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POLITICAL GRAFT IN DYNAMITE PLANT

Jury Blames Fire Boss for Cause of Death of Miner

At the adjourned inquest held in Lethbridge last Friday, at the Mounted Police Barracks, over the death of Sam Popovitch (whose death was reported in last week issue), a verdict was brought in by the jury to the effect that Popovitch came by his death through the premature firing of a blasting shot and that there was carelessness on the part of James Carson, the shot lighter or fire boss.

After the inquest Carson was detained by the Moutned Police on a warrant charging manslaughter. He was released on bail and will have a preliminary hearing on Monday morning before C. H. West, J.P.

The inquest was presided over by Coroner A. E. Humpnries. Evidence was given by Thos. O'Donnell, mine manager, and J. D. Keith, pit boss, explaining the modus operandi of the firing of shots. Carson gave evidence to the effect that before firing the shot he had examined the place with Popovitch and left the latter to connect up the wires and went to the next entry where his batteries were. He heard some one cry "Fire!" and saw a light at the point where he expected to see Popovitch. He thought it was Popovitch who called and he thereupon called "Fire!" in reply and turned the key that fired the shot. He did not enter the place again as was the practice, because he had other shots to fire and never doubted for a minute but that everything was all right.

Mine Inspector James Stirling and Acting-President Jones of District 18, U. M. W. of A., gave evidence regarding the Alberta Mining Regulations and showed that Carson had disobeyed the provisions of the Mines Act in not making absolutely sure that the place was "safe' when he fired, and also in not going into and examining the place after he had fired the shot.

Several miners gave evidence regarding the finding of Popovitch's body and to where they were standing at the time of the firing of the shot.

The jury wac composed of Ed. Pulley, foreman, George Coutts, Jacob Walton, William Grant, Samuel La Felts, Guy Roy, and was only out a short time before arriving at a verdict of carelessness on the part of Carson.

James Carson Committed for Trial for Manslaughter

LETHBRIDGE, May 29.—Testimony at the preliminary hearing of James Carson, who is charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Samuel Popovitch at the Lethbridge Collieries on the 20th of May, was pretty much a repetition of that given at the inquest, where a verdict of death caused by a premature explosion was rendered. C. H. West, J.P., after hearing the evidence, formally charged the accused, who had nothing to say. He was then committed for trial at the next sitting of the court having criminal jurisdiction in Lethbridge.

Dr. James McCracken, of Coalhurst, gave evidence that he had examined the body of Popovitch just after the accident, and had found the right half of the victim's ja wcarried away, and a portion of the right half of his neck torn open and partially fidded with coal dust and a bit of iron wire. The doctor thought that the wounds in question were sufficient to cause death, and did not examine the body further. He was also of the opinion that death could have been caused by an explosion.

The Mine Manager

Thomas O'Donnell, mine manager was called to the stand, and briefly described three different methods of placing and firing a shot.

He stated that he did not give personal instructions to the fire boss, Carson, previous to the explosion in question, but it was understood that fire bosses were also governed by the instructions in the Mines Act. He also stated that Carson's reason for not having examined the entry in which Popovitch was working, previous to switching on the current which fired the blast, was that he had several other shots to make, and as he had heard the shout "Fire!" and seen a light in the entry, which he thought was Popovitch's, he had not deemed it necessary to examine the spot, thinking that Popovitch was in a place of safety.

He also stated that Carson had instructed Popovitch to go to Mike Joyman's entry for safety.

The Pit Boss

John D. Keith, the pit boss, testified regarding the instructions on the day of the fatal blast.

Thomas Hatton, pumpman, and Mike Joyman, miner, gave testimony similar to that at the inquest. Sergeant Wade, of the R.N.W.M.P., who took notes at the inquest, was called, but the attorney for the defence objected to questions regarding the evidence taken on that occasion. Mr. West granted the objection, and the accused was committed.

Conybeare, Church and McArthur are the prosecutors for the crown, and Colin Macleod, of Macleod, counsel for the defence.

Belgian Syndicate Buys Taber Mines

Big Development in Sight in Coal Fields

TABER, May 28.—Several very important coal deals which will mean much for the development of the large coal area tributary to Taber are now pending, and will probably be closed up within the next week or two. A wealthy Belgian syndicate has purchased an extensive area just north of the town, along the river, where the quality of the coal is of the richest, and are preparing this summer to commence operations on a large scale. Another syndicate from the Pacific coast has purchased the Monarch collieries, and will operate under the name of the Monarch Consolidated. The old Monarch mines will be remodelled and additional plant installed.

It is also understood that the Canadian Northern Railway who have a charter for a road into Taber, are looking into coal properties near here.

THE SITUATION ON THE ISLAND

We are in receipt of the following telegram from Frank Farrington, International Organizer at Nanaimo, who is handling the trouble in that district:

NANAIMO, B. C., May 29.—The general strike situation on the Island is very satisfactory, and the mines at Nanaimo and South Wellington are some plenty tied up, while the output at Cumberland and Ladysmith, which has never been considerable since beginning of trouble, is gradually falling off. Western Fuel Company attempted to stampede men yesterday by offering agreement which granted small increase of wages on certain classes of labor. The men rejected the proposition and declared they will not enter into agreement except it be conducted with their organization, the United Mine Workers of America.

The same attempt was made at Jingleport mine this morning and met with similar fate. Press is deliberately misrepresenting conditions and hostile interests are using every influence to create dissention and division among the strikers. However, the men are solidly united and refuse to be deceived. Warn all miners to ignore press reports and stay away from Island until they are officially notified that strike is settled.

NOTICE

All mineworkers are requested to stay away from Vancouver Island as all union men are on strike there.

CARDEMONE versus C. N. P. COAL COMPANY, LTD.

This is a test case bringing before the courts the matter of the snowslide which occurred at Coal Creek on the 30th of last December. There is not much law available as to the liability of companies on account of snowslides, and the final disposition of this case will settle the law on this very important principle.

The case came on for hearing before a special jury on Friday, 23rd, and after the plaintiff's case had been heard, Mr. Justice Murphy expressed the opinion that he considered that there was not sufficient evidence to let the case go the jury. He finally decided to let the case go before the jury, but in view of his expressed opinion in the presence of the jury a dismissal of the action was allowed by counsel acting for the plaintiff, and an appeal will be taken from the opinion of His Lordship.

W. A. Macdonald, K.C., and A. MacNeil for the plaintiff.

P. E. Wilson and J. J. Martin for the defendant.

CULSHAW versus C. N. P. COAL COMPANY LTD.

This appeal came up for hearing before His Lordship and on account of the press of time it was determined that Counsel send in written arguments and let the case be disposed of in that way.

Official Notice

A Special Meeting of the Executive Board was held at Frank on Thursday. The first matter to be dealt with was the nominations for the ensuing election of District President. Ex-President Stubbs, with a majority of the nominations, and J. E. Smith were the only two nominees and arrangements were made to place their names on ballots according to the Constitution for the election which will be held on 9th June.

The next matter under consideration was the reports of the majority (Frank Farrington, chairman, and Wm. Lees) and the minority (T. France) re the charges preferred by Stubbs against Board Member Gray.

The majority report of Farrington and Lees found Gray guilty in all the four charges, whilst the minority report exonerated him. Reports were received by the Board and action deferred until next Board meeting. These reports will appear in the Ledger.

Situation in West Virginia

West Virginia, the Siberia of the United States, is to be investigated by Congress. Senator Kerns of Indiana has announced his intention of forcing the Federal Government to probe the infamies that were perpetrated under the forms of law and order. Martial law is to be investigated and peonage will be looked into, and the responsibility of lawlessness placed where it belongs, if the senator from Indiana can secure a favorable hearing.

Senator Kerns, after receiving a plea from Ex-Senator Watson of West Virginia begging that the investigation be dropped, concluded that it was about time for an investigation, when it became known that Watson who pleaded against investigation was one of the largest coal operators in the state.

Senator Kerns in his speech, said:

"Reports of the hunting of men across the hills as though they were escaped convicts, or wild beasts is the question and we are going to have an inquiry. Charges of violation of contract labor laws and use of martial law are among the things we will probe.

"I propose to have it shown that when federal experts investigated the conditions last year, whole pages of the report were suppressed by the department of commerce and labor.

"Do you realize that down there, within 250 miles of the national capitol, a drumhead courtmartial has for the past 30 days been trying "Mother" Jones, woman 80 years of age, who for 40 years has been engaged in humanitarian work and is one of the very greatest women in this country. She is said to know more people than any other American woman.

"There are a few things that a congressional investigation of West Virginia peonage should consider."

It is no wonder that a coal baron should raise his voice against a congressional investigation. This coal-baron as well as the other arrogant and heartless employers in the coal fields of West Virginia, know that terrorism, peonage and the suspension of civil rights have prevailed in West Virginia and that the strikers have been subjected to outrages, that make Russia look like a paradise. "Mother" Jones, against whom the venom of the coal barons has been hurled, may yet see the tyrants of West Virginia begging for mercy, for if signs do not fail, the time is close at hand when even the economic master will tremble before the rising indignation of men and women who love and loathe tyranny.—Miners Magazine.

Berger Arrives at Charleston—Starts Work at Once—Two Editors Free

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 27.—With the arrival here of Victor L. Berger, the committee of three chosen by the National Committee of the Socialist party to investigate conditions in the coal mining districts of Kanawha County and to lay their findings before President Wilson is completed.

The work of the committee will now be taken up in earnest, no detail of the charges of peonage, persecution and slaying of the striking miners by Baldwin-Felts guards, and the ignoring of constitutional rights by the authorities will escape careful consideration. The committee will leave for Paint Creek and Cabin Creek as soon as possible.

W. H. Thompson and E. D. Rambaugh, the editors of the Socialist and Labor Star of Huntington, W. Va., who were arrested about two weeks ago and whose plant was wrecked by Governor Hatfield's order, were released from jail yesterday. They declared that they would resume the publication of the Star as soon as the damage done to the plant could be repaired. They refused to give bonds to keep the peace, declaring they would talk, write and think that which they believed to be right and would still be within the law.

The threat that they would be arrested again if they dared to take up the work where they had left off, was not taken seriously. The two were in jail for thirteen days, but were never brought to trial.

Prison bars begun to loom large when the Governor issued a statement in which he declared that "deed not words, will be my next move." No names were mentioned by the Governor, but its significance is apparent.

LABOR DISPUTES IN ENGLISH MIDLANDS

LONDON, May 29—After a period of comparative calm the English industrial world is disturbed by a series of extensive labor disputes which have broken out in the Midlands. The unrest takes the form generally of a demand for a minimum wage by the unskilled workers. In nearly every case the strike was begun without giving notice to the employers. It is estimated 40,000 are on strike or locked out. The carters' strike at Bradford led to several exciting conflicts with the police yesterday.

NO BALDWIN-FELT GUARDS SHALL WORK IN FAYETTE

Letter of Sheriff Davis, of Fayette County, Has the Right Ring, and the Bludgeon and Black-Jack Shall Be Relegated to the Rear—All persons Shall Keep Within the Pale of the Law

Fayetteville, W. Va.,
May 23, 1913

Mr. Thomas Haggerty,
Charleston, West Virginia.

Dear Sir,—

An attempt is being made to organize a miners' union in Fayette county, and as serious difficulties have heretofore been encountered by your organization in its attempts to organize, and as trouble is constantly arising over this question, I want to make myself clear both to your organization and to the coal operators.

It is my intention to endeavor to maintain peace and order and uphold the law under all circumstances, and no violations of the law will be permitted if the same can be avoided by myself and deputies. I believe the miners have the same right to organize as any other class of professional or laboring men, and so long as they stay within the pale of the law it shall be my policy to give them absolute protection.

I notice that His Excellency, Governor Hatfield, has declared against the operation of the Baldwin Guard Agency, which has proven a menace to the coal sections of this state heretofore. I am in hearty accord with his policy. I do not believe the coal companies have the right to club their workingmen into submission through the agency of "paid thugs" who go about the country and assault, beat and hold up private citizens while travelling the public highways and while going about a legitimate business in a peaceable manner. The Baldwin guard system will not be tolerated in Fayette county so long as I am sheriff, because I believe its operation tends to lawlessness and is a menace to the peace and general welfare of the country.

I want to admonish you to keep all of your organizers within the pale of the law, and advise all of the miners to go about their work of organization in a quiet and peaceable manner, having due respect for the law and the officers of the law on all occasions and under all circumstances, and if this policy is pursued the miners and their organization may depend upon me for aid and assistance in the suppression of any and all unlawful attacks, holdups and seizures.

I earnestly hope that your organization and the coal companies of this county will get together on terms agreeable to both sides, and that a settlement will be brought about satisfactory to all parties interested but as above stated the "bludgeon" will not be permitted in so far as I am able to enforce the law, and if the miners or any of the organizers connected with your organization are attacked or assaulted, please report the fact to me forthwith, and I will do everything in my power to see that the guilty parties are brought to justice.

Very truly yours,
T. J. DAVIS, Sheriff.

Immediately upon receipt of the above letter, Mr. Thomas Haggerty replied to Sheriff Davis as follows:

May 23rd, 1913

T. J. Davis, Sheriff,
Fayetteville, W. Va.

Dear Sir,—Your favor of the 19th inst. duly received and contents carefully noted. We appreciate very much the exceptionally fair position you have taken relative to law and order in Fayette county, and also appreciate the assurance of protection of your office to our organizers in going about their legitimate work in a lawful and peaceable manner.

I assure you that the International Organization of the Mine Workers have always been and still are lovers of law and order and instructions given from the International Headquarters to their officers are to the effect that our representatives will be law abiding, peaceable and prosecute their work in a manner that will add dignity to the organization that they represent. We have, however, as your letter indicates, had many of our people mistreated and in some cases badly beaten up by Baldwin-Feltz gun men, even to the extent of injuring them almost beyond recovery. Hence, we appreciate the very fair position you are taking and assure you that we are not asking favors, but that we be dealt with along the lines indicated in your letter, viz:

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The Lawrence Dynamite "Plant"

Politician Received 700 Dollars From Millionaire Defendant, He Says

BOSTON, May 22,—A thrilling story of the inner secrets of the planting of dynamite to discredit the Lawrence strikers during the successful textile revolt of 1912, was narrated in Judge Crosby's court today by John J. Breen, Lawrence politician. Bluntly, Breen told how he conceived the plot and alleged that he was financed in carrying it out by Frederick E. Atteaux, president of the Atteaux Mill Supply Company, jointly indicted with William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen Company, and Dennis J. Collier, the Cambridge dog fancier, for the alleged conspiracy. Breen related at length conversations with Atteaux regarding his plan; alleged that it was welcomed by the millionaire defendant, and charged directly that when he told Atteaux he could not get the dynamite he needed to carry out the plot, the latter, by telephone, enlisted the services of Ernest J. Pittman, the contractor who killed himself the day he was to appear before the grand jury. Breen swore Pittman secured the high explosive.

The witness related how, when Atteaux met him to pay him the first instalment of the expense money, the wealthy mill supply man did not hand it over directly, but dropped it—$500 in bills—on the sidewalk of a Boston street after first telling Breen to pick up anything he saw fall.

Breen had full command of himself at all times, and when the attorneys for the defense tried to confuse him by demanding that he relate the exact words exchanged in his various conversations with Atteaux, Pittman and Collins, he insisted that he could not remember details and was permitted by Judge Crosby to "give his best recollection."

Breen, Under Minute Cross-Examination, Clings to His Original Story

BOSTON, May 23.—It was indicated today during the trial of William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen Company, Frederick E. Atteaux and Dennis J. Collins, that it would be sought by the lawyers for the defense to absolve Wood and Atteaux from complicity by placing responsibility for the conspiracy upon a man now dead.

The dead man was Ernest W. Pittman, wealthy mill constructor, who committed suicide the day before he was to appear before the grand jury.

This was made very evident today during the pross-examination of John J. Breen, the Lawrence undertaker, who, aided by Daniel J. Collins, actually planted the explosive. Breen was under a searching cross fire by Attorney Coakley, for Atteaux, for hours. He was led back and forth along the trail of the entire story, which he related on his direct examination, but generally stuck to the main points of his story.

Wood Paid Atteaux $2,600 as "Expenses in Lawrence Strike

BOSTON, May 24.—An attempt was made today to prove the direct connection of William H. Wood, president of the American Woolen Company, with the planting of dynamite in and about the City of Lawrence to discredit the strikers during the successful revolt of textile operatives in the winter of 1912.

District Attorney Pelletier introduced checks and vouchers showing payments which had been made by the American Woolen Company to Frederick E. Atteaux, wealthy dealer in mill supplies, who had been indicted with Wood and Denis J. Collins, the Cambridge dog fancier, for conspiracy.

One of the exhibits was a payment to Atteaux of $500 "for expenses incurred during the Lawrence strike."

The vouchers indicated that the payments were authorized by Wood. The check for $505 was drawn on

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Presidential Election For District No. 18

Candidate J. E. Smith States the Issue Upon which He Stands

To theMembers of District 18, U.M.W. of A.

Fellow Workers,—

At the 1912 District Convention I made a statement to the effect that I would not, in future, allow my name to go before the membership of this District as a candidate for any District Office. As the members of this District are, no doubt, aware, in 1911 I contested the office of District President with W. B. Powell, and that immediately after that election, certain charges were preferred against President Powell, relative to the manner in which he (Powell) had settled certain grievances then existing in Sub-District 1 without the consent of the officers of that sub-District. These charges were brought to a head at the 1912 District Convention, at which I was a delegate, and it devolved upon me to take a prominent part in the discussion upon those charges, therefore, in order to eliminate certain personalities which were brought into the discussion, I made the above statement to offset the feeling that I was sore at my defeat, and even then had an eye on the office of president. Were I even now to consider my personal feelings of the advisability of seeking office, I would not, for one moment, [illegible] into consideration the numerous requests from different Locals, and the persistent urging of same, and also considering the magnitude of the issue involved, I have, after careful consideration and [illegible] decided to accept nomination upon the issue involved, and upon that issue only will I stand. That issue clearly stated is:

"Whether or not the membership of District 18 approve of the action of our District Officials, and the tactics employed by them in the recent Alberta Provincial Election."

The law passed at the last District Convention reads as follows:

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

For my part, I am of the opinion that the actions of our District Officials on this occasion is a direct violation of the law passed by the District Convention of 1913 ,and is also in direct opposition to the expressed wishes of our membership, through their delegates at previous District Conventions. If elected to office I shall use my best endeavors to carry out the provisions of the above law, and that, subject to the approval of the District Executive Board, my first duty will be to see that our official organ, the District Ledger shall be a medium of education along these lines, and not as a medium to gratify the personal ambitions of any particular individual. All other affairs of the District shall receive my careful consideration and prompt attention, with the end in view, that by intelligent co-operation of the officers of this district and the membership generally, we may retrieve some of the mistakes made, and recover some of the lost prestige of our organization in this district.

No matter what the result of the election may be, I wish to take this opportunity to express my best wishes for the future welfare of District 18.

Fraternally yours,
JOHN E. SMITH.

(We must admit we are at a loss to understand Mr. Smith's remarks anont the District Ledger, and would add that since we have taken the management of this paper over every correspondent has received scrupulous consideration, and the present Executive Board have in every instance given us to understand that the policy of the paper remains much the same as it has been for the last three years. We are in the same position that other editors, have been and must be when editing this sheet, with this exception, we have no affiliations with any officer or member of the executive, and when the next executive finds a man that will suit them better, then we are perfectly ready to step aside, but in the meantime this sheet is not being used to "gratify the personal ambitions of any particular individual" and, whoever tries this on will, as far as we are concerned, receive a rather rude awakening—Ed.)

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Fire Protection of Coal Mines

By James Taylor, Inspector of Mines, Peoria, Ill.

No problem is more deserving of careful study than the saving of human life, and opinion is well nigh universal that safety must ever hold first place.

As one of the state inspectors of mines the more I investigate the causes of fires, explosions and other accidents in coal mines it appears to me that the thing to be dreaded is the human element.

Carelessness and inefficiency find their way in most mines. The wall of caution that naturally surrounds the man who digs coal is torn down completely. The working face of an entry or room is only as safe as the miner employed therein makes it. Hence the surest way to remove the accident is to educate the employes. If they do not comprehend the dangers that surround them how can they be expected to act with caution in the routine of daily work?

We read in the usual newspaper report: "Another mine explosion"; "Another mine fire," etc., and "that the mine was in excellent condition; it was a model- up-to-date mine." We shall continue to read the same reports until the human element has been instructed, while working in and about the coal mines, how best to prevent fires and accidents.

The best fire protection of mines should be the human element, which at the present time, consists of representatives from all nations. From 30 to 40 per cent are English-speaking; 60 to 70 per cent are non-English-speaking. If we are to have fire protection in mines this human element must be brought to the efficient standing of a skilled mechanic. It is unfortunate that such unskilled labor is gaining a foothold in our coal mines. The fact is before us, and a remedy is needed. Experience is fully demonstrating that neither life nor property is safe when in the keeping of densely ignorant and inexperienced men.

To make mines safe and profitable we must encourage the men working in them to obtain such instruction as will brighten, elevate and fit them to be our protectors.

When possible, all mine employes should be instructed as to dangers, prevention, cause and effective methods of fighting mine fires. Mine managers, assistant mine managers, timbermen and drivers, should be drilled in withdrawing the men from mines; and individual miners should receive instruction on the subject. Impress on all underground employes the importance of instantly investigating the slightest indication of fire. A full knowledge of a present danger is the surest safeguard; because such knowledge suggests at once the remedy, at least admonishes caution.

You know that most of our misfortunes in coal mines result from a disregard of common knowledge, a violation of elementary principles. What we lack most is courage—courage to prevent our co-workers from opening a keg of powder with a pick; courage to prevent him from violating the rules of the company; courage to refuse to be a party to expose ourselves to needless danger; courage to discharge the fellow that wilfully places his co-workers in jeopardy; courage not to load coal where the roof is unsafe; courage to carefully examine the roof and coal face before loading coal; courage to see that our working place is safe and properly and promptly timbered; courage to fight and not to run away from the first indication of fire underground.

Most of us like to shift the blame and condemn the other fellow. When the miner's roof comes down on his back it has killed him, perhaps, because he neglected to prop it. He failed to extinguish a burning canvas and his co-workers lost their lives. Would it be harsher discipline to send him home alive than to regulate matters so that an ambulance is necessary?

The miner may think it a small error that he has made by leaving his props in the cross-cut or along the track when they should have been on end supporting the roof.

Every man should know his part in promoting safety, and should be disciplined if he does not do it. Is the operator or mine manager alone to be blamed each time the roof falls on a miner, a driver is pinched, a mine fire is started? Discipline should be of the workman by the workman and for the workman. Discipline is the mine manager's and miner's most utmost need. It should be their main object, and they should urge it and enforce it.

The miner and operator should learn that it is to their advantage to lessen the losses of the coal industry. The loss of life and limb could be very materially reduced by the members of the United Mine Workers of America and the Coal Operator' Association of this State co-operating in the enforcement of every reasonable rule of safety and fire protection. Miners and operators should work as a unit in eliminating the causes of all accidents. The slogan at every mine should be: "Don't forget first-aid to preventing accidents."

The best fire-protected mines are those at which the operator gives the men a chance to develop by furnishing them with instructors at the mining camp, a night class, that makes safe and good work a matter of discussion. It puts a spirit of craft-pride in their hearts. These instructors should be men from the mine who have had practical experience. The best miner is the one with character and training who thinks for himself, who takes pride in the quality and quantity of his output, and becomes a successful and intelligent miner-mechanic.

Fire protection of mines is secured by the use of the mine telephone. As you know, we have a mine telephone law in this state that provides for a party-line telephone, which includes one telephone on the surface not more than 200 feet from the tipple, and one at the bottom of the hoisting shaft, or, in slope or draft mines, at the first cross-entries in operation. In addition thereto there must be one telephone at each inside parting. Telephone lines shall be repaired promptly when necessary. No mine official should pass these telephones at the inside parting without testing them by communicating with those in charge of the various parting telephones.

There should be a system at each mine that requires the shot firers to report by means of the mine 'phones to the night engineer the progress of their work as they go through the mine firing the shots. By this means the engineer knows at all times just about where the shot-firers are. If the shot-firers fail to report from the different stations at a certain time the engineer knows that something has gone wrong, and he summons help. If the last call of the shot-firers was from station No. 4, and they failed to call from station No. 5 at the usual time the night engineer would be able to give the approximate location of the shot-firers, and if they met with an accident might be able to save them. In case of fire the shot-firers could give the location.

At the present time we have too many bosses, face bosses, etc., to protect the miner against danger when he could and should protect himself against commonplace dangers. Care and precaution are the duty of every man just as much as if he were the mine manager. No provision of bosses will ever take the place of the miner's own watchfulness. Any man worthy of the name of a practical miner will seek his own safety and that of his fellows.

In my opinion one of the best fire protectors at our mines is to install reversible fans.

In the discussion of this question let us not confine ourselves to the opinion of any one or more persons, but pay heed to those who have had to do with the saving of life and property. In deciding the question of whether mine fans should or should not be built reversible we should be guided by the results obtained in past experience, comparing the many lives and property saved and lost where reversible and non-reversible fans were in operation. Let us have facts and not opinions on such an important subject; let us rely on those who have had actual experience with both kinds of fans.

At midnight, January 14, 1902, the tower, shaker-screen and building of the Maplewood Coal Company's Mine No. 1, at Farmington, Illinois, were on fire. On arriving at the mine the writer found the fire going down the hoisting shaft, which was the downcast. We learned that no one was in the mine, but there was danger of setting fire to the shaft and the timbers at the bottom, as well as the stables, containing twelve mules. To prevent this ke at once reversed the fan shaft, and, after seeing that the mules were safe, stationed men at the bottom of the hoisting shaft to extinguish burning timbers of the tower as they fell into the shaft. The fire destroyed the tower and dump building, but the shaft and mules were saved.

December 9, 1904, a fire was started on the main intake entry at the Sholl Brothers' mine, at Bartonville, Illinois, by a trapper dropping his lighted lamp on a quantity of hay which had been allowed to accumulate at the door he was attending. The fire burned the door, timbers and all combustible material for a distance of several hundred feet along the main entry. The mine timbers were burning fiercely and the hoisting shaft being the downcast, the air current—life line—was conveying the smoke and fire toward the working face, where 121 men and boys were working. The engineer reversed the fan, thereby reversing the air current, which prevented the fire and smoke from reaching the men and gave them sufficient time to climb the ladder in the escapement shaft. The stairs had not yet been placed in this shaft.

Let us make the life line in the mine so that we can use it to advantage whenever occasion may require.

Not long ago the tipple at the Star Coal Company's Mine No. 1, at Cuba, was burned down owing to the failure of the human element to use the fire-fighting equipment that had been provided by the company in compliance with the State mining law. The fire originated in a small tool house near the tipple and tramway. In ths was a fire extinguisher, in the nearby engine house was the necessary hose, and close to the boiler house were two large tanks full of water, with pump connections. The second engineer discovered the fire at 3.30 p.m. and gave the alarm by blowing the whistle—this mine is located one mine from town—but failed to use the means provided for fighting fire, with the result that tipple, engine and boiler house, and part of the tramway, were destroyed, making a total loss of $5,000. The fire-fighting equipment was in good working order at the time the fire started, but was of no service in extinguishing the fire, because the human element failed to make use of it for the purpose that it had been provided.

A few weeks previous to this time a fire started in a neighboring boiler house. The fireman got excited and failed to use one of the two sets of hose located in the boiler house, and the work of extinguishing the fire was left to the mine manager, who came one and one-half miles and secured the hose from the tipple and put out the fire after it had destroyed two sets of hose that the fireman had failed to use.

WM. SCAIFE DIED

Former Editor of the United Mine Workers' Journal Succumbs to Long Disease

SPRINGFIELD, Ill—William Scaife, one of the first state officials of District No. 12, U. M. W. of A., for several years editor of the Mine Workers' Journal, published at Indianapolis, Ind., and member of the State Legislature for one term, died at the Springfield Hospital, after suffering the past six months from cancer. He was aged 60 years and 17 days.

Mr. Scaife was one of the pioneer organizers of the Mine Workers of this state and held a number of executive positions in th local organizations, as well as the district.

He was elected to the legislature from Grundy County and worked in the interest of labor legislation.

The deceased was born in the County of Durham, England.

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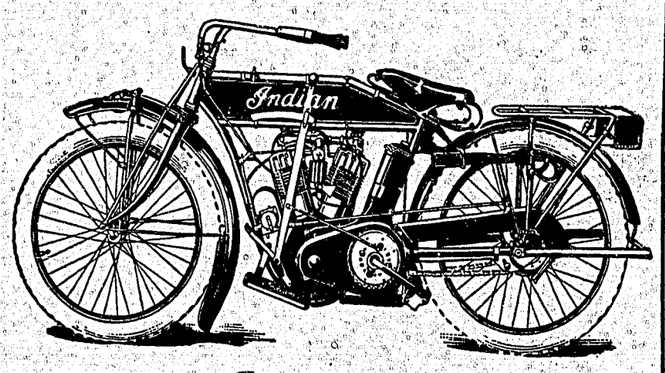

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NOTICE OF QUARTERLY DIVIDEND

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of **Seven per cent.** (7) per annum upon the paid-up Capital Stock of this Bank has been declared for the **three months** ending the 31st May, 1913, and the same will be payable at its Head Office and Branches on and after Monday, June 2nd, 1913. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th to the 31st May, 1913, both days inclusive.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Home Bank of Canada will be held at the Head Office, 8 King st., West, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 24th day of June, 1913, at 12 o'clock noon.

By Order of the Board,
JAMES MASON,
General Manager.

Toronto, April 16th, 1913.

BY-LAW TO INCREASE CAPITAL

It is the intention at the above Meeting to submit for the consideration and approval of the Shareholders a By-Law to authorize the increase of the Capital Stock of the Bank to $5,000,000.

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UNION LABEL — TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL FERNIE, B.C.

SOME LABOR STATISTICS

THE tendency of wages among the unorganized worker is downwards. Naturally, during times of strife the unscrupulous employers—and the most scrupulous—will endeavor to prevent the worker from joining the union, and one of the pet objections (?) of the employer in this prosperous, fair and broad Dominion seems to be that patriotic cry. They will tell you, if you are a miner that the States operator is seizing all the markets, and as a result will point out the calamity of having no markets for Canadian coal. When this has been aired sufficiently the poor farmer of the prairie is introduced, and you are beguiled with stories of people freezing to death. Therefore it is impressed upon you that you must return to work. To the capitalist the internatioanl union is the greatest evil that could befall the worker—while the fact that capital claims no allegiance only to the possessor is the greatest blessing.

Employers have unions of their own, but they do not call them "unions," not much. They call them "associations, corporations, trusts," etc. While meaning the same it does not sound quite so "common" to the employer. But if an association is good for the master surely it is equally good for the servant? And if imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, should not our masters be flattered? We append a few of the results of organized labor unions most of whom are affiliated with the American Federation of Labor:

Organized mineworkers last year secured an increase in wages of $8,000,000. Organized metal miners got an increase in wages during the same period of over $4,000,000.

The organized seamen got a raise last year of $1,030,000.

Men and women in the organized clothing industry secured an increase of $2,000,000, and they have secured further concessions this year because their union is growing stronger.

The union dues is one of the best investments for the worker, and there is not a man in this District who can dispute this. If he has not received back in one form or another practically every cent he has paid in dues, he is one of the minority. Right here in this district in time of disaster, fire and strike the workers have found their international union one of the first to come forward and offer substantial sympathy and support.

Irrespective of nationality, creed or color the international union is here to stay and the whining of those patriots (?) who would have us sing "My country, 'tis of thee," (tho' our stomachs empty may be) have ceased to have the slightest effect, the absurdity of their tactics is too apparent and as long as capital knows no kingdom so also must it be with the producers thereof. Without attempting to apologize, let us state plainly that we have no sympathy with the individual who would tear down and trample on every patriotic sentiment; we recognize that there are individuals who are perfectly sincere in their patriotism, and to such would say, let it remain, but relatively, in the same degree as it remains with your masters—for your material good.

City Park will be the venue for July first, it is hoped to have the grounds fenced in and [illegible] off for the enclosure. The park is one of the most picturesque spots in the neighborhood but is, we fear, in need of a little boosting from the city authorities. The Athletic Association have taken the matter up, and with the increased personnel of the executive, should be instrumental in making things lively for the First.

DISCIPLINE VERSUS ANARCHY

IN another part of this issue will be found an article dealing with the strike in Belgium, in the course of which the writer illustrates as plainly as he possibly could the wisdom of the workers in that country in reserving their strength and the commendable restraint and patience that they have shown. Here the workers forced the government to surrender, forced them to acknowledge and admit their power, but at the same time preserving a dignity and complacency that is without parallel in history. We have been in the habit of regarding the revolution as something sanguine and rapacious, when lives must be sacrificed and deeds of individual valor performed.

There was a majority of four to one in favor of accepting the governments proposals; and the minority—because it was the minority—wanted more, or to be correct, wanted a trial of strength. These people would have refused the government's pledges, would have plunged the country into a bloody war without counting the costs; they called themselves the radical element, but as a matter of fact they were the reactionaries who failed to realize their strength. The majority were, we venture to say, more progressive, more educated, more truly class conscious than the minority, for they recognized, with the wisdom of good generalship, that they had the power, but that their greatest strength was in concealing and conserving same. As the writer of the article mentioned points out, a demand for the abdication of the government would have immediately been seized upon as an act of irresponsible outlawry, and in the name of "law and order" the neighboring governments would have found a ready excuse to render such aid as was necessary to crush the working classes.

These things have not been accomplished by a pendantic bunch of "intellectuals" who have little else to do but differ one against the other in their theoretical and metaphysical philosophizing, but by the intelligence and SELF-DISCIPLINE of the workers To claim that we have left the old countries behind in our march of progress is the veriest nonsense. We are too apt to listen to the echo of our own voice and magnify our greatness accordingly. To sum the matter up—Egotism and the miserable spirit of pendantry that has sprung up among the working masses of this continent has done far more to disrupt the workers than all the alleged graft of which union officials and others have been accused of by individuals who have nothing to gain, but who, to satisfy their insatiable greed for notoriety would sacrifice not only their fellow workers—aye, even their families.

The power of organized labor, when it is intelligent, constructive and self-controlled, is so great that it is the only power on earth capable of achieving world changes without violence.

Some months ago a correspondent wrote in these columns expressing the view that the store clerks in Fernie might do worse than organize, but evidently the matter was not of sufficient moment to the clerks and they passed it up. We understand, however, that there are several gentlemen occupying positions in stores of this town who claim to be very advanced in their conceptions and philosophy, can they be tempted to take an interest in this matter? If you are "educated" and have the much desired knowledge let the workers of this town enjoy some of the fruits thereof. If you don't know how to apply it, then we fear it is not of much use. But to come to the point, to us it is indeed strange that this town, which possibly contains one of the largest trade union populations in Canada, should have no organization among its store clerks. At the coast, and even aristocratic Victoria, the half-holiday weekly is an accomplished fact; here in this town it is not mooted. Something must be wrong. We have not the least doubt that when the clerks want it, however, they will have it, but just at present they are not wanting it. Should they, however, awake and become desirous of enjoying the same privileges that are extended to their class in other towns, then, indeed, shall we be pleased.

United Mine Workers of America
District No. 18

OFFICE OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

Fernie, B, C. May 30th, 1913.

To Officers and Members
Local Unions Dist. 18.

Greetings:-

At the Executive Board Meeting held on Thursday last, the nominations for the Election of District President were duly considered, and the nominations of C. Stubbs and J. E. Smith were accepted in conformity with the Dist. Constitution. The Election as already arranged will be held on June 9th. The Ballots will be forwarded to you on Monday next and if you do not receive same by Thursday, kindly wire the District Office at once. I have to draw to your notice the fact that most of the Locals neglected to name their representative to act as neutral scrutineer, the Board, however, designated the places where these neutral scrutineers should act. You will therefore if you have not already done so appoint one of your members to fulfill this office and be governed according to the following itinerary of interchange.

Yours fraternally,
A. J. Carter
Secertary-Treas

INTERCHANGING SCRUTINEERS

CORBIN to HOSMER	FRANK to HILLCREST	CHINOOK to DIAMOND CITY
FERNIE to MICHEL	HILLCREST to BELLEVUE	KIPP to LETHBRIDGE
MICHEL to CORBIN	BELLEVUE to FRANK	TABER to KIPP
HOSMER to FERNIE	BURMIS to PASSBURG	LETHBRIDGE to TABER
COLEMAN to BLAIRMORE	PASSBURG to MAPLE LEAF	BANKHEAD to CANMORE
BLAIRMORE to CARBONDALE	MAPLE LEAF to BURMIS	CANMORE to BANKHEAD
CARBONDALE to COLEMAN	DIAMOND CITY to CHINOOK	

THE LAWRENCE DYNAMITE "PLANT"

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March 22, 1912. Another check for $2,100 was drawn on June 26, 1912, and the voucher for this was marked "in full for all claims to date." Both checks were indorsed with Atteaux's name.

Edward B. Lynch, paying teller of the Federal Trust Company, where Atteaux had a deposit, identified his signature on the bank's signature card Pelletier then had marked for identification several cancelled checks which had been either signed or indorsed by Atteaux and cashed by the Federal Trust Company. Attorney Hurlbut objected to this identification as against his client, Wood, on the ground that they were incompetent until both the signatures and indorsements on the back had been proven genuine. Attorney Coakley, for Atteaux, said they were prefectly willing to admit that his signature where it occurred was genuine and the court admitted the checks in evidence, subject to later proof of their entire genuineness.

POLICE COURT ITEMS

be speedily informed of the objects

A man named J. E. Albright, who here on information received from the R. N. W. M. P.. He is believed to be responsible for a good deal of the house-breaking which has been carried on of late through the Pass. He was taken to Blairmore last night by a corporal of the Mounted Police.

Three vagrants were brought in on Monday from Hosmer by Constable O'Connor, having been before Magistrate H. L. Brown, and sentenced to terms in jail with hard labor. They are all old offenders and well known to the officers of the law. John Dooley will have to spend four months behind the bars. Edward Trafford, commonly known as the "Top-Notcher,' will remain for three, and Harry Conley will be released in six weeks time..

Constable Logan brought in Thomas Jones, alias Thomas Hogan, who had been before B. E. Markle, J.P., of Wardner, and sentenced to three months with hard labor.

No Baldwin-Felt Guards in Fayette

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a fair, square deal, and we will be abundantly satisfied.

Again assuring you that we fully appreciate your fair attitude and that in keeping therewith, we expect our people representing our organization to act in no other way than that which will meet with the approval of yourself and all other state and county officials, we are,

Yours very truly,
THOMAS HAGGERTY

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT

(Section 48)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 20th day of June next, application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for the transfer of the License for the Sale of Liquor by Retail in and upon the premises known as the Wardner Hotel, situate at Wardner, British Columbia, from R. H. Bohart, of of Wardner, British Columbia, to Grant Downing, of Fernie, British Columbia.

GRANT DOWNING
Applicant for Transfer.
R. H. BOHART,
Holder of License.
Dated this 23rd day of May, 1913.

FOOTBALL

Crows Nest Pass League

Hosmer vs. Bellevue

The home team went down before Bellevue on Saturday last, the result being Hosmer, 0; Bellevue, 1. R. Schram handled the game.

Hosmer—A. Adamson; McQueen and Wardrop; Rice, Balderstone and Bateman; Linton, Adamson, Bain, Thornton and McKelvie.

Bellevue — H. Fisher; T. Dugdale and R. Dugdale; W. Miller, A. Tristram and H. Jepson; I. Hutton, T. Sloan, F. Parker, T. Marsh and H. Varley.

Blairmore vs. Coal Creek

Coal Creek visited Blairmore and inflicted a severe defeat on the home team, the result being 7—0 in their favor. Pete McGovern handled the game.

Blairmore—W. Fraser; Love and McGaw; Lambert, Bartlett and Foulds; Griffiths, D. Fraser, McGary, Harmer and Fines.

Coal Creek—Banns; McLetchie and McFegan; Yates, Watson and Whyte; Harper, Booth, Partridge, Armstrong and Martin.

Hillcrest vs Michel

Played at Michel and resulted in a win for the home team by 1—0. The game was fast and clean, both teams accepting referee's decision without a "kick." John Moore of Coleman deputized for M. Brennen, who was unable to attend owing to sickness.

Bellevue—J. Moore; W. Samuel and S. Hampton; R. Hampton, W. Whitehouse and J. Guest; B. Davies, S. Weaver, S. McGovern, F. Beddington and A. Moore.

Hillcrest—S. Paton; E. Marples and J. Graham; J. Pearson, A. Padgett and W. Rochester; J. Grimshaw, L. Parkinson, R. Petrie, J. Knowles L. Adlam.

Referee, J. Moore.

Coleman vs. Fernie

This match was played at Coleman and resulted in a win for the homesters by 3—0. Referee, R. Livett.

Coleman — Sudworth, S. Moore Macauley, W. Roughead, T. Jackson, J. Hunter, W. Banks, G. Kellock, A. Easton, J. Emmerson, Holmes.

Fernie—J. Anders, T. Shields, J. Mills, W. Gorrie, J. Gorrie, J. Corrigan, G. Corrigan, J. Murray, J. Gregory, P. Joinson, W. Grant.

The executive board of the Crows Nest Pass League will meet at Coal Creek tomorrow (Saturday)

League Table Corrected to Date

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	P
Coleman	3	3	0	0	11	1	6
Coal Creek	3	3	0	0	7	1	6
Bellevue	4	4	1	0	14	2	6
Michel	4	2	1	1	7	4	5
Hillcrest	4	1	2	1	6	5	3
Blairmore	4	1	3	0	2	21	2
Hosmer	4	0	3	1	2	5	1
Fernie	4	0	3	1	2	9	1

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Sports For July 1st—New City Park Will be Used if Possible—Elko Joins with Fernie

On Tuesday last the Athletic Association gathered in the offices of H. W. Herchmer for their annual meeting and the election of officers and executive. The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year:

Hon. Presidents: Mayor Gates and W. R. Wilson; President, H. W. Herchmer (re-elected); Vice-President, J. Lowe; secretary, A. Black; treasurer, J. F. Macdonald (re-elected).

It was thought advisable to enlarge the personnel of the executive, and in addition to the usual two delegates from each bona fide club or league of sport, there will be appointed two delegates from the Board of Trade, two from the Coal Company, and two from Gladstone Local U. M. W. of A.

With regard to the sports on July 1st it was decided to level and fence off a portion of the City Park, and provided this can be accomplished in time the sports will be held there, if not the football grounds will be requisitioned as in previous years.

The association will arrange for a half-mile track in the enclosure for horse racing, besides the grounds arranged for football, baseball, lacrosse, etc.

Although the citizens will be called upon to subscribe this year, it is felt that the proceeds of the "gate" should make the association independent for future years, provided the public give a fair share of patronage.

Separate committees were appointed to see to the fixing of the grounds, the collecting of subscriptions, and arranging the program of sports. They will report Monday next.

FOR SALE—Quarter Acre, cleared and cultivated, with 2 houses, 26 x 26, plastered and well finished inside, about 6 out-buildings. Good bargain for cash, or terms. Sell both houses or each separate. North side, Hand Avenue (near school) West Fernie. Apply, Thos. Saunders, West Fernie.

Any Correspondence received later than Noon Thursday, will be held over until the following week.

Classified Ads.--Cent a Word

GIRL WANTED—Apply to L. A. S. Dack, McPherson Avenue. 40-n.p.

FOR SALE.—14 dozen Aylesbury Ducks, three days old, 35 cents each. Mrs. A. Davies, Fernie Annex. 39-3tp

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FOR SALE—7 acres, house and barn one mile from Fernie, two creeks, well, etc. Easy terms. Apply to C. Ferguson, Gateway, B.C. 38-6tp

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE FOR SALE—Apply Mrs. Fred Ingram, Pellat Avenue, north (opposite Home Bakery). 39-3tp.

All kinds of Household Furniture bought in large or small quantities, also gents' cast-off clothing. Second-hand Store, Victoria Avenue North.

TAXIDERMY—As I am leaving for the old country on June 6th I am unable to accept any further orders for taxidermy work until my return in August. Con. Reese, West Fernie. 39-3tp.

FOR RENT—Four-roomed House; meat kitchen, clothes closet, electric light, water, etc. Apply, Wm. Barton, agent Singers Sewing Machine Co., City 40-3tp.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Ten-roomed House in centre of Fernie; Lot 1, Block 49, N.W. corner, Hanson and McPherson Avenue. Apply, C. Stephenson, next door to property. 40-3tp

FOR SALE—HOUSE of four rooms on half lot, Block 49, Dalton Avenue. Apply, J. Beveridge. 41-p

WANTED TO RENT—Small furnished house or housekeeping rooms. Apply, A. F. Ross, general delivery. 41-1tp

FOR SALE—One Bath-tub, one Toilet, one Sink and one hot water Tank—a Snap. Apply Thomson and Morrison, Undertakers. 1-40np

WANTED TO RENT—TWO rooms for light housekeeping. Apply "Q," c.o. Ledger Office 41-1tp

AYLESBURY DUCK EGGS for hatching, $1.00 per setting. Mrs A. Davies, Fernie Annex. 41-1tp

SEE! It's Coming! Spring! Someone will want those lots in Cedar Valley. Better see Evans about them.

FOR SALE—A profitable Poultry Ranch with five-roomed shack, incubators, brooders, brood-coops, chicken houses, over 400 head of purebred chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys; creek running through; an ideal place for poultry raising; an average of $50 per month profit for the last two years. This could be raised by devoting more time to the business. On terms to reliable party. Apply Mrs A. Davies, Fernie Annex, B. C.

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You need it—Everybody needs it—We all need a Spring blood cleanser, nerve tonic and bracer. When you get up in the morning, tired, lazy—at the breakfast table no appetite for food—at your daily work no ambition or ability—nothing accomplished all day but yawn and stretch—your system needs bracing, your nerves need settling; your energies need reconstructing. Let us show you the best Spring tonics for all ages and under all conditions, the kind that will cleanse your blood—restore your appetite—brace you up—give you desire and ability for work, play or study—a treatment in every respect that will keep you well and happy all Summer.

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FINE CIRCUS FRIDAY, July 11th

Free Circus Street Parade 10:30 a.m.

9 bands, 250 horses, open dens of wild animals, elephants, camels—400 people of all climes in native costumes will be shown in parade.

Two shows daily—afternoon at 2, night at 8, doors open at 1 and 7 p.m. Waterproof tents. Admission 25 cents to see it all.

The Natural History Of Coal

From Cambridge University, England, comes a new treatis on the "Natural History of Coal" by Dr. E. A. Newell Arber. The peculiar value of Dr. Arber's researches are not dependent upon his historic account of coal problems of the present and the past, but the problems to be triumphantly surmounted in the near future. Not only does he present the great importance of more scientific knowledge of coal, but also its prospective commercial possibilities.

He points out wisely and in good time the fact that, after all, man is largely ignorant of the composition of coal as well as the manner in which coal was formed. Most of our so-called knowledge is inference drawn from the rocks and minerals which lie below and above coal seams. Such deductions may easily be as far-fetched as many other scientific theories turn out to be. As a general proposition geologists have conspicuously failed to offer any tangible explanation about coal that will hold. It therefore remains for paelo-botanists, paleontologists and physio-chemists to throw light upon this dark matter.

The most recent discoveries about coal have been made microscopically by the French Savants, Drs. Bertrand and Renault. They soon ran down the clue and found that many kinds of coal minerals have been produced in open water, and are, for the most part, made up of the remains of certain plants. Particularly is this true with those varieties of coal that are rich in hydrocarbons and combustible gases. Bituminous shales, oils shales, bogheads, and many others are types. Much less is now known about non-bituminous coals. Indeed, the less they approach the bituminous types the less seems to be known about them. The reason of this may be because the harder the coal the less thin must its sections be when cut for microscopic purposes of investigation. To study them under the microscope it is desirable also to decolorize them; if thin slices of coal are prepared for examination under the microscope, it is usually found that those sections remain opaque even when very thin; yet coal is undoubtedly homogeneous in structure.

Luckily for the newer investigators on the nature of what coal really is most of those difficulties have at last been removed. It has now been found possible to prepare fairly thin and transparent slices by the grinding method used by stone workers. Then, by adding an appropriate dye or other coloring matter, the actual stuff present will be made apparent.

It is now generally agreed that all present-day theories about the origin of coal, such as the peat-anthracite theory, are no longer plausible. These now discredited explanations of the formation of coal in the depths of the earth are to be substituted with a theory based upon the newer biological and physio-chemical discoveries.

If it were possible, with present analytical methods, to thoroughly understand the composition of coal a tenable hypothesis as to its origin could not be constructed unless we also knew the character of the plant fossils which go to make up the body of the coal. The subsequent effects of chemical and physical conditions cannot in any way change such a theory. Therefore, it is now up to the botanist more than to any practical coal man or other scientists to instruct the world as to the correct formation of coal when originally laid down.—Mining World.

News of The District Camps

COAL CREEK

The mines were idle on the 24th, the people of this camp spending the holiday in various ways.

The football club journeyed to Blairmore on the 24th to fulfil their league engagement. The "boys" certainly romped around Blairmore, as the score 7—0 points out. Blairmore committee deserve credit for the royal manner in which our boys were treated whilst among them. The catering was all that could be desired.

The "Junior" Football team journeyed to Michel on Saturday last to play Michel Juniors, but owing to some bungling somewhere, when they arrived they were informed the match was off. However, better councils prevailed, and a team was organized to play Coal Creek kids. The game ended in a win for Michel. Result, Michel 5; Coal Creek, 4. Who was the little Michel boy that was running around the field shouting, "Aye, my daddy's knocked a lad down!"? Not much "kid" about Michel players.

A bunch of enthusiasts of the river and all that is contained therein, spent the week-end with the rod. Some very nice baskets were the result of their exertions. The river was rather dirty, they say.

The dance held in the Club Hall on behalf of the Football Club was a great success from a social standpoint. A bigger charge ought to have been made. Trites-Woods kindly supplied the tea and coffee, for which the committee tender thanks.

A grand smoking concert was held in the Club Hall on Saturday evening, Mr. Joe Worthington controlling the gathering in a masterly fashion. The following entertained the boys with songs, etc: J. McMillan, song (encore); Wm. Yates, song (encore); P. Egan, song; Joe Millburn, song; Jim Dixon, song; Joe Worthington, song; W. Newberry, song; W. Wilde, song (encore); Jack Millar, song (encore); Mike Punoc, song; Joe Buchanan, song; C. Savory, recitation; G. Knox, song; D. F. Markland, song; Ed. Hardy, song. Charlie Percy was the accompanist. Everybody feeling good.

Quite a large crowd of the gentler sex took in the pictures at the Grand on Saturday. Everybody well pleased with the staging, etc., of the "Tracking of the Black Hand."

The scenery for the Amateur Dramatic Society has arrived, and the committee have been very busy during the last day or two making all complete for the stage settings.

The great tradegian, Kemble Make-Ready Jones, will positively appear at the benefit concert on Monday next in the Club Hall. Come early and avoid the rush.

If you want to spend a good night on June 2nd take in the benefit concert and dance at the Club Hall. Tickets for concert and dance, only 50c. For dance alone, 50c.

The Crow's Nest Pass Football League are holding their executive meeting in the Club Hall on Saturday next, May 31st, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

The football club entertains Fernie club up here on May 31st. We anticipate a good gate and a good game. Mr. J. Turnbull, of Hosmer, is the knight of the whistle for the game. Coal Creek line-up is as follows: Goal, T. Banns; backs, J. McLetchie and W. McFegan; halves, Yates, Parnell and Whyte; forwards, Harper, Booth, Partridge, Armstrong and Johnstone; reserves, A. McFegan and J. Manning. Kick off 6 o'clock.

The Shiveree Band was out again on Wednesday to give a welcome to the blushing bride of Billy Green. Mrs Green (nee Miss Annie Kershaw) hails from Standish, Lancs., Eng., and was married in Fernie immediately on her arrival. Mr. and Mrs. Green have taken up their abode in Coyote Street, and we bid them welcome amongst us. The boys thank you for the "Mutzine," Billie, and wish you both a happy life.

Peter Bentham, from Standish, Lancashire, England, arrived in camp on Wednesday afternoon, and is staying with his brother, Albert, in Morrissey Cottages. We welcome thee in gradely Lanky fashion, Pete. What does tho' think o' t'hills, lad?

That hardy bird, the stork, has not got shot yet, for he was seen perching on the house of Jim Parson's, Morrissey Cottages, on Thursday morning, and when removed he had left a bouncing boy to gladden the hearts of Jim and his wife. Pleased to say that mother and baby are doing well. Jim is still smiling.

Richard Brooks sustained injuries to his foot through being crushed between trip cars, while following his employment as miner in No. 1 East Mine on Wednesday evening.

Died

SHANKS—On Tuesday afternoon, from pneumonia, Alexander, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Shanks, aged six months. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Pearson, of Presbyterian Church officiating at the graveside. The sympathy of the residents go out to the bereaved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shanks desire to thank the residents for the many expressions of sympathy extended to them during their recent sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Robichaud drove into camp on Sunday last to take in the sights of our beautiful burg with its high rushing waters, etc. Tut, tut!

If you want to see the humors of a down South barber shop take in the concert on Monday, June 2nd. Come and hear Pompey Suds, Jumbo, and also eJrico in his great stump speech. Tickets 50c. for concert and dance.

Don't forget the Derby day, Coal Creek vs. Fernie, on Saturday, 31st. Come and boost for the boys in red.

The inauguration ceremony of the Loyal Order of Moose, Fernie Lodge 1355, will take place in the K. P. Hall on Monday, June 2nd, at 7.30 p.m. All candidates are requested to hand in their medical examination slips to the responsible parties who issued the application forms, before June 2nd. After the inauguration a concert and social will be held, commencing at 9 o'clock. All candidates can obtain an invitation card for a friend by applying to the party who issued the application form. Any person desiring to join the Loyal Order of Moose can do so by communicating with James Stirling or R. Billsborough.

BELLEVUE NOTES

Mr. James Stubbs made a business trip to the North Fork on Friday.

Doctor Delaney is in camp attending to Doctor Mackenzie's practice while he is on his vacation.

Mr. Barney Irio was at Macleod this week on business.

The many friends of Mr. William Grafton are glad to see him around again. He has been sick for a long time.

Bellevue Local Union held their meeting on Wednesday last. It had been postponed from Sunday on account of the funeral of the late Thos. Janigo.

The Crow's Nest Hardware Company who have been doing business in camp for some time, have sold their stock and Stephen Humble has bought it. Mr. Humble has decided to build a warehouse on to his store to accomodate his ever-increasing trade.

The Order of Eagles are now occupying their new hall over the Bellevue Drug Store.

The Bellevue tailor has moved his business from the Hart Block to the store adjoining A. I. Blais' store.

Everyone is doing it! What? Painting their places of business. Good times for the painters.

The football team had a good practice game on Thursday night.

Inspector Aspinall paid the Bellevue mines a visit again this week.

Some of the Bellevue boys are attending the examination for miners' certificates at Frank this week. Some are after pit boss papers and others aspire to fire boss. Hope you are successful, boys.

Mr. Fred Padgett was nominated from the Macleod District meeting to the annual Methodist Conference at Medicine Hat this week. He leaves with the Rev. W. Irwin immediately.

Mr. David Hyslop, of Coleman, will occupy the pulpit at the local church on Sunday, June 1st.

Six of the Bellevue Band went to Coleman on Saturday to help out the town band there at the sports.

Billie Chappell's mare, Queen of the Woods, captured first place in the pony race at Cowley on Saturday.

Mr. Watson, of Frank, is now in camp managing the Bellevue Drug Store.

Mr. Edward Dicken arrived in camp this week from Denby Main, Yorkshire, England.

Mr. Joseph Stephenson was in camp on a visit to his brother this week. He returned home to Chinook on Saturday.

Mr. Jack Clark and Edward Barker arrived in camp this week from Yorkshire, England.

Quite a crowd of people took in the sports at Passburg on Saturday. Miss Olive Goodwin brought home a nice prize.

The Bellevue Band gave an open-air concert on Sunday afternoon. The program consisted of some eight numbers.

The Bellevue Local Union refrained from nominating any one for the position of President at their meeting on Wednesday.

An Italian miner was slightly injured at No. 2 Mine on Wednesday by a fall of coal. He is doing fairly well at the hospital.

The Bellevue Band will give an open-air concert on Sunday afternoon, June 1st, weather permitting. The following program will be rendered: March, "Third Grenadier Guards"; fantasia, "Continental Tour"; air, "Death of Nelson"; selection, "Hibernia"; march, "The Ambassador"; military patrol, 'Advance and Retreat"; Selection, "Songs of Sunday"; God Save the King.

HOSMER NOTES

A party of Hosmer's smart set were served with summonses for causing a breach of the peace at Fernie recently. The matter was hushed up as nothing further has been heard Quite a difference between miners others breaking the law it seems.

Jack McKay had the misfortune to badly sprain his ankle while trying to emulate Frank Gotch, which will result in him being chained down for awhile.

J. Grant gave an invitation dance in and others breaking the law it seems. night last in honor of Empire Day.

A bunch of local capitalists have formed a combine and taken over the management of the Royal Hotel. They started the ball rolling with a big powwow, dancing and beer sampling being large items on the program. Watch things hum!

Messrs. W. White and H. McDonald left Saturday morning for Vancouver to take in the Knights of Pythias Convention, and incidentally to have a good time.

Hosmer met Bellevue in a league fixture Saturday last, the 24th. There was a big crowd on hand to witness the game. Hosmer were confident of gaining the points, and included the two Adamsons transferred from Fernie, in their line-up. Bellevue won the toss and set Hosmer to face a strong sun, which, as events turned out, proved to be their undoing. The first half was a cracker, with Hosmer forcing the pace, but being unable to get the leather between the uprights. Close on half-time a misunderstanding between Hosmer's defence resulted in Marsh managing to scrape the ball into the net for Bellevue with what proved to be the winning goal. Hosmer started the second half with great intentions, but they had taken too much out of themselves before the interval, and with Bellevue defending stubbornly and having a little luck in between, Hosmer had to retire beaten, after having most of a game in which the defence on both sides bore off the honors. Mr. Schram, of Coal Creek, was referee.

George Miller left for Frank Sanatorium to try and get his rheumatism boiled out. Here's hoping you succeed George.

The baseballers journeyed to Waldo on the 24th to try and land the $100, but, like the footballers, have a hard luck story to tell, being nosed out by a 3—2 score.

John Becket is some bridge man, that is to say he knows all about those structures that grace the B. C. highways. Of course its the last thing to do to throw slurs on John's capability. We know there is a given amount of money to be spent on the roads, and after all it doesn't really matter how its spent. Well, let it go at that!

The sound of the fire alarm the other night caused quite a bit of excitement, but the blaze proved to be nothing more than a pile of rubbish. However, the call resulted in the fire brigade being alert, and showing their efficiency.

Hosmer Local donated $50 towards the victims of the explosion at Findlayville, Pennsylvania. (Something really useful, Hosmer.)

A bunch of our ambitious ones were at Fernie Monday and Tuesday for the examination for fire bosses.

Tom Fitzpatrick has quit his job as fire boss on B Level and is at present inhaling all the fresh air he can find.

Fernie Juniors came down to Hosmer with their war paint on, Saturday last, and challenged the juvenile Hosmerites to a game at football, who speedily accepted same, the result ending in a draw of one goal each.

What price the old cry 'Stay with the town and district and always try to help the town"—that is to say, do your trading at home, and don't send any money to Timothy E——. Those people who are so vociferous in voicing their sentiments on above lines sometimes form associations to further the above object. But say, isn't it ludicrous to see outsiders kalsomining some of our prominent buildings? Who said Hosmer for the Hosmerites; support home industry and get your printing done in Spokane.

The Hosmer Adult Bible Class will hold an ice cream social in the Odd Fellow's Hall, on Wednesday next, June 4, commencing at 8 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to all No charge for admission.

MICHEL NOTES

On Thursday evening last a splendid four reel film, entitled "Petrosino," was put on at the Opera House and thoroughly enjoyed, it being somewhat out of the ordinary run of films.

A dance was held in the Opera House on Friday night, when only a moderate crowd put in an appearance to tip the light fantastic. Must be getting a little stale now the warm weather has arrived, eh, Joe?

On Saturday quite a number of Michelites boarded the passenger train's both east and west, mostly East, though, to take in the different sports and celebrations which were held down the line, it being Empire Day. The Michel team of baseball players returned all smiles, having won the prize money at Coleman. The amount was $60, and the score 8—3.

The Coal Creek Juniors arrived in Michel on Saturday morning to play a friendly game with the local juniors, although messages had been sent to postpone it for that day, on account of some of the locals having made other arrangements previously. However, by the aid of three players a little above the 'junior" class a team was got together, and a good game resulted in a win for Michel by 5—4.

The Seniors made the trip to Hillcrest and brought back two points by scoring the only goal of the match, and therefore atoned a little for their shortcomings when opposed to the same team the first match of the season at Michel. It was a good game played under trying circumstances, the sun being so hot and further changes having to be made in the team. Michel was fortunate in doing so well, seeing that the team undergoes such changes every week. Tom McGovern played centre forward and scored the goal; Albert Moore taking the place of Alf Ball at outside right, and Sim Weaver was moved from half-back to inside left, to fill the vacancies caused by Harry Brown's retirement from the game. The Michel Brass Band accompanied the team to Hillcrest and played selections of lively music during the game, and everybody returned in high glee, full of praise for the way in which they were received by the crowd of the Hillcrest camp, also the players and their officials. Such treatment deserves appreciation.

T. G. Harries, now secretary of the Passburg Local and the other small camps, paid a flying visit to Michel last Friday week. Must have been important, Tom, when you didn't have time to visit some of your old aquaintances.

Another old-timer was in camp during the early part of the week in the person of A. S. Julian. Alf says he is not a miner now, and judging by his appearance he don't look it, either.

We notice quite a change having taken place in the store of the Trites-Woods Co. of late. Mr. Charlie Spence and his lieutenant, Mr. James Stewart having changed places with Mr. Geo. Oliver and Mr. Cassidy, the former now having charge of the New Town Store and Mr. Oliver being in charge of Old Town. What would be much appreciated by the inhabitants of old town is a more up-to-date store than the one at present in use, and some time to come. Being the only store in town we expected seeing a new one in the course of erection ere now; but, alas! there's nothing doing —it's only a mining camp—

The team to do duty against Bellevue on Saturday at Bellevue is as follows: Goal, Jim Moore; full backs, Wm. Samuels and Sam Hampton; half backs, J. Guest, Bob Hampson and Sim Weaver; forwards, A. Arden, Fred Beddington, Joe Littler, another, and Bert Davis; reserves, A. Moores and Jess Bisco.

The billposter has been very busy this week decorating the town and filling all the available space with posters, to announce the coming of "Yankee" Robinson's famous three ring circus, which is due to arrive in Fernie on June 10th.

"Shall we celebrate?" is the question to come up at a public meeting on Thursday evening for the holiday on "Dominion Day," July 1st. The Athletic Association are anxious to know the public opinion; surely something ought to be done if only for the sake of the kiddies, and Michel wants a little to liven things up—it's been a long time dead.

TABER NOTES

Victoria Day passed off very quietly in Taber. There was no sports of any kind. A number of people took in the celebration at Garry Lake.

The Taber Football Club is entering a team in the District League. It is to be hoped that the League lasts a little longer this year than last. There is no baseball team in this town this season, so a good football team will likely get good support.

A concert is being held in Cousin's Hall on Wednesday night in aid of St. Theodor's Church.

Ed. Brown is building an addition to his house this week.

Pat Jordan, of Chinook, was a visitor in town on Saturday. He spent the day in renewing old acquaintances.

An old timer was in town today in the person of Jim Boyle, who was suing a mine operator at Coal City for his wages. It seems that when Jimmy quit the man Burford gave him short time, and held back his yardage and some coal. The case was up before Magistrate Layton, and he decided in favor of Boyle. However Burford asked for leave to appeal, which was granted.

The young son of Bert Wright, the jeweler, had a narrow escape from death on Saturday. The boy was climbing on the roof of a shed to get a ball and lost his hold, falling to the ground. The blow rendered him unconscious. Doctors Harris and Leach were called and it was about 10 o'clock before the boy regained consciousness.

John Ross, chief inspector of schools for the province was in town last week on business in conection with the schools.

E. Ainsworth, superintendent of roads, was in town this week.

The ladies of the Catholic Church are having a pantry and apron sale in the sample room of the King George Hotel on Saturday, May 31.

Taber now has an industrial commissioner, F. C. Campbell, of Seattle, is the man. He will be paid jointly by some real estate men of Calgary, and the Taber Board of Trade, who will get the money from the town council.

The Ogilvie Flour Mills Co. are intending to erect an elevator here this season.

Our old friend Bob McAllister was in town on Monday with a load of grain. Bob is one miner who is making a success of farming. He is going in for raising seed wheat as a specialty. Bob took first prize for a sheaf of wheat at the Taber exhibition last fall.

Walter Gwilliams was in town from his homestead on Tuesday. Walter has nearly two hundred acres of crop in this year.

The Canada West Mine started work on Wednesday after being idle nearly two weeks.

The compensation case of John Curlock was decided in his favor. Judgment was for one hundred and fifty dollars.

The Eureka Mine has opened up again. It is rumored around town that a new company has taken it over with W. K. Bullock as manager.

Work is proceeding on the foundation of the new electric light plant. The work necessitates taking out a part of the concrete flooring of the power house and in breaking this down on Wednesday Ernest Marsh received a bad cut over the eye from a piece of stone.

The son of George Shaefer is recovering. It comes pretty heavy on a man at this time of year to pay doctor's bills. At the time of the accident neither of the mine doctors were in reach and Dr. Harris was called on and Schaefer had to pay him 15 dollars. It is about time some arrangement was made, so that a man who pays a monthly fee to a doctor should not be soaked in this manner.

Jim Wilson has sold his property south of the track.

The "made-in" Canada train will stop in Taber on June 3rd. Last year this train did not carry an article made by union labor.

BEAVER MINES

One of the most successful concerts ever held at Beaver Mines took place on the night of the 23rd inst., under the auspices of the newly formed orchestral society in the Pioneer Hall, and was very largely attended and proved a huge success. The following program was rendered: First part—Address by the Chairman, Mr. W. T. Hamilton; march, Under the Dougle Eagle, Orchestra; song, Mrs. McVicar, Dreams, Just Dreams; piano solo, Miss Dorris Secotte; song, Mrs. T. J. Moore, Garden of My Heart; Girl; violin solo, Mr. J. Crawford; song, Mr. H. Drew, Where the River Shannon Flows; Royal Mail, Orchestra; comic selection, Mr. A. Hamilton; violin solo, Master A. Secotte; song, Master W. Huff, Just Before the Battle Mother; song, Mrs. McVicar, I want to be in Dixie; piano solo, Miss Dorris Secotte; song, Mr. W. T. Moody, "I'm the Bloke that Brought the Coals; song, Mrs. T. J. Moore, Silver Threads Amongst the Gold; two-step, Cracker Jack, Orchestra; song, Mrs. R. Stienhouse, I'll take you home again, Kathleen; violin solo, Mr. J. Crawford; song, Mr H. Drew, Annie Laurie; Hooligan's Cake Walk, Orchestra; comic selection, Mr. A. Hamilton. Mr. J. Crawford officiated as conductor and the whole of the artists gave a very creditable display, creating roars of laughter and applause. This was followed by a ball and supper, over forty couples taking part. The promoters of this concert, and especially the ladies who so kindly gave the supper cannot be too highly praised for their efforts, and were deserving of the success achieved. It is only hoped that this is a commencement of a series of these concerts. Undoubtedly we are in for a good time at Beaver Mines. Good luck to the boys of the orchestra and their future efforts.

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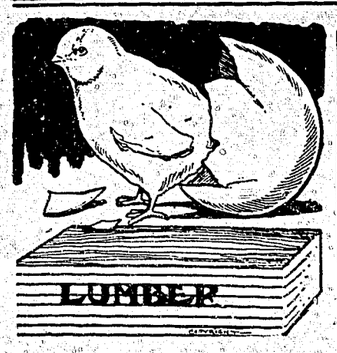

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"Why, only a day or two ago," continued the magistrate, "eight men came down here from Rocky Mountain House and wanted to get jobs in British Columbia. They arranged it through these agencies and woke up to find themselves back at Rocky Mountain House. They had been shipped back to the foreman they had just left. Two hundred men are brought into this city for every fifty men called for, and the result is that men are standing idle at every turn. When it isn't done openly it goes on secretly.

"As for the Associated Charities handling these men—that's all nonsense," continued Magistrate Sanders. "These men try their best to keep away from the Associated Charities. They are not the kind of men who want to go there. They aren't in the charity class. I do not mean to say that the Associated Charities do not do any good. They do good, but you are not going to get these people there for work."

This severe castigation of local employment agencies was made by Col. Sanders in the course of an interview between the advisory board of the Municipal Labor Bureau and the legislative committee relative to the affairs of the bureau, which was recently abolished by the city council. The interview had been arranged by Miss Wileman in an effort to have a readjustment or a reorganization on new lines. So far as Miss Wileman's object was concerned, the meeting was a failure, but Col. Sanders took advantage of the opportunity to give some straight talk to the aldermen present on the condition of affairs.

"I think I could show that Calgary has reaped a big return from the money expended on the bureau," he asserted. "The suffering from lack of employment in this city was less than ever before.

"Of course, I know the objection to the management. I understand that feature of it. But from what I have observed I should say that Miss Wileman is quite able to handle this sort of work. She is familiar with it. I admire her pluck, although I must say that I don't think it is the right position for a woman to be in."

Mr. Harold Riley, who was also present as a member of the advisory board of the Municipal Labor Bureau, introduced the discussion by stating that he thought some representation should have been made to the board other than what had been published in the newspapers. He thought that something might have been gained by consulting the board when trouble first arose. None of the members, who constitute R. B. Bennett, M.P., William Georgeson, Col. Sanders and Harold Riley, had received any official notice. Alderman George Ross was under the impression that the board had ceased to exist when the organization was completed last year. He explained that there had been no intention of slighting the advisory board. The bureau had been abolished because the city felt that the returns did not justify the deficit of $2,100.

Miss Wileman was accorded a hearing. She stated that the investigation had been conducted while she was away and the information given to the council was very limited and was not in any way indicative of the work done. The treasurer's statement only included the amount of money turned in after all bills were paid and was only a fraction of the money received. She claimed that 2,500 persons had been placed during the year. She had been dealt with most unfairly. She thought, as the investigation had been carried on while she was in Ottawa, on leave of absence from the mayor, and at her own expense, to promote a Dominion scheme of labor bureaus, and she had never been given one single chance to explain.

The work was just opening up this year and she had only commenced organizing for the season. At the time of the investigation she had just secured the consent of the C. P. R. to take its hotel labor from the west in future instead of carrying men from Montreal.

The action of the council had given an important movemetn a black eye at a critical time. It would have been an easy matter for the council to rectify any mistake in management or to charge any officials rather than abolishing the bureau altogether.

Alderman Carscalen explained that nothing could be done in the way of re-establishment except by a new by-law passed by the council.

The interview concluded without any resolution one way or another from the legislative committee. The inference was that the matter was dead. The committee was apparently not sympathetic to Miss Wileman's efforts.—Alberta Federationist.

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A Futile Act

The Lemieux Act will prove futile in the long run.

When the basis of society has shifted and a new class is prepared to rise to supremacy, the act made to keep the new class in subjection may cause the rise of the new class to be more violent, but that is all.

The feudal lords refused to allow the capitalist class a say in the government, and the French revolution resulted.

The conspiracy laws of Great Britain forbade two workers getting together to discuss their wages, and a reign of violence began which ended only with the repeal of the conspiracy laws.

Women in England have not the right to vote. They are adopting violent tactics. Now the right of speaking in public places is being taken away from them. This but drives their agitation underground, and makes it more dangerous.

The taking away of the right of picketting from the working class will cause the working class to adopt the tactics of the Industrial Workers of the World. It will cause the Canadian courts to be regarded with more disrespect than ever.

Laws and courts are only respected when the majority of the people consider them just and enforcing just laws. When this sentiment lacks, then the courts fall in repute.

Bill Haywood in the states has been plastered with injunctions from head to foot. He has treated them as simply waste paper.

I do not think the Canadian workers will submit to the Lemieux Act. No doubt, when sentiment becomes a little more crystallized, general strikes will be inaugurated in Canada to protest against political restrictions and laws which hinder the workers from taking full advantage of selling their commodity, labor power, for the best possible price they can force their exploiters to pay.—Cotton's.

Contempt of court judgments against Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, the labor leaders, for their violation of a courts injunction in the noted Buck Stove and Range case were affirmed today by the district court of appeals, but the jail sentences imposed were held to have been too severe. The court reduced Gompers' sentence from one year to thirty days, and declared that Mitchell and Morrison merely should be fined $500 each.

"The Supreme Court of the United States undoubtedly will be asked to again review the decision.

"Unlike previous decisions in this case, which have been unanimously against the labor leaders, the court of appeals was divided. Chief Justice Shepphard dissented, held that contempt of a federal court was a criminal offense and that the statute of limitations had run in the case."

The new premium list for the Spokane Interstate Fair is out and contains an unusually liberal list of prizes for exhibits from individual farms and ranches. It is surprising that more people in this section do not compete at this show, as the prizes are well worth trying for. We have received several copies of this list and anyone wishing same may get one at this office, or copy will be mailed on request to the Fair Association. We note that the Fair is to be held the week of September 15th, two weeks earlier than usual.

A press report from Cardiff, Wales, states that the issue of £2,000,000 of stock of the Cambrian coal combine, the latest undertaking of D. A. Thomas, the British coal magnate, was a success. The common stock is being dealt in freely at a premium of 20 per cent.

Survey of the Great Belgian Strike

By a vote of four to one the representatives of the Socialist unions of Belgium ratified the act of their leaders in parliament and the most remarkable strike in history came to an end in the surrender of the Belgian government to the demands of the strikers.

The one-fifth that voted against calling off the strike represents the more radical element. This element favored continuing the strike until the government was forced to immediate surrender.

The conservative element in the trade unions all over the world will laud the action of the four-fifths who voted to give the government time to make the necessary changes that will bring to the Belgian workers the one man one vote system.

The radical element in the trade unions all over the world will laud the action of the one-fifth who voted to continue the strike until the government was forced to immediate surrender.

We believe that history will show that the four-fifths were right and the one-fifth were wrong.

We believe they acted in that supremely wise manner that lays the foundation for permanent results.

Just at the moment that they discovered that they possessed a power greater than the government, they refrained from using it abruptly to overturn a hostile government, but gave that government a chance to make changes and modifications in the direction of justice and democracy.

The main object of the strike had been accomplished; the working class had made a demonstration of power and capacity never before dreamed of in the history of the world. To follow this with a demonstration of self-restraint, patience and self-control unparalleled in the history of the world, constitutes in our estimation the most impressive thing in the history of labor.

Such an example of self-discipline impresses the ruling classes far more with a sense of working class power than even the solidarity that won the strike.

..For the power by which you master yourself is far greater, far more impressive, far more useful to society and civilization than the power by which you master your foes.

Confronted by this double manifestation of power the ruling class of Belgium understands in no uncertain manner what it will have to face if it fails to redeem its pledges; for in refraining from pushing to the limit its new-found power, the Belgian working class has made its position doubly strong for the future. It will be far easier to launch a general strike in the future; a second call will bring a far larger and more immediate response.

By their act of self-control in the hour of triumph the Belgian workers have laid the true and only foundation of permanent power solidarity—confidence in themselves and the unmeasured respect of their enemies.

If the Radicals Had Won

Suppose, instead, the radical attitude had prevailed and at the moment when the government had promised to take steps with its slow and cumbersome machinery to reform the suffrage of Belgium the unions would have thrown into their teeth, "We accept no compromise, we demand immediate surrender. You will have to immediately abandon all your own laws and constitutions and break them yourselves in order to give us what we demand."

In the first place, the example of an entire class by its economic might demanding an immediate abdication of government and law—asking the government to break the existing laws, would in all likelihood have precipitated upon it the opposition of international capitalism.

Such a demand would be considered by the prevailing opinion of the world as an act of irresponsible outlawry. With the cry that order and law was threatened by a mob, the neighboring governments would have easily found excuse to render such aid as was necessary to crush the working class of Belgium.

In the second place, such an attitude would have alienated all that large class of workers who now waver between the old society and the new and it would have cut off the support of that element in Belgium outside the workers who supported the strike.

Thus weakened, had they failed to force their demand, they would have had to face a defeat that would have put the working class movement of Belgium back almost a generation.

A second general strike would not have been possible for many years and this splendid engine of power that has been built up by a generation of labor and sacrifice would have gone temporarily to smash.

Now the engine is intact; it can be used at any time, and it is stronger than ever.

The winning of the Social revolution by the workers depends upon the building up of an intelligent and self-disciplined majority; such a majority cannot be built up without gaining the allegiance of the large neutral element that has a social rather than a class interest. This element is bound to join that class that displays the greatest sense of social justice and social responsibility.

Lessons From the Strike

The Belgium strike is an historic example of what the working class can do when it is class conscious, well organized and has developed a constructive policy and an element of strong, wise and thoughtful men.

It is an example of that condition to which all labor is growing. It is a glimpse of the future of even benighted American Labor, for we are all passing through the stages through which Belgium and German labor has passed.

We are all slowly and painfully rising to that mature development that spells the quiet self-contained power that accomplishes bloodless revolutions and re-makes the world.

By means of their unions, their Socialist party and their great co-operative movement, the Belgian workers have attained something that all the workers will yet attain.

To reach this point of power is to reach a point in the inspiring drama of world transfiguration toward which all the forces of the world have toiled since the beginning of time.

For the power of organized labor, when it is intelligent, constructive and self-controlled is so great that it is the only power on earth capable of achieving world changes without violence.

The strike is the most grossly misnamed thing in the world, for it does not consist in striking or smiting but in the very opposite—in peacefully refusing to be worked.

It is the useful element simply withdrawing from production until the world makes terms with it.

It is the new way of fighting simply by folding the arms and doing nothing.

That the time has come when conflicts can be won simply by folding the arms speaks eloquently of the advance of civilization.

The wonderful thing about the Belgian strike is that it worked true to this program and that a half million workers wrested a political victory from the master class that could not have been so won in any previous period of the world's history without an armed uprising.

An equally wonderful feature of the strike is that violence had been rendered impossible simply because the government's violent arm—the army—had been rendered powerless by the propaganda of Socialism.

No strike that ever happened before has as clearly shown the utter and essential weakness of the owning class and the utter and essential strength of the working class in a struggle where the working class has really reached a condition bordering on matured development.

With the workers in the industries class conscious, and solidly united and the workers in the army and navy equally class conscious, there is no possibility of bloodshed in such a conflict and no possibility of the master class winning. The individual capitalist will surrender any principle to escape immediate loss of his property through the complete suspension of industry.

This is a lesson particularly to those American workers who have been taught by selfish and blind misleaders that Socialism means violence and unrestrained radicalism and the destruction of real trade unionism, for here we have an example of what matured Socialist unionism really means.

It is the only kind of unionism that makes war, violence and blood-shed impossible and makes the bloodless change of the world and the emancipation of labor possible.—The Inter-Mountain Worker.

The United Mine Workers in Iowa are planning the creation of a legal department to prosecute personal injury cases of members.

The Legislature of Oklahoma has passed a law, effective July 1, forbidding the shooting of coal from the solid. It is provided that thereafter the coal to be shot down shall be cut to a depth of at least six inches greater than the length of the hole in which the explosive is to be placed.

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For our Foreign Brothers

STRAJK V WEST VIRGINIJI SE NI KONCAN

Mati Jones še Vedno v Krempljih Vojaške drhali. Barbarske razmere tamakaj vpijejo do neba

Pred par tedni bila po dnevnem časopisju raznešena vest, da je premogarski štrajk v Paint in Cabin Creek distriktu West Virginije končan in da se premogarji vračajo na delo.

Ta vest ni bila resnična! Paul J. Paulsen, član mednarodnega odbora U. M. W. A., poroča iz Charlestona, da štrajk še ni končan in da glede sporazuma so premogarji in lastniki premogokopov tako narazen kakor so bili v začetku štrajka. Resnica je, da je Governer Hatfield predlagal nekakšen "kompromis," po katerem naj bi strajkrpi dobili devet urni delavnik in plačo dvakrat v mesecu. Do sedaj so delali deset ur in plača je bila enkrat ve mesecu. Baroni premoga so sprejeli "kompromis" in premogarji so 26. aprila sklicali konvencijo v Charlestonu, da se dogovorijo, kaj je storiti. Po viharnih debatah so premogarji sklenili, da sprejmejo "kompromis" pod pogojem če lastniki premogovnikov ne bodo nasprotovali uniji. Zadnji pa niso hoteli o tem ničesar slišati. Premogarji so apelirali na guvernorja, toda governor jim je zagrozil, da jim da 36 ur časa, da se povrnejo na delo drugače bodo vsi zaprti ali deportirani. Na ta brutalni odgovor guvernorja so štrajkarji seveda opustili vsako nado za kak sporazum in sklenili so nadaljovati boj do strajnosti.

Polo6aj v sapadni Virginiji je sedaj sledeči:

Governor Hatfield je sam v štrajkarskem okolišu na čelu svoje vojaške bande in goni premogarje v rove, kateri se dajo goniti in tlači druge v zapore.

Mati Jones, angelj rudarjev in premogarjev, je še vedno v vojaških zaporih v Prattu in ž njo vred je zaprtih enajst drugih socialistov, katere čaka ječa ali pa vislice pod barbarsko strahovlado guvernerja Hatfielda.

Guverner je na lastno pest zatrl socialistični tednik "The Labor Argus" v Charlestonu in zaprl tiskarno, da list ne more več izhajati. Uredniki lista so v zaporu.

Premogarji so pregnani iz hiš, ki so večidel lastnina baronov premoga in nastanili so se v šotorih na zasebnih lotah dobrosrčnih ljudi.

Nasilje v W. Virginiji prekaša že vsako človeško potrpežljivost. Zapadna Virginia je izmed vseh 48 držav najbolj nazadnjaška in barbarska, prava ameriška Sibirija. Zapadna Virginia je bila pred 1. 1861 tista država, kjer je najbolj cvetela zamorska sužnost in kjer se je pričela civilna vojna; danes tamkaj cvete mezdna sužnost v najbolj barbarski formi in civilna vojna že divja eno leto. Kapitalisti, lastniki premoga, imajo absolutno vso državno oblast v svojih rokah. Governor Hatfield je njih ponižni hlapec, kajti njegovo izvolitev so oni kupil. Zapadna Virginia je sramota za cele Zedinjene drzave in neodpusta sramota za demokratisko vlado v Washingtonu, ako se kaj kmalu ne gane in ne stori konec barbarstvu in tiranstvu!

Odmevi v Zveznem Senatu

Senator Kern iz Indiane je 2. maja predložil v senatu resolucijo za preiskavo razmer v štrajkarskem okolišu v W. Virginiji. Resolucija je bila sprejeta. Zvezna vlada je že lansko leto preiskavala štrajk v Paint in Cabin Creek, toda vsa poročila so pozneje zaspala v Taftovem vladnem oddelku za trgovino in delo. Tako daleč sega moč kapitalističnih tiranov v W. Virginiji! Kaj bodo sedaj naredili demokratje, se bo videlo.

Pismo Matere Jones

"Mother' Jones je potom druge osebe poslala rdeče pismo na list "Appeal to Reason" z namenom, da zve delavska javnost, v kakšnem položaju se nahaja:

Pratt, W. Va., vojaška bastilja 25, Aprila 1913. — Zelo resna je situacija, v kateri se tukaj nahajamo, tako resna, a zunanji svet je še sedaj ne razume in Bog zna kedaj je bo razumel. Jaz sem tukaj že enajst tednov. Dvanajst nas je v "poor devilnov," razen mene še enajst moških, med temi tudi urednik socialističnega lista v Charlestonu in en naš govornik John Brown. Njegova žena in otroci zunaj gladu umirajo. Zdi se nam, da slišimo jok malih po očetu, zdihovanje žene, ali kaj—mi ne moremo pomagati; prenasičenci zunaj se pa ne brigajo za nje. Meni ni tolliko zame, ker moja naloga se bliža koncu, toda srce me boli, ko mislim na junaške premogarje, ki so zaprti v Clarksburgu, a niti najmanjši glasek protesta se ne sliši njim v prid. Bili so pogumni in zvesti. Zdaj pa trpijo zato, ker so se osmelili boriti za pravico. Toda naj bo; boj se bo nadaljeval, dokler ne bodo delavci zadobili v roke stroje in zapodili postopace, katere sedaj pasejo Borila sem se dolgo let in še se borim, čeprav me imajo razbojniki v ječi in me čuvajo s krvnimi psi.

Mother Jones."

Tako piše 80 letna čestitljiva ženica, katera je že nad dvajset let v aktivnem boju za pravice trpečega delavstva. Ali je to sedaj njeno plačilo? Ali je junaška žent to zaslužila, da na svojo visoko starost hira v umazani in smrdljivi ječi? Ali bo ameriško delavstvo mirno gledalo, da sivolasa proletarska junakinja preblje svoje zadnje dni v vojaškem brlogu, med štirimi stenami zasmehovana in zasramovana od oboroženih capinov in barab, ki so v službi peklenskih satanov v človeski kozi?

O — delavci! Kje je vaš ponos? Kje je čut človečanstva?

ZADNJE VESTI IZ W. VIRGINIJE

Pred sklepom lista je došla sledeča vest:

Charleston, W. Va—Pod silnim pritiskom protestov od vseh strani Amerike, zlasti iz vrst organiziranega delavstva in socialističnih skupin in pod pritiskom preteče vladne preiskave je Governor Hatfield izpustil iz vojaškega zapora mater Jones. Zagrozil ji je pa, da bo ponovno zaprta če bo prirejala agitatorične govore. Mati Jones je odločno odgovorila, da se bo borila za premogarje kot doslej. Ostali sodrugi so pa še v zaporu.

Senator Kern in predsednik Wilson dobivata dnevno na tisoče pisem od delavcev iz vseh strani republike. Pisma vsebujejo zahtev po priskavi in za takojšnjo izpustitev zaprtih premogarjev.

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JOSEPH SUTTON REPLIES

To the Editor, District Ledger.

Sir,—Will you allow me to reply to the letter of Mr. W. B. Phillips. Before doing so, however, I should like to say that I do not desire to keep up any further correspondence, as my time is very much occupied, and I do not think it will serve any useful purpose.

I was much amused to notice the severe criticism that my learned friend made use of with respect to my letter, but I am prepared to challenge that he cannot use words which will be more grammatical or will convey to the public my meaning in any better way. I will admit—with him—I am very ignorant; I have no desire to have all the knowledge, and I have learned by experience that there are men who have as great a capacity for learning as the next; thus it is wisdom, while you think you know something, to take heed lest you fall—especially when posing on Pisgah's heights!

Every intelligent wage earner must admit that it is better to get a little than nothing at all, and although the efforts of the Labor Party may have been weak, they have worked with a purpose in view—to better the condition of the laboring class. It is rather strange that my friend should object to the Labor Party voting with the Liberals for measures that are useful and to which they have agreed to vote upon as a body. A man is a traitor who votes with the capitalist, but when it comes to benefiting his own pocket, apparently that is all right.

My friend makes mention of Keir Hardy. No doubt he remembers a few years ago when he was sick at heart, and it was thought a rest would do him good he decided to take a tour on the continent, and a subscription list was opened in the House of Commons, a large number of those cruel (?) men subscribing; why was not the same objection raised to this?

I am reminded of a friend of mine in the Old Country who was a Socialist, he was a secretary of a local union, and every year, or as often as possible, a public demonstration was held and speakers were invited. It was agreed to invite two members of parliament to speak, and the two selected were capitalists. An invitation came to the local to nominate a person to move a resolution at this meeting, and my friend was proposed to take this office, but he objected, believing it to be contrary to the principles of Socialism. However, another man was elected. A week after another invitation came to attend a luncheon which took place after the meeting. My friend was nominated again, and without any comment he willing carried out his duties.

I would like Mr. Phillips to read again Kier Hardie's letter, for did he not say that the Labor party has worked exceedingly well in bringing the working class closer together for political purposes; and I venture to say practically all the 39 members have been at some time Liberals, even Kier Hardie.

I would like now to deal with one or two facts that Mr. Phillips is anxious to drive home, no doubt with the idea of further educating me.

Statement 1. He says that Harvey is M. P. for N. E. Yorkshire.

I say he never has been M. P. for Yorkshire at all.

Statement 2. He says there are no aspiring candidates in Fernie Socialist Party.

If this is so the spirit of progression is dead.

I say there is the same desire for aggrandisement in the Socialist body that is found in other bodies, and this also applies to individuals, and I have no objection to it provided it is not for a purely selfish motive.

Statement No. 3. Mr. Phillips has been an office seeker.

I never said he was or is. I was merely writing upon the advice he was giving, and in doing so my remarks were general. Again, I say I have no objections to any man who aspires in life, let him be a Socialist or a Liberal or a Conservative, as long as it is done for the good of all.

Mr. Phillips ventures to say he has been a trade unionist longer than I.

I claim to have 24 years' unbroken service and I think there is a few years difference in age.

He desires me to state to the readers the principle of trade unionism. I don't think this is necessary as I believe the readers are conversant with them, but in case they have been forgotten I would refer him to the Constitution of the U. M. W. of A., Article 1, and the last clause of Sec. 4. Also the revised copy of 1912.

Another question: "Where and when have I fought for these principles?"

In four counties of England for the last 16 years. I would like to say for his enlightenment that I have held some of the most important offices that a working man could hold.

Again, I never quoted Burke as saying "let us get on." I said "let us GO on," which is quite different altogether.

In conclusion permit me to say that life is too brief and opportunities are fast passing. As the workers are endeavoring to get all they can under the present system we cannot afford to spend our energies in fighting one another, but let us ever remember the grand motto of all trade organizations — "United we stand, divided we fall."

JOSEPH SUTTON

CHECKER TOURNAMENT

To the Editor, District Ledger—

Sir,—There are quite a number of checker players in and around this District, and it would be quite an interesting item for the players to meet and arrange to have a tourney for the championship of the district. Arrangements could be made and collections appointed for same to provide for prizes in the different classes of players. Let some of the more experienced players take this up and make it public, call a meeting and arrange matters. Hoping this will find them in good humor. I am,

Yours etc.,

A HELPER.

"A Helper" has omitted to enclose his name and address, and if the matter were contentious we should be compelled to hold same until these particulars were forthcoming. His suggestion is certainly a good one, and as correspondence games could be arranged it should be decidedly interesting. Checkers (or draughts) is a pastime that calls for very deep analysing, when played properly, and is one of the many ways whereby the worker can train his brain to comprehend the many complex problems of the present system. However, we consider it such a worthy object that we are willing to do all in our power to promote such a scheme, provided too great a trespass is not made upon space.—Ed.)

After 14 years of continuous agitation the laboring people of Colorado have secured the enactment of an eight-hour work day for mines, smelters and kindred work.

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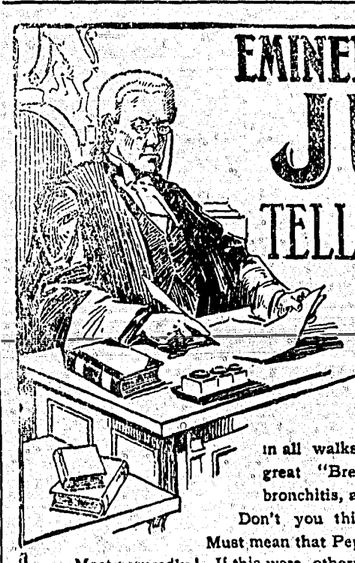
EMINENT CANADIAN JUDGE TELLS HIS EXPERIENCE WITH PEPs



Canadian Judges, Senators of the Dominion Parliament, eminent musicians, and men and women famous in all walks of life speak highly of "Peps" the great "Breathable Cure" for coughs, colds, bronchitis, and all lung and chest complaints.

Don't you think that this must mean quality?—Must mean that Peps do what is claimed for them?

Most assuredly! If this were otherwise, one would not have an eminent lawyer like Judge Fisher of Pembroke speaking a dignified word in Peps' favor. Here is a letter from the Judge. We doubt if there is another remedy in Canada to-day for which a Canadian Judge has given his testimony!

Judges' Chambers,
Pembroke, Ont.

To the Proprietors of Peps, Toronto.
Dear Sirs:—

Some time ago I had occasion to go to Montreal, accompanied by my daughter, who unfortunately contracted a cold. At night she was unable to get to sleep owing to a persistent and irritating cough. A friend urged her to try your preparation, "Peps." She used them and they promptly allayed her cough and permitted her to get to sleep. It gives me pleasure to tell you of the prompt relief "Peps" gave her.

Yours truly,
(Signed) A. A. FISHER.

Peps are small pastilles containing certain medicinal ingredients, which when placed upon the tongue immediately turn into vapor, and are breathed down the air passages to the lungs. On their journey they soothe the inflamed and irritated membranes of the bronchial tubes, the delicate walls of the air passages, and finally enter and carry relief and healing to the capillaries and tiny air cells in the lungs.

In a word, while no liquid or solid can get to the lungs and air passages, Peps fumes get there direct; and at once commence their work of healing.

All druggists and stores sell Peps at 50c. a box or post free from Peps Co., Dupont Street, Toronto, for price. Send 1c. stamp for trial packet and booklet telling all about Peps.

FREE TRIAL
Send this coupon, 1c. stamp for postage, and name of this paper, to Peps Co., Toronto, and we will send a free trial packet of Peps. p18

Peps

"I GROW HAIR, I DO"

BALD AT 26. RESTORED AT 30. STILL HAVE IT AT 55.
Young Man, Young Woman, Which Do Your Prefer?

A NICE FULL, HEALTHY Head of hair on a clean and healthy scalp, free from IRRITATION, or a BALD HEAD and a DISEASED and irritable scalp covered with scales commonly called DANDRUFF?

SCALES ON THE SCALP, or an itchy irritation is POSITIVE PROOF your hair and scalp is in a DISEASED condition, as scale, commonly called DANDRUFF, originates from one of the following PARASITICAL DISEASESof the CAPILLIARY Glands, such as (Seborrhea, Sicca, Capitis, Totter, Alopecia or Eczema) and certain to result in absolute BALDNESS unless cured before the GERM has the CAPILLARY Glands destroyed. BALDNESS and the LOSS of hair is absolutely unnecessary and very unbecoming.

ALL DISEASES OF THE HAIR Fade away like DEW under my scientific treatment, and I positively have the only system of treatment so far known to SCIENCE that is POSITIVELY and PERMANENTLY curing DISEASES of the hair and promoting new growth. The hair can be fully restored to its natural thickness and VITALITY on all heads that still show fine hair or fuzz to prove the roots are not dead.

I HAVE A PERFECT SYSTEM Of treatment for out-of-the-CITY people who cannot come to me for personal treatment. (WRITE TODAY) for question blank and full PARTICULARS. Enclose stamp, and mention this paper. My prices and terms are reasonable. My cures are POSITIVE and PERMANENT.

"Consult the Best, and Profit by 25 Years Practical Experience

PROF. GEO. A. GARLOW
The World's most Scientific Hair and Scalp Specialist
ROOM 1, WELDON BLOCK, WINNIPEG, MAN.

$15.00 - GRAND SUIT SPECIALS - $20.00

DRESSY SUMMER FROCKS

Just a dress as you would select for practicability, serviceability and becomingness; exceptional quality of fine soft silks and late weaves of woolens has been employed in the making of these smart dresses. The range of colors is complete, including all this season's newest shades. Priced specially at each $15.00

WORSTED HOSE ..... per pair 35c.

Just the dress you would select for practicabil- for boys and girls. They are woven of extra strength yarn and made with high spliced heels and toes in sizes from 5 to 10. Priced specially at per pair ..... 35c.

$25.00 to $50.00 Ladies' Fancy Tailored Suits $20.00

These Suits have all the good qualities of any tailor-made at twice the price. They are all silk-lined, hand-tailored and guaranteed to fit. Special each $20.00

CHILDREN'S HOSE SUPPORTERS, per pair 15c.

Made of 3-4 inch lisle elastic web and finished with patent rubber button to prevent tearing the hose. The colors are black and white, per pair 15c

Men's Straw and Panama Hats in great variety of blocks and qualities:

Split straw Sailors from $1.50 to $6.00 each.
Fancy Straw Sailors, from $1.50 to $3.50 each.
Panamas, all styles, from $7.50 to $20.00 each.

CHILDREN'S HATS

In straw linen and felt, also a big range of caps in cloth, felt, leather and velvet Priced from 25c. to 75c. each.

BOOTS AND SHOES

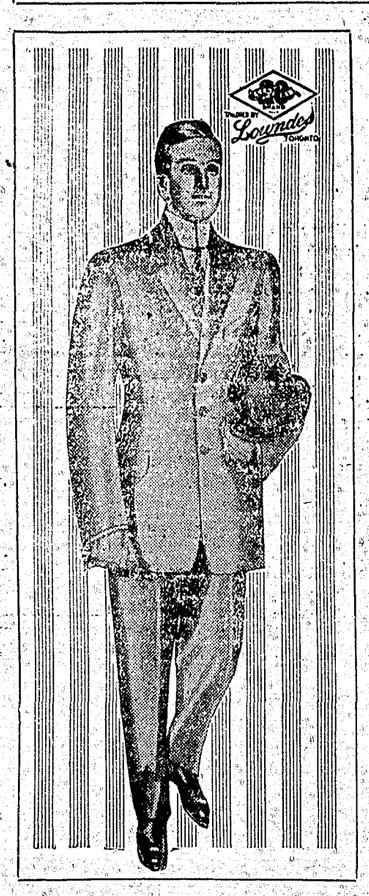
The season for Canvas Goods is here. Keep the feet cool and comfortable and you will feel well. The following is a list of a few of the lines we carry in white and grey for men and white and tan for women.

Men's White Canvas Shoes, welted soles, 6 to 10 Price $3.75
Men's White Canvas Shoes, a good popular Shoe at a medium price $2.50
For a cheaper White Shoe try our line at... $2.00
Men's Grey Canvas Shoes, all sizes, at..... $1.75

Men's Summer Outing Pants

Made in White Flannel, White Duck, Grey Flannel with blue stripes, and in light Tweeds. Made with cuffs and belt to match. All sizes.

Priced from $1.75 to $4.50 per pair



MENS TWO PIECE SUITS

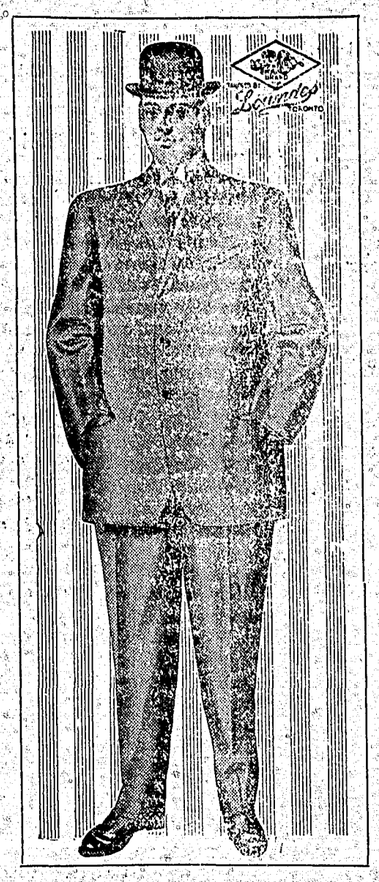
For Summer Wear

On Sale Saturday

A very choice selection of Patterns in the season's newest Goods; half lined, patch pockets on Coat, pants with cuffs.

ALL SIZES, 36 in. to 42 in.. at

$1.00



The Clothing Special advertised last week will be continued until the 1st of June

BOOTS AND SHOES

Men's White Canvas Oxfords, all sizes, 6 to 10, Price $2.00
Men's Grey Canvas Oxfords $1.60
Women's White Canvas Oxfords, sizes 2½ to 7. Price $1.85
Women's Tan Canvas Oxfords, same sizes.. $1.50
Women's White Canvas Pumps, price..... $1.75
Women's Tan Canvas Colonial Pumps, in all sizes, price $1.85
Misses White Canvas Oxfords, sizes 11 to 2. Price $1.50
Children's White Canvas Oxfords, 6 to 10½, price $1.25
Boys' Grey Canvas Shoes, sizes 1 to 5, price $1.60
Youths' Grey Canvas Shoes, 11 to 13, ... $1.50

GROCERY SPECIALS

Tuxedo Baking Powder	16 oz.	.15
Stewart's Liqiud Blue	2 for	.25
Cream of Wheat	2 for	.35
Rolled Oats	8 lb. sack	.30
Braid's Big Four Coffee, fresh ground, 2lb for		.75
Blue Ribbon Coffee	1 lb. tins	.40
Cowan's Cocoa	½ lb. tins	.25
Pineapple 1 lb tin	2 for	.25
Seeded Raisins, 12 oz. packets	3 for	25
Prunes	10 lb. box	1.00
Golden Dates	2 lb.	.25
Oranges	per doz.	.25
Medicine Hat Bread Flour	98 lb. sack	3.00
Tuxedo Jelly Powder	4 pkts.	.25
Lemonade Powder	2 bots.	.35
Armours Shield Ham	per pound	.24
Armours Banquet Bacon	per pound	.25
Veal Loaf	2 tins	.35
Macaroni, 1 lb. packets	2 for	.25
Colombo Olive Oil	1-2 gal. tin	1.15
Matchless Silver Polish	per bot.	.20
Van Camp's Pork and Beans	2 for	.25
Siam Japan Rice	4 lbs.	.25
White Swan Laundry Soap	12 for	.45
Assorted Toilet Soaps	6 for	.25
Washington Onions	6 lbs.	.25
New California Cabbage	per pound	.05
New California Beets	per pound	.05
New California Carrots	per pound	.05

Money Saving Prices

TRITES-WOOD COMPANY, LTD.

The Store of Quality

BRANCHES AT FERNIE, MICHEL, NATAL AND COAL CREEK

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Don't forget the wrestling match at the A. A. C. (Ingram's) next Friday night.

BORN—To Mrs Culshaw (wife of the late J. Culshaw) on Wednesday, 28th, a daughter.

A special business meeting of the Fernie Local of the Socialist Party of Canada will be held in the basement of the Miners' Hall on Sunday evening at 7.30.

A reconciliation was effected between the parties involved in the Corrigan-Conroy assault case and Magistrate Whimster discharged them after binding them over to keep the peace for a period of twelve months, the breaking of which incurs a liability to a fine of $100.

J. W. Bennett and Geo. Barton left last week end to attend the Knights of Pythias Convention at North Vancouver, being the delegates for Fernie Lodge No. 31.

Whilst en route to Elko on Saturday last J. R. Pollock had an accident with his automobile before reaching Morrissey, which necessitated the sending of motor repairs from Fernie.

The unexpected generally seems to be the case on a holiday, and was so with Mr. P. V. Whelan on Victoria Day, when he had his head and face badly cut up when alighting from a train before reaching Galloway.

Service will be conducted in the Presbyterian Church on Sabbath evening, June 1st, by Mr. H. R. Kay, of Knox College, Toronto, Ontario. Mr. Kay has come to Fernie to organize classes for the teaching of English to non-Anglo-Saxons.

The Cradle Roll reception will be held at 3 o'clock at Knox Church on June 3rd (Tuesday).

A quiet wedding was celebrated on Wednesday morning, May 28th at the Baptist Parsonage, when William Green of Coal Creek, and Miss Annie Kershaw of Standish, Lancashire, England, were united in matrimony by Rev. D. M. Thomson. The happy couple left for Coal Creek in the afternoon, where they were accorded a warm welcome by the groom's numerous friends.

Ex-President Stubbs and International Board Member Rees will journey to Great Falls on Monday to attend the Rocky Mountain Interstate Convention of Mineworkers.

On Tuesday evening last the C. P. R. depot was the scene of an exciting arrest of Thomas Murphy, who attempted to make a getaway with a ticket without turning in the necessary cash. The ticket agent gave chase and whilst the two were struggling Chief Hall and Chief-elect Brown arrived on the scene and secured the prisoner after some little difficulty. Magistrate Whimster sentenced him to fifteen days imprisonment for making a disturbance and he will again be brought up on the charge of theft in connection with the ticket.

Sergeant Amberman, of the local police force is away on his vacation.

ISIS THEATRE

Manager Miller has a fine program for the patrons of this cosy, well-ventilated picture house, and among the features for tonight and tomorrow, matinee and evening, are the following productions: "The Open Road,' a magnificent two-reel production of Forrest Hakey's greatest drama. For next Monday and Tuesday, June 2 and 3, the Eclair masterpiece, "The Specter Bridegroom,' in two reels, adapted from Washington Irving's most fanciful and taunting little tales, will be projected.

L. O. O. M.

The installation of the Fernie Lodge L. O. O. M. will take place Monday next, June 2nd, K. P. Hall, at 7.30 p.m. After the installation, commencing at 9 p.m., a concert and social will take place, to which all candidates will be privileged to invite a friend. Invitation cards can be obtained from those who issued the application forms, or from the Secretary. All candidates are requested to hand in their medical examination slips to the responsible parties before Monday evening.

CLASSES IN ENGLISH FOR FOREIGNERS

An atempt is being made through the agency of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to organize classes in English and the rudiments of citizenship amongst the non-Anglo-Saxons in the various places throughout the Crows Nest Pass. The representative of this board is now in Fernie with the object of organizing classes both here and at Coal Creek.

The work is entirely free from any hint of denominational feeling. It has as its aim the solution of the foreign problem, and the betterment of social conditions.

A meeting of all those interested will be held in the civic chambers, June 3rd, at 8 p.m., at which the system will be fully explained and discussed.

"VARIETY ISLE" AT THE GRAND, JUNE 4th

With the heavy billing and general announcements the next attraction at the Grand is the extraordinary engagement of the Frank Rich Company (eastern) for five performances only.

The equipment and scenic environments of this big aggregation of musical comedy stars, would give many of the stellar attractions pointers in the musical comedy field. The Frank Rich Company will present a different bill nightly and the repertoire for the Fernie date is one that has been carefully selected. The opening bill Wednesday night is "Variety Isle" one of the best laughing hits of two continents, staged with the utmost care, rich and elaborate scenery, many electrical effects, and dazzling bewilderments. The cast is headed by Mr. George A. Burton, the eminent comedian assisted by a cast of eighteen acting people and the famous "Ten Sunshine Girls," the best selected choruses ever attempted in musical comedy. A carload of scenery is carried and will lend much to the high standard of excellence attained by this company. "Variety Isle" is a pretty story, well acted in two acts and two scenes, and owing to the length of the show, which contains twenty or more musical numbers, the curtain will rise promptly at 8.30. Usual advance sale of choice seats are now ready.

Organizers are at work in the Somerset county field of Pennsylvania, and declaration is made that the field is to be organized this summer. The organizers maintain that now is an opportune time, as labor is scarce in that field and demand for coal is heavy since freight rates have been reduced to the eastern markets.

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The Open Road

Magnificent 2-Reel production of Forrest Hakey's Greatest Drama

An Excellent Programme

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Eclair's Masterpiece

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In Two Reels. Adapted from Washington Irving's most fanciful and taunting little tale

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Pictures from many well known Stories are our Speciality