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## SEE CHARLIE ROMP HOME ALL OVER, BAR SHOUTING

### Conservatives and Small Business Men Will Vote Socialism for the First Time on Thursday

- SOME NOMINATIONS IN ALBERTA
- Carmangay (Little Bow)
  - Liberal
  - Conservative
  - Independent Conservative
  - Alf Budden, Socialist
  - Rocky Mountain
  - C. M. O'Brien, Socialist
  - W. B. Powell, Lib-Lab
  - R. E. Campbell, Conservative
  - Taber
  - Liberal
  - Conservative
  - Edwin Smith, Socialist
  - Red Deer
  - Liberal
  - Conservative (Michener, opposition leader)
  - Geo. Paton, Socialist
  - Stettler
  - Opposition
  - Malcolm McNeill, Socialist

all in Passburg tonight (Friday). At Cassidy's meeting in Lundbreck on Friday night a Socialist local was formed and if appearances go for anything a big majority for Charlie will be polled there. On Saturday he spoke in Blairmore. Here something unusual occurred. When question time arrived Lyon, one of the four whose names were put before the Conservative convention was present and asked four questions of the usual stock type. When these were answered he replied he was perfectly satisfied, walked up to the speaker, shook hands with him and asked him to call again. Cassidy is now around Banff, Bankhead and Canmore.

It is, however, very essential that every voter should go to the polls, for the larger majority Charlie is given, the bigger his influence in the House.

"All over but the shouting" is the consensus of opinion in the Rocky Mountain division. Charlie O'Brien will be found, was really the only candidate in the field, the others in the race being badly outclassed and beaten from the start. The second favorite, W. B. Powell, who was backed by some opponents of the Socialists, it will be shown, as being completely outdistanced and will not give his supporters even a run for their money. He will be still running when the ballots will have been counted. Those who are supposed to know conditions in the Rocky Mountain assert that it is not a question of O'Brien being elected but in all probability all candidates against him will lose their deposit.

The riding covers a big slice of Alberta, extending from the Great Divide to Canmore, beyond Calgary. Notwithstanding this fact the guns have been kept going all along the line. Charlie started out as the most northern point, whilst T. J. Cassidy, "The Unpatriotic Irishman," was blazing away at the enemy in the Pass a few days later a "long tom" in the form of Fitzgerald, one of the best orators in the movement, rushed in and since then has kept pouring hot shot into Powell's camp, following at his heels. Charlie is meeting Pow-

### VICTORY FOR WORKERS

PATERSON, N.J., April 7.—Wm. Haywood, national organizer of the I. W. W. in an address to several striking mill workers, and their sympathizers today, paid a tribute to the courts of New Jersey, and especially to the court that released himself and Adolpho Lessig from the Passaic county jail.

"The decision of the courts gives us the right to assemble," Haywood said, "and in my eyes and in the eyes of my fellow workers it is regarded as a great victory for the working men of the United States."

### CREMATORIES FOR THE BATTLEFIELDS

Burn the Bodies and Prevent Subsequent Contagion and Plague

BERLIN, April 7.—A suggestion for the wars of the future is made by a leading physician in the Miller Wochenblatt, advocating the use of crematories on automobiles which would follow the army along with the regular army wagons.

The writer argues that in the future wars the bodies of the dead will be the greatest cause of sickness among the troops as well as the civil population, while the burying of the dead will greatly hinder the movement of an army.

The writer says that at the end of the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 the German police found around Metz 30,000 bodies insufficiently covered with earth. In the single Canton of Gorze 15,000 bodies were thus found.

In many of the villages the water in the wells was so infected that it could not be drunk, while the percentage of mortality greatly increased.

The use of crematories on the battlefield was practiced by the Japanese in Manchuria.

### DARROW IN CHICAGO

Reports Say He Will Never Be Tried Again—Devote Himself to Literature

LOS ANGELES, April 6.—Clarence Darrow, former chief counsel for the McNamara, who has been tried twice for alleged jury bribery in connection with the famous dynamite trial, left today for Chicago, whence he came two years ago to defend the two brothers now in the states prison at San Quentin.

Darrow's third trial on the jury bribery charges is set for June 16, but there has been persistent reports that he would never be called upon to defend himself again, despite official statements to the contrary.

If he is not called upon to face another trial, Mr. Darrow said he would never practice law again, but would retire to a ranch he has in northern California and devote himself to literature.

### POWELL REPUDIATES GOVERNMENT

Nomination Papers Signed by Liberals

(Special to the Ledger)

BELLEVEUE, April 11.—At nomination for Rocky Mountain yesterday three candidates, W. B. Powell, supposed to be almost anything; Campbell, Conservative; and O'Brien, Socialist. Nomination papers of Powell signed by hotelman, gentleman, merchant, jeweller, and broker, all Liberals. Papers report Powell in the northern part of riding repudiating government. In view of fact that he was nominated solely and is being supported by Liberals, where does he stand? A sweeping victory for O'Brien is assured.—L. E. DRAKE.

### CASSIDY NOT TO SPEAK IN B.C.

(Special to the District Ledger)

CALGARY, April 4.—All of Cassidy's dates in B.C. cancelled on account of elections. He will be retained in Pass. Alf Budden nominated in Little Bow, Malcolm McNeill in Stettler, Prosham assisting Paton, Mushkat in Rocky Mountain, Fitzgerald and Lester here. Gribble coming. Burt E. Anderson.

### CATHOLIC SOCIALIST IN ENGLAND AND IRELAND

English and Irish Catholics and their clergy are accepting Socialism very rapidly. Deep-thinking Catholics, like all right-minded men who study Socialism, find its doctrine worthy of their support. Socialism teaches unselfishness and is also in accord with the Christian spirit. Catholic workmen and their dependents are as much in the tolls of capitalist slavery as any other workmen and are all bound to become Socialists.—Irish Review.

A Chinese-Esperanto Socialist journal has appeared at Shanghai, printed partly in Chinese and partly in Esperanto, under the name of Hina Sichelato. It stands for "Socialism, Esperanto, woman's emancipation, and labor."

### HOIST THEIR OWN PETARD

Mother Jones at this writing is still held a prisoner in the custody of the state militia of West Virginia. Mother Jones has not only been charged with inciting to murder, but she likewise is charged with stealing a machine gun, one of those weapons used by the hired guards of the coal barons.

If Mother Jones is guilty of the awful crime of stealing a murderous machine from the paid assassins of the coal corporations, then she must be wonderfully clever, or else she things are a bunch of numskulls.

When a woman in her eightieth year can steal a machine gun from an aggregation of brutal degenerates who have made murder a profession, there must be something radically wrong with the noddles of the bloodhounds. The charge is so ludicrous as to be disgusting.—Miners' Magazine.

In the Lawrence Strike the Socialists contributed \$60,000, the local unions of the American Federation of Labor \$18,000 and the One Great Big Union, known as the I. W. W., \$7,000. Editorial comment is unnecessary.

### STRIKERS WON

SEATTLE, April 5.—The forty-four Gloucester fishermen, who were brought by train from Massachusetts to man halibut vessels plying out of Seattle and refused to work when they were to be used as strikebreakers, were taken immediately into the Hall-Brotherhood union, the strike was won and all the newcomers got work as well as the strikers.

Forty of the Gloucester men sailed for the north last Sunday. The others preferred to enter the salmon fishery.

### "HELLO GIRLS" MAY STRIKE

Central Labor Union Will Support Boston Operators; State Ownership Suggested

BOSTON, April 7.—The Central Labor union voted Sunday night to support the telephone operators union, in case a strike of the 2,000 girl employees of the New England Telephone and Telegraph company in Boston and vicinity is declared.

G. M. Bugniazet, of New York, international president of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers union, who is assisting the operators in the present situation, told the Central Labor union that he believed a strike would occur. He added that in this event a campaign would be immediately started for state ownership of phone companies.

### TABER COAL GOOD

Publicity Agent Says that the "Soil" of the District is Made of Four Stories

TABER, April 5.—C. G. Groff, publicity agent of this town, says George Fitch said that the soil of Virginia was two-storied; coal underneath and good wheat land on top. The soil of Southern Alberta and the Taber district is four-storied. Gas away down coal above that, good wheat land on the surface and above that the best climate in the world.

Taber district is coming rapidly to be known as the coalbin of the west. The coal industry has been largely responsible for the rapid development of the town. Fifty thousand acres of the finest domestic coal ever produced lie close to Taber and the 11 mines now operating have developed only a small proportion of this. The coal is a beautiful specimen of domestic fuel, assaying over 50 per cent. fixed carbon, and burning without smoke or smut, to a fine white ash.

The Canada West company's big mine outside the town limits show the acme of successful operation in the fields of Western Canada. Two million dollars invested by St. Paul capitalists have made of this mine the best equipped and the most modernly operated in all Canada. The company owns much of the coal land about the town, and has already a considerable part of it developed. Three hundred miners are employed in three shifts of eight hours each. The underground system covers an area of nearly two square miles.

### SOCIALIST NOBLEMAN RENOUNCES ALLEGIANCE

LONDON, April 5.—Count Erwin Bathany, who for some time has resided in London, has received official notification that the Hungarian government has granted his petition releasing him from the obligations of nationality.

It is said to be the first instance in Hungarian history that a member of the ancient aristocracy of that country has thus renounced his citizenship. The count, who is 35 years of age, took this step on account of his belief in the principles of socialism, to the study of which he devoted several years. Not long ago the Budapest authorities closed three public schools which the count had established on his estates, because the teachers appointed by him were assailing existing methods of government.

### LETHBRIDGE LOCAL IN SUPPORT OF JONES

Calls Upon All Other Locals To Give Financial Aid

UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA

Local 574, Lethbridge, Alta. April 7th, 1913.

To Secretary of Local Unions, Dear Sir and Bro:

At a meeting of the above local the candidature of Vice-President Jones as Labor Candidate in the coming provincial election was endorsed, and a donation of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) donated towards his campaign funds.

Another resolution was passed instructing me to write the different locals of United Mine Workers in District 18 soliciting subscriptions towards said fund as we realize it is in the best interests of the members of District 18 to have one of their own to represent them in the House of Legislature.

Therefore we would urge all members of our organization to make one united and supreme effort to accomplish this end.

Hoping you will place this matter before the members of your local at the earliest possible convenience and they will see their way clear to support him in a tangible way.

Any donations towards this fund will be thankfully received and gratefully appreciated.

Yours in unity,  
(Signed) L. MOORE, Sec'y.

### TWO MINERS WERE BURNED BY GAS

LETHBRIDGE, April 8.—John Moscov and Ed Whiteman, two miners working at No. 6 shaft, were accidentally burned this afternoon and were taken in the ambulance to Galt hospital, where Dr. Galbraith is attending them. It appears that the two men were alone when the accident occurred, but the Herald was told that they encountered mine gas in sufficient quantity to cause an ignition. Whiteman was burned pretty badly about the face and hands, and Moscov's burns were not slight, but the doctor said that neither was in serious condition.

### ELECTRIC LIGHT EXTENSION BY-LAW

On Friday last a vote was taken as to whether the city should issue \$10,000 debentures for the extension of the electric light system. The affirmative got it by a big majority. The voting was:

|         |     |
|---------|-----|
| For     | 75  |
| Against | 33  |
| Total   | 108 |

### Strike in Coal District Cause of Grave Concern

SYDNEY, April 1.—The industrial problem in New South Wales is causing grave concern, the strike of coal miners in the Blawarna and South Coast districts being still unsettled.

The situation is becoming seriously complicated because the Newcastle miners are showing great discontent. It is hoped, however, that any further trouble in this great coal mining centre will be averted.

Should a strike be declared, however, commerce through Sydney will be considerably hampered and perhaps paralyzed, owing to the fact that all the big ocean liners plying between the East Coast of the Commonwealth, and other parts of the world, depend for the most part, upon Newcastle for their supply of coal.

At Broken Hill, the great silver mining centre, the strike miners declared a week ago, still continues. Transportation has ceased and the city is isolated from the rest of the world. Foodstuffs in all food commodities now rule and a serious situation prevails there.

The government is doing its utmost to restore peace throughout the state.

### THREW INKSTANDS AT PREMIER; HUNGARIAN LAWMAKER SENTENCED

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### HOSMER AND MICHEL LOCALS PROTEST AGAINST OFFICERS

Latter Local Demands Recall—Considers Board's Action Unconstitutional

LETHBRIDGE, April 8.—Chas. Fergie, general manager of the Lethbridge Collieries, arrived in the city yesterday to spend a couple of weeks inspecting the company's mine across the river. Mr. Fergie has just come from the holdings of another company which he represents, west of Edmonton on the G.T.P. He is well satisfied with the developed in both properties, and with the output during the past winter. In the south he finds work in the mines slackening off due to the warm weather and it will not be long before the mines are practically shut down.

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### INQUEST AT HOSMER

Interesting Rider by Jury

Three Months for Carrying Matches Down Mine

(From our own Correspondent)

The adjourned inquest on the late A. Howryluk was held Friday evening in the old school house, Hosmer, by Coroner Wilkes, of Fernie. The jury consisted of Mosera, Kondall, Fowler, Marlett, Cox, Mills, and Labelle. After hearing the evidence the jury returned the following verdict:

"We, the jury, find that Alex. Howryluk came to his death at about 8:30 p.m. on April 1, 1913, in No. 6 breast, No. 6 chute, B level, No. 2 South mine, Hosmer, B.C., by being smothered by a fall of coal, caused by the breaking of the timber in the roof.

"In the opinion of this jury, had centre posts been placed under the cap, the cave-in would not have been so likely to have occurred.

"We would therefore recommend that greater care be used with respect to the inspection of the timbering in the mine."

The jurymen, after making enquiries and examining the place, are of the opinion that the accident could hardly have been avoided and that no blame attaches to anyone.

A jury composed of Socialists could have been secured, and the verdict would have been to get, viz. That Wage-Slave Howryluk came to his end at such a time and such a place and that his death is attributable to the present capitalist system which decrees that a slave shall produce for profit rather than create a safe working condition for himself. When will the workers get wise!

A back and called A. Dimidovich was found to have matches on him during a search of the mine, and on being charged with the offense was given three months hard labor. Considering the ignorance of the man, this would appear rather a heavy sentence.

### PREMIER NOT IN FAVOR OF STATE OWNERSHIP

LONDON, April 6.—Mr. Asquith, the British prime minister, had his annual interview with representatives of the Trades Union congress the other day. The nationalization of mines and railroads was discussed. Mr. Asquith said that, taking into consideration the variety of conditions under which British mining industry was carried on, the highly speculative ingredients which entered into it, and the complexity of the whole system of production and management, he should look with very considerable hesitation upon any proposal to transfer the mines, as a going concern, to the management of the state. He quite agreed that railways stood on a different footing in this respect from mines and most other productive industries. The state to

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### SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT HILLCREST

One Killed and Two Injured by Runaway

A sad accident occurred at Hillcrest Mine on Tuesday night, April 8th, resulting in the death of Robert Collings, minor, and serious injury to two other employees, namely, John Ed munson and Fred Maples.

The accident was caused by a runaway car which was being hoisted at the time from No. 2 slope sinkings. The cause of the accident was a broken coupling. The deceased is a native of Westville, Placer county, N.S.

The injuries sustained by Edmunson amounted to a fractured ankle and a couple of broken ribs. The injuries, although painful, are in no way serious. Fred Maples sustained a broken arm. No arrangements have as yet been made with regard to interment of body of Collings, as the committee in charge are awaiting word from his relatives in N.S. He ceased leaves a wife and seven children to mourn his loss. Much sympathy is expressed by the people of Hillcrest to the relatives of our late friend HILLCREST, April 10.—The remains of the late Robert Collings were forwarded on the noon train on Thursday to his former home in Westville, N.S.

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Workmen of Alberta Aroused as Never Before

THE time for action has come. The workmen of Alberta are aroused as never before. The many years of Socialist education work have had good results. The rank and file of the working class can no longer be used as voting cattle...

Too long have the working people been left under that fallacious and dangerous impression that without the help or the leadership of capitalist parties and capitalist politicians they could never accomplish anything for themselves.

The Socialist party has broken the chains that fettered their minds to inaction and ignorance. The Socialist party has aroused the working people as they never have been aroused before.

Indeed, it is high time that the working people wake up and learn that for thousands of years those who did the world's work lived in misery and slavery, worked in misery and slavery, died in misery and slavery...

The Socialist party organizes the working people into a powerful political army, not for the purpose of securing graft, but to prepare them for higher work, for the work of taking care of their own public affairs...

Today the Socialist party of the United States represents about one million voters. Twelve years ago it had about 90,000 votes. 12 years ago the Socialist party of the United States had less than 3,000 dues-paying members...

Today the International Socialist party represents over ten million Socialist voters! Never in the history of the human race has there been such a powerful political organization of the working class.

Today Germany has 4,250,000 Socialist voters, over one-half of all the voters of the German empire, with 110 Socialist members in the Reichstag, which is the national congress. But we are marching faster in America than our comrades and friends in old Europe.

Neither the Liberal nor the Conservative parties can prevent the victorious onward march of the Socialist party.

Labor built the temples of Babylon and the pyramids of Egypt. Labor fought the bloody battles of ancient Rome and Greece and upon its shoulders the St. Peters in Rome, the Westminster and Towers in London, the Chateaux at Versailles and Trianon and the Bastille in Paris.

But Labor remained in subjection and slavery. Labor remained in poverty, and the ruling powers were always careful to keep the working class in ignorance. But those days are passed, never to return.

We call attention to these facts in order to convince our readers that the rank and file of the Alberta working men are ready to move in the right direction. They are ready to concentrate their forces under the banner of the Socialist party and in the name of Labor...

W. J. Burns Supplies Spies to kill Labor Organizations

THE WILLIAM J. BURNS NATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, INC. Representing American Bankers Association Seattle, Wash., March 12, 1913.

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No matter what you may have in mind, we would be pleased to take it up with you further, and respectfully ask an interview for one of our representatives.

Very truly yours, THE WILLIAM J. BURNS NATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, INC. Walter R. Thayer, Manager.

The above copy of a circular letter sent out by the Burns Detective Agency should put union men on their guard against spies.

Return C. M. O'Brien for the Rocky Mountain Division and prove your class Consciousness

Mr. Business Man Where Do You Stand?

Mr. Small Business Man, where do you stand in this great battle? Where do your interests lie?

From whom do you get your living? On whose welfare does your welfare depend? Who is spending his money with you? Is it the big business interests who are seeking special privilege, OR IS IT THE UNION WORKING MAN, THE CLERKS AND LABORERS?

And after all, with whom should you ally yourself politically? With the manufacturer and the banker, or with the union working man and the laboring class in general?

You are not so glib as to believe the campaign bunk now handed out by the old capitalist party politicians. You have long been familiar with the names of these politicians. You know that they are the same old crowd of grafters and crooks who have plundered this country for many years.

YOU ALSO KNOW THAT THEY ARE BACKED BY THE SAME BIG BUSINESS INTERESTS THAT EXPLOIT AND ROB THE PEOPLE OF ALBERTA YEAR AFTER YEAR.

You know that this same clique has been in control of the different provincial departments and that it has shifted the burden of government from THE SHOULDERS OF THE BIG CAPITALISTS TO THE BACKS OF THE SMALL FELLOWS. You also know, or should know, that you can expect no relief from these conditions just so long as you allow these gentlemen to control your city government.

There is no reason why you should not vote for your own interests. INSTEAD OF CONTINUALLY VOTING TO GIVE THESE GRAFTERS THE POLITICAL POWER TO SKIN YOU.

Which way will you vote next Thursday? With the capitalists and the grafters, or FOR THE PARTY THAT WILL EMANCIPATE THE WORKING CLASS AND IN THE END EMANCIPATE YOU? (Contributed.)

Organizer Gott Eulogizes District 18

To the Officers and Members of District 18, U.M.W. of A. Brothers:

Permit me at this time, to thank you for the kindly treatment you have accorded Organizer Ollas, Vernetti and myself during our sojourn in your District.

Wherever it has been my good fortune to meet you, in your homes, in your local meetings, and in your convention, your every act towards me has been marked with that spirit of kindness that tends to endear men to each other.

Your action in your district convention, where, by a unanimous vote you granted us a seat and voice in same, will go down in the history of trade unionism as a crowning jewel of fraternity. And, wherever I may be, as long as I have a tongue to proclaim, that heart will beat in sympathy, and my tongue proclaim, the fidelity of the United Mine Workers of District 18.

You may be small in numbers, but you are strong in unionism. Your District officers, whom I have had the pleasure of associating with, are men of exceptional ability, and with the good feeling that prevailed during the deliberations of your District convention, and that seems to be characteristic of the membership in general, success in the near future is sure to crown your efforts.

Again thanking you, I beg to remain, Yours in trust, JONAS GOTT.

The Educational Value Of Political Action

By MORRIS JOLLES

In answer to a question why he became a convert to political action, William Morris, the great English poet and Socialist, gave as one of his reasons, that participation in a political campaign causes the unpopular and seemingly complex problems of Socialist theories to be discussed on the street corners.

Such terms as surplus value, capital, labor as a commodity, the iron law of wages, the difference between price and value and the true meaning of these terms, forming the theoretical and basic education in Socialism of the rank and file of party workers, would not in all probability be so widely spread and popularized if not for the reason advanced by William Morris.

One need only compare the standard of education between the average worker who devotes a part of his time to Socialist party activities and the average worker who devotes all of his time to purely economic organization activities to convince himself that participation in Socialist political activity serves as a training school for the participants, not only to acquaint the latter with political economy, but also to open the door for them to the modern sciences of our times.

Strictly economic activities by the workmen are of such a nature that an education on a broad scale is not within their scope.

Industrial activities absorb all the energy and time of the membership of an economic organization in its conflicts with the employers which, of course, include the discussion of trade agreements and shop conditions.

In proportion to the development and specifications of industry, such discussions are naturally narrowed down and embrace not the aggrieved conditions of an industry as a whole, not even the workers' complaints in the factory, but only the conditions and demands of each group employed in a specialized part of the factory.

Under such circumstances an education, if any may be derived from such discussion, can only be an economic one in its narrowest sense.

The solidarity of the workers being the most important factor to be considered for the success of an economic organization any active participation for the promotion of political discussions by an advanced minority of the membership is apt to find stubborn opposition and create friction.

Even if political controversies were tolerated, they would take place at the expense of important functions of an economic organization, i. e., the devotion to the betterment of the workers' conditions in the workshops.

Purely economic action does not necessitate the understanding of the present capitalistic political state in its complex ramifications.

To gain converts to the workers' economic organization by a discussion of political action and capitalistic political parties might defeat the very purpose of the endeavor.

Belittling the effectiveness of political action, the power of the organized capitalistic political state and denying either passively or affirmatively the necessity of capturing the governmental powers by the working class, presuppose a disinterestedness in the workings of our present day government in its executive, legislative and judicial departments.

Such disinterestedness not only deprives the workers of the central education furnished by modern civilization, but it places them in an inferior position intellectually even in economic disputes with their masters.

On the other hand, Socialist political action by its very nature demands of the workers that they understand the forces to be combatted, to know the relative strength and position of the enemy's fortress to be captured. It teaches them the science of government of past and present, the history of the human race, evolved out of barbarism, feudalism and slavery.

It points out to them that the workers that although they are the main upholders of the present system, are nevertheless only an element brought on the scene by irresistible forces that make for progress and true civilization. Political action presupposes the endurance of the workers into the executive, legislative, and judicial departments of our present day government for the purpose of using it for the

workers' own interests, creating an incentive on their part to prepare themselves intellectually in the unavoidable conflict with capitalistic political representatives.

Socialist political activity embraces more than discussion of strictly party work.

It does not confine its sphere to an analysis of political and economic questions within the boundaries of the Socialist movement alone.

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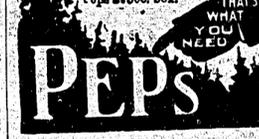
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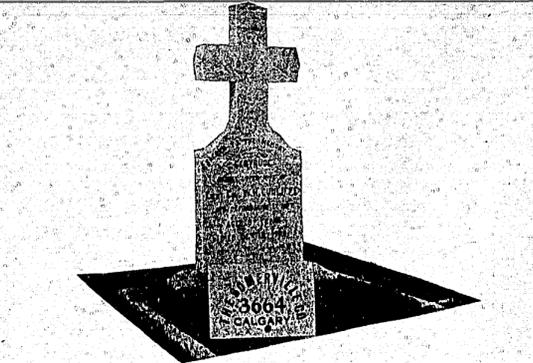
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# A Call to Duty No Honest, Contemplative Man Can Resist

Is Made by Allan J. Benson in Pearsons' Magazine

We Socialists put it to you as a common-sense affirmation that your time can come now if you and all others like you will join in a political effort to make it come.

Any political partisan will make you the same promise, but you know, from sad experience, that their promises are worthless. We ask you to consider whether our promises are worthless.

We promise you, for instance, that if you will give us power you need never again want for work. If the people, through the government, owned the trusts and other great industries, why should anybody ever again want for work? Thereafter, the great plants would always be open. No factory door would ever be closed so long as there was a demand for the product of the factory. If the demand for goods were greater than the capacity of the factories, the number of factories would be increased. Nothing is simpler than to increase the number of factories. Only men and materials are required. We have an abundance of each.

But we promise you more. We promise you that, if you will give us power, we will give you not only the continuous opportunity to work, but we will give you continuous freedom from robbery. Again nothing is simpler than to work without robbery. All that is necessary is to enable the worker to go to work without walking into anyone's clutches. No one can now go to work without walking into many men's clutches. When a man goes to work for the Steel Trust, he walks into the clutches of everybody who owns the stocks or the bonds of the trust. When a man goes to work for a railway company, he walks into the clutches of every person who owns the stocks or the bonds of the railway company. In other words, the stock and bondholders of these institutions, by virtue of their control of the machinery involved, have it in their power to say whether the worker shall work or not. They say he shall not work unless they can make a profit upon his labor. The worker cannot haggle too long because he must labor or starve. Therefore, he comes to terms. He walks into the clutches of those who want to rob him of part of what he produces. He consents to work for a wage that represents only a part of what he has produced.

That is robbery. You may call it business, but it is robbery. If robbery is anything, it is the taking of the property of another against his will. The worker knows his wage is not all he earns. He resents the fact that he must toil long and hard for a poor living, while his employer lives in luxury without doing any useful labor. But the worker has no alternative. He must consent. He does consent.

Under Socialism, there would be no such robbery, because goods would not be produced for profit. Goods would be produced only because the people wanted them. Whatever the people wanted would be produced.

Decent homes, for instance, would be produced. Millions of people in the great cities now live in houses that are deathtraps. They are not houses, in the sense that country dwellers understand the word, but dingy rooms, piled one upon another in great blocks. Light seldom enters some of them. Fresh air can hardly get into any of them. The germs of tuberculosis abound. The germs of other diseases swirl through the dust of the streets. The death-rate is abnormally high—particularly the death-rate of children. Yet, nothing would be simpler, if the profit-seeking capitalists were shorn of their power, than to give every human being in this country a decent home. The best material out of which to make a house is cement or brick.

Either is better than wood because wood both rots and burns. There is practically no limit to the number of cement and brick houses that could be built in this country. Every State contains enough clay and other materials to build enough houses to cover the whole country. If the five millions of men who have been out of work since the panic of 1907 could have been employed at house-building, they themselves would not only have been prosperous, but the American people would have been housed as they had never been housed before. If the two millions of men who are always denied employment, even in so-called "good" times, were continuously engaged in house-building good houses would be so numerous that we should not know what to do with them.

The same facts apply to all other necessities of life. The nation needs bread. Some are starving for it all the while. Yet what is simpler than the furnishing of bread? We know how to grow wheat. With the scientific knowledge that the government could devote to wheat growing, combined with the improved machinery that a rich government could bring to bear upon the problem, the wheat production of the country could easily be multiplied by four. Little Holland and little Belgium, with no better soil than our own, raise almost four times as much wheat to the acre as we do. And, with wheat once grown, nothing is more simple than to make it into flour. Probably we already have enough milling machinery to make all the flour we need. If not, we could easily build four times as many mills.

Do you doubt any of these statements? How can you doubt them? We have the men. We have the materials. The only trouble is that they are kept apart. They are kept apart because a few men control things and will not allow men and material to come together unless that means a profit for the few men. We Socialists purpose to put them together. If they were put together, how much longer do you believe the people would have to shiver in winter for lack of woolen clothing? There is no secret about raising sheep. We have vast areas upon which we could raise more than we shall ever need. Even a concern like the Woolen trust—the head of which has just been indicted for conspiring to "plant" dynamite at Lawrence to besmirch the strikers—even such a concern enables some of us to wear wool in the winter time. How many more do you believe would wear wool if the United States government were able to take the place of this concern as a manufacturer of woolen goods? Do you believe anybody would be compelled to suffer from cold for lack of woolen clothing? How can you so believe? The government, if necessary, could build four woolen mills for every one that exists. The government could not fail to supply the people's needs. And, with all goods sold at cost, prices would be so low that the people could buy.

These, and many other possibilities, are entirely within your reach. You can realize them now. Will you kindly tell me when you expect to realize them by voting for the candidates of any other party except the Socialist party? No other party except the Socialist party proposes to put men and materials together. Every other party except the Socialist party proposes that a small class of men shall continue to own all of the great industrial machinery, while the rest shall continue to be robbed as the price of its use. Every other party except the Socialist party proposes that a small body of men shall continue to graft off the rest by wringing profits from them. No party except the Socialist party puts the people above profits.

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## Them Millionaires an' Me

Done in doggerel during the lucid moments of Old Man Trouble  
(Applicable in Alberta next Thursday)

My clo's is gittin' shiny an' my shoes is gittin' thin;  
My face is gittin' peaked an' my belt is cav'in' in.  
My family's gittin' bigger an' my wife is gittin' sick,  
An' time is gittin' short fer me to call the doctor quick.  
My pocket's gittin' empty an' my job is gittin' slack,  
With prices gittin' higher than fer several centuries back;  
But my head is gittin' dizzy, an' my heart is gittin' gay,  
A-thinkin' 'bout the swath I'll cut upon election day.

Them millionaires they comes along an' takes me fer a ride;  
Sez they: "We takes yer hand terday—nex' week we takes yer hide."  
I sez: "Excuse my clo's," sez I; but all them millionaires  
They sez: "A man's a man terday, no matter what he wears."

We pokes along so friendly-like, you'd think that we wuz brothers,  
Election day is allus such a diff'runt day from others.  
"Who be the proper candidates?" I makes so bold to say;  
They take the pains to tell me all they know—election day.

It gives a feller's mind relief from things that plague his life,  
Like bein' out o' work an' havin' starvin' kids and wife.  
I manage to get 'em when I motors thru the town  
With all the men that owns the mills they talks o' shuttin' down.

We gits so patriotic then—them millionaires an' me  
We often joins right in an' sings "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."  
"Sweet Land of Liberty," sez I, "We love its rocks," sez they;  
"Its woods an' fempeld hills fer us," they adds, election day.

Then when the vote is counted an' we git a chance to brag,  
It's sweet to feel that victory is perchin' on our flag.  
Sometimes we gits a drink or two an' then we lifts a cheer  
That shows the people who is who— one day in all the year.

We knows there's been a battle an' we knows that we has won it.  
We knows we saved the country—if we dunno how we done it.  
The victory is ours, so we all goes home to pray  
That all of us won't starve to death 'fore nex' election day.

But when I starts to tell the wife how glorious it wuz,  
She only starts to grumble jest the way a woman does.  
"We won," sez I. "Won what?" sez she, a-gittin' in a stew.  
"I saved the State," sez I to her. She only sez "Fer who?"

"It's jest like this," I then explains. "'Twill be like this," sez she.  
I wish my wife could understand them millionaires an' me.  
I wish she could appreciate the fraternizin' way  
I wish she could appreciate the fraternizin' way.  
They comes around to common folks like me—  
—Scheneectady Citizen.

### Wages of Farm Laborers In the United States

Reports received from correspondents of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture indicate that the money wages of farm labor in the United States increased about 3.2 per cent during the past year and 7 per cent during the past two years. Since 1902 the increase has been about 24 per cent.

The current average rate of farm wages in the United States, when board is included, is, by the month, \$20.81; by the day, other than harvest, \$1.14; at harvest, \$1.54. When board is not included, the rate is, by the month, \$15.50; by the day, other than harvest, \$1.17; at harvest, \$1.57. Wages vary widely in different sections of the United States. For instance the monthly rate without board is \$55.50 in Nevada, \$53.80 in Montana, and \$51.60 in Idaho; \$17.10 in South Carolina, \$10 in Mississippi, and \$19.50 in Alabama.

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By M. Baranov

Did you ever hear of a boss coming voluntarily to his shop or factory and declaring to his "hands" that he was going to raise the wages and shorten the working hours? Surely, you have not. This has not happened since bosses and workers existed in this world. And as long as the capitalist system exists, such things will not happen.

It is against the nature of the boss to give. But under certain circumstances he is sometimes compelled to submit. When the workers grumble for a long time and kick and revolt, the boss begins to suspect that they are not ordinary cattle, but human beings. And when they organize themselves into a strong union and threaten to strike, or actually go on strike, he then becomes almost convinced that they are not mere animals, but real men and women. And then—when he has no chance of getting enough scabs—he promises the rebels that he will, in time, gradually, grant their demands.

How should the workers accept such promises? If they are themselves big fools, or their leaders are big scoundrels, they go to the boss, hurrah under his windows, thank him with tears in their eyes for his promises, break up the union and wait patiently, until the boss begins to make good his promises.

And what does the good boss do? He looks at his workers and wonders how could he ever think that they were not mere working animals. Surely, they are only working animals. And with animals you need not make any great ceremony. For animals a little hay is enough. Thus, he does not see why he should even begin to make good his promises. And, being logical, he acts accordingly.

Now, imagine that the workers are not mere unthinking animals, but real sensible men and women. How do they act when the boss makes the good promises? They become more persistent. Oh, they say, the dog got scared. He begins to get a little milder. Good, let us still more strengthen our union, let us continue the fight with more energy, then he will be compelled to grant our demands immediately. If not all of our demands, at least the more important ones. And when they act that way they win the strike and the boss becomes convinced that these "darned tramps" are not mere working cattle, but real, sensible men and women.

Did you ever hear that Congress or a State Legislature on a fine morning suddenly passed several radical laws for the benefit of the working class? Surely, you have not heard of such a thing. This has not happened since the present order of things existed. And as long as those who are bossing the shops and factories, also boss Congress and the Legislatures, such things will not happen.

It is against the nature of a capitalist Congress or Legislature to do anything for the benefit of the workers. But under certain circumstances it is sometimes compelled to comply with the demands of the workers. When the workers grumble for a long time, and kick and revolt, then our statesmen become suspicious that the workers are not mere animals; the workers organize an independent political party and begin to vote every election day for their own candidates, then the politicians become almost convinced that the workers are not mere voting animals, but real, sensible citizens. And the politicians begin to promise the voters that in time, gradually, they will pass laws enacting the necessary reforms.

How should the workers accept such promises? If the workers are big fools, or their leaders are great scoundrels, or musty reactionaries, they march to the suddenly changed politicians, hurrah at their meetings, and thank them with tears in their eyes for their good promises and neglect their union, that is, their own political party. They vote for these suddenly changed politicians and then begin to wait patiently for the promised reforms.

And what do these statesmen do, these newly baked reformers? They look at the workers and wonder how they could ever think that the workers are not mere voting animals; surely they are. And with animals you need not make any great ceremony. For mere animals a little hay is enough. So they don't see why they should even begin to keep their promises, and being logical, they act accordingly.

Now, imagine that these workers are not mere animals, but sensible citizens. How do they act when these politicians suddenly become good hearted and promise to do everything for the workers—in time, gradually? Darn it, they become more stubborn. Oh, they say, these political dogs got scared. They are becoming progressive. Good! Let us strengthen still more our own party; let us continue our independent political fight. Then they will—these politicians—become very radical and will immediately comply with our demands, if not all, at least the more important ones. And when the workers are acting this way, they get what they demand, and the cap-

talistic statesmen become really convinced that the "darned tramps" are not mere voting machines, but sensible class-conscious citizens.

Why have we not heard during the last two or three years of reforms for the workers in Congress or in the State Legislatures? Because it is against the nature of the capitalist lawmakers to do anything for the workers. But under certain circumstances they were compelled to do something for the workers. When the workers began to grumble, to kick and make trouble, then our statesmen like Roosevelt, Bryan, Sulzer, etc., became suspicious that the workers are perhaps not mere voting cattle, but sensible citizens. And when the workers organized an independent political party—the Socialist party—and began to vote for their own candidates in great numbers, the politicians became almost convinced that the workers were not mere voting cattle but citizens with real common sense. Then these politicians declared themselves progressive, even radical statesmen, and began to make promises in their platforms, that in time, gradually, they would pass laws to satisfy those kickers and revolters.

How should the workers accept these promises from Roosevelt, Wilson, Oscar Strauss and the other freshly baked workers' "friends" and social reformers? If the workers themselves are big fools (or "practical" idiots), or their leaders are musty reactionaries like Gompers, or crazy creatures, or parlor Socialists, they will feel moved by the goodness of those statesmen; they will march and enthusiastically applaud them at their meetings, will leave their own party, will move with all their "principles" to the Progressive or Democratic party, will vote for Roosevelt, Straus or Wilson, and then begin to wait patiently for the promised reforms.

And what will the goody-goody statesmen do? They will look upon the workers and wonder, how could they even come to think that these workers are not mere animals, but real, human beings. And with cattle you need make no ceremony. Mere cattle can do without reforms. For them a little hay is enough. Thus, they will not see any necessity even to begin to fulfill their promises, and being logical, they will act accordingly.

But imagine, Brother Worker, (with a little strain we can imagine this), that you are not a mere voting animal, but a real sensible citizen. How will you act under those circumstances? Darn it. You will become miffed. Oh, you will say, they got scared, these fakers. They became progressive. Good! Let us strengthen the Socialist party. Let us continue with more energy our independent political fight. Let us see that the Socialist candidates poll this year at least twice as many votes as four years ago. Then they—the capitalist statesmen—will become very radical. Then they will immediately grant all our demands. If not all, at least the most important ones. And then they will remain convinced that the "darned tramps" are not mere cattle, but real sensible class-conscious citizens. Ah, we would not let them return to their old black habits. They will be compelled to become more red with time.

Is this not clear enough for you? Have you any objections against it? Why do you act one way in the shop or factory and altogether different at the ballot-box? Why do you act in a class-conscious manner at the strike and like a herd of sheep on election day? The enemy is the same here and there, and your tactics should also be the same at both places. No promises are good here and there. No deserters from your class, from your union, from your party. Always together, always in the same ranks, always under the same banner. Let the little storekeeper or middle class intellectual dance their own dance, let them run after their demagogue, they have nothing to lose, for them it is a kind of sport, but for you it is a question of life—Translated from the Yiddish by A. A. K., in the New York Call.

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could between the legs of the audience and the hoofs of the horses.

This was no ordinary lad, however, and he knew a more excellent way. He went and pawned his shilling for twopenny. Then he found another small boy to whom he showed the voucher setting forth the fact that a shilling had been pawned, and offered to sell it for eightpence. Boy number two "caught on" and purchased, whereupon boy number one with his eightpence went in triumph to the circus. What the other boy said when he got to the pawnbrokers, history does not relate.

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When I Behold  
Coaching Chorus  
Finale

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Dans la division du "Rocky Mountain" nous ne trouvons aucun capitaliste, seulement leurs representants—les managers, avocats, marchands, docteurs, et autres hommes de profession.

Pour notre parti et pour les tactiques de notre parti il n'y a qu'une seule base valide; la base de l'effort de la classe, hors duquel est sorti le parti Democratique-Social, hors duquel seulement on peut retirer la force necessaire pour porter un defi a chaque tempe et a chacun de ses ennemis.

Jusqu'en 1893 on ne parla jamais en public de la possibilite ou de la convenance de prendre part aux elections legislatives Prussiennes. Au commencement des 1880s, la cooperation de la Democratie-Sociale avec politiques fut appuyee dans un profond silence par les Democraties de Francfort dans le but de gagner un Socialiste et un representant Democrat pour Francfort au pouvoir legislatif.

Nous ne devrions pas provoquer, mais nous ne devrions pas non plus sonner l'alarme et nous egarer par la crainte en prenant une voie qui ne s'accorde pas avec les principes, la nature et l'honneur de notre parti.

Nous ne devrions pas provoquer, mais nous ne devrions pas non pratiques, mais nous sommes le seul parti pratique, pratique dans le sens de raisonnable. Ceux seulement qui reconnaissent les lois organiques du developpement et systematiquement luttent en harmonie avec elles afin d'atteindre un but definit, ceux-la sont pratiques.

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VALUE OF POLITICAL ACTION

It does not only presuppose a thorough acquaintance with the basis for the existence of capitalist political parties, a scrutiny of their doings, that reflect economic causes from which the capitalist system draws its life, but even an acquaintance with the technical part of wealth production in all its ramifications.

Our adversaries, finding themselves conquered, being compelled to leave their trenches and flee from the battle field of political and economic discussion, are endeavoring to draw our fire in other directions, to cover up their insincerity and dark movements.

So, by their invitation, the sphere of investigation as to the basis of religion and the relation of psychology to economic conditions is broadening for the Socialist party worker.

What elements in society are there, not considering industrial forces in the present instance, that had performed the task of dispelling ignorance and superstition of the ages, serving as a

beacon light to the oppressed masses? What have our benefactors, the upholders of darkness, in our present system, done in that direction? It is Socialist political action that has opened the doors of education to 30,000,000 German workmen and peasants, arousing in them an insatiable thirst for enlightenment and true education.

It is the Socialist political action that has produced a man like August Bebel, "the lion of Germany," whose opinion on political and diplomatic problems is considered of the utmost value.

It is Socialist political action that has caused the establishment of a vast literature, a powerful and influential press in all languages, in all lands of the civilized world, doing more for the enlightenment and true education of the masses in the last fifty years than all of society in past ages combined.

RECENT NEWS FROM PORCUPINE

The strike is still on and the struggle is still on. The judicial authorities in their zealous devotion to the mine owners in order to crush the strike have reached the summit.

Now let us see what occurred when the time for trial came and the interested parties appeared at the "capitalist" bar of justice, and see how that justice is administered in Porcupine. The trial commenced at one o'clock on March 28th, and what do we hear, Magistrate Torrence says that the men are to be tried, not for assault, which was the charge placed against them, but for taking part in an unlawful assembly.

The trial began and the evidence showed that no crime had been committed by accused men brought before the court, showed that innocent men were kept weeks in custody. The magistrate was forced to acquit the following: Petchett, John Cassidy, Alex. Gauthier and Joe Roberts, A. Hollowell was let go by paying the court costs, John Skinner, Chris Kipp and Frank Bowers were held to appear before a judge and jury in Sudbury on April 26th; they would not take any chance on Magistrate Torrence's ideas of justice.

The mine owners demand that some of the strikers must go to prison and that the Miners union must be put to expense defending its members in the courts, but we feel satisfied that the trials of these men will show that attempts are being made to railroad innocent men to prison. It is a crime to go on strike without giving the masters sufficient notice so that they can import strike-breakers and thus not lose any profits.

The three men to be tried are charged with being members of an unlawful assembly in a public place, namely, in the Bank saloon, Timmins. Five strike-breakers from the Hollinger mine, filled up on whiskey and apparently acting under instructions to start a row with the strikers, came into the Bank saloon. The proprietor of the saloon said that they appeared to be intoxicated and even the strike-breakers admitted that they had been drinking and were feeling pretty good.

The evidence went to show what occurred was nothing more than an ordinary saloon brawl and that some of

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the men held for trial took no part in it, but then they are strikers and that is apparently sufficient grounds to condemn them.

The appeal in the "Lemieux Act" cases was held before Judge Kehoe on March 26th, at Golden City. These are the cases against O'Leary, Holowatsky and Croft for inciting to go on strike and for going on strike, whom the government was forced to release from prison by the protest of the working class.

We earnestly urge all men to stay away from the Ontario mining districts and especially not to come to the Porcupine district. The strike takes in all of the employees in the mining industry in all the crafts, trade and occupation. If you come into this district at the present time looking for work you will be aiding the mine-owners to break the strike.

We ask you to give us your earnest assistance to secure liberty for the four men who were unjustly sent to the Central prison, Toronto. If there was any doubt in your mind as to the guilt of these men the action of the government officials in these recent cases should remove it.

The strikers are determined to win the battle and are confident of victory. We ask you to do your duty to preserve what little liberty we have left. Yours for emancipation, WM. K. RADIX.

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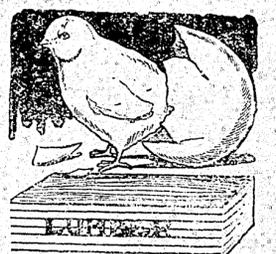
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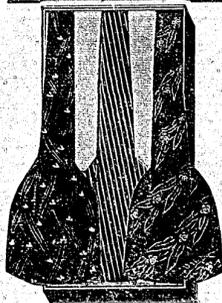


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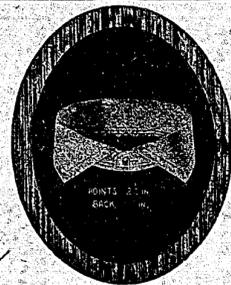
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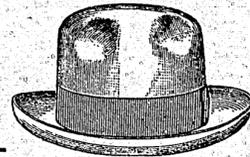
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| Lombard Plums, 2 lb. tins, 2 for           | 25   |
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| Evaporated Prunes, 3-lbs. for              | 25   |
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| Golden Dates, 2 lbs. for                   | 25   |
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| Chivers' Jams, 5 lb. pails                 | 65   |
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| Veal Leaf, 1-2 lb. tins, 2 for             | 35   |
| Angelin Olive Oil, 1-2 gal. tin            | 1.25 |
| Swift's White Laundry Soap, 6 for          | 25   |
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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. S. T. Alexander is on a business trip on the coast.

There are 1642 names on the voters roll of the Fernie electoral riding.

Geo. Moore, of Cranbrook, has relieved Mr. Duffy at the local C.P.R. telegraph office.

We understand that Prof. Dicastro has been appointed Italian vice-consul for Fernie.

Dan McNish, road superintendent has been confined to his house with a slight attack of the measles.

The basket social and dance to be held in Victoria hall on the 22d, inst., under the auspices of the Fernie football club, promises to be a huge success. J. W. Bonnett will act as auctioneer and ladies are requested to contribute baskets.

Mr. Alexander Macnell, barrister, has been made the legal advisor of the Italian government by the Royal Italian consulate at Montreal, his duties commencing the first of April, and to embrace the Crow's Nest Pass and the Boundary country.

### C N P FOOTBALL LEAGUE

A meeting of the executive will be held in Bellevue on Saturday, the 12th of April.

A. J. CARTER, Secretary.

A grand concert in aid of the Fernie band will be held in the Grand theatre on April 22.

### THE SEAMY SIDE

Richard Jolander pleaded guilty to supplying an interdect, "Sailor Jack," with liquor was fined \$50 or two months. The fine was paid.

Young Robert Menzies was sentenced to two years in the Industrial school at Vancouver for opening a switch at Cokato.

Harry A. Mezur, for unlawfully wounding at Corbin was fined \$75 and costs.

Fred Johnson of Elko was committed for trial by F. J. Burns, J.P., for stealing four \$10 gold pieces.

Mike Finetty, of Wardner, was given 30 days for being drunk and disorderly.

Mike Black and John Hoysushchyn, who had obtained goods under false pretences from merchants in Homer were committed for trial by Mr. Burns.

Frank Mercel, for stealing a gold watch at Michel was given six months in the Nelson Jail by Mr. Burns and Judge Corkell.

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#### Acknowledgments

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### VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Veterans association was held in the basement of Christ church, Sunday evening, April 6th, Col. Muckay in the chair.

A large file of correspondence was read by the secretary which was accepted and filed. The concert committee reported the progress of arrangements made for the memorial concert. A discussion arose as to when would be the best time to hold the concert. It was finally decided that the concert will be held on May 21, the proceeds to be devoted to the erection of a suitable memorial in the city of Fernie, in memory of those who lost their lives in the disastrous explosion at Coal Creek mines, May 2nd, 1909. A lengthy discussion also arose as to whether the city council were prepared to accept this memorial. It was eventually decided that the executive committee approach the city council and ascertain their views regarding this memorial, the location of same, and the subsequent upkeep of the same.

A social evening will be held in the basement at Christ church on Tuesday April 15, at 8 o'clock, to which all members of the parish and their friends are cordially invited. A musical program will be given and refreshments served.

### BIG PROGRAMME AT THE GRAND

One of the best features ever shown will be seen at the Grand tonight (Friday) and tomorrow matinee and evening. It is entitled "The Daughter of a Spy," a three-reel film taken from the drama of that name which had such a long run in London with Lewis Waller in the principal part. In addition to this there will be five other pictures, including comedy, Pathé Weekly, etc. In the latter will be seen Mrs. Pankhurst, the leader of the suffragettes standing trial at the Epsom police court, and where she was subsequently sentenced to three years for inciting her followers to riot. The children's matinee on Saturday are drawing big crowds. There will be a cash drawing and free candy. Until further notice the Grand will be in darkness on Sunday evenings.

### THE 1818 THEATRE

The special two-reel dramatic feature at the Isis for Friday and Saturday is "Human Hearts," in which King Baggot and Jane Fearnley will take the leading parts. This is a romantic story from the famous play by Hal Reid, and will without doubt attract a considerable crowd. Other dramatic items on the program are "The Gambler's Last Trick," "The Finger Prints," and "Just Hard Luck."

"A Marriage of Convenience," "Bonifacio Is Bashful," and "The Enchanted Umbrella" will be the mirth provokers, and scenic films of Constantinople and Adda River rapids will also be shown.

A political story entitled "John Sterling, Alderman" will be shown next week, and is a two reel feature of much interest.

Other two reel productions promised for next week are "The Lady Leone Victor" and "A Protege of the U.S." the latter being a naval story.

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"Adda River Rapids."

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- "JOHN STERLING, ALDERMAN."—A Political Story. Another King Baggot "bump" in two reels.
- "THE LADY LEONE VICTOR" (Two reels)
- "A PROTEGE OF THE U. S." (Two reels)

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# Grand Theatre

HARPER AND POLLOCK, LESSEES

Friday & Saturday

## DAUGHTER OF THE SPY

In Three Parts

And several other good reels

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