Minister went immediately to the House of Commons to announce the failure of the conference in a speech which evoked the sympathy of the house. What will be the next step in the struggle it is impossible to foretell. By Thursday the Minimum Wage Bill will have received the royal assent and become law. In the meantime the miners will hold meetings to decide upon their future course. It is reported that the government intends to institute a national wage board with an independent chairman to endeavor to secure a resumption of work on a five and two shilling basis.

150 CLAMOR FOR ONE SOLITARY JOB

Advertisement Calling for "High-Class' Man Responded to by Army of Intellectual Proletarians

The Globe, not a Socialist newspaper, recently printed the following:

"First one came, then ten, then fifty, then 100, and finally 150, all promptly and eagerly. These were intelligent young men looking for a situation. Unfortunately there was only one job to go around. It shows what the pressure is in New York.

"A New York firm wished to secure for their Chicago office the services of a high class man of good education, pleasant address, and previous experience in meeting business men. Their requirements were not unusual, perhaps, but they were most particular as to quality."

The paper states the firm advertised in its columns and this is what followed:

"The results were prompt and immediate. The point is that they would have been satisfied with half a dozen answers, pleased with a dozen, surprised at fifty, and dumfounded at 100. But they were almost incredulous when the 150th applicant walked into their office."

BUTTE THREATENED BY BIG LABOR STRUGGLES

BUTTE, Mont., March 22.—A big labor war threatens this city as the result of the arbitary action of the Anaconda Copper Mining Compay in discharging several hundred of its employes because of their activities in behalf of the Socialist party, which elected Lewis J. Duncan as mayor last fall, and is in control of the political situation here.

The Miners' Union, which is composed mostly of Socialists, has called a special meeting to consider the situation. Trouble is expected, and the Socialists declare that the wage contract with the company will be terminated April 1.

Socialists have long been urging the miners to demand an increase from $3.50 to $4 a day.

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The Class War

By William Restelle Shier

The workers want high wages. The employers prefer to pay low wages.

The workers want short hours. The employers insist on long hours.

The workers want large airy, well-lighted, sanitary establishments in which to labor. The employer crowds their "hands" into dingy, badly ventilated ill-smelling shops in order to keep down expenses.

The workers want the machinery to be safe-guarded. The employers object, because safety appliances cost money.

The workers want the employers to compensate them for injuries while at work. The employers resist, because profits are of more importance to them than human life.

The workers want all their comrades to have jobs. The employers seek to flood the native labor market by promoting immigration.

The workers want their children to be assured a liberal education in the schools. The employers desire the children to be available for their stores and factories.

The workers want labor legislation to protect their interests. The employers fight labor legislation because it is contrary to theirs.

The workers are determined to get what they want. The employers are determined to prevent them.

The workers organize into unions. The employers organize into associations.

The workers resort to the boycott and the strike. The employers resort to the blacklist and the lockout.

There is war, civil war, between these two great hostile forces in society.

In this war the employers use a weapon that the workers have not yet learned how to handle.

They use the legislature to pass laws favorable to them and unfavorable to the masses.

They use the courts to interpret the laws as they want them interpreted. They use the judges to hurl injunctions against labor organizations, restraining them from picketing, from paying strike benefits, from publishing the names of "unfair firms," from doing any of the things that lead to victory.

They use the militia and the police to crush the strikers and drive them back to work.

They are able to do these things because the workers have voted them into power.

Conservative and Liberal parties represent the interests of business men. Their members are mostly business men. They depend for their campaign funds exclusively upon business men.

Yet the workers support these parties at election times, and then wonder why the government is always for the rich and never for the poor.

It should be as plain as daylight that before we can have the enactment and enforcement of working class laws, we must have administrators, legislators and judges who have the working class point of view, who have been elected to office under the auspices of a working class party and who are pledged to obey the mandate of a well disciplinel working class organization.

Once the workers organize politically they can whip the bosses to a standstill.

Once they vote together as solidly as they strike together, they can have everything their own way.

Once they gain control of the various branches of the government, they will have no trouble obtaining higher wages, shorter hours, better working conditions, compensation acts, old age pensions, state employment of the unemployed, more liberal education for their children and the other things they want.

Aye, they can get all these things and more. They can put the millionaire class completely out of business. They can take the mines away from the mine owners, the railroads away from the railroad owners, the big factories away from the big factory owners and vest their ownership in the hands of those who actually do the work.

How? By pushing the principle of public ownership into the domain of all highly organized industries.

Not until this is done, not until the workers own the machines, not until the whole product of labor belongs to labor, will the class war come to an end.

This is the message of Socialism to the world. The Socialist Party is striving to give this message concrete, definite expression.

It is an important message, one that you should study thoroughly, for the Socialist movement is bound in the near future to affect your income, your rights and your standing in the community. Whether advantageously or not, you must be the judge.

Do you endorse the foregoing ideas? Are you willing to fight for the emancipation of your class?

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Thousands of sufferers from eczema, blood poison, ulcers, chronic sores, piles, ringworm, cold sores, cuts, burns and skin injuries, have been relieved and cured, as was Mr. Mahy, by Zam-Buk. As a balm for all skin injuries and diseases it is without equal. All druggists and stores at 50c box, or post free from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, for price. Refuse harmful substitutes.

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This is the fifth year of hard times in America, and no one knows how much longer they will last. Times are hard in England, hard in France, hard in Germany, and hard in Austria. In all of those places, the rain has fallen, the sun has shone, men have worked, the earth has yielded, but still it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep alive. Everywhere, the cost of living is not only high, but becoming higher. Work is hard to get, but it is no harder to get than food.

The situation in America is no less distressing. I was told at the Bowery Mission in New York that within a radius of a half mile from the mission were 50,000 idle men who could find no work, 10,000 of whom were absolutely homeless. Nobody knows how many idle men there are in the country, though in Europe, they keep track of such facts. Some estimates place the number of unemployed men and women as high as 5,500,000, but they are only estimates. All we know is that the number must run into millions.

Yet, in the face of such conditions, the cost of living goes steadily up.

The Flimsy Crop Excuse

The official excuse for the lifting of prices is, of course, the shortage of crops at home and abroad. How familiar this old excuse sounds. Was there never a time, judging from the trend of retail prices, when crops were not short? When business is booming and crop-records are broken, we are told that the cost of living must be high because there is so much prosperity in the country. But when there is no prosperity in the country, we are told that we may have lower prices. On the contrary, the flimsiest excuse is seized upon as justification for still further increases. This year, food-prices must go up because of short crops. The Department of Agriculture early lent itself to the movement to increase prices. As long ago as September, a bulletin was issued to prepare the people to pay more. Crops were short and therefore prices must be higher. And prices are higher. They have risen. Yet the same department issued another bulletin in November, after all the crops had been harvested, in which the shortage, as compared with the average for the last five years, was fixed at four-tenths of one per cent.

Europe is no nearer a just famine than we are. Even in Germany, where the anxiety of the masses is so great, there was not a shortage of anything except vegetables. In the same dispatch in which a Berlin correspondent of the New York Evening Post pictured the wolf at the national door, he said:

"The cereal harvest in this country was about normal this year. There are no indications of a shortage of wheat or, what is much more important for the food of the German people, rye."

Hunger, the problem with which we are dealing, is therefore, a world-problem. Its causes can never be understood unless it be considered as a world-problem. The same causes that make prices high in America make prices high everywhere else. Mr Morgan, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Rockefeller and other similar American gentlemen have little or nothing to do with the cost of food in Germany, yet, according to the Post's Berlin correspondent, it can be statistically shown that "a marked increase in the cost of the necessaries of life began about ten years ago, and that prices have been rising ever since." The cost of living, therefore, began to increase in Germany about the time that it began to increase everywhere else.

Now, let use see what we can do toward getting at the causes of these successive world-wide increases. Great causes always run far back. Let us therefore go far back.

Men do business today in order that they make a profit upon the capital that they invest in the busines. That there is no other incentive is proved by the fact that no one puts capital into a business in which he believes he can make no profit, or continues to keep capital in a business after he is convinced there is no profit in it. This system of making and distributing goods is called the capitalist system, because it is dominated by capitalists.

Yet the world has not always employed this system of making and distributing goods. Since history began, the world has employed several systems. The capitalist system of making goods for profit is comparatively new. It may roughly be said to have begun about the time of the French Revolution. Prior to that time the system of making and distributing goods was called the feudal system. Feudal lords owned all the land. The working people were serfs. They were put to death if they dared to leave the land upon which they were born. Their only compensation was as little food and clothing as they needed to keep them alive. And, when one feudal lord became embroiled in a quarrel with another, the business of their respective serfs was to go out and kill each other.

The Economy "Trusts."

The feudal system was an improvement upon savagery and barbarism, but it did not last. It did not last for the same reason that savagery and barbarism did not last—the people outgrew it. Feudalism, when it had done all it could for them, had only prepared them for something better. It had only led them to the top of one hill to enable them to see a fairer valley and a higher hill beyond.

Then came capitalism—not at a leap or at a bound, but gradually—and the conversion of serfs into freemen. But human nature did not change. The strong still wanted to live off the weak. A few wanted to ride the backs of the many. And, so, when the feudal form of exploitation ceased, another form of exploitation took its place. Capitalists hired the freed serfs to work for them and paid them wages. In order to make a profit upon the labor of the wage-workers, the capitalist did not pay them as much as they earned. They paid them as little as they could. So great was the competition among the workers—for jobs that it was unnecessary to pay them more than enough to keep them alive and enable them to rear children to take their places.

Now the capitalist method of producing goods has changed a great deal since that early day. In the beginning, capitalists competed with each other for trade. Competition certainly prevented great extortion, but it also made the cost of production so high that retail prices were necessarily relatively high. As competition became fiercer, the cost of selling goods became so great that it threatened the elimination of all profit.

Out of this situation, grew the trust. By ceasing to compete, capitalists saved the great cost of competition. By producing on a great scale, they reduced the cost of production. Improved methods of manufacture have still further reduced the cost. So great have been these economies that trust prices, although they represent a tremendous profit, are nevertheless usually lower than the prices of their competitive forerunners. Oil is cheaper since the Oil Trust came. Freight charges and passenger fares are less than they were before the control of all the railroads came within a few hands. The amount that the public pays in excess of the cost of production is the amount out of which the public is gouged—the sum that represents no kind of value; only profit.

It is the money that a nation or an individual spends for nothing that tends to make the nation or individual poor.

We pay something for nothing as long as we can, but periodically times come when the system breaks down. Such a time is called an industrial depression. The whole game goes to smash. Mr Morgan cannot bring good times. Mr. Rockefeller cannot bring good times. Nobody can revive business, because nobody wants business revived except upon the old profit-basis. If we were willing to eliminate the profits for a few capitalists, business could be revived at once, because we have millions of idle men eager to work and plenty of machinery and land upon which they might work. But nobody is permitted to work with machinery unless the men who own the machinery think they can see a profit in his work.

Right here I would call attention to a very alarming development in the capitalist system. The capitalist system, let it be explained, is like everything else—it is evolving and changing. Here is the development.

Centralization of business has so concentrated the control of the necessities of life that the coming of an industrial depression no longer reduces the cost of living.

When the trusts did not hold the business of the country so firmly in their grasp, an industrial depression that put millions of men out of work was accomplished by a substantial reduction in the cost of food, clothing and shelter. It was so in 1893. It was so in 1873. It was not so in 1907 and it is not so now. Prices are going up instead of down.

This development means that the capitalist system has evolved to the point where it places in the hands of a few capitalists absolute power of life and death over the rest of the people. Industrial panics came upon us because of so-called overproduction. But the trusts make no mistake. They know from day to day how much the country is buying and produce only what is required. Now, when the something-for-nothing system breaks down the shelves of the manufacturers are bare. Nothing is thrown on the market, for what it will bring. Everything that is put on the market is made to bring all that can be wrung from the people. That is why prices are high today, notwithstanding the fact that this is the fifth year of hard times and little work.

You will have difficulty in overestimating the seriousness of this development. It has in it the seeds of a revolution more bloody than that which deluged France. It gives a few men the power to control the food supply of the nation. It consigns millions upon millions to hunger and actually starves thousands to death. Millions can be starved for a time, and starved with safety to the starvers. So slowly does the human mind act. But such power carries with it the seeds of its own destruction. It will not always be safe to keep millions hungry. Unless the system is changed, the day of reckoning will come. These hungry men will demand a right to live. They will stop at nothing to secure this right. And they will get it!

Bloodshed is not pleasant to contemplate, but it is less unpleasant before it happens than afterwards. I don't expect it—I fear it. I don't expect it because I believe the people will apply the remedy before it is too late.

The Co-Operative Fallacy

What is the remedy? Is it in buying co-operatively? Some persons believe so. A Brooklyn woman and five associates who have learned that by buying co-operatively they can get 10 cent lettuce at 2½ cents a head, 5 cent radishes at 1 cent a bunch, and a few other things in proportion are loudly proclaiming their discovery as the solution of the problem that plagues a world. As well might one who had seen a baby ride wagon-like on a roller skate proclaim that a roller skate was the proper vehicle upon which to cross the continent. The co-operative plan of buying is good only in the sense that it suggests the good.

It minimizes a few profits, but it is a child's weapon. Let there be enough co-operative buyers seriously to threaten profits and they will quickly discover that they get no reduction. A profit system that has robbed a world for more than a century is not going to wilt simply because women choose to change the manner of their buying. That would be too easy.

Dealers would simply change the manner of their selling and we should be where we started.

Nor can the problem of the high cost of living be universally and permanently settled by municipal buying. The great staples of life, it could only buy from the trusts. It could not even buy wheat from the farmers, because the government has no mills to grind the wheat. The government could buy from the farmers only vegetables and small truck.

The trusts, having no other customer but the government, would immediately change their exploitive methods to fit the occasion. Wholesale prices would go out of existence. Nothing but retail prices would be known. Those retail prices, then as now, would be the highest the trusts believed they could collect without a riot.

In short, if the United States government itself, were to undertake to buy everything that every citizen needs or wants, most prices would be no lower then they are now, and in five years prices would be no lower than they are now. Business would simply adjust itself to the new conditions and exploit the people collectively instead of exploiting them individually.

On the other hand, what good would it do, so far as reducing the cost of living is concerned, if we were to destroy the trusts and restore the competive conditions of 1870? Mind you, it seems as improbable that we could do this as it does that we could remove the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic seaboard, but if we could, would it do any good? Were times so good in 1870 that we can never forget them? Wages and the cost of living were both low. And then, as now, the masses were facing hunger all the time while the cream then went to a few. Why should we believe the situation would be much different if we were to restore the same conditions?

Then there are gentlemen like old Uncle Jimmie Hill, who believe the remedy for the high cost of living is in living more simply. Uncle Jimmie with a mansion in St Paul and another in New York, is in a highly advantageous position to suggest such a remedy.

Who Holds the Loaf

Quite fortunately, nobody wants to go back to the old days of the log hut and the razor back. Human nature does not work that way. The more things human beings see, the more they want. The trusts, by spreading before them a great variety of manufactured articles, have shown them how easy it is to produce wealth. Thank the trusts for that. They have put a peg behind the standard of living past which it will never slip. What we have we shall hold. And we shall get more.

What then, is the remedy for the high cost of living?

Let me lay some facts before you and then see if you cannot answer the question yourself.

Every remedy heretofore mentioned in this article and a great many others proceed upon the assumption that in settling this matter about the loaf of bread we should always let the other fellow hold the loaf.

Would it change the nature of this struggle if we were to hold the loaf for a while? Instead of talking about collective buying through clubs, cities, or even states, suppose we were to talk a little while about collective manufacturing. Suppose the government for instance, instead of spending $437,000,000 for the Panama canal had spent this money for wheat lands and flour mills?

We have plenty of money the government has. We are wasting $300,000,000 or $400,000,000 a year to support an army and navy that the rich want to use when they become embroiled with rich men of other nations over markets, trade and profits. Suppose we were to use this and other money in settling the trust question. When a trust became particularly obnoxious, suppose we were to settle it once and for all by having the government build a big plant and become a competitor? If the government can build warships and the Panama canal it could also, if we wanted it to, make shoes and weave cloth. It could also bake bread and run trains. Nothing that we do is too great or too little for the government to do. The government can station a uniformed soldier in Madison Square, New York, to lure homeless men into the army. The government could just as easily tell this man to bake bread or make shoes

To Relieve Conditions

Do you believe that millions of citizens who are confronted by such conditions in cities help to make this republic a safe place in which to live—that they will always consent to starve, decorously, noiselessly and in an orderly manner.

Maybe you believe the government could not be trusted to hold the loaf. Maybe you believe the crooked politician would get in and mess everything. Who would elect crooked politicians to office—you? Who elects them now—you? Why, of course not. Our dear old friends, the trusts elect them to do their bidding and keep the loaf in their hands. But tell me, who would be the flour trust's senator if the government were the flour trust and you were the government? Did you ever think of that? Will you please think of it again the next time you hear someone say the government could not be trusted to make flour or shoes?

Get Hold of the Loaf!

The other fellow has held it long enough. To give one man the bread that another man must eat, places too much power in the hands of the man who holds the bread. He is almost certain to misuse it. The temptation I stoo strong to make the other man a slave. The men who are holding the loaf today are abusing their power. If you and I were in their places we should probably misuse it just as much. It places too great a premium upon wrong-doing. It is the wrong way to live. But until we are prepared to take over the loaf, what is the use of crying out against the high cost of living? What we are getting is the logical result of our acts. If we tell a man that he will make him a multi-millionaire if he will starve us hard enough, we cannot much blame him if he does it.

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THE ELECTION—THE AFTERMATH!—WHAT NOW?

NOTHING can be more gratifying than the vote polled in Fernie City for the cause of freedom. Neither should we forget the intelligent vote of Coal Creek and Michel. In these three places the workers have had an opportunity to study their position and in educating them the corporation that rules these camps has played quite an important part. We Socialists thoroughly understand that the best sympathy and education for the worker who will not see is the administration of several kicks—this is the "kindest" sympathy, and we know only too well that with the present majority in the House at Victoria the worker will have nothing to grumble about—he will get all the "sympathy" he needs—either from the police baton or the blacklist. And after all, he should not complain; for if he should get two kicks, let him be thankful that he has not received half a dozen; and if he should be discriminated against, let him be thankful that they have not jailed him!

A brief analysis of the returns reveals some remarkable increases in those particular districts that have always been regarded as "preserves" by our friends the enemy—we do not know whether it is correct to call them "preserves" or "pickles," but let it pass—it is of small moment. But to those who are inclined to judge too harshly the denizens of these localities, we would say: Temper your remarks with some kindly thought for the conditions and surroundings under which these poor backwoods men are compelled to live. Most of us have seen the notice that is passed around among the lumber men in the fall, a notice that compels them to work for six months without a cent of pay; which compels them to accept these conditions or starve. True, the companies will provide them with the necessaries of life and clothing, etc., the latter is always obtainable at the companies' stores, while the fact that they are debited on their wages prices about two to three hundred per cent greater than they would pay had they the money to purchase elsewhere is merely incidental and good business—for the lumber corporations. Now, just think for a moment, you who know the conditions under which these men are compelled to live, think how eloquently the "Conservative platform" must appeal to them when "put up." No, gentle reader, spare a kindly thought for them. When you were a child and had an opportunity of attending a Sunday school treat, the very last question that occurred to you was who was running the show; and it must always be the same with these individuals, removed as they are from civilization; living, in many instances, in huts and surroundings that disgrace the native compounds of South Africa.

No, the Socialists polled the solid, educated, intellectual Socialist vote—nothing more, nothing less. And yet we claim victory; for we know that it is only by defeat that we can hope to gain victory.

We have nothing to lose. We have no "suckers" to feed; we have no jobs to give; we have no son to follow in father's footsteps and consequently "nurse" father's job—we have but the INTELLIGENCE OF THE WORKER TO APPEAL TO. And we have to educate the worker. That is the whole of Socialism—nothing can be accomplished until the elector THINKS FOR HIMSELF!

We cannot feel any disappointment at the result, for while it is our duty to encourage our party by every honest means, we know only too well what we are up against; we know that the worker will be compelled to become educated, and with this education comes emancipation. Never, we venture to say, have the unanswerable facts of Socialism been forced upon the people of the City of Fernie more than they have during this election. No Conservative has dared to take the platform against us, with the exception of the candidate. In spite of the fact that the Conservative party claim all the brain in this city, not one single individual has had sufficient courage to venture to contradict the Socialist doctrine or debate its most elementary teachings. What an example of INTELLIGENCE! What massive brain power they must possess—oh, how proud you should feel, Mr. Workingman of your masters!

The old cry has worked! "The town will be put on the bum!" The old appeal has worked—even among the Liberals!—the opponents (?) of the Conservative Party! Oh, how amusing it has been in the past to see how the dear old parties snarled at one another! Well, now, Mr. Liberal, they have taken your last bone! Now, you, friend of the workingman, of course, will have to start on the stump and preach the perfidity of Conservativism—or lay down and wait for the scraps they throw you! Well, you have earned it—So be it.

A last word. You have absolutely nothing to feel discouraged about, and, of course, you will not be discouraged. You are here in the fight still; you must remain in it. **Ours is the only winning cause—a cause that cannot be influenced by the return of the McBride Government in the smallest degree!** Have no regrets; remember now and always—

"The mill it cannot turn with the water that is past."

Be strong; get busy again, and remember—Leaving all things behind, look forward to the future. Socialism is not built on vain regrets—FOR THE FUTURE IS OURS!

PROSPERITY

(The following appeared in our Special Election Edition)

During the present political campaign our ears have been assailed by the well-worn cry of "Prosperity." The McBride Government and their supporters are so crammed full of this talk that they cannot give you any time to discuss the matter. When in Greenwood the Premier was asked to extend to Heatherton, the Socialist candidate, the privilege of the Conservative platform. However, the Hon. Richard McBride launched forth into abuse, evidently thinking the voters of that riding were sufficiently ignorant to accept such talk as refuting the practical aims of the Socialist Party. We venture to say that the workers of Greenwood will resent such an insult on March 26th. Railroad policies and Prosperity need some explaining, and the workers have their own viewpoint on these matters which affect them vitally.

Let us see what splendid prospects are before the workers along lines of prosperity. We know that just at the present time this Province has not been thoroughly exploited by capitalism. The Conservative Party is anxious that this should happen, and the only way to induce capital in here is to show that big returns can be extracted from the workers who apply their energy to developing the natural resources. The matter of real estate speculation is also presented, and the workers are led to believe that increased property values are going to do wonderful things for them.

It must be borne in mind that Canada is not the first country that has been colonized, but that the United States has been through the mill, and the citizens of that land of liberty are now pouring into this land of opportunity. The United States has been developed under capitalism more rapidly than any other country in the world. Its workers are perhaps the most productive on the face of the globe, and what do we find. After producing in such abundance they leave this vast wealth for the privilege of repeating the same process in this country. It is one of the greatest contradictions of this so-called era of "progress" that in the midst of plenty the workers have failed to realize for what purpose the machine was introduced. All machinery is for the purpose of saving labor, and yet in the twentieth century we find the workers slaving away their lives for the noble purpose of making a few individuals rich. Yet you hear men talking about the dignity of labor ond the prosperity of the laborer.

In Europe capitalism has developed to such an extent that we may get some idea what it means to the working class. Below we reproduce a cutting which presents the benefits accruing to the workers of Germany:

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Vorwaerts, the Socialist organ compares them under the heading of the "Lean and the Fat."

Equally enlightening statistics can be shown for Great Britain and France. What are the workers doing in these countries? Are they contented and prosperous? Many of you come from across the Atlantic and know only too well the lot of your fellow workers at home.

The politicians of this country would try to persuade you that capitalism is going to develop along altogether different lines in this "Fair Dominion." How this is gong to be done they do not attempt explain. When the Socialists endeavor to show the workers these things the parasites of the capitalist class indulge in misrepresentations and talk of the "pessimism" of these anarchists, and indulge in futurities. However, we say to these, what optimism do you represent? and the politicians answer with railroad policies, more work for the workers, and then——?—— Yes, and then? On the other hand we are emphatic in our statement that the Socialist movement is intensely optimistic and the question of the future depends upon how soon the workers realize their power. When the workers say that the ownership of the means of life shall be in their hands then shall prosperity be the lot of the working class. Do you understand now why a Vote for for Davidson is a Vote for Yourself, and a vote for Socialism is a vote for progress and prosperity. Let the worker, of Fernie Riding make to-morrow a red letter day in the history of this Province by marking their ballots for Wm. Davidson, the representative of the workers.

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HILLCREST NOTES
By "Concertina Joe."

Mrs. H. Cunningham was in Lethbridge renewing old acquaintances last week.

Mr. Walter McLean is busy around the schoolhouse these days. Mr. McLean is quite an artist, having been the recipient of handsome prizes for his work. We congratulate him on his success. Several local artists were competing against him, such as Brown, Cluffy, Kelly, McPhail and others.

Mrs. T. Smith, wife of the treasurer of the company, is confined to bed. We hope that she will soon be convalescent.

A kind of photography mania struck our town last Sunday, when a number of young men went around taking pictures of the town. We would advise the same party not to have their posers take up the stumps as we haven't got many here in town, and it don't look any too good.

Mr. Jeff Scott, of Fernie, was in town here last week in company with some real estate men. Mr. Scott was surprised at the growth of the town, and stated that Hillcrest looks good to him, and he has intentions of opening up business here.

Mr. J. McDonald, of Coleman, was in town last week looking as chirpy as ever.

Messrs. Fryer and Sinclair are busy putting in fixtures for the Co-Operative Store.

The Union Bank of Canada is starting to build here, also a representative of the Bank of Montreal has been looking over the town. No doubt Hillcrest will be the Pittsburg of Canada, as described by C. P. Hill many years ago.

Mr Frank Earp has started excavating for building an addition to the store. This speaks for itself.

The management is using every effort to push along the development work, although they have been hindered a litle with water owing to the soft weather lately, the work is proceeding steadily day and night. It is expected by the middle of summer that lots of men will be employed, and an increased output will follow. At present great difficulty is experienced in filling orders. The Hillcrest Coal is used exclusively for the passenger trains of the C. P. R., as Hillcrest coal will produce more heats units to the ton than any other coal in the west.

J. Burke, of Bellevue, and a few friends were over Sunday looking over our hall. The Bellevue boys were well pleased and stated it was a credit to the Hillcrest Local, and they should be proud of it. One of the company was R. Livett, who was the first president of Hillcrest Local when first organized and they held their meetings every Sunday under the trees. was proud of the progress the Local has made.

Dr. McKay, of Frank, paid a visit this week.

A meeting to organize a football club was held this week. We ought to have a good club here, as Hillcrest has been famous for their "kickers"—not "knockers."

The dances every Saturday night in the Miners' Hall are quite a success. Many visitors from surrounding towns are in evidence. Everybody is well satisfied with them. The benefits go towards defraying the expenses of the hall. Admission, 50c.

It is the intention of the committee to continue them all summer, every Saturday from 8 p.m. till 12 p.m.

A party of 24 are coming down from Coleman to attend the next Saturday dance, March 30th. We are always pleased to see the Coleman boys.

BELLEVUE

We are pleased to see Ike Hutton round again after being sick the greater part of last week.

Mr. Peter Ratcliff and Luther Goodwin spent the week-end with friends up at Fernie.

The business of Mr. John Raynor has been sold over to Mr. Blais, of Frank, who will commence business in the near future.

The Bellevue Sketch Club paid a visit to Blairmore last Wednesday and gave two sketches in aid of the Ladies' Aid of the Baptits Church.

Mrs. James Ford, of Coleman, spent the week-end with Mrs. George Bateman.

Mrs. J. Ellison, of Monarch, spent three or four days with her friends at Bellevue.

The Bellevue Band are expecting to make their first appearance before the public on Easter Sunday afternoon on the old football ground. We all hope that the weather will be fine for that day.

An athletic meeting was held on Sunday afternoon at the Southern Hotel, presided over by Mr. George Bateman. Business did ot run very smooth between the football and baseball enthusiasts, and it was decided to hold a baseball meeting on Tuesday and football meeting on Wednesday.

Professor Ferguson started a dancing class in the Socialist Hall on Monday last.

A dance was held in the Socialist Hall, on Wednesday last for the benefit of the new dancers, when a fancy cushion was given by Mr. Furguson. The lucky one being Mr. Lunn.

The Union Bank of Canada have opend a branch in the Bellevue Hardware Store.

The Rev. W. H. Irwin preached on the subject of "The Remedy for Poverty." Another sermon will be preached on the same subject next Sunday night. The music was given by Mr. George Goodwin, who played the cornet.

A meeting was held in the Hardware Store on Monday last for the purpose of forming a gun club at Bellevue. A good crowd turned out and the first shoot will be April 3rd. The officers elected were Mr. J. C. Allan, president; Mr. W Evans, vice-president; and Sergeant Bowers was elected as secretary-treasurer.

FRANK NOTES

Mr. Scott has ceased to be manager of the Imperial Hotel, and Mr. Meyers takes his place. The regular meals have been cut off, and the dining room is run on the short order system.

The Frank Gun Club met on Wednesday afternoon for practice.

The expert engineer appointed by the C. P. R. to examine Turtle Mountain, and see if it will be possible to blow the top off, arrived in Frank the other morning. W. J. McGowan and T. McDonald accompanied him up the mountain side to that point that every citizen of Frank has a spite for, commonly known as the North Peak. No report of his conclusions have been given yet, but we anxiously await them. If he reports that it cannot be removed by dynamite, then Goldsmith's "Deserted Village" can in a short time be fittingly applied to Frank. But if it can be blasted, then the people of Frank will all return to the old place, and it will become the most prosperous town in Crow's Nest Pass. There is a great attractiveness about Frank. Once a person lives here they always want to, and although many have left us in years gone by, like Noah's dove "they found no rest for the sole of their foot" till they returned again.

Last Saturday, the report that a woman had suicided the night before was spread around town. On Friday night, when the men were coming off the eleven o'clock shift, on the foot bridge, coming out from the old mine they found a woman's apron and shawl. It was soon reported to the local police, who did all in their power to discover the owner, but failed. Eventually, Mr. Pirlot, a miner, who also came along, looking for his wife, recognized the clothes as belonging to her. Early next morning the body of Mrs. Pirlot was found by the police about ten feet from the foot bridge on the sidewalk. The coroner was called at once, and a little later a jury was appointed, composed of Messrs. A. S. Blais, P. Seville, H. Roberts, L. Ryan, who brought in a verdict that "suicide was committed while temporarily insane." The funeral took place on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

A very sad death occurred on Sunday morning in Frank, when Mrs. M. Depolt passed away. On Saturday an operation was performed in the hospital, and all was well till a late hour that night, when she got worse and passed away at 4.30 in the morning. Mrs. Depolt was only 32 years of age and leaves three young children to mourn the loss of a mother. Her husband and family, as well as her brother have the sympathy of the people in their great loss. The funeral service was held at the house on Monday afternoon by Rev. W. S. Young and representative of the Slavonic Society, who also read their burial service in the Bohemian language, after which a large crowd of friends and neighbors from Frank and other Pass towns, followed the remains to the place of interment, Blairmore Cenetery.

Mr. Allan Moore, who had been manager of the Frank Lime Works for some time previous to this winter, returned to town from Ontario this week, and will remain a few days. He is accompanied by his bride.

F. E. Hinds, of Blairmore, has been running an automobile over the Pass roads this past week, and judging by the way he drove through the funeral this week, he is not afraid of scaring horses. On Tuesday he succeeded in scaring a team belonging to W. Murr, of Coleman, which ranaway, and had a narrow escape while crossing the crooked bridge between Frank and Blairmore, as Mark Sartorns was on the bridge with his horse and rig.

The worst runaway that has ever been known in Crow's Nest Pass occurred on Monday last, when the funeral reached Blairmore. The team that carried the coffin was being turned in a steep place to start home, and the rig was cramped at the low side which made it possible for the wheel to get under the box of the rig. This it did, and when the horses started up it upset. The horses dashed through the crowd of men and women that were on their way up the hill to the graveside, but none were hurt. The driver got run over and rolled along, but he is none the worse for it. Outside of the gate all the other teams were hitched, and when the runaways rushed into them they upset several rigs and started all the horses running In the meantime the first team got upset and had to stop, breaking the pole in bits. Another of the livery teams getting rid of their driver, started for home, followed by Crow's Nest Hardware team and Bonamica's horses, which had got rid of his buggy by smashing it to bits. The horses crossed the bridge where two ladies with baby carriages were standing and never touched them, then on through the town and home. Crow's Nest team was stopped outside of Blairmore and had broken nothing, but the livery team continued on its way till stopped in Frank. They had wrecked rather badly the new Surrey that they were hitched to. It is a miracle that no lives were lost, and no person hurt.

Mrs. Carruthers and family left for Pocohontas on Wednesday morning's flyer, where she will meet Mr. Carruthers.

CORBIN NOTES
By "Warbler."

There is quite an exodus of miners from this camp on account of shortness of work, two days per week being the average just now. Of course there are the "favored few" who oblige the company by throwing what little principle they possessed to the four winds during the strike period and they can put in an extra shift occasionally. Dig in; you'll come in handy again, *perhaps*, in the near future.

Mr. Hugh Bell, J.P., will soon be leaving us. Sorry to part with you, Hughie; but you can't beat working for No. 1. They'll miss you at the dances. Good luck to you.

Mr. Stedman, of the Kootenay Hotel, Michel, was up here on business last week and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. Spencer, late of Michel.

Rumor has it that this company's "capture" last summer in the pit boss department is proving himself a decided acquisition, and is "endearing" himself to all around him by his generous and unassuming disposition. Everyone here knows what an adept he is

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Private Property

By John M. Work.

A tombstone in an English churchyard bears the following inscription:

"Reader, I've left a world to you,
In which I had a world to do;
Fretting and sweating to get rich,
Just such another fool as you."

The rage for private property on the part of a certain minority of the people at the present time reminds one of the above inscription. They waste their lives fretting and sweating to get rich, accumulating all manner of private property which they cannot use and which is in reality a detriment to them.

But this inscription has no application to the great majority of the people, who lack the most essential property and who fret and sweat and stay poor.

Capitalism Guilty of Charges Made Against Socialism

The most remarkable feature about the opposition to Socialism is that Socialism and the Socialists are charged with being guilty of all the evils of which the present capitalist system is in fact guilty and which Socialism will prevent.

For example, we are charged with wanting to divide up, whereas we want to prevent the dividing up that is now going on.

We are charged with wanting to destroy incentive, when in reality we want to abolish the system which has already destroyed incentive and introduce one which will restore it.

We are charged with attempting to destroy individuality and reduce the people to a dead level, but the truth is that the present system has to an alarming degree destroyed individuality and reduced the masses of the people to a dead level, and we want to destroy that dead level and give the people a chance to develop their individuality.

We are charged with having designs to ruin the home, which has already been ruined by the present system, and we are trying to elevate and purify it.

We are charged with stirring up class hatred, whereas the present system is the sole cause of class hatred, and we propose to abolish classes and thereby abolish class hatred.

We are charged with standing for an impracticable system, when the present system has conclusively demonstrated by its own workings that it is impracticable and Socialism is the only practicable way out of the mess it has got us into.

And so forth.

Capitalism, not Socialism, Confiscates the Private Property of the Workers.

Following up this peculiar custom, the enemies of Socialism charge us with wanting to abolish private property.

But the truth is that, for the masses of the people, the present capitalist system has already abolished private property.

Capitalism confiscates the bulk of the earnings of the wage worker. This makes it impossible for the average wage worker to own his own home, or anything else worth mentioning. He has the cheapest household furniture. He has the cheapest clothing for his family. He has the cheapest food for his table. He is not able to afford the things essential to the development of the higher faculties.

All of his property put together is not worth more than a hundred or two of dollars.

In fact, it is not fit for junk.

Capitalism prevents him from possessing private property.

In the cities and towns of the United States there are over ten million homes—or alleged homes.

Of these over six million are occupied by renters.

Of the remainder over one million are mortgaged.

Of the entire number less than one-third are owned by their occupants free of encumbrance.

The number of renters is constantly increasing.

The percentage of mortgages is also constantly increasing.

It is needless to say that this overwhelming majority of homeless families consists of the families of the working class.

Even the farmers are gradually being stripped of property, over a third of them being renters already.

Capitalism prevents the useful many from owning property and permits the useless few to own vastly more than they need.

Socialism will give everybody a chance to own private property in sufficient abundance.

Not the kind of private property that can be used for the purpose of gouging other people, however.

That's the rub.

Collectively Used Property Should be Owned Collectively

The few useless people who loudly proclaim that Socialism proposes to abolish private property are afraid they will lose their graft, which is due to the fact that they own as private property the things which the working masses literally have to use in order to make a living. Their private ownership of these industries makes the workingmen and working women dependent upon them for an opportunity to earn a living. They therefore have the power, because of their private ownership of the industries, to compel the workers to work for them for a mere fraction of the value of their labor. They keep the remainder themselves without earning it. No wonder they object to having the private ownership of these industries abolished.

It is the great merit of Socialism that it will abolish the private ownership of these exploiting industries and make them the collective property of all the people.

No one has a right to own as private property the things that others must use to make a living. Such private ownership is the sole and only cause of the present industrial slavery of the masses of the people and the present bitter extremes of luxury on the one hand and poverty on the other.

Socialism will make the exploiting industries collective property, owned by all the people and run for the benefit of all the people. Then the few will no longer have the power to rob the many, but the men and women who do the necessary and useful work, mental and manual, will receive the full value of their labor.

Whether any particular piece of property should be collectively or privately owned depends upon its use.

Privately Used Property Should be Owned Privately

If property is used by an individual or a family for personal purposes, or for the purpose of making a living without exploiting others, it should be privately owned. Socialism will enormously increase that sort of private ownership among the masses of the people, by giving them the full value of their labor and thereby furnishing them with the wherewithal to secure such private property.

But if the private ownership of property results in the private owner having the power to exploit others who have to use it to earn a living, it should be collectively owned.

However, I do not mean that Socialism will forbid anyone owning and running any industry he pleases. But Socialism will own and run industries itself. It will give the workers the full value of their labor. It will sell the products at cost. Anyone else engaging in the same industries would therefore, in order to compete with the public industries, have to give the workers the full value of their labor and sell the products at cost. But he couldn't make any profit that way. Consequently he wouldn't do it. If the industry were of such a character that he could carry it on by his own labor alone, he could do so. But he would not be exploiting anyone else then.

"But," I hear Mr. Capitalist complaining, "will there be no way in which I can invest my money so that I can draw an income from it without working myself?"

No, you will positively have to quit stealing.

Socialism Makes Private Property Possible for the Workers

Socialism will enable all the people to have the private ownership of comfortable and healthful homes, if they want to—not absolute private ownership, however, for there is no such thing, not even now. It will also enable them to have the private ownership of substantial, beautiful and attractive furnishings for their homes. But, best of all, it will enable them to have the private ownership of all those things which are necessary for expanding culture and a wholesome, healthful life.

In other words, Socialism will enable everyone to own all the private property he needs for his own use.

It will abolish both luxury and poverty.

Luxury and poverty are both evil.

Socialism furnishes the desirable middle ground between the two extremes—the golden means—the happy medium—the condition wherein there will be luxury and poverty for none, but plenty for all, and the amplest opportunity for physical, mental, moral and spiritual development.

THE A. B. C. OF SOCIALISM

Q. What is a Socialist?

A. A Socialist is a human being like yourself.

Q. What do Socialists propose doing?

A. Socialists purposes to do the same things that are now being done—plow the earth, plant, cultivate harvest and garner food stuffs, slaughter animals, cure and distribute meat foods, operate factories and mines, conduct transportation systems, etc.

Q. How do Socialists propose to do these things?

A. Socialists propose to do these things as they are now being done with such added improvements as may be invented from time to time.

Q. What then is the difference betwee nthe present capitalist system and Socialism?

A. The difference is solely in the ownership of the tools and machinery for the production of wealth and the distribution of wealth. Socialism demands that the tools and machinery for the production and distribution of wealth shall be owned collectively by the whole people instead of being owned by individuals and corporations.

Q. Why do Socialists want the tools and machinery for producing and distributing wealth to be owned and operated collectively instead of by individuals and corporations?

A. Because it is individual and corporate ownership of the tools of production and the machinery of distribution — railroads, steamships, elevators, docks, warehouses, etc. that gives them the power to rob the working class of over three-fourths of all the wealth it produces.

Q. Does Socialism propose to divide the wealth now in existence between all the people?

A. Socialism does not propose to divide a single dollar's worth of wealth or anything else between all the people or any part of the people. Socialism proposes to destroy the present system under which a few individuals compel all the farmers, mechanics, miners and the whole working class to divide up with them and give up to them more than three-fourths of all the wealth that their labor produces.

Q. How do Socialists propose to do this?

A. By and through the public or collective ownership of the machinery of production and distribution of wealth that the working class creates. Without the individual ownership of the machinery of production and distribution of wealth the capitalist class have no power to rob the working class and would, themselves, have to earn their living at some kind of useful work.

Q. How do Socialists propose that the public, or people, shall become possessed of the machinery of production which is now legally owned by the capitalist class?

A. By whatever means the majority may decide upon. The people can not take over the factories, mines, shops and railroads and other utilities necessary to their economic liberty and welfare which the law now recognizes as belonging to the capitalist class until a majority of the voters decide in favor of such a course, and when a majority alone can decide upon the method of doing it, and it matters not what method may be decided upon, the majority will rule. The method is a minor detail, easily determined when once the majority has decided that it is necessary to free themselves from a robbing and enslaving system such as now prevails.

Q. Would Socialism deprive the small farmer of his home and take his quarter section away from him?

A. No; Socialism would not take an acre of land from any man though he might owne a million acres. This, however, must be kept in mind. No man could cultivate a section of land, much less a million acres and to cultivate even half a section the owner would have to employ help, and under Socialism, when every worker would receive the full social value of his labors, which could not by any possibility be less than six dollars a day, any man owning more land than he could cultivate and care for within himself and family would have to employ help, no one would be such a fool as to work for another for less than they could get in other industries—hence the big land owner would have to pay to his hired help a wage equal to the full social value of all the wealth the help could create. In short the big land owner would no longer be able to exploit the laborer, and would voluntarily relinquish to the state all surplus land.

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COAL MINING STATISTICS

Examination of the advance tables issued from the Home Office shows that last year there was an increase in the output of mineral under the Coal Mines Act of 7,490,072 tons, the increase in the number of persons employed being 17,806. In the result rather more mineral per person employed was recorded than in the previous year, but the 1909 average was not reached by some six tons per person. The output of coal alone was 271,878,924 tons, an increase of 7,461,336 tons, made us as follows:—Scotland, 383,031 tons; Newcastle, 2,156,138 tons; Durham 1,814,303 tons; York and North Midland, 1,195,546 tons; Manchester and Ireland, 25,763 tons; Liverpool and North Wales, 227,055 tons; South Wales, 1,500,745 tons; Midland and Southern, 157,755. Thus all the inspection districts contributed towards the increase, which works out at the rate of 2.82 per cent., the increase in the number of persons employed being at the rate of 1.70 per cent. In the Manchester district, it will be noticed fewer persons were employed although the output exhibited an upward tendency.

Regarding accidents, 1911 was a record year. Compared with 1910 there were 516 fewer persons killed, and as a consequence the death rate per thousand employes fell from 1.69 to 1.18, whilst the deaths per million tons of mineral declined from 6.37 to 4.4. From the point of view of persons employed this is the lowest death rate recorded in the Blue Book for any one year, a feature that should afford considerable satisfaction to the whole community.—Science and Art of Mining.

Remember this, that the owning of property and a home does not guarantee you freedom from wage slavery. If the workers reached such a stage of independence the capitalist system would fall to pieces. It is essential to capitalist production that men should be dependent upon those owning the means of production and have to apply to them for permission to work.

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The prosperity of a country is reflected today in the opulence of the ruling class. The conditions under which vast multitudes of our fellow men live in such prosperous countries as Great Britain and the United States should get the workers thinking. This is the meaning of capitalist prosperity. The Conservatives of this Province stand for the prosperity of the capitalist class. The Socialist Party stands for the prosperity of those who produce the wealth of the world—the workers. Are you sharing the prosperity of this Province to any great extent, and if not why not?

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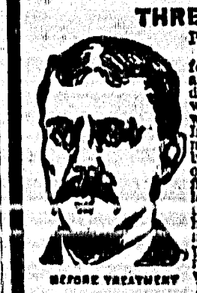
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Bartenders' Local No. 514: Meets 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2.30 p.m. Secretary J. A. Goupill, Waldorf Hotel

Gladstone Local No. 2314 U. M. W. A. Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday Miners Union hall. Thos. Uphill, sec.

Typographical Union No. 555. Meets last Saturday in each month at the Ledger Office. A. J. Buckley, Secretary.

Local Fernie No. 17 S. P. of C. Meets in Miners Union Hall every Sunday at 7.45 p.m. Everybody welcome. D. Paton, Secretary-Treasurer.

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.—Local 1220. D. J. Evans, President; F. H. Shaw, Secretary.

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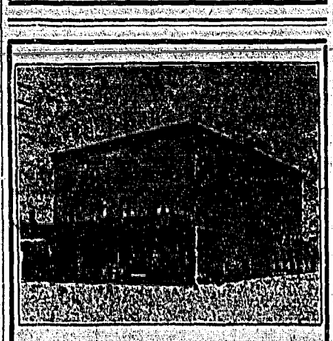

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As I am continuing my late husband's business, I would ask for the continued patronage of all old customers, and respectfully solicit the trade of all.

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The Fernie Steam Laundry and Dye Works report business improving all the time. They are making a reduction in prices on Dyeing and French Dry Cleaning for the spring trade. Also a cheap monthly laundry rate for all bachelors will be given. A trial is all they ask to convince you they are O. K.

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No.	NAME	SEC. and P. O. ADDRESS
29	Bankhead	F. Wheatley, Bankhead, Alta.
481	Beaver Creek	P. Gaughton, Beaver Creek, via Pincher
431	Bellevue	J. Burke, Bellevue, Frank, Alta.
2163	Blairmore	B. J. Chase, Blairmore, Alta.
949	Burmis	Jos. Derbyshire, Burmis, Alta.
2227	Carbondale	J. Lonsberry, Carbondale, Coleman, Alta.
1327	Canmore	N. D. Thachuk, Canmore, Alta.
2033	Coleman	W. Graham, Coleman, Alta.
2877	Corbin	R. Jones, Corbin, B. C.
1126	Canmore Mines	P. Kelly, Diamond City, Alta.
2178	Diamond City	Albert Zak, Diamond City, Lethbridge.
2314	Fernie	Thos. Uphill, Fernie, B. C.
1263	Frank	G. Nicol, Frank, Alta.
2497	Hosmer	W. Balderstone, Hosmer, B. C.
1058	Hillcrest	J. O. Jones, Hillcrest, Alta.
574	Lethbridge	L. Moore, 604, Eleteenth St., North Lethbridge.
1189	Lethbridge Collieries	Frank Baringham, sec., via., Kipp, Alta.
1233	Lille	W. L. Evans, Lille, Frank, Alta
2329	Maple Leaf	S. Parker, Maple Leaf, Bellevue, Alta.
2334	Michel	M. Burrell, Michel, B. C.
14	Monarch Mine	S. Moorcroft, Monarch Mine, Taber, Alta.
2352	Passburg	J. Kluscarits, Passburg, Alta.
2539	Royal View	Thos. B. Fisher, Royal Collieries, Lethbridge, Alta
1959	Taber	A. Patterson, Taber, Alta.
102	Taber	J. Cooper, Taber, Alta.

Italian

LA GUERRA DI CLASSA

Da William Restelle Shier

L'operai vogliano alta giornata. I superiori preferiscano di pagare bassa giornata.

L'operai vogliano ore corte. I superiori insistano ad ore lunghe.

L'operai vogliano grande, ariose, bene lostrose, estabilimenti sanitari in che debbona lavorare. I superiori con le "mano" tutte unite, dentro ventolazione male, l'adore di malattia nelle fattorie in ordine di mantere abbasso le spese.

L'operai vogliano i macchinisimi di essere ben guardati. I superiori non vogliano perche quello che guardono costa moneta.

L'operai vogliano i superiori di compenzare quando loro si fanno male, mentre che lavorano.

I superiori non vogliano, perche il profitto e di piu importanza a loro della vita umana.

L'operai vogliano tutti i loro compagni per avere lavoro. I superiori provano d'alluvidare il mercato dell' operaio nativo con promatare emigrazione.

L'operai vogliano i loro figli di essere sicuri d'una libera educazione nelle scuole. I superiori desiderano i fanciulli di essere valebbili per i loro stori e fattorie.

L'operai vogliano legislazione operaia di protettare loro interesse. I superiore combattano la legislazione operaia perche e contrarla alla loro.

L'operai sono di termine a prendere quello che loro vogliano. I superiori sono di termine a preventarli.

L'operai organizzano nell' unione. I superiori organizzano dentro l'ossociazione.

L'operai risortano a far sangue ed il sciopero. I superiori risortano alla lista nera e di guardarsi.

Vi e guerra, guerra civile, fra queste due grande forse in societa.

In questa guerra i superiori usano l'armi che l'operai ancora non anno insegnato maneggiarli.

Loro usano legislature di passare legge favorevole a loro e non favorevole alle messe.

Loro usano la corte ad interpitare le legge come loro vogliano interpitare. Loro usano i giudici di andare contro l'organizzazione operaia ristrengendo loro di pagare benefici del sciopero, pubblicando i nomi dei dipositi in "giustizia," di fare ogni cosa possibile in modo che porteranno la vittoria.

Loro usano la melizia ed i polizzotti costringendo i scioperanti e minacciarle indietro al lavoro.

Loro sono abbili di fare queste cose perche l'operai anno votato a loro nella forsa.

Il partito Conservatio e Liberale rappresentano l'interesse dei negozianti I loro membri sono quasi tutti i negozianti. Dipendono a loro esclusivi di pagare tutte le spese che fanno nel loro viaggio di campagne.

Ancora l'operai al tempo delle elezioni danno sopporto a questi partiti, e dopo vogliano sapere perche il governo e sempre per i ricchi e mai per i povere. Dovessi essere come il choaro del giorno prima che noi abbiamo l'inforsamento delle leggi lavoratore, non dobbiamo avere amministratori legislatori e giudici che tengono la vista di punto lavoratore che furono eletti all'offici sotto l'ospizio del partito classa lavoratore e che sono preggiatii di obbedire d'una buona descipllinata organizzazione delle classe lavoratore.

Una volta che l'operai organizzano una politicale, possono staffilare i loro bossi come nienti.

Una volta che voteranno tutti assiemi come loro fanno il sciopero assiemi, possono aver tutto coso al loro comando. Una volta che prendono possesso del brancio del governo non anno disturbo di ottenere alte giornate ore corte, mogliori condizioni di lavoro atto di compenzione, penzione per i vecchi impregati libera educazione per i ragazzi, ed altre case che loro vogliano.

E'l loro possono prendere tutto queste coso, e piu ancora. Possono mettere i milionari compilitamente fuori di negazio. Possono prendere le miniere delle mano del patroni, le ferrovie delle mano del patroni le grande fattorie ed investono loro patronismo alle mano che attualmente fanno il lavoro.

Come? Spingendo il principio di patroni pubblici dentro il domano di tutte le alte indostrie organizzate.

Non finche questo e fatto, non finche che l'operai son patroni delle macchine, non finche tutto il prodotto dell'operaio appartenga all'operaio, verra a finirse.

Questo e il messaggio del socialismo al mondo. It partito socialisto vogliano daro questo messaggio, espressione finita.

E' un messaggio importante, uno che dovete studiarla esattamente, perche il movimento socialisto verra nel futuro di affetto a voi vostri deritti e siete nella comunita.

Le svantaggiosamente o pure no, voi dovete essere il giudice.

Firmate voi queste idee? Siete volentiere di combattere per l'emancipazione della vostra classa?

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Phosphonol restores every nerve in the body to its proper tension; restores vim and vitality. Premature decay and all sexual weakness averted at once. Phosphonol will make you a new man. Price $2 a box, or two for $5. Mailed to any address. The Scobell Drug Co., St. Catharines, Ont.

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GERMAN TOWN DOES NOT HAVE TO LEVY TAXES THIS YEAR

CASSELL, Germany, March 25.—In the much-vexed German empire there is just one town which has declared itself free from taxes for the year 1912. The town of Bad-orb, in the Grand Duchy of Hessen Hassau, have notified the residents of the place that the finances of the thrifty little town are in s[illegible] hape that no taxes need be levied for the ensuing year.

During the year several citizens of Bad-orb died, leaving a considerable amount of their wealth to the town. Now the authorities have sold a large tract of land to the imperial government for military purposes, receiving about $1,000,000. It is doubtful whether any taxes will be needed for several years.

ANTI-SOCIALIST VACCINE DISCOVERED AT LAST!

Here is another cure for Socialism. Its inventor is a gentleman who is interested in the advertising business, and the new cure was made public recently at a meeting of the newly organized "American Society for the Promoteion of Efficiency." The discoverer of the new anti-Socialist vaccine is Melville W. Mix. He said:

"It is as much a part of the duty of the administrative department to pay its labor a wage that will enable it to live according to American standards as it is to provide the capital concerned with an adequate return.

"It is inefficiency of this sort—not allowing a decent wage—which is creating a spirit of unrest and growth of Socialism, which are becoming so marked a feature in our national life at the present time. Failure to maintain a proper wage standard is a breach of trust not only to the employed, but also to capital. Dissatisfaction and unrest which inadequate wages invariably cause will become eventually a far graver menace to capital than a slight lowering of the dividend rate."

SHORT TALK

If you want coal, own the mines.

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"It is a long road which has no turning." We are in the bend.

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"Wages" are bribes given to fools so that they will remain slaves.

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Never mind what your ancestors were; what will your offspring be?

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What are we going to do when we get Socialism?" is the question. Going to live, is the answer.

CRIMES OF CAPITALISM

John M. Work

The present capitalist system of industry is a failure.

It is impracticable.

It has divided the people into warring classes.

It has reduced the wage worker to slavish dependence upon the capitalist for an opportunity to earn a living.

It has reduced the masses of the people to poverty.

It compels the masses of the people to work all their lives for a bare living.

It deprives the masses of the people of the benefits of the marvelous improvements in production, and hands those benefits over to the useless few.

It bars the masses of the people from the higher things of life.

It drives thousands of men and women to insanity.

It drives hundreds of thousands of men and women to crime.

It drives hundreds of thousands of women to prostitution, because they are unable to make a living any other way.

It drives millions of men to drink.

It puts a premium on graft and corruption.

It makes it to the financial interest of men to adulterate food and to perpetrate all the other villainous frauds and deceptions which surround us on every hand.

It causes the death or injury of millions of the people by preventable accidents.

It blights the lives of the child slaves.

It bars a majority of the children out of school altogether, and compels most of the remainder to leave school just when their education is really beginning.

It is infamously unjust to the unemployed, causing hundreds of thousands of them to become tramps.

It is an enemy to the family.

It causes hundreds of thousands of divorces.

It destroys individual initiative.

It has reduced the masses of the people to a dead level.

It has made it impossible for the masses of the people to develop their individuality.

It has made it impossible for the masses of the people to own any private property worth mentioning.

It makes it hard to do right and easy to do wrong.

It makes it impossible for the people to live sanitary lives.

It promotes disease.

It brings premature death to all the people.

Socialism is the natural and the only remedy for these evils.

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF SOCIALISM

1. Love your school fellows, who will be your fellow workmen in life.

2. Love learning, which is the food of the mind; be as grateful to your teacher as to your parents.

3. Make every day holy by good and useful deeds and kindly actions.

4. Honor good men, be courteous to all men, bow to none.

5. Do not hate or speak evil of any one; do not be revengeful, but stand up for your rights and resist oppression.

6. Do not be cowardly, be a friend to the weak and love justice.

7. Remember that all the good things of the earth are produced by labor; whoever enjoys them without working for them is stealing the bread of the workers.

8. Observe and think in order to discover the truth; do not believe what is contrary to reason, and never deceive yourself or others.

9. Do not think that he who loves his own country must hate or despise other nations, or wish for war, which is a remnant of barbarism.

10. Look forward to the day when all men will be free citizens of one fatherland, and live together as brothers in peace and righteousness.

WHY?

WHY can no honest and intelligent man have any objection to woman's suffrage?

WHY must the wife and chilren of the worker go in rags while there is an overproduction in clothes?

WHY are the corporations and trusts employing Pinkertons and thugs to mix with the honest workingmen and to break up their labor unions?

WHY are the Conservative politicians heart and soul with the capitalists and anarchists in their fight against the Socialist Party?

WHY is the Socialist Party the only political party in the land that stands unqualifiedly and unreservedly for the interests of the working class?

WHY is the Conservative party so determined to keep up sham battles for the purpose of fooling and hoodwinking the working people?

WHY is it that we have today people out of work and starving, while there is an overproduction in all the means of life and our warehouses are filled with the products of labor?

WHY were the capitalist politicians all over the United States in a general state of excitement when the working men of Los Angeles deposited over 52,000 votes for Job Harriman, the Socialist candidate for mayor?

WHY do the Conservatives find it necessary to distribute bum cigars and beer during election time.

WHY do the Conservatives oppose the demand of the workers for the full product of their toil?

The Children's Hair

A Little Extra Care Now May Save After Years of Regret

Children play so hard that the head perspires and the hair has a tendency to mat and get sticky on the scalp. Soap and water doesn't seem to remove it, but the hair must breathe to be healthy. Just try Nyal's Hirsutone. Rub it into the roots of the hair with the balls of the fingers. The children like it and will ask you to use it. Hirsutone loosens up the accumulated dust and perspiration and the hair and scalp can then be easily and thoroughly cleaned. After it is dried give another application of Hirsutone. After you have used it for a while you will admit it is the best you have ever used. Your Nyal Drug Store will cheerfully guarantee Hirsutone to do all that is claimed for it. 2

THE MAGISTRATE'S STORY

What He Owes to Zam-Buk.

Mr. C. E. Sanford, of Weston, Kings Co., N.S., a Justice of the Peace for the county, and a deacon of the Baptist Church in Berwick, says: "I have used Zam-Buk for piles and found it a splendid remedy. It cured me."

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Zam-Buk will also be found a sure cure for cold sores, chapped hands, frost bite, ulcers, eczema, blood-poison, varicose sores, scalp sores, ringworm, inflamed patches, babies' eruptions and chapped places, cuts, burns, bruises, and skin injuries generally. All druggists and stores sell at 50c. box, or post free from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, upon receipt of price. You are warned against harmful imitations and substitutes. See the registered name "Zam-Buk" on every package before buying.

SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS

COAL mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the North West Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

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.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. Cory,

Deputy Minister of the Interior.

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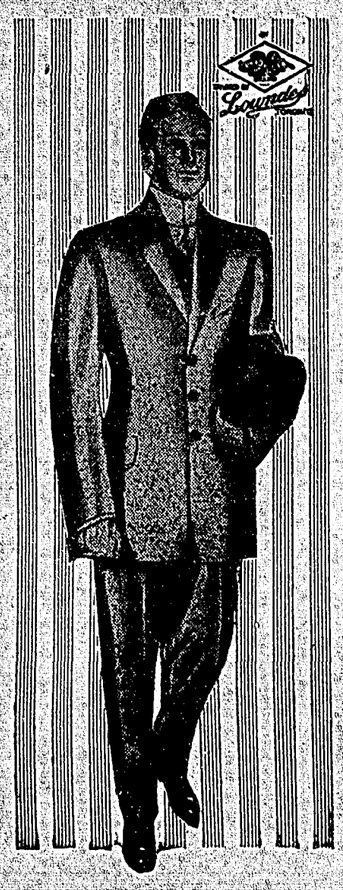
Our Men's Department



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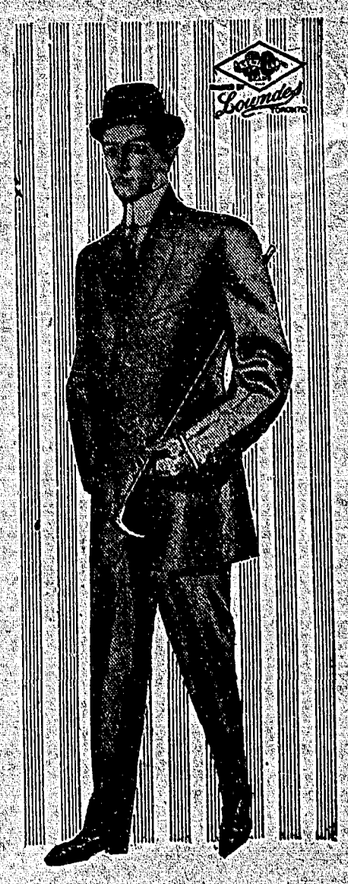

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Mothers

We have just opened a large shipment of very stylish Reefers for children from 4 to 12 years of age The colors are Grey, Navy, Fawn & Mixed Tweeds.

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Carnation Wheat Flakes, per pkg.	.40	Lethbridge Flour, 98 lb. sacks	3.25	Sugar, 20 lb sack	1.40
Corn Flakes, 4 pkgs for	.25	Purity Flour, pancake, 2 lb. pkgs, 2 for	.25	Twin Bar Castile Soap, 4 for	.25
Rolled Oats, 8 lbs. for	.25	C. and B. Jam, 7 lb. tin	1.00	White Swan Washing Powder, per pkg.	.20
Tetley's Cocoa, ½ lb. tins each	.35	Lamp Glasses, A and B sizes, 3 for	.25	Fancy Toilet Soaps, regular .35 and .40 box	.25
Braid's Best Coffee, freshly ground, 2 lb for	85	Lard, 3 lb. pails	.50	Welsh's Grape Juice, quart bottles each	.65
Tetley's Tea, 3 lb. tins, Blue Label	1.25	Smoked Ham, per lb.	.18	Holbrook's Malt Vinegar, Qts. each	.25
Lombard Plums, 2 tins for	.25	Fancy Fowl, per lb.	.25	Turnips and Carrots, 12 lbs.	.25
Blueberries, 2 tins for	.25	Lemon and Orange Peel, 2 lb. for	.25	Light-house Cleanser, 4 tins for	.25
Table Figs, per lb.	.15	Mixed Nuts, per lb.	.20	We have a free demonstration of Tetley's high-grade Teas and Cocoas in our Grocery Department Saturday and every day during the following week.	
Navel Oranges, 2 doz. for	.35	Black Jack Stove Polish, per tin	.10		
Bruce's Kippered Herring, 2 tins for	.25	Pork and Beans, 1 lb. tins, 4 for	.25		

Ladies Shoes

A Special Clearing Sale of high class American Shoes in three styles, Patent Colt, Vice Kid and Gun Metal in high cut and Oxford shapes. Reg. $4.50 & $5.00 to clear **$3.60**

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TRITES-WOOD COMPANY, LIMITED

CORBIN

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at addressing his more "unfortunate" brethren in the "choicest" English conceivable, but of late he has assumed the role, I hear, of instructor to a wood-chopping brigade organized by himself, and a few of his firebosses for the purpose of instructing these "unfortunates" in that noble, and under the circumstances, honorable and edifying art. It is said numerous competitions are held from which English-speaking men are strictly barred. Judging by the amount of wood lying around the houses occupied by these officials the venture has proved a decided success, and anyone desirous of seeing "sucking" and woodchopping blending harmoniously together should not fail to visit Corbin. We certainly have it here to a nicety.

The weather is lovely this last few days, and everyone seems intent on hitting the ties in the direction of No. 6 Bridge. Not a few make McGillivray their target, their pockets being lighter than their spirits. Ah, well; you will vote for it.

COAL CREEK

W. C. Millar, employed at the bottom of No. 1 North Incline, got two of his fingers broken on Wednesday afternoon through getting them caught between the bumpers of the car.

Tournaments are again in full swing at the club, and some very exciting competitions are going on in the different games.

Three newcomers arrived last week from Wingate Colliery, Durham, Eng., their names are Fred Lake, George Wood and Thomas Higgleton.

Mrs. Jas. Maddison, Wm. Partridge and Wm. Harrison were visiting friends at Hosmer last Monday.

The mines were all idle up here on Monday, so as to treat for the boys the Fernie Fort Steele Brewery sent five kegs of Mutzine up for a smoker. This was held in the afternoon, and quite an enjoyable time was spent.

In the Methodist Church on Good Friday, April the 5th, a service of song entitled. The Little Violinist will be given by the choir; also a grand tea. This will certainly be a rare treat, an Old Country tea for Old Country people.

Mrs. Rea and family, and Mr. and Mrs. James Flood, left here this week to take up their residence in Fernie.

Election day passed over very quietly up here this time, although the number that voted was larger than ever before. But this was due to a large crowd of Fernie men who were up here working casting their votes here. Mr. D. F. Markland acted as deputy returning officer, and performed his duties very satisfactorily. Dudley Michel acted as poll clerk. Had every camp voted the same as this one there would have been a different tale to tell today, as it is we are defeated again, but in no way disgraced (nor disheartened, remember) and our time must come, sooner or later; for we are not now, nod never will be downhearted. The following is the result of the ballot:

Davidson	149
Ross	77
Spoiled	5
Total	231

HOSMER NOTES.
By "Antibillrosser."

W. Partridge and W. Harrison, of Coal Creek, were renewing old acquaintances in Hosmer this week.

Still some more old timers leaving the town. We hear S. Si m is leaving the company's boarding house and is going to Regina.

There is talk of H. A. Marx, head of the office staff, leaving the end of this month and going into the real estate business at Edmonton. We wish him the best of luck in his new sphere.

The stork is making Hosmer a regular calling place now that the strike is over. It visited the home of Mr and Mrs. Albert Goubert on Monday and left a fine baby girl. Twenty pounds, Dutch says, and his exaggeration is as great as his admiration.

Jim Ritchie has quit the wash-house and is having a royal time now getting his face black. His place has been taken by the opera house picture show operator, who sees a change of films every day.

Harry Hutson made the final rally at Fernie on Wednesday.

THIS MAN SATISFIED WITH POCAHONTAS

Pocahontas, Alta., Mar. 20, 1912

To the Editor, District Ledger

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Chas. Garner's Report to the Convention, I may say that there are certain remarks that are not true in regard to the company grinding the men here. As for myself, I shall be quite a while longer, unless I wish to leave of my own accord. For we have men up here who are broad-minded enough to know when the grind is put on. In regard to prices at the store, we are willing to admit they are a little high compared with prices at Edmonton, but I have no doubt that if we had freight rates to Pocahontas as elsewhere in the country we should get them at reasonable prices. So if Mr. Garner would call on the Railroad Commissioner at Edmonton he might help the people considerably by so doing. Also, in Mr Garner's report we see that he got off at Edson, and to my knowledge did not proceed any further west, and I feel sure that he had no intention of coming to Pocahontas on leaving Edmonton. If he had intended coming his chances were equal with those of any other person as far as organizing this place. He said we wanted an organization of our own, which I may say is quite true, but for any material benefit to me personally is far from true. If he had come up here and called a meeting of the men he would have learned the true facts for himself. And as for Mr. Garner doing all these things for other people's benefit and leaving himself out, I never read in any Sunday school literature where anyone was asked to follow Mr. Garner's footsteps. I may further state that as far as the feelings of the men are concerned they are all willing to become organized into the U. M. W. of A., but not under the jurisdiction of District 18, as they think that they are capable of protecting their interests much better themselves. With regard to Mr. Garner's statement concerning conditions at Cardiff, I may say that there are men at Pocahontas from Cardiff and Mr. Garner's statement and theirs do not agree. Furthermore, if Mr. Garner wishes a true report as to who repeatedly violated the Cardiff agreement, I would advise him to inquire of Vice-President C. Stubbs or District Board Member McNab, as both these persons were in that field at the time this agreement was being violated.

Trusting you wil lfind space in your valuable paper for this letter,

I remain, yours in the struggle,

JOHN McSWAIN

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