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ALBERTA ELECTION NOW IN FULL SWING

Jones and Powell Nominated by Labor, Endorsed by Liberals, are Opposing Knight and O'Brien, Socialists

ALBERTA ELECTION ON APRIL 17

EDMONTON, March 25.—The Alberta legislature prorogued this afternoon and was immediately dissolved. Writs will be issued tomorrow calling for new elections for April 17. Nominations on the 10th.

From the fertile plains and sunny slopes of the fair province of Alberta are wafted tidings of active preparations for a political scrap. Prior to the closing of the legislature a redistribution of seats was made, and from the Conservative press, which has developed a great moral sense of political duty in Alberta, this evidently tends to strengthen the Sifton regime. The Liberal party in Alberta are indeed very anxious to maintain their political supremacy and will adopt any tactics they deem advisable to further their aims, just as the Conservatives do in other parts of the Dominion. Recognizing that the laboring classes can, if they so desire, control the vote in certain districts, it would appear that the Sifton gang have been tampering with the trade union movement of the province to ensure the domination of the Liberal party. From Calgary news comes of an attempt to railroad a Labor representative on the electors, but the Socialist element have been sufficiently wide awake to throw the limelight on the game. In the Lethbridge district similar tactics are in sentative of the Rocky Mountain riding, C. M. O'Brien, teh Liberal machine has evidently got to work to force into the field our friend, W. B. Powell, ex-president of the United Mine Workers.

Nominations by the various political parties are being made over all the province and to date the Socialist party have at least four men in the field; Geo. Paton in Red Deer, Dick Burge in Calgary, J. R. Knight in Lethbridge, and C. M. O'Brien in the Rocky Mountain riding. The Labor-Liberal nominations include W. B. Powell in the Rocky Mountain riding, J. O. Jones in Lethbridge and it is rumored that Alex. Ross will be the nominee in Calgary.

C. M. O'Brien is the unanimous choice of the working class in the Rocky Mountain riding and it is possible the Liberals and Conservatives will concede his seat and make his election by acclamation. In the other constituencies it is anticipated that the Socialists will make a vigorous campaign, and amongst the farmers anticipate showing a surprising growth in their vote from the men who are supposed to be suffering under the burden of prosperity that the Liberals claim to be so broadcast in the province.

In this part of British Columbia keen evidence, but here again we see a determination on the part if the enlightened working class to discourage these bunco games. Realizing the strength and popularity of the Socialist representatives is being shown in the forthcoming elections in Sunny Alberta as the Socialist nominees are well known throughout this province.

Latest

(Special to the District Ledger)

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., March 27.—At the Labor convention today Vice-President Jones nominated as candidate. Platform of the Alberta Federation of Labor. Platform of the S. P. of C. carried down. Socialists nominated candidate last Sunday, J. R. Knight. Three-cornered fight as the Socialists have no intention of pulling out.

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., March 27.—Liberals in convention tonight endorsed J. O. Jones, Labor cadidate.

HILLCREST, Alta., March 28.—Alberta elections, April 17th, O'Brien unanimous choice of Rocky Mountain. Liberals and Conservatives are invited to let go by acclamation in view of fact that they stand no chance of electing their man. The working class of this riding will support the man who has stood by them. Send all contributions for campaign to L. E. Drake, official agent. Funds needed promptly. Will be acknowledged in Ledger.—L. E. Drake.

4,000 VIRGINIA MINERS WILL RESUME WORK

Satisfactory Settlement of Great Strike Reached—Thousands Not Affected.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 23.—John P. White, international president of the United Mine Workers of America, today announced that a basis of settlement satisfactory to the miners has been reached with the representatives of the Paint Creek Collieries Co., which has mines in West Virginia, and have been on strike about ten months. There are nearly 10,000 men on strike in the West Virginia fields and the expected settlement affects about 4,000 of them, according to Mr. White.

The strike of the Cabin Creek Consolidated Coal company continues.

HON. JOHN SCADDAN COMING TO CANADA

LONDON, March 20.—Hon. John Scaddan, labor premier of Western Australia, sails on the Mauretania for New York on Saturday. He will visit Winnipeg and other western cities en route to the Pacific.

Hon. W. A. Watt, premier of Victoria, Australia, who is making a two months' stay here, also intends returning home via Canada.

PENSION MOTHERS IN UTAH FOR THE CHILDREN

SALT LAKE CITY, March 21.—The mothers' pension law, passed by the Utah legislature, became effective today. Mothers who are compelled to work for a living will receive $10 a month to support one child and $5 for every other child. The law's aim is to permit mothers to remain at home with their young children in order to rear them properly.

SOCIALISTS URGE DISARMAMENT

Rivalry in Arms Provocation of War—Autonomy Suggested for Alsace Lorraine

BREST, Mar. 24.—A resolution calling on France and Germany to agree to proportional disarmament was adopted today by the French National Congress of United Socialists sitting here. The resolution declared that the political rivalry of arms in the name of peace was a provocation of war which could be prevented by a treaty to reduce the armies of the powers simultaneously. Gustave Hervo, the anti-military agitator, proposed that the Socialists should ask the French government to open negotiations with Germany on the basis of the autonomy of Alsace Lorraine.

Alsace, he said, was German in race and civilization and had been in possession of Germany, while Lorraine was French. One of the provinces naturally belonged to Germany and the other to France. Were Germany to consent to the autonomy of the two provinces, he continued, both nations could be satisfied and their armaments reduced.

HURRICANE FURY MORE FATAL THAN WAS FEARED

Over 200 are now Known to be Dead---Thousands are Homeless

OMAHA, Nebr., March 24.—More than 200 persons were killed and 400 were injured in a wind storm that demolished 450 homes, damaged hundreds of other buildings and caused a monetary loss of $5,000,000, according to reports available up to a late hour tonight, from the main path of the tornado in and near Omaha. Most of the casualties were in Omaha, which was stricken as never before. Nearby towns in Nebraska and across the Missouri river in Iowa, also suffered severely. Wires were snapped off in all directions and it took many hours to gather and circulate news of the disaster.

Fire broke out in the debris of many wrecked buildings in Nebraska's metropolis and these were menaces for some time as the fire companies were hindered by fallen walls and blocked streets. A heavy rain followed the wind, however, and drenched the hundreds of homeless persons, but put the flames out.

Of 202 known dead within the area, 152 were residents of Omaha. The remaining dead are scattered over a considerable range of territory.

Perhaps, 1500 persons are homeless. Aside from this 3,000 buildings were damaged, many of these being churches and school buildings. Eight of Omaha's public schools were wrecked.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY PROVIDED FOR ONTARIO MINERS

Underground Workers Will Be Protected by Law Introduced by Government

TORONTO, Ont., March 21.—The Ontario government Thursday brought down its eight-hour day bill, dealing with the employment of miners, which applies to all the miners in the province with shifts of more than six men and makes exceptions only in special cases, following closely the recommendations of Samuel Price, the special commissioner appointed after the close of last session to investigate the subject of underground employment.

The measure declares that no workman, and by workman is meant any person employed underground in a mine, who is not the owner, agent or an official, shall remain in any mine for a longer period than 8 hours in any consecutive 24 hours. The eight hours may, if the employer obtains from the inspector a certificate that the means and methods in use at the mine of getting to and from the place of work are proper and satisfactory, be reckoned from the time of arriving at such place of work until the time of leaving for surface.

STEVENS OFFERS TO HELP MINERS

Vancouver Member in Sympathy with Strikers on the Island

VANCOUVER, March 23.—H. H. Stevens, M. P., has written to an officer of the Vancouver trades and labor council, expressing his sympathy with the miners of Vancouver Island, who are now on strike against the Canadian Collieries, of which McKenzie and Mann are proprietors.

Mr. Stevens also promised to make an effort through the Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, to compel the Britannia Mining and Smelting company to be "reasonable with their workman." Six hundred employees of the Britannia, a copper mine located 15 miles north of Vancouver, are now on strike.

AVERTED RAILWAY STRIKE

CHICAGO, March 21.—The committee representing 5,000 switchmen of 19 railroads in and around Chicago averted an immediate strike today by deciding to submit their grievances to a conciliation board composed of the chairman of the interstate commerce commission, the judge of the commerce court and the acting commissioner of labor.

TRADE UNIONISTS SENT TO PRISON

Russian Jails Filled to Overflowing with Political Prisoners

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.—Remarkable statistics have been laid before the Duma recently, with regard to the population of the Russian prisons.

It appears that between the years 1905 and 1911 the number of prisoners in Russia had increased by 95,000 and that the increase was largely among the political prisoners. From 1903 to 1911 the expense of all departments concerned had increased by 85 per cent.

Acts of terrorism in Russia during the last few years have been of rare occurrence. It is not anarchism which is filling the prisons but trade unionism and socialism. The information regarding the prisons was laid before the Duma as a result of inquiries instituted into the large number of cases of suicide reported from the prisons.

RELEASES 24 MORE IN KANAWHA CASES

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 22.—Finding that its latest effort to break the strike of the coal miners in the Kanawha Valley by means of bringing the strikers and leaders before the military court on trumped-up charges has proved ineffectual, as Governor Hatfield is liberating most of the prisoners taken by the militia, a settlement of the struggle appears to be about consummated.

Hatfield, who visited Paint Creek today, liberated twenty-four more of the prisoners, and ordered that ten be sent to the prison to await his decision on the Military Commission's findings. The hostile attitude of the commission toward the strikers is said to be to a great extent responsible for the release of the miners, as it was shown during the testimony that every effort was made to find a conviction.

The twenty-four persons were released with suspended sentences. Twenty had been defendants in the case of forty-nine charged with conspiracy to commit murder and incite riot. Thirteen of the forty-nine have heretofore been released.

Nine prisoners were sent to the Mason County Jail to await the Governor's action on the findings of the Military Commission, and one man, Ernest Craigo, was sent to the Kanawha County Jail, also to await the Governor's action on the Military Commission's findings.

FIRE IN A GERMAN MINE

BROCHUM, Germany, March 19.—Fire broke early today in the President colliery, near here, cutting off the superintendent of the mine, and an unknown number of miners. The fire started close to the main shaft and spread rapidly. Later the miners were got out without injury.

HEAVY SNOWSTORM BLOCKADES ONTARIO

TORONTO, March 27.—The heavy snow storm which struck Toronto last night still continues. Reports from all the outlying districts told of the serious delays to traffic in all directions by the storms. The schedules of radials have been abandoned. The railways are having hard work keeping anywhere near the schedule. All available snow plows were out on the different railroads, but it is predicted that should the snowfall continue, all traffic of passenger and freight will be tied up before night. In addition, many telephone and telegraph lines, especially in Western Ontario, have been put out of business, carried down by the weight of the snow.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT TREATS DOCKERS HARD

The men employed in the government dockyards are bitterly complaining of their miserly rates of pay. Petitions to the Lords of the Admiralty, it is said, are shelved for eleven months, and then comes the stereotyped reply, "Not acceded to." This state of affairs, however, cannot continue, and it has been shown that men employed by contractors and doing similar work receive 46 per cent higher wages than those employed by the government.

The greates dissatisfaction with the labor members in the House of Pretense is being expressed on all sides, and Mr. Coates, of Sheerness, has declared that the trade unionists of the country are disgusted with them. The workers, he said, would make no progress until the Liberal-cum-Labor party was superseded in the House by a real Labor party.

The men are demanding a general rise of 6s. 6d. per week in the wages paid to all grades and trades in the dockyards. This amount represents the increased cost of living during the last twenty years. There are 50,000 employees in the various home dockyards, all of whom will be invited to sign a memorial, which will be presented to the House of Pretense, and a copy of which will be sent to each member. Members whose replies are unfavorable, or who do not reply at all, will subsequently be interviewed, with the object of ascertaining the reason why. If the treasury accedes to these demands, the nation's wage bill will be increased by over £750,000—and, why not?

The Miners' Federation is drafting a short bill for introduction next session with the object of amending the Eight-Hours Act (1908) so as to provide explicitly that a colliery manager who knowingly permits miners to continue working for more than eight hours in any twenty-four shall be guilty of an offence against the Eight-Hours Act.—British Ex.

THREE THOUSAND VICTIMS OF FLOOD

Property Loss Hundred Million

CHICAG, March 26.—Three thousand may have perished in the deluge that swept the northern half of the Ohio river districts yesterday and today. Property damage in Ohio and Indiana will be at least $100,000,000. These figures were compiled this afternoon from reports received here from various points in the stricken districts. Further reports may increase the number of deaths and it is unlikely that any decrease in property loss will be made.

An additional horror was reported early this evening from Dayton. Fire there, which seemed widespread and probably uncontrollable in view of the paralysis of the water plant, probably brought a horrible death to many who sought to escape drowning by climbing to upper floor buildings.

Following are the revised figures of the dead:

Ohio	Number
Dayton	2,000
Piqua	540
Delaware	500
Middletown	100
Sidney	50
Hamilton	12
Tippecanoe City	3
Tiffin	50
Fremont	11
Scattering	200
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Indiana	
Peru	150
Newcastle	3
Lafayette	2
Indianapolis	14
Noblesville	2
Scattering	25
Grand Total	3,262

Later

Revised estimates of the loss in Dayton received last night give ground for hopes. The dead in all sections affected by the flood will not exceed 2,000 and may go below that figure. Daring investigators who penetrated the flooded section, revealed hundreds of persons safe who were feared to be lost.

Unless swelled by the death list in the foreign settlement on the north side as yet unreached, there may not be more than 200 dead in the whole city, in other points than Dayton the death list grew rapidly yesterday and last night.

There was far heavier loss of life in the west side of Columbus, Ohio, than was thought. One estimate placed the number of dead at more than 500.

DAVID REES IS SUSTAINED

Committee Appointed by International Finds He Holds Valid Membership--Appointment as Auditor in Order

Fernie, B. C., Mar. 10, 1913.

Mr. John P. White,
1111 State Life Bldg.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir and Brother:

In accordance with the power vested in us by the International Executive Board, the undersigned, who were delegated to dispose of the protest lodged with the International Union by Michel Local Union, No. 2334, have visited Fernie, heard the arguments of the principle involved, and herewith file with you our findings relative thereto, and our decision thereon. The nature of this dispute will be best explained by verbatim quotation of the original protest, which follows:

"Michel, B.C., 18 Jan'y, 1913.

"To the Officers and Members of the
International Executive Board,
Indianapolis, Ind.

"Gentlemen:

"We, Michel Local Union, No. 2334, do hereby protest against the action of the District Executive Board for allowing David Rees, of Fernie, B.C., to be a candidate for International Office.

"Our contention is that at the time of nomination this man, David Rees, was not eligible according to our International and District Constitutions. Article 8, section 1, of our International Constitution reads as follows:

"'Any member in good standing in our organization shall be eligible to hold office in the International Union if employed at our trade or officially connected with the organization.'

"Article 4, section 1, of the District Constitution reads as follows:

"'The members of the District shall be men employed in and around the mines and coke ovens.'

"At the time of his appointment as auditor of our District accounts it was not in conformity with the laws of our organization. Trusting that this matter will be placed before the Board for your consideration,

"Yours fraternally,
"(Signed) Maurice Burrell,
SEAL Secretary."

While the language of the protest itself does not make clear the actual reason for the contest, the implication and the latterly developed fact is that the mobers of Michel Local Union, No. 2334, contend that David Rees was not employed in and around a mine or a coke oven at the time of his appointment as a district auditor, and that not being so employed his appointment was made in violation of Sec. 1 of Art. 4 of the District Constitution, which reads, in part, as follows:

"The members of the District shall be men employed in and around the mines and coke ovens in District No. 18."

The protestants further argue that by reason of Rees not being employed in and around a mine or coke oven, and because of his not being officially connected with the organization, that his status is such as would not enable him to qualify for the position of International Executive Board Member.

This committee is of the opinion that Sec. 1 of Art. 4 of the District Constitution bears no relation to this controversy for the reason that Rees' title to membership is not attacked, and because the records show that he has held continuous membership in the organization for many years. That Rees was not employed in and around a mine or coke oven at the time of his appointment as a district auditor and when elected as a member of the International Executive Board, is not disputed, and yet it is agreed that he has never accepted employment at a vocation that would compel an automatic forfeiture of his membership in the organization. It being agreed that Rees was not employed in and around a mine or coke oven at the time of his election and that his title to membership in the organization is without fault, the only points left to determine are:

Was his appointment as a district auditor legal, and did he by virtue of this appointment become officially connected with the organization and eligible to run for International Office?

In support of their contention that he does not meet these qualifications the protestants refer to Sec. 1 of Art. 8 of the International Constitution, which reads as follows:

"Any member in good standing in the Organization shall be eligible to hold office in the International Union if employed at our trade, or officially connected with the organization, or engaged as permitted by Section 2, of Article 20, and has never been found guilty of misappropriating any of the Organization's funds, and has had five years' experience as a mine worker and has been a member for three consecutive years at the time of his election, and except as may be hereinafter provided."

In referring to this section of our International law, the members of Local Union No. 2334 seem to have lost sight of the fact that this section of the law attempts only to regulate the election of International officers and that it does not lay down any specific regulation for the election of district officers.

In another part of our International Constitution will be found Sec. 1 of Art. 4, which reads as follows:

"Section 1. Districts may be formed with such number and territory as may be designated by the International Officers and may adopt such laws for their government as do not conflict with the laws or rulings of the International Union or Joint Agreements."

Exercising the authority given them by the above section of the International law, District 18 adopted for the regulation of the election of their district officers Sec. 3 of Art. 6 of the District Constitution, which reads as follows:

"Sec. 3. Any member in good standing in his local union shall be eligible to hold a district office, providing he has been a member of District 18 for at least twelve months."

It cannot be successfully argued that the above section of the District law is in conflict with any of the terms of the International Code.

Embraced in the stenographic report of the Convention held by District No. 18, February 19 to 29, 1912, the following record:

"Resolved that we, this Ninth Annual Convetion now assembled, appoint two auditors and two alternatives, to audit the District Secretary-Treasurer's books in accordance with the District Constitution, and strike out the employing of a chartered accountant. The alternatives to act in case of auditors not being able to do so. Submitted by Chas. Garner, International Board Member.

"Your committee concur.

"Moved and seconded to adopt the report of the committee.

"Moved by Delegate Jones, and duly seconded, that the recommendation of the committee be amended to the effect that the matter of the appointment of the auditors and alternatives be left in the hands of the District Executive Board.

"Motion as amended ....CARRIED.

"Motion to adopt report of committee as amended .....CARRIED."

In harmony with the action of the District Convention the District Executive Board met March 17, 1912, and adopted the following motion:

"That David Rees and David Paton be appointed as auditors to audit the District and District Ledger books."

From the foregoing it will be observed:

1st. That David Rees holds a valid [illegible] in the organization.

2nd. That because of his membership Sec. 3 of Art. 6 of the District Constitution makes him eligible to hold a District office.

3rd. That his appointment as a District Auditor was made in accordance with the instructions of the District Convention.

4th. That his membership in the organization and Sec. 3 of Art. 6 of the District Constitution made him eligible for appointment.

In view of the above facts this Committee is legally bound to decide that by virtue of his appointment as a District Auditor David Rees became officially connected with the Organization and that he holds a clear title to represent District No. 18 on the International Executive Board, and we do so decide.

ROBERT H. HARLIN,
GEO. PETTIGREW,
F. FARRINGTON,
Committee.

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Alberta Mines Regulation Act

Other Doings in House

(*FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT*)

The new mines act, introduced by the government, is a 38-page report of a commission that sat about 50 times. It contains 146 sections and about 270 sub-sections and clauses, over 40 of which were amended by the assembly. The Socialist member introduced about 80 amedments, about 12 of which being adopted. Among those that are now law, and will come into force with the rest of the act on the first day of August, 1913, are the payment of wages to all who work in and around the mine twice a month, the right to hire any one for checkweigher who is a resident of the province and is a practical miner of at least three years experience, and where they are paid otherwise than according to weight the persons employed in any mine may at their own cost employ one or two practical working miners of at least three years' experience resident in the province who shall at all times have power and necessary facilities to check the correctness of the manner, method, measure, measurements, or quantities, also to count boxes and tallies once daily. The workmen employed in a mine may at their own cost appoint any two persons resident in the province who are not mining engineers and who have at least five years' experience of underground work to inspect the mine at least once a month and at the time of an accident. A duplicate of all reports is to be posted at the mine. An adequate amount of ventilation shall mean not less than one (now two) hundred feet of pure air per minute, etc. Ladders used permanently for ingress or egress to or from a mine shall have substantial platforms at intervals of not more than sixty (now forty) feet. Among the most important of the amendments that were defeated was the one dealing with single outlets. That part of the new act has been taken bodily from the old act. The amendment offered by the Socialist is the same as he introduced two and three years ago when trying to amend the old act, but it stands as it was, and the inspector still has the power to say whether or not there shall be two outlets. His amendment to have the air sweep the face of each working place was also lost, as also the one calling for more and larger manholes and wider travelling roads. The sections that were so offensive to the stationary engineers have been struck out and the following substituted, "No person shall stop, or cause to be stopped, or change, or cause to be changed, the speed of any ventilating fan without first having complied with the provisions of section 9 of the boilers act, being chapter 9 of the statutes of Alberta, 1911-12, as amended." The act as it now stands, and becomes law the first of next August, gives the chief mine inspector a great deal of power. The mine owners are well cared for. The few considerations allowed to the slaves were conceded only because of the persistent and determined effort of the Socialist member and the officials of the Mine Workers. An amendment offered by the Socialist that the words "reasonable" and "practically" wherever included in this act shall not be construed as being in connection with the amount of output or mineral gotten, or the cost of the same, but shall be applied strictly to safety, was lost. And his amendment to compel the mine owners to make an annual report to the government showing how much it cost to produce the mineral, the price obtained and the amount paid out in wages was also lost.

Very busy time in the Alberta assembly, sitting until after midnight and assembling in the mornings at ten trying to get through by Easter, but the delay caused by the death of the Hon. Malcolm McKenzie, member of the cabinet, leaves it so that they must meet again Tuesday. It is rumored that the house will prorogue the same day. If so, a number of bills will be crowded out and amongst them will be O'Brien's hardy annual, the bill to make legal the fortnightly payment of wages all over the province. It reads:

BILL NO. 86 of 1913.

An Act for the Payment of Wages Fortnightly.

His Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "the fortnightly pay act."

2. In every city, town and village and every other place where more than ten persons are employed wages shall be paid in cash or certified cheque to every employee at intervals not exceeding fourteen days, except where the payment of wages has already been regulated by law.

3. All wages due employees ceasing to work or being discharged shall be paid forthwith.

4. Every employer or employers or his or their representatives who contravenes the provisions of this act shall be liable to a penalty of not less than fifty dollars.

5. This act shall come into force on the first day of May, ninteen hundred and thirteen.

Four sessions he has pressed this bill on the assembly, at the present session he has already secured for all who work in and around the mines a legal twice-a-month pay. This session has also made legal an act for more safety appliances in the building trade, as also a co-operative societies act, and a machine act which the Socialist member characterized as "an effort to catch farmers' votes," but he added, "it is also a bid to catch the votes of the little business folk and in reality it is to protect business, not the farmer. The machine companies are gobbling up most everything the farmers produce, leaving very little to pay the business men who supply the farmers with the things they must have to enable them to continue to produce. As the goose that lays the golden egg must not be killed the little business men must be protected. This bill is to prevent the machine companies from getting all that the farmer produces. Thinking the assembly would prorogue before Easter, O'Brien arranged to speak at some meetings in the Red Deer constituency, where the Socialists have Comrade Geo. Patton as their candidate. While he was away the assembly passed an act supposed to prevent threshers from being cheated out of their wages. This is however merely another bid for votes. O'Brien had intended to introduce some amendments. The assembly also made legal co-operative farmers' elevators. Speaking on this matter, the Socialist member said "Just as I classed the 'direct legislation bill' as ridiculous and unscientific, so I class this as the most coarse and vulgar piece of legislation that has been before this assembly since I have been a member." Misnaming is one of the chief factors in deceit. This bill is misnamed; we have already passed a co-operative societies act and provisions could have been made therein for the government to lend money to co-operative elevators." This is a joint stock company and is entitled 'co-operative' so as to deceive the farmers. Most of your readers will remember the incident in the Alberta assembly on May 20, 1910, when Liberals and Conservatives were passing a resolution of sympathy and condolence with the relatives of the late King Edward. The Socialist member then asked to amend the resolution that sympathy and condolence should also be sent to the relatives of the 137 miners who had been killed in the White Haven mines six days after the death of the king. Liberals, Conservatives and many of the spectators hissed, hooted, and shouted "throw him out," but he persisted. Then, in violation of their own rules of order, and established precedent, they took a standing vote on the resolution, denied O'Brien the privilege of putting his amendment and when he tried to proceed they rushed in the Lieutenant-Governor and prorogued the assembly.

The death of the late minister, Malcolm McKenzie, happened on Friday night as the result of an operation. The assembly opened at 2 p.m. on Saturday, when the premier spoke, with difficulty, of the loss of an old-time personal friend and late member of his cabinet. He asked that the assembly stand adjourned until Tuesday morning. Hon. M. Tweedy also spoke of the good character and fine qualities of the late minister, and how faithfully he had served the public. Hon. Mr. Patterson, of Macleod, and the Hon. Mr. Rutherford did likewise. The Speaker was about to leave the chair (the members were all sitting with their heads bowed; some had their hands over their faces), when the Socialist member jumped to his feet and in a clear voice, said, "Mr. Speaker!" As quick as a shot every member straightened himself up in his chair with their necks stretched toward him and their eyes standing out as big as my fists, as tho' each thought it was going to be another King Edward affair. I suppose each expected O'Brien to say, "What's all this fuss about? The late minister lived well and he leaves his wife and family with considerable of this world's goods. Why! I know lots of male slaves who worked hard, lived cheap, and when they were worn out or killed had to leave their dependents in poverty and often in debt." O'Brien said afterwards he had difficulty in suppressing a smile for he intended to surprise them. "Death has taken relatives and dear friends from most of us and we know from sad experience that words at this time, tho' they be ever so sympathetic cannot heal, but must act as hollow mockery on the sad feelings of the relatives and friends of the late minister. Time alone can heal their wound." And when he sat down every member breathed a sigh of relief and the Speaker quickly left the chair. It is rumored that the proclamation for the election will be issued as soon as the assembly prorogues.

HEROES LIMELIGHT AND BRITISH HUMBUG

The account of the disaster which has befallen the Scott antarctic expedition is now even as a tale that is told.

The story came with crushing simplicity of detail, and no one with any imagination will question the grit and bravery shown by the intrepid little band which has perished in that icebound desolation. But the antics of the British public over the incident raise comparisons in the mind of thinking people. For some reason the British have gathered to themselves a reputation for being phlegmatic and very restrained in moments of disaster and calamity, but the lack of balance in judgment which has been shown over the Scott affair is characteristic of them at such times.

The self-sacrifice of Scott and his companions is without flaw, but does it excel in quality the heroism of a navvy who drops his shovel and dives into a gas-ridden sewer to drag out a fellow-workman who has been overpowered by the fumes? And again, is it greater heroism than that which is shown every time there is a coal mine explosion and men clamor for the chance of being allowed to go down into the mine to bring out their dead and injured comrades? These men do not ask to be allowed to join in the work of rescue because they are ignorant of the risk they are running. They ask with a full, practical knowledge of the dangers, and often pay for their heroism with their lives; and if it be true that "greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend," then the miners are entitled to as much honor as society can show to their memory and their dependents.

Society cannot live a day of its life without the miner, but when a hundred or two miners are killed we do not find the British public holding national memorial services and discussing the design of statues to perpetuate their memory. The British are always funny, if viewed from the correct angle, but never funnier than at such times as these. They do not mind weeping for their dead—providing the dead are persons of enough eminence to ensure that the whole world will be there to witness the national grief. To weep over the thousand obscure heroes of the mines, mills, factories and workshops would only be waste of time for nobody would be watching—and this applies not only to the British but to every one of the "great" nations.

To read the ordinary newspapers one would think that human bravery and pluck were the especial attributes of one particular class in the community And it was a tell-tale touch of Scott's where, in his diary, he speaks of Capt. Oates going out to die "like an English gentleman." It must be a very strong sense of "class" which makes a man write thus under conditions so appallingly natural that all men are just men—and no more. After a long residence in England the very term "English gentleman" is one which gives rise to confusion. G. B. Shaw offers a definition through the mouth of John Tanner in his play, "Man and Superman." Tanner is held up by a person who informs him that he is a brigand who makes his living by robbing the rich. Tanner at once says that he feels they have much in common as he himself is an English gentleman, and that he makes his living by robbing the poor. And he wasn't much of a liar either.

The truth is that the "gentlemen" of England are the class that rule England in the interests of their class alone. They control the Press of that country and the avenues of publicity, and they were only too glad to use the bravery of Scott and his fellows to bolster up their decaying prestige. Nothing is too banal for them to do when out on such a mission.

However, that is not the worst feature of the case, for the working people are too dense to see it, and they help the "gentlemen" of England to perpetuate the fallacy that they and their kind are the essential factor in human society. They are so stupid that they think everybody is as good as they are—and if they happen to be "gentlemen," the workers treat them as being their "betters" by handing over to them the might to rule the workers and to take from them the fruits of their labor in return for just enough to keep them "in that position to which it has pleased God to call them." The "classes" are really funny if you can only get an inside view of them; but the "masses" are a tragedy enough to make angels weep—if they happen to be without a sense of humor.

It is high time the workers stopped erecting monuments to their masters, and erected a few to themselves. They must be brought to understand that the only thing which determines the value of any man or class of men to human society is the work which those men do towards producing the happiness and well-being of mankind. The secrets of the arctic are very valuable for scientific reasons, and on the discoveries of such men as Scott, depends the safety of navigation and a thousand and one things which only a fool would attempt to minimize because of his ignorance, and for that reason the men who give their lives to find out such things to make human life fuller and safer and happier are among the great men of the race.

But those who produce by their labors the daily necessities of human society, and whose blood has stained the world's commerce for ages are no less heroes—even though they do not die in the limelight, and without a world to mourn their loss.

Thousands of deeds of surpassing heroism are performed by working men and women every year in the dull round of industrial life, and their bodies are carried broken and bleeding from the commercial arena to be buried, unhonored, unsung, and no monument to mark the grave, and no tablet to record their deeds; indeed, in many cases "no man knoweth the place unto this day."—B.C. Federationist.

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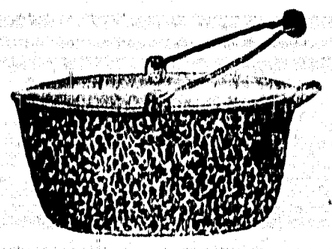

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Many employers today are of the newer school. They have seen the handwriting on the wall and want to do what is fair by their men, but the latter have been fooled so often that they are suspicious of every move. Humane motives are questioned. Distrust is everywhere evident. Labor has discovered its power and is determined to force a state where they shall associate in a condition of greater equality.

Some employers are pulling for shore. A greater number are sitting tight, drifting they know not where. A few of the more charitable and intelligent ones, however, are trying to steer the social craft, realizing that the success of their mining operations is dependent on something more than ideal physical conditions and modern mechanical equipment at their properties. They recognize that a satisfied body of workmen—which means regular production—is just as essential as good ventilation or efficient haulage.

Whether we follow the way of Greece and Rome depends on whether special privilege is eliminated by reason of expelled by force. No man need bend his ear to the ground to hear the rumble of the approaching storm. Labor matters in the coal industry, as in most other lines of business, are unsettled. The anthracite field today is a hotbed of strife, notwithstanding the contracts recently signed. Conditions in West Virginia border on civil war.

It is time to come out in the open and advocate a square deal all round. Half the troubles of our present mine managers are inherited from their arbitrary, all-sufficient predecessors, who invariably placed the corporation before the individual. Too many of us converse in whispers and tremble lest the truth be spoken aloud. What we need is not more education, but rather an injection of humanity mixed with equal parts courage and patriotism.—Coal Age.

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In the second trial, the jury disagreed. The third trial is set for March 31st, and it is probable that Darrow will still be hounded by the frenzied fanatics who have decreed that he must wear the garb of a felon.

The two trials at Los Angeles have left Clarence Darrow in financial distress, and it now behooves organized Labor throughout this continent to the rescue of this persecuted attorney who has never flinched or faltered in giving the best that was in him before the courts of this country to protect Labor from the conspiracies of its enemies.

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NEW JOB FOR JOHN MITCHELL

A letter received by the Herald this week from a pretty reliable authority on labor matters in New York contains the prediction that John Mitchell, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, will succeed John Williams as commissioner of labor in New York state. Mr. Mitchell's name was mentioned prominently in connection with a nomination for the vice-presidency of the United States when candidates were being selected last summer, and President Gompers, when asked about the matter during the Rochester convention of the A. F. of L., stated that Mitchell might have had the nomination if he wanted it. John Mitchell is regarded as one of the big men in the labor movement of this continent, and his selection for the most important labor office in the premier American state would be popular. So far, he has declined to make any statement regarding the matter of his acceptance of the appointment if it is offered him, but the Herald's informant believes he would consider it favorably.—Hamilton Herald.

If a man has any sense at all it shows up before he gets engaged or after he is married.

A deceitful chap is one who pretends that he likes to kiss a baby.

Royal Labor Commission

Some Interesting Evidence

BY FRANK FARRINGTON

The Royal Labor Commission, appointed by the Provincial Government to investigate labor conditions throughout the province of British Columbia, commenced their labors in Cumberland February 19th and completed their work of receiving testimony and evidence relating to mining conditions under the Canadian Collieries company at Ladysmith on February 26th. The foregoing announcement will undoubtedly be of interest to the members of the United Mine Workers of America, inasmuch as the function of the commision on the occasion mentioned, was to learn the causes which created our present trouble on Vancouver Island.

To recount all the testimony given before the commission under judicial oath would make too voluminous for ready comprehension. Hence only a recapitulation of the general testimony will be given, which will be sufficient to show that the Canadian Collieries company is entitled to high rank among the scientific exploiters of labor. The story written into the records of the commission by the miners' representatives, and unrefuted by the company, is the same story that is woven into the history of every mining district where men toil without the protection of an organization. Frugal living, industrious and practical men who have spent all their working days in the pursuit of mining, told of cruel oppression, iniquitous robbery, infamous abuses, official arrogance and soul-racking drudgery encountered during their struggle to win a mean livelihood from this company.

Poorly ventilated mines, dangerous working conditions, excessive cost of living, exorbitant rentals, short weight, monthly pay, and lax, or non-enforcement, of mining laws, are only a part of the cycle of evils surrounding these men. This company respects no specified or uniform scales for narrow work, dead work or company work. The rates of compensation paid for these classes of labor depend entirely upon the caprices of the pit boss, who is the only determining factor. No one employed at such work knows when he starts work what he is going to receive for his labor until pay day, when he receives what the pit boss has decreed he shall have. Those who object to the price paid have one of two alternatives to choose from, which is to accept the boss'flat or quit.

The day wages paid range from $1.35 to $2.86; narrow work price from nothing to what the boss wishes to pay; dead work price the same as narrow work. The tonnage rate is 82½c based on the long ton of 2240 pounds plus ten per cent. coal added for impurities, which means that the miner must load 2464 pounds of coal for one ton. Or, in other words, a miner loading 100 long tons of coal receives pay for 90 long tons, the company confiscating ten per cent. of his output to cover impurities even though there are no impurities in his coal.

To add to this iniquity the company operate a docking system under which any particular car of coal found to contain 50 pounds of impurities is seized by the company.

The miners at Cumberland are compelled to pay the company thirty cents per pound for thirty and forty per cent giant powder. The miners at Ladysmith pay twenty cents per pound for the same explosive, while the miners working for the Western Fuel company at Nanaimo, receive identically the same grade of powder for sixteen cents per pound. These three camps are all within a radius of eighty miles so that the wide difference in the price of powder cannot be rightfully attributed to the difference in freight rates. Neither is the comparatively low cost of powder at Nanaimo any recommendation for the Western Fuel company, which concern has its own schemes for fleecing its employees. Nor is the inequality between the cost of powder at Ladysmith and Cumberland any evidence that the Canadian Collieries company favor the Ladysmith men, who, while they suffer to a less degree from extortionate powder cost than do the Cumberland men, nevertheless equalize the discrepancy through the application of other impositions. This powder abuse is given added significance by the facts that this coal is of an extremely stubborn nature, full of faults, and that it is not unusual for a miner's powder expense to run as high as $50 per month. This one evil alone demonstrates the utter helplessness of the men and the complete mastery of the company.

A few abbreviated quotations taken from the great volume of testimony, follow:

Mike Gedritis: "I worked for two months and averaged $1.75 per day. The following month I earned $4.50 per day and the boss told me I was earning too much and reduced my yardage price fifty cents per yard."

Frank Terry: "I drove 12 yards of narrow work and was paid for 9 yards. Was ordered out of the company's office when I went to claim the other three yards."

R. Smith: "Was earning $2.10 per day when my place caved in and had to clean it up without compensation."

A. Briosi: "Received $9 for 18 days work but was afterwards made up to $2 per day."

Fred Doherty: "Drove 31 yards of narrow work and was paid for only 20 yards. Made complaint and was told that I was earning too much money. I did not receive pay for the other 11 yards due me."

John Borus: "I worked a place where I had five feet of dirt to handle. Earned $31 for 22 days work. I complained and was told by the mine boss that the company did not pay anything for handling dirt."

William Langdon: "I worked a place where I handled eight and nine cars of rock each day. I earned $54.80 in 25 days. I complained and was told that if I did not like it I could take out my tools."

The above quotations are only samples and are not an exaggeration of the testimony of numerous other witnesses who testified before the commission, and are quoted only as additional evidence to prove the unscrupulous practices and ravenous greed of the Canadian Collieries company.

Furthermore, it was developed before the commission, that the employees of this company have been contributing to an accident and sick fund, or which the company's general manager is the custodian, and which was created to care for the funeral and medical expense of killed, injured and sick employees. At the inception of this lockout there was a combined surplus of $8,000 in this fund which, by every manner of reasoning, belongs to the men who paid it in, but, notwithstanding, the company have paid nothing into this fund and their general manager now refuses to allow the creators of the surplus to reap any of the benefits therefrom but is expending it to care for the men who were imported to fill the places of the men who created the fund.

This coal retails in Vancouver city and Victoria for prices ranging from $8.50 to $10 per ton, so that both the producers and consumers are being pillaged and the loot is going into the hungry maw of the Canadian Collieries company, one of whose spokesmen testified that he did not believe in labor unions and that he preferred Chinamen to white workmen. The reason is obvious.

Evidently fearing the light of publicity the real culprits who are responsible for the policies of this company did not appear before the commission in defence of their merciless and thieving practices, but remained in the background and sent a few petty subordinates to the front, who, in the main, testified that they were without power to answer for the actions of the company. And this is the company whose officers while deserving the scorn and mental lashing of every decent and justice-loving man, wields sufficient power to have maintained at the expense of an already outraged public an army of special provincial police to protect them in their villany, and whose general manager has decreed that the United Mine Workers of America must be driven from Vancouver Island.

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Dr. Stewart	Conservative
J. R. Knight	Socialist
J. O. Jones	Liberal-Labor

Rocky Mountain Division

C. M. O'Brien	Socialist
W. B. Powell	Liberal-Labor
Not nominated	Conservative

Excerpts from Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Convention, District 18, U. M. W. of A., February 17-22, 1913.

"In advancing the interests of the mine workers of this District, on the political field, we would advise that our members endorse the platform of the Socialist party of Canada."

Moved by Delegate Wheatley, duly seconded and carried.

FROM the above it is readily seen that the tactics which have been used in Great Britain are to be tried out in the sister province of Alberta. This is consequent upon the realization by the Liberal wing of the capitalist bird that the workers cannot be so easily beguiled as heretofore and think that the majority do not see in the situation only another attempt to trail a red herring across the path for the purpose of sidetracking them.

These tricks have already been long ago discarded by the more astute politicians of B. C., who realize that their promises of reforms for the working class are so much bird-lime and realizing their inefficiency where they see any chance of defeating the only true representation of working class interests, Liberals and Conservatives band together in a common brotherhood. To quote an instance we have the experiences of Grand Forks, Nanaimo, Newcastle, etc.

We may be mistaken in our judgment but feel confident that the working class voters of Alberta, equally with their fellows of B. C., will not allow themselves to be deluded into looking upon coalition alliances between so-called Liberal-Labor as calculated to further their interests. These alliances are not for the benefit of the working class, but are intended to safeguard the interests of the small business element, and the sooner the workers understand this the better. No more conclusive evidence of the shallowness of the pretentions that the Labor candidate is only the tag end of a Liberal kite is needed than what has taken place in the House of Parliament at Westminister

Throughout the civilized world there is noticeably a classification in the mentality of the workers as they reach the conclusion after manifold experiments that it makes no difference what label is applied to a candidate that he cannot carry water on both shoulders, but must either line up for the capitalist, or the wage-earner; in other words, this conflict of interest is a class struggle, therefore, no man can serve two masters, but either stands up for the continuance of the present system, or for its abolition. In the former instance he may be tagged, Liberal, Conservative, Liberal-Labor, or Labor, and there is no real difference in principle, but if he is the candidate of the Socialist party, then his slogan must be "If this legislation be in the interests of the working class I support it, if not, I oppose it."

WHAT IS AN ARMORY FOR?

THE Calgary Trades and Labor Council resolved recently against the appropriation of the Athletic grounds as a site for an armory. Such unpatriotic (!) conduct is deplorable! Do these wokers not appreciate the opportunities that they will have to develop bone and sinew at the expense of a benign (!) government? The building will contain all of the necessary equipment for physical culture—horizontal and parallel bars, Dutch horse, swinging clubs, punching bags, billiard tables, etc., in fact all the necessary paraphenalia dear to the heart of the disciples of Bernard McFadden.

It is sad to contemplate their shortsightedness. If they object only because of fearing to lose the enjoyments of outdoor exercise their objection is not well-founded because there are many other available locations for a recreation ground, even if they have to lease some of Calgary's sub-divisions "only fifteen minutes distant from the post office by automobile." If their opposition is because of their anti-militarist sentiments, then they should come out boldly and say so.

A union man in uniform is a walking inconsistency. We never heard of the militia being called out in Canada for the protection of the workers, but on the contrary we have known of many instances when this arm of the State has been employed to intimidate those who have dropped tools as a protest against unjust conditions. The hollowness of the pretentions that an armory is for the benefit of the workers should be as plain as day. Otherwise why would not those in authority have selected some other site for the Calgary armory rather than work a hardship upon the members of the Athletic association?

The baths, bowling alleys, and other means of recreation are the ingredients that go to make up a pill that is only thinly gilded. The principle purpose of the militia is to act as an auxiliary to the master class when the slaves show a spirit of revolt and the tragic side of this drama is that the wearers of uniform are largely drawn from the same ranks as those against whom they are pitted. Let the government build armories but workers should ponder well before they allow themselves to be made the catspaws to pull out the chestnuts for the employing class.

It is expected that Fernie will have an armory built this year. Why? Because the physical standard of the coal miners needs raising? No! That is not the reason because if it were aid would have been given to those who have already opened gymnasium classes. The hypocrisy of the whole business is its worst feature. One could have more respect for a political party that came out boldly and stated "We believe more in the sacredness of property rights than in the welfare of human units, therefore, when the former is likely to be injured we are determined that they shall be protected, for which purpose we need militia and as the propertied class is in a minority by specious methods, it is essential that we obtain allies from among those who can be beguiled by such gewgaws as gymnasiums, swimming pools, etc."

There is a healthy sign everywhere that the workers are becoming 'wise' to the real object of the militia, hence the difficulties experienced in obtaining recruits. This is far more effective in promoting peace than all the Hague conferences that have ever been held, because if working men of one country will not take up arms against the workers of another geographical division, then if "War is Hell," as General Sherman said, Hell will be out of commission.

HOW MUCH ARE THE MINERS LOSING?

The dear public (!) is getting coal these days. We don't hear any kicks against these thoughtless miners. We don't read any exhaustive editorials on the amount of wages they are losing by their stupidity (!) Funny, isn't it? Not much! Perhaps some members of the dear public (!) will mention the big wages the miners are making, if so they have another think coming Yes we'll acknowledge that there are a few individuals along the line of the Crows Nest who are receiving more than a hundred dollars monthly in their pay envelopes but they are mighty few. We wonder how some of these arm-chair philosophers would like to keep a family of even four on a pittance of sixty dollars a month. Many families are at the present time living on less. We say "living," should say "scratching out a bare subsistence.

"They ought to spend less for drink and picture shows." To the man in the 'know' it is a wonder that they don't spend more in that which will make them forget their woes even though it be only a temporary and questionable relief. Some of our politicians who are yelling themselves hoarse about the prosperity of Canada may regard our remarks as rank heresy. It is nothing of the sort but a plain, unvarnished truth and one that will bear the investigation of any genuinely fair minded man or woman.

What are we going to do about it? We are going to do what we have persistently done, show the workers that so long as those things that are used by everybody are owned by an individual class just so long must they expect that human needs shall play second fiddle to the accumulations of Profit. We believe that constant dropping of water will wear away the hardest stone, therefore, week in and week out we call attention to the only avenue of escape, the abolition of the profit system, which once thoroughly understood by those who suffer from its operations will be speedily accomplished.

Socialist Growth in United States

Ten years ago there were 40 Socialist newspapers in the United States. Today there are 352, thirty of which are in foreign languages. Two years ago there were 1,050 Socialists elected to office. Last fall over 3,000 were elected. The percentage of Socialists who can read and write is much higher than with the Republicans or Democrats. At the election bribery cases of Ohio, of the 1,100 men who were charged with selling their votes, not one was a Socialist.

One of the causes which makes for trouble between capital and labor is the workmen's compensation question. The Ontario government is endeavoring to solve the problem by providing for state insurance, relieving employers of labor of the trouble of dealing with the problem, though they will probably be taxed in ratio to their payrolls for support of the fund. As in Great Britain, we find the insurance companies uniting in opposition to the scheme, but that is no reason for its rejection, as one of the worst features of employers' liability insurance is that it provides for the insurance companies fighting claims. This is too often done by the insurance companies in order to avoid liability and make profits from the misfortunes of injured workmen.—B.C. Mining and Engineering Record.

The Alberta election tactics should show the workers of that province where the votes are. The question is, are the workers going to make good use of their strength on the political field?

"There's a murmur in the air, and you can hear it everywher."

Only nine more days to register in.

The Promised Land

By SARAH FOULKES

When Jim was killed by the cage in the Monarch mine I wondered what was to become of me and the three children. I always felt that this time would come sooner or later, but me, being a church member, having been baptized since I was twelve years old, I prayed night and day that Jim would not be taken from us, that was poor and helpless, and needed him; but, somehow, I have always noticed that those are the ones that are taken first.

All miners' wives have this great, gnawing fear in their heart, for we see, day after day, other women's men folk brought home dead, and them and their children left penniless to mourn and suffer. So, in our hearts, alongside our great love for our husbands that slave so for us, grows the terrible fear of their death. Fear of any kind is terrible, but fear of death and poverty is worse than any other.

I never know'd what a good man my Jim was till I was left a poor widow with three little children. He always was a mighty hard worker, and we lived so as to lay by every penny. For Jim always wanted to get out of the mines and have a little farm all his own. But somehow, after we had lived so close, and saved a tidy sum, something would happen and we'd have to use what we'd already saved.

For a couple of winters the children were sick an awful sight, with first one thing and then another, and later on Jim was laid up for five months with a sprained back. Jim always said he wanted to leave us a little money in case he was to go right sudden, for he said he couldn't enjoy the golden gates and beautiful mansions up in heaven, knowing we were down here with no one to care just how we got on. Right away after poor Jim's funeral, which was as big a one as was ever seen in these parts, the pit boss came to me and offered to give my George, a lad of twelve years, a job of trapping for a dollar and a half a day, but I had set my mind on keeping the little fellows out of those dangerous pits that had made them fatherless, besides being the grave of their old grandad, and uncle John, their bodies never having been found after the explosion.

Once I heard a man speaking down on the street corner, and he said that hell was right here on earth. Folks said he was plum crazy, but I believe hell is right here on earth in the company's mines. For don't the men nearly kill themselves working in bad air and risky places, and aren't us women folks tormented with the thinking that when we kiss them good-bye in the morning that we may be doing it for the last time? It's agony and suffering always for the miners and their families. Hell can't be more tormenting.

Folks felt sorry for me, now, being a poor widow, and they gave what little washing they had to give out to me to do, and Jim's friends took up a collection that amounted to a hundred dollars. I was against taking it, for the miners lost an awful sight of work that summer, and they needed it pretty near as bad as I did. But work wasn't plentiful for a respectable woman in a mining town, and the company was awful slow about settling for Jim's death, and there were the children to be fed, and the rent to be paid, so what was a poor woman to do anyway, for I didn't relish the idea of living off the kindness of poor friends, who always called me "poor thing"—not that they meant anything by it.

Jim had been dead a whole year when the company paid over to me a thousand five hundred dollars. But the lawyers had to be paid, and finally I got seven hundred and twenty-five dollars. I know'd that wouldn't last very long to bring up my children on, and it worried me sick to think what I'd do for a living, so as to keep that for a rainy day, which seem to come as often as April showers to poor folks, while the sunny June days that come to brighten our lives are few and far beteween.

I'd been reading the advertisements in the Coalville Record about how easy it was for poor folks like me to take up homesteads, so finally, seeing something had to be done right quick, I packed my belongings and started for Colorado. The neighbors said among themselves that "the poor thing sure was crazy," but I was afraid that if I stayed around the mines that the boys would feel like helping me out and go and work in the mines like their poor father before them, and I always said, what's the use of children being born if they have to trot to work before their time, instead of growing up into being big and healthy?

It's against nature, I say. I knew myself it was a mighty risky thing to do to leave the place I'd been born and brought up in and go and live amongst strangers. But I'd a heap rather do that than to live where mines are, to work my boys to duck death. Finally got located on a claim about seventy miles east of Denver. It seemed mighty queer for us to look as far as eyes could reach, over rolling prairie, and not a sign of a mine tipple. This sort of made me take to this country from the first.

Some man had tried to prove up on my claim before, for the whole hundred and sixty acres was under fence, and there was a tolerable two room shack on the place, so I thought we were lucky to begin with. The children and I started right in to get the place in shape. This was in October, and the weather was the nicest I'd ever seen. Regular Colorado winters, so the land agent told me, but I'd heard the winters were sometimes mighty hard, so we boarded the house up a little better and put in a couple of window panes.

All the homesteaders lived in these kind of shacks, even them that had been here for years. One man down nearer town had lived in this section for twelve years, still lived in a shack not much better than ours. I noticed a difference, right away, in the children's health, from living in the open, and having a hundred and sixty acre yard to play in, and they liked it, and I was thankful for that. I started the two boys to school as soon as we got fairly straightened out; Bessie, being only three years old, stayed home and was company for me, for folks living in town sort of get lonesome out here, where the nearest neighbors are a couple of miles away.

The boys had to walk three miles to school, but I was bound they would be educated, and not ignorant like me and their poor pa.

Times was terrible that first winter, and I used to lay awake nights dreading lest we'd have to give up our home like the man before us, for I soon learned it wasn't an uncommon thing about these parts for folks to have to give up their claims and all they'd spent on them.

Coal cost seven fifty a ton and had to be hauled fifteen miles, that being the nearest station. It seemed queer to me, having lived always in a coal camp, to pay that price for coal. There was a homesteader on a place north of mine that had become tired of trying to get a living out of this bum soil, he said, and was going to relinquish his claim, and he offered me his outfit real cheap. I had to have these things anyway, and I bought him out and he said he hoped I did better with the outfit than he had done. He vowed he was done for all time with the homesteading business.

It worried me more than I can tell to part with so much money, with things looking so discouraging. The responsibility nearly drove me crazy. The stock didn't cost anything to feed, as they grazed all the year 'round on the buffalo grass that grew wild on the prairie, and we managed to pull through the winter without costing us much to live.

In the spring George and I put in a big field of corn and a large vegetable garden, besides several acres of Mexican beans, which folks said did extra well in this soil. The soil is poor and it takes years to work it up into growing alfalfa and the like, so we had to be contented with getting in only a few of the hundred and sixty acres. I worked fifteen hours a day during the busy season. The old timers said this was an extra good year, and so we didn't do half bad for newcomers.

Mr. Harris, a neighbor living by himself about two miles east of our place, seeing there was only me and the children on the place, came over one day and offered to help us. He knew a whole lot about this dry farming land and he told me a good many things I needed to know about growing things in this soil. He said it wasn't good for anything except raising cattle and sheep and coyotes, unless the government would irrigate it. He said that was the dry farmers only hope.

I was baking bread that day, and when he was going home I wrapped up two of my nicest loaves of bread and handed them to him. Next time he came over he said that was the best bread he had ever tasted, and he wanted me to bake all his bread and pies for him. I was only too glad to do it, since he was so kind to me, and besides I made enough to buy all my flour.

He came over once a week to get his baking supply, and he most always stopped for awhile and helped us with something that needed doing, and I kind o' got in the habit of having him come in to dinner the days he was over. He certainly enjoyed my cooking, he said.

He was an awful good man and all that, I know, but he had some peculiar ideas about some things, especially politics. I told him I didn't know much about such things, being as I had never been before where women are allowed to vote.

He said women, especially mothers, should take more interest in politics, so as to see that their home and children were protected from the capitalists that wanted to graft everything for themselves, and make slaves of us poor people. He said that when women once understood what a powerful weapon politics was in protecting the home, in saving the children from the factories and mines and providing a good home for every human being, that this system of oppression would end.

I didn't pretend to believe or understand half what he said, but he said something about the state pensioning widows with children to care for. He called it, I think, "Compensioning" them. I thought that sounded right sensible and I got sort of interested in what he said. He said Jim would still be living and making a good living for us besides if the mines were owned by all the people, because, he said, it would be for their own good to see that the mines were fitted up to make them safe to work in.

If those times ever come I'd like to be living, for he said the miners would make as much as the boss does now, because they'd get all the money for what they do, instead of dividing it up with the owner, who doesn't do a lick of work, but lives like a prince off the money they make. Seems queer we can't have things that way now.

Mr. Harris had only started with one cow, and now he owns thirty head of cattle. He sells quite a lot of cream to the Denver creameries, but he told me they job him right and left, and between the creameries and the express company, by which he sends his cream, that there was nothing much left for him, not counting the cows. Well, I don't know, but I think I'd be well pleased if I did as well as he did. He used to work winters as a section hand to keep his place up. Most all the men folks go away to Denver, or thereabouts to work in the winter time, and their wives stay at home to take care of the stock. I was worried to know what would become of us, being as I couldn't leave the children to go out and work.

The next winter was far worse than the one before, but we didn't mind it so much because we had plenty of milk and vegetables. But the following summer didn't go so well. There was a drought, and the neighbors said we could expect only one good year in five. That made me feel pretty blue, for the fear that the children would suffer was always tugging at my heart. George helped by hiring out to a rancher for fifty cents a day and room and board, and Mr. Harris said he could make considerable in good years, because he was a little hustler.

I was thankful I had such good children, come what would. I'm going to leave George do that sort of work, because it will be the making of him, and then Jimmy was getting big enough to help me, thank goodness. If we could only pull through another year we would own a hundred and sixty acres, besides eight head of cattle, then I'd feel more secure. But I don't think this land is worth much, for this dry farming land don't seem, some how, to take well with the farmers, for there isn't one of them that would not sell out if he could and clear out for good.

Well, I can say this much, unless people have money, and plenty of grit, or are willing to sacrifice, this is no country for them, for people that think they can get rich off these homesteads are to be pitied. It's a dog's life, that I can say. Mr. Harris said he'd never put up with this life for a minute, but he says he can speak what he likes out here and is not afraid to open his mouth for fear of losing his job.

Mr. Harris found some coal cropping out on his land. It isn't all formed yet, but it burns all right, and he told me to have Jimmy haul in enough for winter. I don't believe we'd have been able to prove up on our claim if it hadn't been for Mr. Harris helping us the way he did. He says the railroads make most of the money out of the coal, and if the people owned the railroads and the mines and everything else on earth as they should, we would get coal two or three dollars a ton cheaper, and I'm getting to believe what he says more every day, for I know Jim never got no seven fifty a ton for the coal he dug. I think it was more like forty cents that he got.

It's terrible when you think how things are. That winter was one I'll never forget as long as my heart beats. I thought I'd have to give up the place and go to Denver and put the children in a home, and me and George work out. I'd heard of mothers doing that, but I worked tooth and nail so as me and the children wouldn't be separated.

But things seemed to go against me somehow. Little Bessie was sick with whooping cough most all winter and later George took down with pneumonia, and I thought I was going to lose him too. Doctor Robbins had to come twenty miles to tend to him, and I know my savings wasn't going to last long paying doctor bills. I worked hard all day and sat up most of the night with the children and was all worn out and run down myself.

One day things seemed to be going wrong for all I did, and I couldn't stand the awful strain any longer, so I rushed out to the old barn and cried my heart out. Somehow when a woman's heart is brimful of despair a flood of tears seems to wash away all the bitterness. I haven't any idea how long I'd been there when I felt someone standing near me. I was afraid to look up for fear it was the children, and I didn't want the poor little things to see their ma crying.

Pretty soon some one laid a hand on my shoulder and drew my hands away from my face, and I saw it was Mr. Harris. He looked at me sort of pityingly and said, "Elizabeth, can't I take Jim's place?"

I didn't answer for a while, because I didn't know what to say. He was so kind, I was thinking perhaps it was out of pity he asked me.

"You know I am one of those crazy Socialists," he said, sort of laughing, "but will that hurt much, Elizabeth?"

"No, Mr. Harris," I said, "it won't hurt at all. The next voting time I'm going to vote and what's more, I'm going to vote the Socialist ticket."

PERSONAL

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

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ONLY 9 MORE DAYS

Don't Forget to Register Before April 7

OR YOU WILL HAVE NO VOTE—OLD LIST CANCELLED

Mr. Workingman, it is absolutely necessary for your own sake and that of your fellow workers to see that you are on the voters list.

Every voter in British Columbia has been disfranchised by an act brought down in the provincial legislature in the last moments of its session.

Remember, this was not done for your benefit.

To get on the list it is necessary to make an application in person to a commissioner, notary public, or justice of the peace. A list of commissioners for the Fernie Riding will be found in another column.

Every Socialist and labor local should have a committee to see that the names are put on the lists after the applications are made, for, as your experience has perhaps taught you, your name may never reach the list. The committees should also see that the lists are not padded and they should also be on hand at the court of revision.

DON'T FORGET AFTER APRIL 7th IT WILL BE TOO LATE

News of The District Camps

REPONSE A LA CORRESPONDANCE FRANCAISE

M. PAUL MARCHAL, Frank, Alta.—Vu que votre lettre est d'un caractere officiel conformement aux reglements de la constitution nous sommes obligeés de la soumettre au Secretaire-Tresorier.

HOSMER NOTES

The two slick foreigners who obtained goods under false pretences from various stores in town have been arrested at Port Arthur and will be brought back for trial. They seem to be old hands at the game, their method being to express the goods obtained to a certain place, follow up and call for them. Now, it's call again.

John Kuzcuko was charged with keeping his poolroom open after hours and found guilty. Fined $10 and cost.

A special Easter service was given in the Presbyterian church Sunday last and was well attended.

A bevy of veteran athletes, consisting of J. Carruthers, Jas. McKelvie, Stewart Lynch, Ira Brown and John P. Morgan are now members of the Athletic club and are trying the come back stunt. After close observation they are all conceded a chance except John P. To him we recommend a course of checkers and crokinole.

An Austrian club dance was held in the dining room at the Queens Monday night, the 24th, quite a crowd being on hand. Everybody seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves, the Bunny Hug and Spokane Squeeze being much in evidence.

The local Conservatives were in a state of great excitement and expectation this week consequent upon a visit from their lord and master, the Honorable W. R. No doubt he promised his usual crumbs of comfort in the shape of inspectorships, fire warden and good roads foreman jobs, etc., etc. It's an honorable and elevating game—B. C. politics.

A large trip of empties ran back over the knuckle on the big incline Saturday afternoon last and caused quite a bit of damage to property at the bottom. A couple of occupied houses were struck by flying debris. The inmates, altho' naturally badly scared, escaped unhurt, but considered discretion the better part of valor immediately commenced to remove their goods and chattels. Some of the cars look like relics of the stone-age.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Lynch Tuesday the 25th, a son.

Jack Price, confidential adviser and commander-in-chief at the Royal hotel, has quit. Jack was considered a fixture, but he has fooled us all.

Mrs. McMeekin, of the Hosmer millinery store, has removed her business to Lethbridge, consequently local society suffers a distinct loss.

One of the most touching things that has occurred lately in Hosmer was the rendering of that pathetic little ballad entitled, "This Parting Gives Me Pain," by Messrs. Jarvis and Price.

Herb Barlass, C.P.R. coal inspector, left Wednesday night to spend a couple of weeks at Blairmore, figuring out how much rock the C.P.R. are buying down there. Be good, Herbert.

Norman Shaw got his arm broken Wendesday by getting it jammed between the reverse lever of an air motor and a truck of timber.

Publicity seems to be a good cure for loud-mouthed "union men at heart" Not a murmur for the last two weeks.

John Musgrove, pit boss in A level, has been confined to the house for the last few days with sickness.

Fred Rambridge was out dining Sunday. Fred says it's the best meal he has had for a long time. There's a reason.

A. W. Willington begs to announce that he is a subscriber to the District Ledger and therefore doesn't require any clippings out of the same to be sent him through the mail.

Jack Mihalcik arrived back in Hosmer from a sad journey to Seattle, where he had been to attend the funeral of his mother.

It's not so hard after all to sign the check-off for the Athletic club. The same effort in another place will make you a union man. Get busy!

A general meeting of the Athletic club was held Friday night, the 21st, business being drawing up of rules and regulations.

Don't forget to get on the voters list. Only 9 more days.

Mrs. Bolduc and family, for a long time residents of Hosmer, left on Tuesday's passenger for Edson. "Oh, dry those tears!" boys, Hosmer's loss is Edson's gain.

Did you hear the roll call at the board of trade meeting? It's really surprising the number of traders, contractors and brokers we have in this busy burg. Wall street isn't in it.

A meeting of the Hosmer Civilian Rifle association is called for Wednesday night, April 2, at 8 o'clock, in the old school house. It's up to us working plugs to join. A knowledge of arms and ammunition may come in handy some day.

Wago Slave Cassidy will address the public of Hosmer, or at least as many as will attend, on Socialism, on April 8th. Don't forget the date. If you are a hide-bound Tory come just the same; we are converting them every day.

A. L. Fortier has the contract for timber and lagging for another year from the coal company, after which Al. will no doubt retire.

The Scotch must sure like mush, it lures them out of bed at 6 a.m., and they're on the afternoon shift at that.

It is rumored that Billy Robson is going to get a job as fish warden. "Watch the suckers jump."

Tom Williams, government mine inspector, was making his usual inspection this week.

Board of Trade

The meeting called Monday last for the furthering of the efforts to reorganize the board of trade was well attended. N. F. Kendall again occupied the chair and explained a few things in connection with the Dominion board of trades act to the satisfaction of the audience. The business consisted in appointing a permanent secretary, Mr. B. Mills being elected by acclamation. The committee appointed to canvass the town for persons eligible as charter members gave their report, after which it was moved and carried that the secretary take the necessary steps to obtain a charter. The next meeting is to be held at the call of the chair. Quite a few lively incidents occurred during the meeting, our old friends Billy Robson and A. McL. Fletcher being in the limelight as usual.

A somewhat scurrilous individual had the nerve to ask one gentlemen if he was a contract-aire or a brok-aire. The answer was that he was neith-aire, he was ze bookkeep-aire.

Billy Robson sure had his opponents going some. Shake, Billy.

One gentleman was dancing an Indian war dance. He said the last board of trade was hell, and this one looked like being hell, too, if Robson was admitted. As one gent stated, there's nothing like getting 'em on record.

To judge by the number of names who, with their occupations, were designated as eligibles for the board of trade, we think Hosmer is entitled to a Medicine Hat boom.

Now that the board of trade has been formed we may expect the Bertillion system of identification to be used so that the poor trader may be protected against the wily "bo-hunk." Or will they use the thumb-print?

The formation of the fabric called society, or civilization, was only partially completed when the strong had filched all they could from the weak, that is, whatever he could produce, and the idea was a crowning one when the stronger man utilized the police system, so that whatever had been stolen he was assured of protection. Beware of the individual who is always ready to 'holler' for the police.

COAL CREEK

Owing to some untoward event taking place with the train before leaving Fernie, the miners all left the train and returned to their homes on Friday afternoon last, March 21st. The mines were run, however, with what few men could be mustered together.

The atractions of Fernie received a fair percentage of Coal Creek patronage on Saturday last, as was evidenced by the crowded state of the coaches.

Edward Ralph, an old-timer of this camp, has left for a visit to his wife and family in Whitehaven, Cumberland England. He intends spending a few days at White River, Ont., before proceeding to St. John, N.B., en route to England, home, and beauty. Nuff sed, Ned. Guess you'll find Liverpool a fine camp.

Several gatherings of children at various houses took place on Monday, when the old-time custom of egg-rolling took place. The smiling faces bespoke—having had a good time.

The Misses Stephen, Alice and Maggie, were taking in the sights of this burg on Sunday last. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Arrowsmith of French camp. Say, girls, keep your eye on the "Ledger man."

Tom Wright has started work again after his recent severe illness. Pleased to see you around, Tommy.

"Certainly a very enjoyable time," was the unanimous opinion of all those who participated in the whist drive and dance held in the club hall on Monday night last, on the occasion of the anniversary of the natal day of Mrs. George Crabbe. A larg number of friends from Fernie were up. Mr. C Percy was the driver for the occasion (and he can drive some) and also supplied the music for the dance.

Charles Claridge of Fernie filled the duties of floor manager in splendid style. The winners of the whist prizes were as follows: Ladies' first, Mrs. Page, Gold brooch set with pearls and amethysts; gents' first, Mr. W. McFegan, gold tie pin; ladies' booby prize, Mrs. Hamer, silver shoe horn; gents' booby prize, Mr. J. Davidson, silver thimble Mrs. Adam Watson rendered vocal selections during the evening. Dancing was participated in till the wee sma' hours o' the morning.

Why did certain individuals begin to rave and swear when they read the Coal Creek notes last week? Don't give yourselves away, boys. Our correspondent did not mention any names. Nuff sed.

Mrs. J. T. Puckey and family were the guests of Mrs. W. R. Puckey on Monday and Tuesday

Messrs. J. Smith, T. France, and G. Knox, the commissioners for taking affidavits, can be seen at the club any day. Now get busy and get registered.

The slippery state of the roads were responsible for what might have been a very serious accident on Saturday afternoon. As the co-operative team was coming over the bridge near the company office, the hind end of the sleigh swerved and struck a man by the name of Harry McMillan, who was just coming from the washhouses, as a result of which Harry is now laid up with bruised legs and feet. We hope to see you around again soon, Harry.

The stork paid a visit to Slav town on Sunday night, dropping his bundle at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Stella. Mother and baby boy doing fine. Tony, all smiles.

Frank Rizzuto is back again at his employment as night watchman for the company.

A large number of Creekites took in he Linn benefit concert on Wednesday evening. Keen disappointment was felt when the chairman, Mr. J. Shanks, announced that there was no special train after the performance, which meant that the Creekites were debarred from seeing the whole performance through. The Amateur Dramatic society desire to thank the concert committee for the facilities and arrangements made for their benefit.

A special train was requisitioned on Saturday morning about 2 o'clock, to convey Mike Kurak to the hospital where he now lies suffering from broken collar and breast bones, sustained while following his employment in No. 1 east mine. He was caught between the timber and trip cars. We understand the unfortunate fellow is doing as well as can be expected.

Joe Scira, employed in No. 5 mine, was conveyed to the hospital on Wednesday night with a broken leg, having been caught between the gun and the car, caused by the horse swerving.

BELLEVUE NOTES

Mr. James Turner arrived in camp on Monday from Fernie.

Mr. James Allsopp met with a slight accident while following his occupation as blacksmith last week. The hammer slipped off a piece of iron and struck him in the head causing him to lay off for a few days but he is able to be about again now.

Local 431 held its regular meeting on Sunday last which proved to be a lengthy one.

Mr. David Hutton was visiting at Medicine Hat this week-end.

Quite a crowd of sports took in the fight at Blairmore on Saturday night.

The Bellevue football club has started getting things in order for a good team this year. A center forward arrived in camp from Lethbridge this week.

Mr. John Crawford of Cranbrook arrived in camp on Saturday and has started to work at the Prospect mine.

J. W. Bennett and E. Ross MacKenzie were in camp on business this week.

The basket social and dance which should have been held on Good Friday was postponed until some future date.

Mr. Jack Hamilton, who left here some time ago, arrived back in camp last week and has started work at the Prospect.

The subject at the local church on Sunday next will be "The Free Tho't Movement," and all "free thinkers" are especially invited to attend.

Mr. J. O. Jones was in camp this week on business.

Mr. Robert Cummings has quit the C.P.R. and has accepted a position as clerk at the Maple Leaf collieries.

Mr. T. L. Cassidy, of Winnipeg, will address a meeting under the auspices of the Socialist party of Canada in the Finnish hall on Sunday, the 30th. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Slav population of Bellevue celebrated Easter in a very becoming way and are still at it.

HILLCREST NOTES

The Hillcrest Co-operative society held the first half-yearly general meeting in the Union hall on Wednesday, March 19, and we are pleased to report the progress made for the period from May 9, 1912, to January 25, 1913. Sales during this period amounted to the total of $37,450.97; the net profit from operating during the above period amounts to $1,356.77, which was recommended for distribution as follows: Dividend on shareholders' purchases, at 5 per cent, $925.00; interest on capital, 5 per cent per annum, $150.00; carry to reserve account $281.77. The shareholders consider the foregoing result to be highly satisfactory in view of the heavy initial expenses.

Vice-President Jones paid us a flying visit last week.

The new store which was erected by Messrs. Cruickshank and Burnett is now completed. As their lease on McLean's building expires on the first day of April they have employed some extra help in order to move their stock into the new building.

Walter, they fooled you this time.

The mines are working steady but the dinkeys which are used for hauling coal to the tipple were taken seriously ill lately. The output has decreased considerably but we understand the invalids are to be replaced.

A couple of the fair sex, chaperoned by Walter and Jack, drove to Blairmore on Monday evening and attended the dance which was held in the opera house.

Dick Marshall arrived home on Sunday morning. Needless to say, Mr. Marshall met with hearty congratulations from the Hillcrest boys on his success in the recent boxing match.

Mr. Joseph Grafton of Bellevue paid a flying visit to Hillcrest on Tuesday.

Billy Munro, who has been on a visit to his former home in Westville, N. S., returned to Hillcrest last week.

The many friends of John O'Neill, who was taken to the hospital last week suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia, are pleased to hear that he is recovering.

Messrs. Joe McMullin and Patrick Dujay attended the Liberal convention in Coleman on Wednesday.

TABER NOTES

A sad accident occurred at the hill coming up from the Belly river, north of town, on Monday morning. A farmer named Joe Marshall, from Barney, was coming to town in his autotruck and whilst passing a team on the grade ran too near the edge and the machine went over. Two men, who were riding in the auto, jumped clear but the owner went over with it. The machine turned completely over twice before the man fell clear. When he was picked up practically every bone in his body was broken. He leaves a wife and three small children. Mr. Marshall was only in the country a short time and was one of the Marshall brothers who run a drug and jewelry business in Taber. The funeral took place on Wednesday from the Methodist church and was largely attended.

The "Gentlemen of Taber" gave a dance in Cousin's hall on Tuesday night. A very enjoyable time was spent. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the ceiling representing a snow scene, and it was evident that nothing had been spared to make it a success. Gaskell's orchestra of Lethbridge was in attendance. One feature, pleasing to all was the moonlight waltz, the lights being turned out for the occasion, and a soft-covered light representing the moon rising above the horizon was put on and the "gentlemen of Taber" and their fair partners waltzed around to the strains of sweet music. Ahem!

The Socialist lecture in the Palm theatre on Sunday was not very well attended, but those who were there heard a good address given by J. E. Smith. The speaker touched on all the big industries and showed how the values created by labor were divided the greater part going to capitalists, mostly in foreign lands, and the workers getting a bare subsistence. The attendance, while mostly Socialist, also included men who had only heard of Socialism as put forth by some people as a sort of divide-up plan, where, if a man had two dollars, some loafer could come along and demand one of them. One man in particular confided to a friend before the meeting that all Socialists were crazy and the most of them too lazy to work. Before Comrade Smith had been speaking five minutes this fellow was all attention, and before the speaker closed, he had a different idea of how this country should be run. He was going around town on Monday apologizing to people whom he had insulted for their Socialistic opinions. This was Comrade Smith's first visit to Taber, but we expect to see him again in the near future.

A convention of the Liberal party will be held in Taber on Monday March 31st. A meeting to elect delegates is called for Friday night. It is understood that Archie McLean, the present member will receive the nomination. There is no Conservative candidate in the field so far, although some of the party leaders from Calgary have been in town trying to get the local men into action. The only opposition expected is from the Socialists, but so far they have not announced their candidate.

The Canada West mine is working steady this week. The cold weather has brought in a bunch of orders.

FOUGHT BY BOYS

D. I. Woods, a clerk in the war department at Washington, has furnished the Durango, Colo., Democrat some interesting data on the civil war. He finds that this war was fought largely by boys. Of the 2,278,588 enlisted in that war on the union side, all but 118,000 were less than 21 years old! The list is as follows:

25 boys—10 years of age.
38 boys—11 years of age.
225 boys—12 years of age.
300 boys—13 years of age.
105,000 boys—14 and 15 years of age.
126,000 boys—16 years of age.
613,000 boys—17 years of age.
307,000 boys—18 years of age.
1,009,000 boys—18 to 21 years of age.

It will be seen that the old and experienced did not enlist to fight. The wars of the world have been fought by youths, who, because of inexperience, did not and could not understand the significance of war. The masters could not maintain themselves a year if they appealed to those who understood the game. It is only by deceiving the hot-headed, unsophisticated youth that they are able to maintain the barbarism of war to this day.

COURT-MARTIALLED FOR LAUGHING

For the serious offence of laughing Private T. Lyon, of the First Northamptonshire regiment, was court-martialled at Crownhill. The official charge was "conduct prejudicial to military discipline." Dance-Colonel Sharp stated that on the 11th inst. he was in charge of defaulters at Raglan barracks, Devonport. Accused was late in falling in, and when spoken to he laughed. Sergeant-Major Down said he noticed the accused laughing, and asked the reason. Accused, the sergeant-major alleged, said he was laughing because he had been asked the reason why he had fallen in late. Lyon said he was not laughing at Sharp's question. On his way to parade he heard a funny remark, and he could not help laughing. Sentence will be promulgated in due course.

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For our Foreign Brothers

French

Les juges de paix et commissionaires suivants qui'ont l'autorite prendre des declarations et de preparer des documents pour ceux qui veuillent etre naturalises et aussi d'inscrire les noms des citoyens sur la liste electorale. Les contraleurs (auditors) aussi peuvent faire inscrire les noms des voteurs sur la liste electorale.

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Italian

NON PIU' GUERRE

La "United Mine Workers" dell'Illinois durante una recente convenzione Statale tenuta in Peoria, ha passato una risoluzione in seguito alla quale gli 82 mila minatori di quello Stato lascierebbero il lavoro e proclamerebbero lo sciopero qualora gli Stati Uniti dishiarassero una guerra ad un'altra Potenza od un'altra Potenza la dichiarasse agli Stati Uniti.

Tale deliberazione e stata ora passata alla convenzione dei Lavoratori Internazionali per essere approvata.

Quando i lavoratori, che, al postutto son quelli che vanno a guerreggiare, comprenderanno l'importanza di tale decisione, vi saranno meno vedove e meno orfani a piangere la morte dei loro mariti e dei loro padri, che vengono condotti al macello colla scusa di un falso patriottismo. Solo coloro che fanno scoppiar le guerre devono assoggettarsi ai disastrosi combattimenti, perche i lavoratori non devono essere immischiati in lotto che ridondano tutte a beneficio dei capitalisti e a danno de popolo.

SALARIO E PROTITUZIONE

"Una delle cause prime, se non la prima addiritura, della prostituzione che si va sempre piu estendendo negli Stati Uniti, va ricercata nei meschini e irrisorii salarii che vengono pagati alle operaie ed alle ragazze di magazzino e d'ufficio."

Cosi ha dichiarato l'altro giorno una nota signora Americana, studiosa di problemi sociali.

E non ha errato quella signora.

Ora che tutto e aumento di prezzo come puo una giovane, una donna qualsiasi campare onestamente e decentemente la vita con sei, sette od otto dollari settimanali quando deve pensar da sola al proprio sostentamento ed alle numerose altre necessita della vita? La poveretta, spaventata dalle tristi sue condizioni economiche, attratta dal fascino del lusso si lascia facilmente adescare e sedurre da qualche Ganimede, che le fa vedere tutto sole e fiori, e la disgraziata dapprima si mostra indignata, poi comincia attentennare e finisce per cedere per lasciarsi corrompere. Una volta sulla china del vizio, e impossibile arrestarla. Essa percorrera tutto il sentiero dell'infamia, del disonore e della vergogna, per poi morire in un ospedale, colle carni marcite, coll'anima corrotta

La prostituzione e indubbiamente una delle piu gravi piaghe che affliggono gli Stati Uniti, e i Legislatori dovrebbero trovare modo di porre un argine a tanta corruzione. Essi hanno l'obbligo di emanar leggi che assicurino alle operaie un discreto salario che le ponga in grado di poter vivere senza condurre una vita immorale, senza gettarsi in braccio al vizio ed alle prostituzione; leggi che le salvino dal vendere dopo di Fausti, loro baci, le loro carezze i loro amplessi a mille altri amanti.

Havvi quindi da sperare che l'opera epuratrice cominci subito e vogliamo sperare che i nostri Legislatori sappiano prendere questo problema in seria considerazione e che trovino il modo di salvare dal disonore il fior fiore della nostra gioventu!

NEL BRITISH COLUMBIA

Nelle miniere di Ladysmith e Cumberland, nel British Columbia, continua accanitissimo lo sciopero dei minatori, i quali danno prove ammirabili di fratellanza, di unione, di costanza e tenacia, assoggettandosi eroicamente a mille disagi, a mille brutalita commesse da parte degli sbirri delle compagnie, per vincere la grande battaglia e rivendicare i calpestati e concussi loro diritti e per ottenere un trattamento piu umano.

Le compagnie sono riuscite, per mezzo dei loro agenti, ad arruolare un buon numero di crumiri, che tengono alcune miniere in parziale attivita; ma l'opera loro non basta al bisogno, ed i padroni di tali miniere vanno giornalmente incontro a delle spese e a delle perdite enormi.

Gli scioperanti, ora piu che mai, confidano in una strepitosa vittoria. Per agevolare la riuscita, tutti i minatori sono pregati di star lontani da quel Distretto, dove i fratelli combattano per una nobilissima causa.

VITTORIA OPERAIA

Le 20 mila sartine scioperanti di New York, che qualche giorno fa avevano lasciato le loro occupazioni per migliorare le loro condizioni, sono tornate a lavoro, avendo ottenuto le 50 ore di lavoro per settimana, un aumento di paga del 15 per cento, il riconoscimento della loro unione od altre concessioni di minore importanza.

Questo sciopero e stato uno dei piu brevi che ricordino gli annali del lavoro della grandi Metropoli, de e stato coronato da una splendida vittoria.

IL PROCESSO DARROW

Come i lettori ricorderanno, l'avvocato Clarence Darrow era stato arrestato sotto la grave accusa di corruzione di giurati durante il processo dei fratelli McNamara, svoltosi a Los Angeles, Calif., qualche tempo fa.

In questi giorni a Los Angeles ebbe luogo il processo a carico del Darrow, ma alle conclusione i Giurati, non essendosi trovati d'accordo, non poterono portare nessun verdetto, ragione per cui dovra farsi una nuova causa, che principiera il 31 del corrente Marzo.

Slavonian

PREČO OBJAVITEL' JUŽNEJ TOČNE R. F. SCOTT MUSEL ZOMRET?N

J. O. Bentall

Kapitan Robert F. Scott sa vybral vyhl'adat' južnu točnu. On ju i našiel, a bol pripraveny na zpiatočnu cestu.

Ako zvesti hovoria, ho na zpiatočnej ceste, zachytil vel'ky blizzard, vichor, i s jeho sudruhmi, tak že sa nemohli dostat' nazad k ich stanici. Oni boli len asi 10 mil' od stanov, ked' boli všetci zurivym nepriatel'om prirody usmrteni.

Ukrutna zima a hlad zapričinily ich smrt.'

Tato tragedia tychto obetavych mužov je smutna a bol'astna. Oni zane chali svorjich milych v nadeji, že sa ešte uvidia po prekonani vel'kej veci, ktora im mala doniest' slavu, tak isto i ich vlasti, a isto tiež reklamu obchodnym budovam prirody a vynalezov.

Ale oni pomreli, lebo nemohli obstahnut' tepla a potravy.

Ale zastavme sa na chvil'u a myslime, že na tom bode, kde Scott a jeho štyria sudruhovia padli, stala vel'ka budova, plna dobrym pokrmom, a že majitel' tejže budovy by bol prehovoril; "Vy tulaci, id'te odo dveri, a to hned,' a nelezte mi sem viac a nepokušajte ma!"

A predstavme si tiež, že ten majitel' vlastnil kopu stražnikov alebo policiu, aby Scotta a jeho druhov udržovala hodne d'aleko tohoto vel'kého, všetkym možnym napineného domu, ano oni tymto polozmrzlym a položivym od hladu a zimy poprotinali hlavy.

A pomyslime si k tomu, že tento majitel' by mal tiež po ruke sud i so sudcami a pravnikmi a použil injunction, sudny zakaz, proti Settovi, a by ho zavrel. A konečne predstavme si, že tento majitel' mal tiež tam d'aleko, blizo južneho polu, kazatel'a, ktory hovoril Scottovi a jeho druhom tripitel'om, že možu byt, št'astni, že trpia, lebo že ich za to čaka utešena slava a večna radost' v domo večnosti—v nebi.

A ešte si k tomu pomyslime, že ten isty majitel' zariadil dobročinnost,' ktorá sa mala obzerat po zasluživych penziách a milosrdnastva, ktora ale nenašla Scotta a jeho druhov za hodnych.

A konečne predstavme si, že tam d'aleko od hypnotisanych konfliktov, od theorii a idei, tento majitel' by nebol insia nešie, ica Scotom tej expedicie, ktory ale systematiečne zmocnil sa moci nad Scottom, ktory bol opravneny na všetko,' on, ten majitel,' pomenoval svojim to, čo bolo spoločne, a prisne zakazal Scottovi a jeho druhom na to sahnut,' a nechal Scotta i s jeho druhmi zomret' od zimy a hladu trovna na prahu hojnosti a všetkeho, čo by bolo Scotta a jeho druhov zachranilo.

Čo to hovorite? Čo by bola na to Scottova manželka povedala? Čo by na to povedala civilizacia?

Vy ma pomenujete nesmyselnym. Povlete, že som idiot, blazon, ked' plačem take hlupe a blaznive veci.

Ja som ale nie.

Zrovna tu v Chicagu, v New Yorku, Bostone, v Minneapolise, v Denvere a San Francisku a vžade dookola v tejto zemi mrznu a mru mužovia, ženy, deti—zrovna pred vratmi prepinenych skladisk, elevatorov—pod upatim hromad uhlia.

A oni mru hladom; mru zimou?

Oni vžetci mru, lebo bohati a mocni nedovolia im upotrebit' živnost a uhlie, ktore vžetko tito hladom mruci a zimou mruci svojimi vlastnymi rukami vytvorili,—tito mužovia, ich ženy a ich dietky.

To je zle.

Tak zle, že my musime zahubit' toto zlo.

Vložte tuto zem s jej strojimi a vžetkymi pramenmi k životu nutnymi do ruk l'udu, tak aby to mohol potrebovat.'

Pracujte dnom i nocou, k dobe, kedy nebude muset' človek hladom mret' uprostred hojnosti.

Je dost' na tom, že Scotti s jeho druhmi musel zomret' pri južnej točni, d'aleko od hojnosti.

Je zločinom nechat' l'ud, ženy a deti mret' v otvorenom poli hojnosti.

Socialism—socialism sam napravi toto zlo.

THE COAL-BLACK VAMPIRE

(With apologies to Rudyard Kipling and everybody else)

A fool there was and he dug a hole,
Even as you and I.
And he slid in the hole on a slippery pole
And worked like the dickens digging coal,
Even as you and I.

He struggled away till the work was done,
Even as you and I.
And found when 'twas over he had dug a ton,
And he pointed proudly to what he had won,
Even as you and I.

He brought the coal to the light of day,
Even as you and I.
He listened in earnest and heard the boss say
"I'll give you a scuttle full for your pay,"
Even as you and I.

And it wasn't the work, and it wasn't the sweat,
That made the fellow sore,
It was digging a ton and getting a lump
That made him say, "I'm a great big chump,
Even as you and I.

So what did he do when the truth he found?
Even as you and I.
Why, he went right back to his hole in the ground,
And dug out a ton and got a pound,
Even as you and I.

And it isn't the rich bug that makes us mad,
And fume and fret and sigh;
It's the gol-darned fool that dug that hole,
And keeps on voting to dig the coal,
For a vampire that doesn't give a d—for his soul,
Even as you and I.

—Ed. C. Wright in International Socialist (Australia).

A magazine poet says: "It is hard to be poor." Perhaps it is, but we have always imagined it was easy to be a poor magazine poet.

LOOK!

If you were told of a new discovery for the treatment of coughs, colds and bronchitis, as certain in its action on all chest troubles as anti-toxin is on diphtheria, or vaccination on small-pox, wouldn't you feel like giving it a trial? Especially if you could try it for fifty cents!

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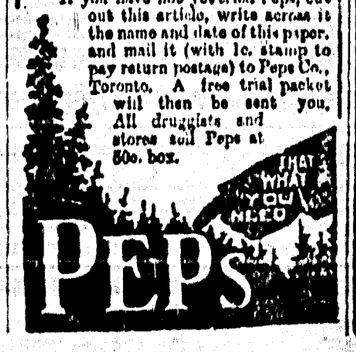

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One model in suits is in tailored serge in black, navy, and brown. Coat is cut in semi-box and fastens in cutaway style with three buttons. Skirt is plainly tailored with small pleats. The linings are of heavy satin serge; the finish and styles are of the newest and the

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We cannot emphasize too strongly the exceptionally good points of our silk dresses at $15.00. The colorings are perfect, the styles, the fit, and the trimmings are beyond expectations. The material is a plain messaline and shot taffeta.

PRICED AT $15.00

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Special for Saturday

We will show a big range of boys' blue serge suits and double-breasted suits with plain, knicker or bloomer pants. Also a range of new tweeds and worsteds. We keep extra pants to match suits.

Boys' Odd Knickers

We have all styles of boys' odd pants. Plain knickers and bloomers, in blue serges, tweeds and corduroys. All sizes from 22 to 33 waist measure.

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Men's Department

New Spring Clothing and Furnishings arriving daily. We are now ready to supply your needs with the latest and best in

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Robin Hood Porridge Oats, in cartons	.25
Bulk Cocoanut, per lb.	.25
Braid's Best Coffee, ground, 2 lbs.	.90
Birds Egg Powder, 2 tins	.25
Bird's Custard Powder, 2 tins	.25
Crawford Peaches, 2s, 2 tins	.35
Pumpkin, 3s, 2 for	.25
Evaporated Prunes, 3 lbs for	.25
Fresh Cranberries, per lb.	.10
Five Roses Flour, 98 lb. sack	3.25
Chivers' Jam, 5 lb. tin	.65
Queen Quality Pickles, 20 oz.	.25
Heinz Baked Beans, med. size, 2 for	.35
Baby's Own Soap, per bar	.30
Corn, 2 lb. tins, 3 for	.35
Tomatoes, 3 lb. tins, 7 for	1.00
Turnips, 18 lbs. for	.25
Gold Dust Washing Powder, 3 lb. pkg.	.20
Gold Standard Ammonia, pts., 2 for	.25
Robertson's Cream Chocolates, per lb.	.35

Wool Dresses $6.50

Another model in wool dresses that has won favor is a plain all-wool serge and shepherd check dress, trimmed with lace or ribbon collar and fancy buttons. The price of this particular dress is so ridiculously low that the woman who wants her size will naturally have to be here as early as possible.

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BRANCHES AT FERNIE, MICHEL, NATAL AND COAL CREEK

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Alf. Budden addressed a big audience at a Socialist meeting in Red Deer last week.

Mrs. Walton will have the Ladies' Guild of Christ church at her home on Wednesday next.

The Hosmer "Breach of Promise" case has been postponed until the 8th of May.

In addition to the list of commissioners published in our last week's issue, the name of R. Phillips should be added.

Constable Gorman has left for Port Arthur, Ont., to bring back two men for obtaining from $300 to $500 worth of goods on false assignments from Hosmer storekeepers.

A benefit dance, under the auspices of the Caledonian Social Dance club, the proceeds of which are to go to the Paton memorial fund, will be held in Victoria hall on Tuesday, April 29.

The annual basket social and dance of the Fernie football club will be held on April 22. Contributions of baskets will be thankfully received. Members of the club are requested to attend a meeting in the club rooms on Sunday at 3 p.m.

W. J. Scott, of Vancouver, formerly of this city, is in town.

At 4 p.m. today, Friday, over 1300 names were on the voters list.

No economic class will be held on Sunday evening owing to the meeting of the co-operative society.

Don't forget the money by-law of $10,000 for electric light extension. Voting will take place on Friday night.

Commissioners are handing in their forms regularly, and the staff at the government office appreciate their thoughtfulness.

T. L. Cassidy, of Winnipeg, "The Unpatriotic Irishman," will lecture in the Miners' hall on April 9th on behalf of the Socialist party of Canada.

On account of the May day celebrations taking place in Lethbridge, the annual social and dance of the Socialist party has been postponed until May 19th.

Symptoms of eastern culture were in evidence on the streets of Fernie last Tuesday night, when a top hat was seen on Victoria avenue. Was the dance on Tuesday night responsible?

All members of the Socialist party are urgently requested to attend an important business meeting to be held in the Miners' hall on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Don't forget, only nine more days to get on the voters roll.

T. H. Duncan, the genial hotel man of Passburg, is a city visitor.

Help yourself and your fellowworkers by getting your name on the voters roll.

J. H. McGowan, on the staff of the local branch of the C.P.R. telegraph office, has been transfered to Medicine Hat and is being replaced by H. Duffey.

Livingstone centennary service will be held on Sunday next, March 30th, at 11 a.m., and 7.30 p.m., in the Knox Presbyterian church, when Rev. A. Stuart Machin, B. D., will be the preacher.

A meeting of the Fernie Rod and Gun club will be held on Tuesday evening next, April 1st, at eight o'clock in the office of H. W. Herchmer. All those interested in game protection are cordially invited to attend.

It is rumored that Jim Douglas, Vince Frodsham and possibly Jack Harrington may take the field on behalf of J. R. Knight in Lethbridge and C. M. O'Brien in the Rocky Mountain Riding in the coming Alberta elections.

Fernie's "Smart Set" were in strength at the dance given by the Ladies' Guild of Christ church in the Victoria hall last Tuesday. The costumes on view for the occasion are still the talk of those who delight in such topics.

Are you on the voters roll? If not, why not?

AT THE ISIS THEATRE

Comfort, high class photo plays and good music are being maintained by the Isis theatre and the appreciation of the public is evidenced by the full houses there nightly.

The program for Friday and Saturday will include "The Ride of Jennie McNeal," a rendering of Will Carleton's famous poem, and the fun of having a good bank account will be portrayed in a comedy entitled "A Million Dollars." "An Energetic Member of the S. P. C. A." will feature the Powers child actors. Other films of interest are "The Wheel of Destiny," "The Animal Within," "The Law of God," and "The Clew in the Dust."

"The Dove in the Eagle's Nest", a production by the Thanhouser company of the historical novel by Mrs. Yonge, is another feature that is promised the patrons of the Isis in the very near future.

Workers Hear

'The Unpatriotic Irishman'

J. L. CASSIDY

(From Winnipeg, Man.)

Address a meeting in the

Miners' Hall

on

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

At 7.30 p.m.——Discussion Invited

LINN BENEFIT CONCERT

That the general public and miners of Fernie are not behind hand in turning out to support benefit concerts was strongly evidenced by the large crowd that overtaxed the capacity of the Grand theatre on Wednesday night. By half-past seven no seats were available and in a short while there was not even standing room, and many were turned away from the box office in addition to many other ticket holders who turned up to find that admittance was impossible.

The concert in itself was a decided success, the various artistes rendering their parts in a very able manner, and it would perhaps be unfair to pick out any for special mention. We have a good deal of local talent of which we may well be proud and the appreciation of the audience was not wanting.

The only hitch in the proceedings was the fact that the chairman, Mr. J. Shanks, had to announce at the outset of his remarks that the committee had been unable to secure the special train to Coal Creek, as advertised. This was entirely due to unforeseen circumstances, and we believe is the first time in which such arrangements have miscarried. In consequence of the train leaving earlier the program was somewhat shortened and in places had to be re-arranged. Apart from this it would appear that all present returned to their homes well pleased with the entertainment.

The committee desire to take this opportunity of extending thanks to the chairman, the artistes, and all those who so willingly came forward to assist in making the evening a success in such an admirable manner.

Statement of this fund will be published in the columns of the District Ledger in a future issue.

THE PATON MEMORIAL FUND

Acknowledgments

Previously acknowledged	$116.60
Chas. M. O'Brien	10.00
A. Lindsay, Creston	2.00
David Rees	5.00
Thos. Uphill	5.00
J. E. Smith	5.00
J. W. Gray	5.00
H. Malbon	.75
Mrs. J. L. Allen	.50
	$149.25

W. L. Phillips has been invited to take the platform on behalf of C. M. O'Brien and J. R. Knight in the political campaign in Alberta

CARD OF THANKS

William Griffiths wishes to communicate through the medium of this paper his heartfelt thanks to all who so kindly assisted or in any way contributed to the success given in his behalf, through which he received from Mr. J. W. Gray the handsome sum of $365.00.

STATEMENT OF GRIFFITH'S BENEFIT FUND

Receipts

Ticket Sales	
At door	$ 39.00
Rev. Dimmick	11.50
A. I. Fisher	39.50
J. Howbrook	1.00
D. Rees	2.00
W. Winstanley	5.00
Company office	322.00
Donation by W. R. Wilson	10.00
J. C. Turner	5.00
Coal Creek Club	7.50
	$442.50

Expenditure

Wages	$ 40.00
Books	1.00
Printing	13.00
Rent	20.00
Refunds	3.50
	77.50
Amount turned over to W. Griffiths	365.00
	$442.50

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 [illegible] 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.

N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued at the provincial government office during the week: Henry Blakey and Josephine Wetzel, both of Morrissey; Jas. Roberts and Alice Rickets, both of Fernie.

DEATHS

MUNKWITZ—At Barrows, Man., on Saturday, March 22, Wm. Henry, infant son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Wm. Munkwitz, aged 8 months. The body was brough here and the funeral will be held this (Friday) afternoon, from the residence of Mrs. Munkwitz, West Fernie. Rev. Dimmick will conduct the service.

That the ambulance supplies a long felt want in Fernie can be seen from the fact that the number of trips made during the present month number 22, and these include calls from various parts of the city as well as from the Coal Creek train.

THE GRAND THEATRE

Mr. Pollock, of Vancouver, has now joined Mr. Harper in the management of the Grand theatre, and they are putting their heads together to make the Grand the theatre of the Pass. They have circularized the public to ascertain the possibility of carrying their ideas into effect, and are offering a prize of $10.00 for the best suggestion as to any improvement as to the house, comfort, entertainment, and attractiveness. Monthly tickets will be issued, and those presenting the circular referred to above will be entitled to admission on paying ten cents, and children five cents. On Saturday afternoon a dollar bill will be given to the child holding duplicate number to one that will be drawn from a box during the intermission.

Your presence at the Socialist meeting on Sunday afternoon is particularly desired.

ISIS THEATRE

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENING, SATURDAY MATINEE
PROGRAM

The Ride of Jennie McNeal

From Will Carleton's Famous Poem

"Good sirs, your bird has flown.
'Tis I who have scared him from his nest;
So deal with me now as you think best.

Barebended, she slipped from the cottage door,
Ran out where the horses were left to feed,
Unhitched and mounted the Captain's steed."

A pretty Subject of the Long Ago.

A MILLION DOLLARS - Solax Comedy

Everyone should stop working when their pocketbook contains a million, but when they do mischief may result. See how this funny case ends.

An Energetic Member of the S. P. C. A. - Powers

Another Child photo-play featuring Mattie and Early. These children are clever beyond their years. An excellent reel thro'out.

THE WHEEL OF DESTINY - Rex

A Problem Play

THE ANIMAL WITHIN

Drama, filled with tense and thrilling situations

THE LAW OF GOD

A beautiful story, showing the working of the Inner Consciousness—the voice within.

THE CLEW IN THE DUST

Clever, interesting detective story

COMING—"THE DOVE IN THE EAGLE'S NEST"
Thanhouser 2-Reel feature. From the historical novel by Mrs. Yonge.
Beautiful production

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