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189 PERISH AT HILLCREST

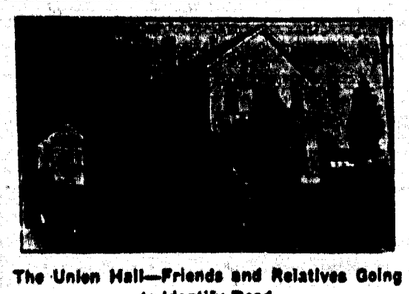
Only 48 Men Saved Out of 237

Worst Calamity in History of Canada--Rescue Crews Rushed to Scene--Bodies Horribly Mutilated--186 Dead Interred--3 not Recovered--6 Mutilated Beyond Recognition--Hundreds of Widows and Orphans--Relief Fund Started--Local Firm Donates $1.000.

Number of Men on Shift at time of Explosion	237
Rescued Alive	48
Bodies Identified	182
Bodies Unidentified	4
Bodies Still in Mine	3
Total Death Roll	189

Though one sees expressed on all sides traces of the disaster and the poignancy of grief is expressed on many a sorrowing and tear-stained face, slowly but surely the village of Hillcrest is returning to a normal condition of affairs. The bereaved were allowed all too short possession of their dead to mourn them for long, and with their interment many of the outward traces of mourning have disappeared. The widows, brave in their loss, and realizing that their children will need every attention, are bearing up with that stoicism peculiar to a mining community to whom sudden and violent death is not unknown.

Rumors of disasters that have recently been circulated in this Pass have unfortunately in many cases proved to be correct. Several times we have been skeptical as to their truth, but in nearly every case have been disappointed and heard later that what we thought but a rumor was only too true. Last Friday morning, when the news of the Hillcrest disaster was received, we could scarcely believe that the catastrophe was so overwhelming as first stated, but later this, too, was found to be correct. This last disaster has exceeded in the number of lives sacrificed the great disaster of Coal Creek of 1902, and is the worst that ever



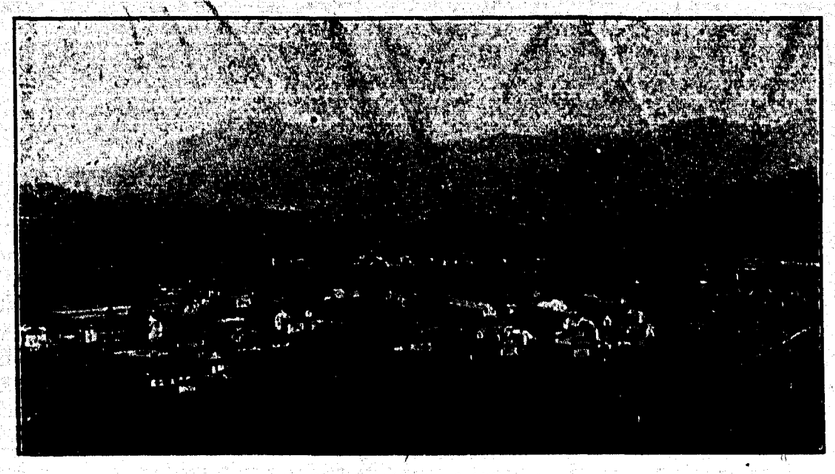
The Union Hall—Friends and Relatives Going to Identify Dead

struck this western county or the Dominion of Canada. Approximately 200 lives have been lost, and some hundreds of widows and orphans created.

Of the 237 miners who went down the mine, only about forty returned, and most these owe their lives to the promptitude of the rescue car from Coleman. The force of the explosion was such that all those in the vicinity were either instantly killed or rendered unconscious. Those who escaped instant destruction were poisoned by the deadly carbon monoxide, or afterdamp, that immediately arose and filled the mine.

That the most chaotic confusion should prevail immediately after the explosion was but natural, and many rushed into the mine regardless of the gas and consequences. Animated by the noblest of all human sentiments, they had but one desire, namely to rescue their fellow workers. Discretion and fear were thrown to the wind, and a rush made for No. 2 stope. Here it is claimed General Manager Brown, realizing the perilous position of the inmates when the explosion occurred, and knowing the consequences of same, immediately rushed to the fan house and reversed the air current. It should be explained here that the fans were operated on the exhaust principle, that is, pulling out all the foul air and driving it out through a shaft. By the manager's prompt action, the fresh air was *immediately forced into the mine*, and as the statements of several of the survivors verify, was the means of reviving those who were on the point of exhaustion from fumes. That "whiff of fresh air" meant hope and life to those struggling to escape, as they were on the point of collapse and could only have kept going for a few more yards.

As is usual on such occasions, the daily press has been more interested in giving sensational and in many cases, unauthentic accounts of survivors' experiences, than in supplying facts. The theories alleged to have been advanced by survivors may be disregarded, and no practical mining man will venture an opinion until an inquiry into the condition of the mine previous to the explosion, and the last report of Fire Boss W. Adlam have been heard.



Birdseye View of Hillcrest

The suddenness and stunning effect of the explosion benumbed every faculty of those who were in the mine at the time. The survivors in many cases scarcely know how they reached safety; they cannot even remember the condition of the traveling road, and in most cases their stories have discrepancies that none but those who have had previous experience of such disasters can appreciate or understand. Those who could and would, no doubt, tell us the reason or cause of explosion have stepped over the Great Divide, from which no man returns.

The effects of the disaster will undoubtedly be most keenly felt by the surviving families, and the fact that the greater number of dead had dependants, will accentuate the suffering. Quite two-thirds of those dead have left dependants, in some cases, a wife and six children.

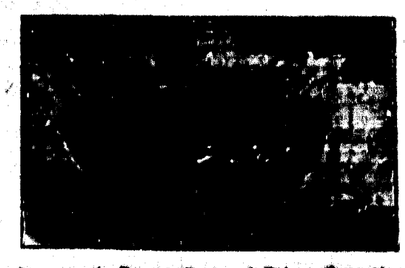
Mrs. Pelosi, who has conducted a small restaurant in town for some time, loses in her three sons, James, 30 years; Robert, 24 years, and Alex, 17 years, her main support, the surviving members of the family being mostly girls. David Murray, who, with his three sons, was killed in the disaster, leave a large family, while Tom Brown (who contributed to the columns of the Ledger) leaves a wife and six children of tender age to mourn his loss.

One might continue instances as above, and occupy some columns of space, but it should be our object rather to assist and sooth the sorrows of those left, than to harrow the feelings of all with the ghastly details of this horrible holocaust.....

In many cases it is reported that the victims had intended making their last shift, and in the case of Thomas Corkle, it is particularly sad. He had decided that day to go in and remove his tools, as he was quitting Hillcrest and going to Nelson to work some metaliferous prospects near that town.

There is one unfortunate and regrettable feature, and this, that in some cases, men of certain nationalities have refused to assist in the work of rescue. We do not care to make invidious comparisons; we do not intend to make any further comment than state that there is a duty and obligation imposed on every man, no matter what his nationality or creed, and that obligation is to render every possible and conceivable assistance at such times. This is the duty and obligation of MEN.

The Government of Ottawa has already sent messages of sympathy, and asked to be acquainted by what method assistance can best be rendered, and what form it should take. In Calgary the Herald has already started a subscription list, and some hundreds of dollars have been contributed. It is to be hoped that the example set by the Calgarians will be followed in every civilized country throughout the world. Assistance is needed, and will be needed, for in spite of the compensation granted, this will not go very far in meeting the requirements of a widow with a family of six children, or even two. Doled out at the rate of $25 per month, the $1800 will in a space of six years be exhausted. How many of us care to think of the suffering of a family compelled to exist upon such a pittance. We trust that every fraternal society, and that every man, woman and child will add their mite to a fund which it is anticipated will shortly be started to relieve distress. Owing to the slackness of work that has prevailed throughout the Pass for the last six months, many of the families are already deeply in debt, and it is not reasonable



Upon Condition of Mine

to expect local tradesmen to carry them very much longer; as a matter of fact, the tradesmen themselves cannot possibly do so.

The officals of District 18 have secured the services of Mr. Norman Frazer, mining engineer and expert, of Edmonton, to give evidence at the Hillcrest disaster inquiry, as expert.

Mr. Fraser, who is one of the best authorities on coal mining in the west, has had considerable experience in mining in the Crow's Nest Pass, and Alberta, and was chief mine inspector for the Province of Alberta previous to the incumbent, J. T. Stirling. He was also general superintendent at Michel *for a number of years, and has visited most* of the mines through the Pass at some time or another. He is expected to reach the Pass tonight (Friday).

We received a telephone communication on Thursday from Sec.-Treas. Carter, who, with Acting President W. Graham, has been on the scene since Friday last, doing everything possible to assist and advise, informing us that the store which, thanks to the prompt action of Mayor Hardie of Lethbridge, has been stocked by the people of that town, and was opened on Wednesday would continue to give relief until the funds of the present subscription list are available. By this means it is hoped to avoid any unnecessary distress among the families of the deceased.

President Mackie, of the Hillcrest Collieries, arrived from Montreal on Wednesday afternoon, and has been in conference with the officials of the mine. On Wednesday the General Manager and other officials started a thorough examination of the mine, and this was continued on Thursday. No statement will be issued until the inquiry is held.

The District officials wired Premier Sifton on Saturday asking that a special commission be appointed eo inquire into the cause of the disaster, and word was received that this would be granted.

J. T. Stirling received a wire from Premier Sifton that Judge Carpenter has been appointed with full power to conduct commission.

The officials of the Local are busy collecting data as to the number of dependants, and any evidence that may be required at the inquest.

J. S. C. Hudson, of the Department of Mines, and J. C. Roberts, of the United States Bureau of Mines, are at present in Hillcrest, gathering information and examining the mine. Their opinion may be sought at the inquiry.

Hillcrest Relief Fund

The necessity for immediate relief for the survivors of this terrible disaster has caused the District officials to issue an appeal for assistance. The International Union has, in spite of the many calls being made upon its treasury, sent $1,000, and $1,000 has been donated from the District funds. The city of Calgary has started a subscription list which has already reached several hundreds, while the Mayor and residents of Lethbridge have contributed money and provisions.

Messrs. Trites-Wood have contributed the handsome sum of $1,000 towards the fund, while Mr. W. R. Wilson, general manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., has also contributed most handsomely.

Donations Received or Promised

United Mine Workers of America, per W. Green, International Sec.-Treas.	$1,000
District 18, U. M. W. of A	1,000
Messrs. Trites-Wood Co., Fernie	1,000
Amount acknowledged by the Lethbridge Herald of June 24th	275
W. R. Wilson, general superintendent Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co	150

The funds will be administered by a central relief committee appointed for that purpose, consisting of Judge McNeill of the District Court of Macleod; A. J. Carter, secretary District No. 18, U. M. W. of A., and Mr. Colin McLeod, barrister. The funds collected will all be sent to the Union Bank, Bellevue.

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Seventeen Workers Going In After Stevenson's Party Report O K

LIST OF KILLED

BURIED SUNDAY, JUNE 21

STEVE McKINNON
JOHN B. McKINNON
JOHN WALKER
ROD McISAAC
JOHN SANDS
WM. MOORE
DAN CULLINAN
LOUIS ZEMIS
FRANK FRECH
PETE KAHAR
NINCE NOHRADSKY
JOE NOHRADSKY
AUGUST FOGERE
LEON CHABILLON
A. LAGARDE
LEON PAYET
ALPHONSE HENSDEN
E. MALOYE (Check No. 193)
FRED RALNYK
BILL RALNYK
MIKE KIPRIANCHUK
ANDREW BALLANT
STEVE RAITKO
JOHN MALAK
MIKE JANIGO
D. KOSTYNUK
MIKE TYRON
PETE SANDULAK
JOHN SANDUL
FRED KORIATZ
P. SEMOTINK
Bill ELUK
JOHN ZAHARA
JACOB ANDREASCHUK
JOHN FEDORAK
MIKE ZASKI
C. KOSNYK
GEORGE DEMCHUK
NICK DEMCHUK
PETE KINOCH
BILL KWASNICA
FRED KWASNICA
JOHN MUDRYK
W. ZAPISOCKI
LOUIS ROSSI
G. TAMBORINI
G. MARCOLLI
A. CAIELLI
A. TAMBORINI
C. CASAGRANDE
A. GRAMACCI
SAM CANTILINI
PETE CANTILINI
N. CELLI
E. GICCONI
LUIGI FORTUNATO
N. MAZZUCHETTO
N. FORTUNATO
DOM ALBANESE
E. ROSSANESE
G. FOGALI
Z. GUIDO
E. PAGNAN
—— MYROVICH
HARRY CARR
JOHN PEARSON
FRED MOORHOUSE
T. L. WILSON
MATT DICKENSON
R. HANSFORD
FRANK BOSTOCK
WM. FOX
GEORGE ROBERTSON
JAMES EWING
PETE ACKERS
[illegible]
[illegible] CLIFTON
LEONARD CLARKE
GEORGE HICKENS
N. McGENEY
JAMES ARMSTRONG
[illegible]
GUS FRANZ
ROBT. MUIR
A. BUCKMAN
ANDREW DUGDALE
ROBT. DUGDALE
JOHN BROWN
J. BRADSHAW
R. W. PENN
JAMES PENN
W. GALLAMORE
E. STRATTON
B. MORLEY
SID CHARLES
D. J. HARRIES
ALBERT REES
CHARLES COAN
WM. TRUMP

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Directory of Fraternal Societies

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

Meets every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in K. P. Hall.
Noble Grand, H. E. Barnes.
Secretary, J. B. Meiklejohn.

ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS

Meet at Aiello's Hall second and third Mondays in each month.
John M. Woods, Secretary. Fernie, Box 657.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Meet every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. in their own Hall, Victoria Avenue.
C. C., A. Bunch.
K. of S., D. J. Black.
M. of F., Jas. Madison.

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

Meets every other Monday at 8 p. m., in K. of P. Hall.
Dictator, F. H. Newnham.
Secretary, G. Moses. 139 McPherson Avenue.

LOYAL TRUE BLUE ASSOCIATION

Lady Terrace Lodge, No. 224, meets in the K. P. Hall second and fourth Friday of each month at 8 p. m.
MRS. J. BROOKS, W. M.
W. ORR, Secretary.

LOYAL ORANGEMEN

Terrace Lodge 1713. Meet at the K. P. Hall first and third Friday evening of each month.
R. CRICHTON, W. M.

A banker at Grand Junction Colorado who stole $110,0000, got six years from the Federal court. In two years this banker is eligible to parole, and if not paroled, will be given his liberty in four years, if his behavior is good. As it is scarcely possible for this financier to get his hand on any funds in the penitentiary, his behavior will be good, and he will be doing business again in a comparatively short time. Had he been a workingman and forced through idleness and poverty, to commit the crime of theft, he might have been sentenced for life.

It pays to be a respectable criminal.

Give to me but the liberty of the press, and I will give to the ministry a venal house of peers. I will give to him a corrupt and servile house of commons. I will give to him the full sway of the patronage of office. I will give him the full house of ministerial influence. I will give him all the power that place can confer upon upon him to purchase up submission and overawe resistence.

And yet, armed with liberty of the press, I will go forth to meet him undismayed. I will attack the mighty fabric that has reared with the mightier engine. I will shake down from its height corruption and bury it amid the ruins of the abuses it was meant to shelter.—Sheridan.

"General" John Chase says he is proud of his Colorado militia.

Jesse James was likewise proud of his gang. Old Colorow delighted in the butchery of his willing redskins. The wolf leader finds satisfaction after a slaughter by his pack. Rockefeller's conscience acquits him. A coyote finds delight in killing a lamb.

Therefore, the mental attitude of Chase is right and fitting. He is amply rewarded by his masters. Also he has the satisfaction of knowing that he has a conscience as acquitting as Rockefeller's.

Will the Colorado strikers give up their arms?

Perhaps, when the Colorado militia give up their feet.—Justice, Portland.

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Mine Rescue Work...

We have from time to time pointed out the importance of rescue work in this district and have from time to time issued special illustrated editions emphasizing the necessity of all connected with the mining industry taking an interest and becoming proficient in the use of rescue apparatus. While many question the utility of same, and even point to the recent disaster as amplifying their contention, there is not the least doubt that very few would have been saved and many of the bodies never recovered had there been no rescue apparatus available. It is a regrettable feature of the catastrophe that there were not more pulmotors to revive those brought out of the mine, for while it cannot be definitely stated that lives would have been saved, the rescuers would have been more satisfied had they been able to apply this latest innovation of science in reviving those bodies recovered.

The following extracts are taken from a special we published in June, of last year; and deal with the apparatus at the Fernie Rescue Station:

Speaking generally, records are something that a nation may be proud of, reflecting upon the enterprise, courage and endurance of her people, and Canada, although one of the youngest nations, has many record achievements in which she surpasses other nations considerably older. But she has one record of which her people are not proud, and this—the highest death rate per 1000 among her coal miners as compared with any other country.

The low death rate in all European coal producing countries has been due, in no small measure to the introduction of protective measures as have now been adopted by the Dominion. The provinces of Nova Scotia, Alberta and British Columbia have now mine rescue stations and rescue trains at all the principal mining towns, but as it is our intention to deal with Fernie only in this number, we have decided to leave the description of the rescue train to some future date, when we hope to reproduce photographs of the train, its equipment and crew.

The awful loss of life at Courrieres, France, on March 10, 1906, where more than 1,100 men and boys were killed and the fact that thirteen men were rescued after being entombed in the mine for twenty days, and one after a lapse of twenty-five days, demonstrated the necessity of having trained rescue men and apparatus continuously on hand at the mine, ready in just such an emergency, so that the miners who escape death or serious injury from the explosion, and who may be protected from the carbon monoxide or afterdamp may be saved. In the case of the Corurrieres disaster the largest number of deaths was due, not to the force of the explosion, but to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Frank Huccart, one of the Courrieres survivors, and one who, we believe, was imprisoned for twenty days, is now working at Coal Creek.

The disaster at Bellevue, Alta., in December, 1910, is still fresh in the minds of our readers, and it was on this occasion that those interested in the coal mining industry were introduced to the practicability of mine rescue apparatus, and the men who rushed to the rescue were instrumental in saving some fifteen lives. It was also clearly demonstrated that an intimate knowledge of the apparatus by specially trained men was a condition indispensable to this work, and be it said that the lesson did not go unheeded.

The Fernie Station

As it is our intention to write a brief description of the Fernie station, outlining the very meritorious work that is being done there, it may be as well to enumerate the various apparatus and equipment that have been installed.

The station is in charge of one of the most capable and practical men in the Crow—Geo. O'Brien—and we are largely indebted to his courtesy and kindness in being able to produce this article. Mr. O'Brien, as pit boss at Coal Creek for some ten years, has acquired a real practical knowledge of coal mining, mine gases, etc., which coupled with a scientific knowledge of mining generally, eminently fits him for the position of instructor at this important station.

The Equipment

6 sets of two-hour, 1911 model Draeger apparatus, mouthpiece type.

2 sets of half-hour apparatus, mouthpiece type.

1 pulmotor (Draeger).

1 work stretcher.

1 oxygen stretcher (for carrying injured man through gaseous zone).

24 oxygen tanks; each 100 cubic feet capacity.

1 oxygen pump.

6 electric safety hand lamps (Draeger).

1 Wagner electric rectifier for recharging cells.

6 trunks for transporting apparatus.

Also a stock of about 1,000 regenerating cartridges.

About thirty-eight men have been put through the course to date, and thirty-eight certificates granted. The cost per man to the Government averages about $50. About ten days working two hours per day, will put a man through the course.

The gas used in the experimental chamber is sulphur dioxide, generated by means of sulphur and sawdust, and as the writer was permitted to sample same, he can vouch for its density and obnoxiousness.

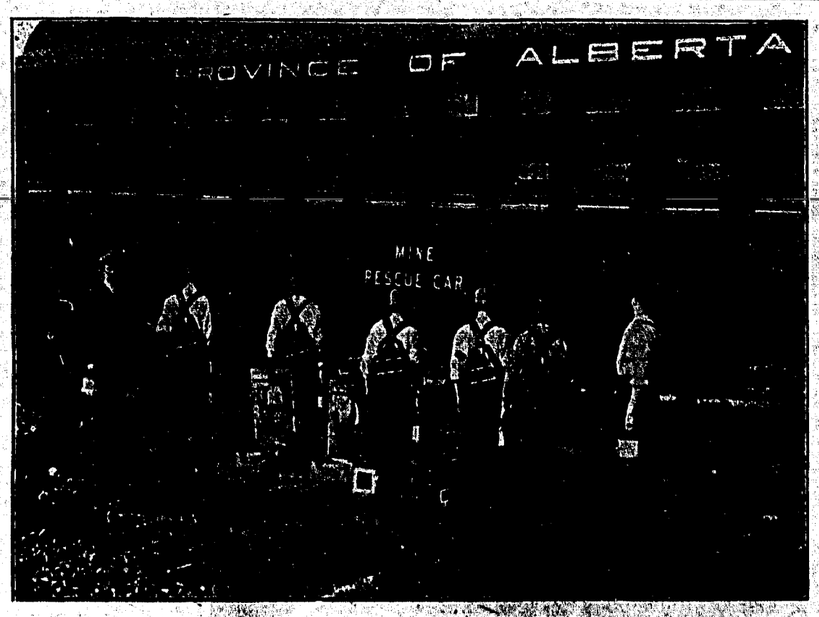
The following schedule of work to be performed in the smoke room should conclusively prove to the uninitiated that the course is no sinecure, especially when it is remembered what has to be accomplished within two hours.

Before being granted a certificate of competency, the candidate has to pass an oral examination, and not only are the questions exceedingly technical, and call for an intimate knowledge of the apparatus, but the student must also be well posted in mine gases and the general science of coal mining to obtain his diploma.

Just so long as men outrage nature and trespass on her resources, just so long will she demand her tribute; experience teaches, true, but every day we have to face fresh difficulties, and what science may discover in the future to obviate or minimize these fatalities we do not care to guess. But, this we do know: Man, with ever-increasing activity, is striving to win from nature her resources and will dare a . ling to obtain possession. To him nothing that he can possibly secure will be regarded otherwise than as his—this is man's conception of his right of possession . This prerogative, however, he cannot secure without sacrifice, and it would seem that the rescue crew when they rush in on their mission of mercy are part of the great atonement that has to be made every day for our sacrilegious desecration of nature.

The workers of the Crow may differ in their appreciation of governments—men always did, and always will—but on this they are agreed: The Mine Rescue Station and the training of men is but obeying the dictates of humanity—the preservation of life—and in carrying out this work the finest and noblest traits of human nature find expression.

SOME HOSMER RESCUE COURSSE GRADUATES



ALBERTA GOVERNMENT RESCUE CAR

Interior of Alberta car, showing pulmotor, charging station, rescue apparatus, etc. The rescue men at Hillcrest were able to retire to get rest during the night.

Hillcrest ...

We reproduce the following from our Crow's Nest Pass Industrial and Labor edition, published last September:

Where is Hillcrest? As an aid to answering this query one might consult that compendium of information called a C. P. R. folder and ascertain that the above is the name of a station sixth in order of running after leaving Crows Nest, B. C., when traveling eastward, for those doubtful as to the accuracy of the above, call at the nearest railroad office, get a copy of the hobo's bible, and then either a correction of a corroboration can be obtained. For the benefit of those who do not wish to go to this trouble will say that the station of Hillcrest accommodates the residents of the several mining communities within a mile radius; at the point, when traveling westward, the shovel artist on the locomotive has but little opportunity for scene scanning until his iron steed is put to rest in its stall at the divisional point of Crows Nest.

Perhaps a few words at this juncture as to the derivation of the name "Hillcrest" may be considered opportune; it is a neologism, but for the edification of those not knowing what a neologism is, will explain that the first syllable, "Hill, " is the surname of one who was a most important factor in the early stages of development, and "Crest" refers to the position of entrance to the mines, being on the top or crest of a hill (small "h" herey.

The Hillcrest Collieries, Limited, is the title of the company. Formerly it was designated the Hillcrest Coal and Coke Co., but very probably the change was necessitated because the coke was a non-existent quantity, but to the fact that the coal is of so high a grade of bituminous that there is a ready sale for it without subjecting it to the cooking or coking process. Its output is about twelve to fifteen hundred tons daily and no better evidence of the quality can be advanced than this—the C. P. R. takes 80 per cent of the amount produced, using it exclusively for their passenger locomotives.

The average B. T. U. per pound is 14,000, which those in the know will recognise is an exceedingly high test and the claim made for it that there is none better in the Crows Nest Pass possesses considerable merit.

The first development work started about 1905-6, under the management of C. F. Hill. After a few years it was found necessary to extend operation. In 1909-10 the present company was formed and has worked steadily, improving and extending the property continuously since that date.

The method of mining the coal is known technically as room and pillar, and some idea of the activity of the camp can be formed by the number of men employed—over 400.

A further evidence of the future output here is one seam alone, which is estimated to contain about 30,000,000 tons of coal, hence if production be carried on at the rate of 500,000 tons per annum, it will take sixty years to exhaust the supply. This is by no mean the only seam; there are several others which promise equally as great, even if not greater, than the one referred to.

Development work is continuously in progress and all signs indicate that within a few years Hillcrest will rank among the camps of the "Crow" as one of the top notchers.

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A keen burlesque on the present day melodrama. From the instant the picture is projected until the screen is darkened there is situation upon situation, some of them the most excrutiatingly funny ever conceived, which produces a constant stream of screaming laughter. If you are not acquainted with the Nestor brand of comedies, [illegible] to see this picture but if you are "Nut cod"
Watch for announcements of really big features—the kind you want. If it's Universal or Famous players, it must be good.

News of The District Camps

BELLEVUE NOTES
By "Vexatus"

The removal of the Rev. W. H. Irwin from Bellevue to Athabasca is regretted by all who were acquainted with him. Mr. Irwin has been in Bellevue for three years, and during that period has made a host of friends, by the soundness and candor of his opinions and his sympathy for organized labor. Even his opponents will regret his departure, for the reverend gentleman never missed an opportunity to encourage debate or discussion upon religious or social problems. That he should suffer inconvenience as a result of his candid and fearless expression of opinion, is not to be wondered at, but he had absolutely no regard for himself personally, and continued his fight on behalf of the worker in spite of every obstacle. On the eve of his departure, there was a record gathering of friends, who presented him with a small purse of money and a few useful articles as tokens of their esteem and regard. It is with best wishes for his future success that he leaves us, and we trust that his successor, the Rev. Mr. Cook, will continue along the same lines.

Mr. Cook should have preached his opening sermon on Sunday, June 21st, but owing to the terrible disaster at Hillcrest, all services were postponed.

It is with pleasure that we record the practical and valuable assistance rendered by the business people of Bellevue in their effort to help relieve the situation at Hillcrest.

The many exaggerated rumors circulated throughout the Pass had the effect of bringing many of Bellevue's former residents to inquire of their friends' welfare.

LOCAL UNION NOTES

As intimated in our last notes, a committee of four went over to Hillcrest to explain this Local's position to the members of that body on Thursday last. As both Hillcrest and Bellevue mines were idle, there was a special meeting called for the purpose, and after the matter was thoroughly discussed, it was apparent that Local 1058 recognized that this Local had the best interests of the organization in view all the time, and as such went on record. A most enjoyable time was spent by both parties, who were unanimous in declaring that meetings of this kind would be productive of good results. The following morning, however, found that many of those with whom we had met and parted had crossed the Great Divide—and worked their last shift. The alarm whistle of three blasts was the first intimation of the disaster, and upon looking across at the mine, nestling in the hillside, huge volumes of smoke were noticed belching from the fan drift. The roads to Hillcrest immediately became alive with people hurrying to the scene of disaster, and some little confusion threatened for a time. The mounted police, however, immediately took charge and order was speedily restored. On arrival of the rescue car, which lost no time in getting here, a call was made for trained volunteers, which was immediately responded to, and a crew from Bellevue and Hillcrest was speedily engaged in rescue. Other teams were made up of men from Frank and other helpers from Bellevue, who had arrived. By this time a few bodies had been recovered and handed over to the doctors, who immediately started to resuscitate those who showed any sign of life. It became apparent from the start, however, that the death toll would be very heavy, as the whole of the mine had been affected by the explosion.

On arrival of rescue men from east and west, the men from nearby camps were formed into shifts to relieve each other every three hours in restoring the ventilation and recovering the dead; the fixing of pumps, washing of bodies and preparing for burial, which last was anything but a pleasant task, owing to the mutilated condition of the bodies. Special mention should be made of the manner in which the men worked in the washouse, and Corporal Meade of the R. N. W. M. P., who was unstining in his efforts.

Of the interment little more can be said than that everything possible was done under the circumstances to sooth the feeling of the bereaved, while every respect was shown to the departed. Our duty now lies with the living, and we have many who will require our assistance.

CORBIN NOTES
By Skimps

On Sunday last a football game was played between teams representing the Flathead Hotel and the rest of the city. During the first twenty minutes the game was evenly contested, midfield play being the order, until Walker, the city outside left, snapped up a beautiful pass from Joe Truba, tricked the opposing full-back and scored the only goal of the game by shooting the leather into the corner of the net, far out of the reach of Owens, the hotel custodian.

Just before the whistle sounded for the first time, Johnston found the hotel net with a daisy cutter, but was ruled off side by Ovington, the referee. End to end play was indulged in up to the interval, the City team resolved on increasing their lead and their opponents fighting to draw level. However, half time arrived without any further scoring. In the second half, the Hotel boys played like men possessed, being almost continuously within their opponents' half, but their every effort was frustrated by the City defense, of which T. Clarke, the goal keeper, and Dryborough were the choice. The final whistle sounded at the conclusion of ninety minutes play, with the Hotel men on the losing end of a 1-0 score.

As a sequel to the football game, a "smoker" was held in the evening, the refreshments being provided by J. Jackson, the genial manager of the City team, while songs and recitations were rendered by almost everyone who participated in the destruction of the good things that decorated the tables in the club. Dave Brown filled the position of chairman of the entertainment.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized, or rather maybe solemnized as the result of a yellow-haired, handsome young gentleman becoming captivated with a pair of beautiful brown eyes that belong to one of Corbin's prettiest members of the gentler sex. John Scobie says he will act in the capacity of "best man," while Mrs. McDonald has promised to provide the wedding breakfast. All right, Pete, let 'er rip, we are all ready to congratulate a June bride.

As a result of the distressing explosion that occurred at Hillcrest on Friday, the Hosmer-Corbin football game scheduled for Saturday was postponed, as a small mark of esteem for our unfortunate fellow workers, their wives and families, who were victims of the grim reaper, and left to mourn their loss.

The snow that fell here for several hours on Sunday was hardly noticed, as the Hillcrest explosion had cast a gloom over this burg that seemed to keep the majority of the inhabitants at home, mourning the loss of some of their dear friends, and wondering if ever the time would arrive when these distressing industrial accidents, which are primarily a result of our competitive system, would ever be a thing of the past.

BEAVER MINES ITEMS

The following notes were late for last week's issue, owing to having missed the mail on the 16th.

The Local secretary, J. Loughran returned on Saturday, the 13th, after being absent for over a month. At a meeting of the Local, held on Sunday, the 14th, Bill Graham, acting District President was nominated for the office of president.

On Wednesday, 10th inst., W. T. Hamilton, superintendent, Tom Evans and Sam Kendrick, bridge inspectors, with two section men, were informed that their services were no longer required on the K. & A railway, connecting Beaver Mines with the C. P. R. at Pincher Station.

Bob Brown, master mechanic, who had recently undergone an operation for appendicitis at Pincher Creek hospital, returned to Beaver on Sunday, the 14th inst. Bob's recovery was remarkably rapid, considering the seriousness of the operation. Dr. Connor was the medical attendant. A rumor is afloat that Bob is about to remove to Coalhurst and that he has accepted a similar position at that camp, with more remuneration. He will be missed from Beaver, as he is well respected by all who know him.

Shakespeare, in "King Henry IV," makes one his characters say: "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown." But in our opinion so far as the Governor-General of Canada, the good King George and the wise Queen Mary are concerned, they can all sleep contented! and snore royal snorts, while their enemies will tremble with dismay when they learn that over thirty brave boys from Beaver have this week joined the militia, and have gone to Calgary for the usual training. Conspicuous among the recruits were Harry Pride, Dave Thompson, Denis Gutridge, Billy Brown, J. Murray, Wm. Sid and A. Suelhman, Ralph and A. Vroom, with a strong contingent from Gladstone valley. Of course the Canadian militia have a record. Most of us can recollect fifteen years ago when the Boers conspired with President Kruger to defend their wives, families, homes and homesteads against the British army, which, at the instigation of the hook-nosed goldbugs of Park Lane, London, aided by the renegade statesman, Joe Chamberlain, and the South African millionaire, Cecil Rhodes, attempted to introduce yellow labor into South Africa. It was admitted at that time that most of the diamond mines of Kimberley and several gold mines in the Transvaal were paying from 400 to 500 per cent dividends, after paying a decent wage to white men, but the goldbugs thought they could increase the dividends by employing Asiatics. Hence the war. Until hopelessly outnumbered the Boers were having the better of the game, and were chasing the British and Colonials over the kopjies and capturing them by the thousand. It then occurred to the war office officials to wire Lord Kitchener "to tell them why." His Lordship replied, "The men you sent me can neither ride nor shoot." The Canadian militia were then sent out as the only hope. No sooner were our citizen soldiers on the Rand than they got right after them. They captured Cronjie; put a barbed wire fence around Generals Smuts and Botha to prevent them from trespassing, and on learning that General Jubert was trekking toward the hinterland with close on 3,000 Burghers, 4,000 women and 7,000 children, they went in pursuit and overtook him at Paardeburgh, where, owing to the heavy rains, his overloaded wagons were stuck in the mud, which made it impossible for him to either fight or retreat, without sacrificing the women and kiddies. Here the Canadians entrenched themselves at a safe distance and at the end of nine days, by which time they were reinforced by 93,000 troops of all colors, in cluding the Australian bushmen, they, on the anniversary of Majuba Hill, led the attack on the Boer entrenchment. But the crafty Boer general on finding himself hopelessly hemmed in, hoisted the white flag and surrendered without firing a shot. This broke the back of the Boer war, and made it possible for the Rand capitalists to establish, for a time at least, yellow slavery beneath the Union Jack. No doubt want of employment rather than patriotism, is the incentive that urges men to join the militia, but who can say that even the boys from Beaver may not in the near future be called upon to play a similar part in some industrial struggle, to that played recently by the State militia of Colorado?

TABER NOTES

A special meeting of Local 102 was held on Monday night to appoint scrutineers for the election on Friday. W. Nodden was elected to go to Lethbridge as neutral scrutineer. The vote will be taken in the Miners' Hall from 6 to 9 in the evening. A motion was carried that the secretary write Hillcrest Local and express our sympathy to the families of our brothers who met death in the explosion. A resolution was passed that we write the Provincial and Dominion Governments and ask that they furnish financial assistance to the wives and children of the Hillcrest miners.

Nominations were taken on Monday night for checkweighman; only two candidates are in the running, Ed Brown (the incumbent) being opposed by B. Nugent.

The annual election of officers of Local 102 takes places on Sunday, when it is expected that some new men will be placed in office, as some of the present officials have stated that they will not stand for re-election.

The excavation for the waterworks started on Tuesday morning, and quite a line up was seen. There was one hundred forty men strung out in one ditch, and 1,50 feet was finished, ready for pipe laying. The men are working contract, at 28 cents per foot for digging. One foreman handles the job and there is no rakeoff to anyone.

The football team goes to Bow Island on Wednesday afternoon for a league game, and the Grassy Lake team play here on Saturday. On Dominion Day the Lethbridge S. O. E. team play here. On Thursday last the Taber boys went to Lethbridge and were beaten by the Shamrocks, by the score of 1 to 0. So far in the city league the Taber team has lost three games and drawn one; no wins.

There is a rumor to the effect that the reduced rates on coal will go into effect on the first of July. If this is correct, it will mean the mines in this District will work a little better this month, which will help some, as we have worked but two days this month.

HOSMER NOTES

The C. P. R. have sent forth word that the Hosmer mines are to be closed down; the work of dismantling same to be commenced immediately. Needless to say, the news fell on the camp like a bolt from the blue, and consternation reigns supreme over business men and wage earners alike. However, the main thing is not to worry, as far as the working plug is concerned, for it only means a different master or a vacation in the coop as a vag.

The concert in aid of Andrew Torch will not be proceeded with. All those who have bought tickets will have money refunded by applying to the parties who sold tickets.

MICHEL NOTES

The election for two checkweighmen took place on Tuesday last, John Marsh and Richard Jones were the successful mandidates.

We are sorry to announce that John Price has to undergo an operation, for which purpose he went to Calgary on Friday last. Dr. Gunn is undertaking the operation.

Michel band, accompanied by two delegates sent by Michel Local Union, were present at the funeral of some of the victims of the sad explosion at Hillcrest.

The mines were idle from Friday until Tuesday at 7 a. m.

Harold White, James Touhey, Andrew Matuskey, Andrew Frew, Alex Almond, Richard Beard and several other men from Michel took an active part at the Hillcrest disaster, although very little could be done in the saving of lives.

William Touhey, one of the fortunate survivors of the Hillcrest disaster, who, with others was in the far end of the work when the explosion occurred, is spending a few days with his brother, James, in Michel.

John Cockran, with wife and children, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Turner and Tom Price, boarded the passenger on Saturday evening, en route for England.

The Rebekahs held a very successful concert and dance, with supper, last week, at which Mr. George Steadman presided. Among those who contributed items to the program were master Murray, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Donaldson and several others. The chairman expressed appropriate sentiments on behalf of the Rebekahs. He regretted very much that the short notice had not permitted of a postponement on account of the Hillcrest disaster, but he felt sure that they all felt the deepest sympathy for those left to mourn their beloved ones.

COALHURST

The stork was a visitor in Coalhurst again on Tuesday, June 23rd, and his compliments were a bouncing baby boy, left at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Clapham. We are mother and son doing nicely.

George Chambers and Stephen Bell returned to camp last week, after a second term of six months put in on their homesteads.

The mine started to work at 7 a. m. on the 18th, but some breakdown connected with the car loader compelled the mine to knockoff at 8 a. m. Work was not resumed until the 24th. The adverse conditions that have prevailed in this camp for the whole of this year are telling on quite a few, who would like to see things look brighter before they get too far in the whole.

Mr. Swain, the lectrician, left Coalhurst the latter part of last week for the Yellowhead Pass, to do some work for the company at their mines up there.

The Football Club looks like it intends going ahead, if it is a little late in the season. Better late than never, boys.

Lodge 105, I. O. O. F., entertained Diamond Lodge, I. O. O. F., on Tuesday, June 23rd. The third degree was put on by the Coalhurst team, and a few songs and speeches made quite a pleasant evening.

The last day that the mine worked proved that the male population of Coalhurst is getting very low. Instead of seven cages, as formerly, only four were needed to lower the men.

COLEMAN NOTES

In the bye-election which took place on Wednesday, the 17th, to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Councillors Swan and Lougan, three candidates were nominated to fill the position, namely, Mr. W. J. Burns, E. W. Parish and Mr. James Hilling. The voting resulted in Mr. Burns and Mr. Parish being elected as counselors.

Mrs. C. P. Willimott and children left on Friday morning for Creston, B. C., where she will remain for some time.

Any person wishing to have stalls on the grounds at the Owls sports on July 1st should apply to John Mitchel, secretary Coleman Order of Owls.

Mrs. Grant Downing, who underwent an operation for appendicitis in Dr. Ross' private hospital left that institution on Monday, convalescent.

On account of all the members of Local 2633 attending the funerals of the unfortunate members of our organization the election of officers did not take place last Sunday. A special meeting is called for Sunday, the 28th for the election of Local officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. James Fraser, from Vancouver is visiting his brother, William, in Coleman this week.

E. Disney returned from the coast, where he has been for some time. He reports business very dull out there.

Mr. Howie and family have removed from Coleman to Frank, where he will reside in the future.

The funeral of Mr. Patrick Kane took place from his late residence in West Coleman on Monday. The body was removed to the Catholic church, where the Rev. Delestre read the burial service. The deceased was followed to the grave by a large number of sympathizers. He was well known and much respected by the inhabitants of Coleman. He was one of the victims of the Hillcrest explosion. Deceased was a native of Castlehill, Carluke, Lanarkshire, Scotland. He leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss.

William Hines, another of the unfortunate victims who lost his life in Hillcrest, belonged in Elgin, Scotland. He was well known as a football player in the Pass. His mother and sister reside in Blairmore. He was 23 years of age.

Hugh Hunter, native of Sauchie Clack, Mannanshire, was another victim. He leaves a widow and one boy to mourn for him.

William Moore, a native of Bryan Wigan, aged about 24, also lost his life. He had worked for a time in Coleman.

Frank Bostock, another of the victims belonged to Ilkhester, Nottingham. Deceased served in the Royal Artillery, had been a member of the R. N. W. M. Police, and also served with distinction in the last Boxer uprising in China. Frank was much respected by his comrades in Coleman, where he had worked for a considerable time before going to Hillcrest.

William Trump, a native of Inon, Mouthshire, worked in Coleman about five years ago, was another who lost his life at Hillcrest.

Peter Ackers and Jack Sands worked a short time at McGillivray tipple before going to Hillcrest.

Robert Muir formerly belonged to Fauldhouse, Linlithgowshire, Scotland; worked for a time York Creek, Coleman. Some of his family are at Beaver Mines. He also lost his life in Hillcrest.

O. M. McKay belonged to Fort Hood, Nova Scotia.

R. Anderson came from Bankhead.

J. A. McColie was a native of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

James Barder belonged to West Reuin, Nova Scotia.

J. Bingham, who lost his life in Hillcrest also came from Nova Scotia.

On Sunday last, the 21st, the members of the various fraternal orders in Coleman went to Hillcrest and took charge of the remains of the members of their orders; the I. O. O. F. burying those who belonged to their order and the L. O. L. doing likewise for their brethren who had lost their lives in the Hillcrest disaster, the Rev. Watkin Jones reading the burial service at the graveside. The Masonic order also took charge of burial of deceased members.

The Rev. Father Delestre and the Rev. Father Beason read the burial service for the dead over eighty-two members of the Catholic faith. Some sorrowfu scenes took place as the caskets containing the bodies of husbands and fathers were laid in their graves, and who had crossed that bourn never to return.

The inhabitant of Coleman are glad to have Miss Shone back at the Miners' Hospital as matron. The hospital board granted her six months' leave of absence for post graduate qualifications in one of the largest training schools for nurses in the world, at Chicago, of which she has secured efficient marks, for practical work in the surgical department, 85.4; lectures on contagious diseases, children's diseases, demonstrations on nursing, 95 per cent. Which proves she had full knowledge of her profession before going, or she would not have attained such good results. We congratulate her upon the success she so well deserves.

COAL CREEK NOTES

A deep gloom settled over the camp when news was received of the fearful catastrophe at Hillcrest, many of the victims having relatives in camp. The mines were idle until 3 p. m. Monday in consequence. Our sympathy extends to all sufferers.

Saturday last was pay day up here, and the trains carried the usual contingent of Creekites to Fernie.

Robert Spruston of Michel, Joe Spruston of Vancouver and Mrs. Wm. Bell of Vancouver, brothers and sister of the late Mrs. Lowther Morton, were in camp last week end, having attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Morton.

On behalf of the Spruston family, R. Spruston wishes to thank the Fernie C. C. Excelsior Band for their services. Also W. R. Wilson for special train, and all who assisted in any way.

Henry Miard attended a business meeting of the B. C. Board of Examiners at the coast.

The late Carl Shootz, who died on Sunday night, at Fernie, was well known up here, having worked on the tipple for a number of years.

Owing to the catastrophe at Hillcrest, the lacrosse game between Coal Creek Beavers and McBean's team did not take place on Saturday last, but will be played on Monday next. The advertised basket social under the auspices of the Football Club has been also postponed till a later date.

The Coal Creek Methodist church choir contemplate running a picnic to Elko on July 1st. Friends wishing to join them are requested to give in their names to Mrs. G. Reid, or members of committee.

From the abilities shown by the adherents of Rugby at the recent practices, Coal Creek bids fair to become shining lights. We are still awaiting answers to challenge.

The Ladies' Aid, in connection with the Presbyterian church, are having an ice cream social on Friday evening, the 26th, to commence at 7 p. m. Admission free. Ice cream can be had at popular prices. Everybody welcome.

We are informed by the Rev. Mr. Stoodley, the new pastor of the Methodist church here that he intends to run a series of open air services during the summer months. Bible class held in connection with Sunday school at 2:30. Evening service will commence at 7:30. All are invited. (We trust the reverend gentleman will succeed in finding the summer first.)

The residents of this burg who held winning tickets in the recent Michel Football Club are anxiously awaiting receipt of their prizes, or notification of same.

Mrs. Joseph Mitchell came home from the hospital during the week end, where she has been undergoing treatment for inflamatory troubles. Pleased to report she is doing very well.

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] left camp to take up their residence on their ranch in Saskatchewan.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Worthington went down to Hillcrest on Saturday to await the finding of the body of Joe [illegible] crest explosion, returning on Wednesday morning.

The local "deep-foots" are training hard, contemplating carrying off some of the spoils at Fernie on July 1st.

Don't forget the Moose picnic to Elko on August 3rd.

Tickets for the draw for the five-passenger Overland car given away by St. Paul Lodge No. 46, Loyal Order of Moose, are now on sale. Tickets, 25 cents each, can be had from R. Billborough.

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THE HOLOCAUST

This week we bury and mourn the loss of nearly 200 of our brothers. We offer to their survivors our most heartfelt sympathy; we offer them our every assistance in their sorrow and anguish. No words, be they uttered ever so feelingly, no pen picture, be it ever so graphic, can convey our feelings of sympathy. The asphodel of bitterness and regret is theirs. Bitterness because they, like us, realize only too well, the sacrifice that labor must ever make, when used to descrate and rob nature of her wealth; regret that men by our present competitive and suicidal system of exploitation and competition, are compelled to continue day after day, week after week, taking the awful risks and chances of a horrible death to secure the means of livelihood for those they love and bring into existence. Respect for the sorrows of the bereaved will not permit us to attempt to describe their sufferings. Time, the great healer, will no doubt alleviate to a certain extent their sorrows, and may the hand of their fellow workers be held out to relieve them in their distress and suffering that must follow as a result of the breadwinners' demise.

The catastrophe, one the most ghastly that has ever happened in this western country, or the Dominion of Canada, came with the characteristic unexpectedness and suddenness of all such disasters. The morning broke sunny and glorious, the miners entered entered upon their task with usual health and vim, for had they not been idle two days, and did not the morrow bring that remuneration for which the worker must ever toil and strive. No thought, no heed; the miner can never stop to think or dream of accidents. His occupation is such that it begets careless disregard of danger, and were he to hesitate and consider the consequences, such hesitation would mean the loss of the percious job and means of sustenance.

Two hundred thirty-seven, hale and hearty men and boy went down that mine—the mangled and crushed bodies of one hundred eighty-nine have been returned to the widows and orphans. The bodies so torn, dismembered and crushed—so corrupt after their exposure in the mine that the relatives were denied a last glimpse even. Those one hundred eighty-nine have been offered upon the sacrificial altar of labor, to a desecrated and outraged nature, who resents the intrusion of puny humanity upon her storehouse. They are the tribute the mine worker pays for his existence. In the very glow of the ruddy coal on our hearth is reflected the blood of those brave m en who have sacrificed their lives to recover from the bowels of the earth one of the greatest necessities of civilization.

It is not fair to attach blame or censure at this period, an dwe must certainly take exception to the remarks of those who have at this stage attempted to explain the cause of explosion. Those responsible for the management and welfare of the mine have have always enjoyed the respect and confidence of the worker, and surely we can stay our judgment until the evidence is in, and then if guilt be attachable let those responsible suffer accordingly.

We would ask in the meantime that all temper their feelings and remarks until a thorough investigation is made, and the pros and cons discussed.

There is no doubt that your officers will make arrangements immediately to relieve such distress as may result, and should the workers be called upon to assist, we trust that they will, as on previous occasions, be only too ready to help the needy and distressed. True, the obligation is upon all, but we naturally look to our fellow workers as the foremost helpers.

It is gratifying to note that the International has forwarded $1,000, and were it not for the heavy drain at present upon the International exchequer as a result of Colorado. Virginia and Nanaimo, this would have been much greater.

It is meet to make mention of the efforts made by the rescue crews to recover survivors and the dead. Fernie, Coal Creek, Hosmer, Michel and McGillivray all sent contingents and apparatus, while men located from all the surrounding camps in Alberta. The Alberta No. 1 rescue car did yeoman service and more than one survivor owes his live to the rescue car men. There was, however, few to rescue—it was mostly a question of recovering the dead.

One particularly daring piece of work was done by the five men who ventured into the mine at 7:30 on Friday night to locate fire which had caused the officials to order every man out of the mine. These men took their lives in their hands; true, there was no lack of volunteers, but they went. No band played them to the pit mouth, no gaudy uniform adorned them, there was no bard to sing their praises, but they went as surely as did Cardigan's six hundred. "Into the valley of death; into the jaws of hell."

Nor should be forget that every system or condition of society will produce those venturous spirits who will be the pioneers of our specie, and suffer accordingly. The work of rescue is not a condition peculiar to our present system, but is the noblest and best of human traits, the welling and overflowing of a great brotherly love and desire to relieve mankind in distress. From the moment the first tear was shed, from the moment humanity conceived a desire to propagate its specie, there also sprung up that purest and holiest of desires to save—to live. Call it sentiment or attempt to contradict it by the most elaborate logic—it lives and expresses itself in our every action and the very fact that we exist today.

INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY!

Sir George Paish, editor of the London Statist, may be an economic authority, and able to inform us very accurately as to what is required to relieve the present existing depression, but like many authorities, he is able to diagnose the malady but is hopeless as regards the cure. Sir George has the following to say upon conditions existing in Canada:

Canada has reached that stage where it is time to halt expenditure on construction and to apply more labor and capital to work on the land and to the production of wealth. The mechanism created to care for production suffices to deal with at least twice the present output. The burdens of interest on the capital invested will be very heavy until productive power is greatly enhanced. For years the burden will entail stringent economy. It is of the utmost importance that direct increase of productive power through placing a large proportion of the population on the land and in the mines be carried out with the minimum of delay. If these measures be adopted and directed properly over $5,000,000,000 will be invested in Canada within 15 years and its population double.

We are aware, and any thinking individual can scarcely be otherwise, that "the mechanism created to care for production suffices to deal with at least twice the present output." It is the A B C of the modern student of economics that the present condition of unemployment is caused by over production. Here in Fernie we have men idle, but millions of tons of coal to mine. The coal is not mined for the very simple reason that nobody requires it—there is no market. Now, very much the same prevails throughout the whole of the Pass. Some wise ones will immediately exclaim, "This is not over production; this is under production."

Well, consider for a minute: First, why is the coal not required? Because there is no need for it? Yes. The railroads are not moving so many trains because they have no freight to move. And the reason they have no freight to move is because manufacture has ceased. In other words, we have all we require, or enough to meet our immediate needs, so we just shut down for a bit and sit around; we let things catch up. Some will differ and say that there is not the development going on that there was some years ago, and we will agree that this may be so. Still, it must be understood that development work is not done to give men employment, it is done with a view to getting profits. If development work is not going on it must be because development is not an immediate requirement; it is something that can wait—for a time. Still that does not alter the fact that there are men to dig the coal and coal to dig. The quibbler will say: "This is not over production, it is over development." Shades of Columbus! The world was never without discoverers!

The man who would venture into this Pass and and tell the operators and mineworkers that we could relieve the present dipression by placing more men in the mines would not receive a very cordial welcome. Some would ask him to provide a market for the present output. To talk about "direct productivity" as a solution is like telling a miner to eat the coal he produces.

"Back to the land" is another bewhiskered and venerable friend, but let Sir George Paish take a trip through the fruit lands of Canada during the harvest time and he will find that the majority of the ranchers are kicking not about the crop, but about what they get for it. They have formed unions and co-operative societies to control prices and get as much for a case of apples or a ton of potatoes as possible. The question that the rancher has always uppermost in his mind is what will his produce sell for at a profit, while the consumer has to face the question whether his slender means can afford it. "Direct increase of productive power through placing a large proportion of the population on the land and in the mines," sounds awfully easy and should be easy under any system but our present system, and under the chattle slave system or under the feudal system this could have been easily accomplished. Not so now, for the simple reason that our coal would be left standing in cars and our wheat in the elevators. Nor, strange to say, can it be argued that increased production would mean a cheapening of the cost of living. If you think it would, [illegible] the present high cost of living. Our forefathers could not produce anything like we can with our modern system of machinery and had always to seriously consider the question of famine. We, with plenty, are always questioning the cost of living. Jim Hill had Sir George skinned a generation when he said it was not the high cost of living, but the cost of HIGH LIVING. Were we to produce more we should have to consume more, at least that is logical, so both these intellectuals have their brilliant theories shot to hades.

Somewhere simmering in the bright, though possibly clouded, intellect of Sir George Paish is the idea that if we produced for consumption instead of profit, we might relieve conditions, but he does not care to commit himself.

If the [illegible] which Sir George predicts will be invested were to be given to the people of Canada to purchase land whereby they could return to the soil, even this would not help matters. Those at present owning the land would look upon this as a grand opportunity to soar land values, and the average wage earner would not be any better off than he is today. We have seen land given away in this country and we have seen the rancher and the farmer mortgaged and tied up so tightly that he did not know what he owned or was likely to own for the next twenty years.

Sir George may "have the ear of the captains of industry," but he cannot have the ear of the toiler—we have heard him and his kind too often.

Put them on the land! Why, most of the workers are today considering how they will land their next meal!

THE FUNERAL OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HILLCREST MINE DISASTER

The funeral of the victims of the Hillcrest mine disaster took place on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Mr. McKinnon of Coleman and Mr. Hamilton of Passburg, assisted by the officials of the U. M. W. of A., were in charge of the funeral arrangements. Over two thousand people joined in the procession, including representatives from the various local unions.

Owing to the state of the bodies, it was recognized by the relatives and those in charge that burial should take place as speedily as possible. The bodies were lying in the Miners' and Masonic Halls, which were used as temporary morgues. The difficulty of carrying the caskets down several flights of steep stairs can be readily appreciated. The little plot of ground in the centre of the town became a scene of intense activity for the preparation of burial, the caskets were deposited in shells before conveying them to their last resting place. Printed notices were distributed setting forth the order of the procession. The various religious organizations came first, followed immediately by the friendly societies and orders.

Despite the adverse condition of the weather, which at times became wintry in aspect, accompanied by cyclonic winds, which raised volumes of disagreeable dust, the Bellevue and Michel bands bravely played the Dead March in Saul at the head of the procession. Interment took place in several trenches. Upwards of eighty of the Catholic faith were laid in orderly array in one of the trenches, spaces being left for others yet to be buried. In the next long trench were buried members of the Anglican, Methodist and Baptist denominations, amongst whom five Welshmen were laid side by side. The Italian brothers, six in number, were buried in one separate trench.

The friendly societies, including the Masons, Odd Fellows and Orangemen, had their several burial spots, while Mr. Frank Pearson, president of Hillcrest Local, assisted by International Board Member Rees, read the burial service on behalf of the U. M. W. of A. Whilst we do not wish to particularize, we feel compelled to mention the impressive service which was held over the graves of the five Welsh victims. The Coleman choir, assisted by many others, gave a very effective rendering of two Welsh hymns, and the well-known English hymn, "Lead Kindly Light." The choir also assisted at the burial services, at one time singing most feelingly the English hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," to the tune of Aberystwyth.

The Masonic and Orangemen also conducted impressive services, a large number of each order being in attendance.

It would appear that the magnitude of the disaster was paralyzing in its effect. Nevertheless, there were many pathetic incidents at the gravesides. It was particularly sad to see a woman leading a small tot by the hand and carrying an infant in her arms, whilst wending her way into the trenches, apparently friendless. In several cases women could be seen standing in the trenches for hours, beside the remains of their loved ones, mute in their grief.

Over the grave of the Murray family, silently mourning, stood the only son with a widowed mother of seven children. Brave Mrs. T. W. Brown, the mother of six little children, stood above the trenches, convulsed with suppressed grief.

Many of the victims were formerly of Nova Scotia, amongst whom were Pius McNeal and Angus McQuarrey, who were conveyed back to Nova Scotia for burial. The Hungarian Society buried their comrades at Blairmore, the Michel band leading, rendering their services. One of the victims was buried at Coleman, and Thomas Corkill was conveyed to Fernie.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE

June, 22, 1914.

Hon. A. L. Sifton, Premier Alberta Government, Edmonton, Alta.:

On behalf of the mine workers of this District, we respectfully and urgently request that you appoint a special commission to investigate the matter of the recent explosion at Hillcrest, and would further request that this commission act immediately and independently of the Coroner's jury.

WM. GRAHAM, Acting President,
A. J. CARTER, Secretary-Treasurer,
District 18, U. M. W. of A.

Premier Sifton replied that the request would be granted and a commission appointed immediately.

Every motor car in the vicinity was requisitioned and used to convey rescue parties and medical assistance, while the telephone wire was held for rescue work only until well into the afternoon. This was one of the reasons why news was so slow in reaching Fernie.

The Provincial Government has given John Stirling, chief mine inspector for the Province of Alberta, authority to provide for the dependent families in immediate need.

(The following appeared in our special edition of Friday night.)

News was received in Fernie about 10:30 a. m. Friday that a serious explosion had occurred at Hillcrest mines, that over 200 men were entombed and the mine was on fire. Immediately upon receipt of the news arrangements were made with the C. P. R. to run a special train with rescue apparatus and competent rescue men to the scene of disaster. A special M. F. & M. train was despatched to Coal Creek to collect men and apparatus, while George O'Brien, who had just brought a crew out of the smoke chamber at the Rescue Station when he received the news, immediately packed eight sets of Draeger apparatus, eight oxygen cylinders and pulmotor. The C. P. R. had a special train made up and the rescue apparatus was speedily shipped aboard.

The Coal Creek coach arrived at 11:55 and was attached to C. P. R. train, which left Fernie depot at 12:10.

The whole arrangements were carried out with a despatch and methodical coolness that reflects great credit upon the training that men have received at the Rescue Station. Working with peculiar deftness that does not permit a single unnecessary movement, Geo. O'Brien, in charge of Rescue Station, rapidly fitted and packed each piece of apparatus, while the men immediately carried the boxes to the waiting train. There was no shouting or ordering, but speed with deadly earnestness.

PARTICULARS FROM HILLCREST

Hillcrest, June 19, 4:30 p. m.—(Special to District Ledger)—An explosion occurred at the mines of the Hillcrest colleries at 9:15 this morning. A special train was made up at Fernie in charge of Conductor Doran of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The British Columbia Government Draeger rescue apparatus from the Fernie station and all available apparatus of the Crows Nest Pass Coal Company at Coal Creek, also twenty-two trained men, acting under Instructor O'Brien, of Fernie Station, also Provincial Mines Inspectors Evans and Williams, Dr. Anderson and Nurses White and Dunn of the Fernie hospital were brought here on the special train. The train picked up at Hosmer and Michel W. R. Wilson, General Manager of the Crows Nest Pass Coal Company, with seven trained men and Dr. Weldon and Nurse Brady of the Michel Hospital staff.

On arrival at Hillcrest, no time was lost by the rescue party in hurrying to the scene of the disaster and putting their equipment into commission.

The scene at the pit mouth beggars description. Hundreds of tear-stained, anxious-faced women and children are awaiting some news of their loved one, who so recently left them.

Two hundred twenty men entered the mine this morning, but so far only twenty have been brought out alive, most of whom were unconscious and were revived by the Draegar apparatus and pulmotors, and twenty-three lifeless bodies have been brought out up to the present time, leaving one hundred and eighty-two men who are still entombed.

Robert Levitt of Bellevue, one of the rescue party, was overcome when he became separated from the main force, but recovered sufficiently to reach the surface, and will be all right within a few hours.

Thomas Corkle, well known in Fernie and Michel, is reported as being dead, but up to the present his body has not been recovered.

The Alberta Provincial rescue car No. 1, in charge of D. S. Hyslop, and one hundred trained men, in charge of Superintendent James of the Alberta Provincial Government arrived on the scene at 10 o'clock, within forty-five minutes of the disaster.

All available doctors and nurses from Pincher Creek, Burmis, Passburg and Bellevue have been hurried to the scene, and two more rescue trains from Canmore and Lethbridge are on their way.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT

Hillcrest, June 19, 4 p. m.—(Special to District Ledger)—Explosion occurred about 9:15. Two hundred twenty men went into the mine this morning; twenty of them got out immediately after the explosion. Up to the present time about forty have been brought out dead, and it would appear that there is very little hope for those in the mine now. The rescue parties from Coleman, Alta., and Fernie and Coal Creek, are working hard.

George Wilde, well known in Fernie and Michel, was one of the men who escaped alive. The force of the explosion was terrific and wrecked the haulage engine house, situated about 100 feet from the mine. Superintendent Quigley and Pit Boss Taylor are among those in the mine at the present time.

The following appeared in our special edition of Saturday, June 20th:

(From Special Correspondent)

Hillcrest, Alta., June 19.—It would seem as though the Grim Reaper were somewhere esconced in the shadow of Turtle Mountain River side. The toll of death in so sparse a population as is found within a radius of three miles has probably been the greatest in the annals of history. First there was the terrific disaster popularly known as the Great Frank Slide, then on December 9, 1910, came the first great accident in Alberta's history in the nearby coal camp of Bellevue, when thirty-one paid the price incident to winning coal, and now today the entire community is practically benumbed by the appalling disaster that has visited this erstwhile pleasant camp. Two hundred, in round numbers, will be the latest addition to the great casualties of recent years. No one sleeps tonight in Hillcrest, save those whose sleep knows no awakening. On every side there are evidences

LIST OF KILLED

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JAMES PORTEUS
ALEX. PORTEUS
CHAS. IRONMONGER
SAM IRONMONGER
WM. TURNER
TOM BARDSLEY
GEORGE POUNDER
JOHN HOOD
ALEX. PETRIE
ROBERT PETRIE
JAMES PETRIE
H. HUNTER
J. DAVIDSON
R. COULTER
G. COURT
T. QUIGLEY
J. S. QUIGLEY
TOM TAYLOR

BURIED MONDAY, JUNE 22

T. W. BROWN
ALFRED SALVA
PIUS NcNEIL
R. SMITH
E. AHABILLON
F. LABONE
STEVE MELANCZUK
TONY GASPARINI
B. CATTARINO
ALBINO GARDINO
J. ANDRUSKO
NICK MARRON
JOHN FOSTER
CHAS. SCHRADER
PROSPER DAY
ADAM MEIKLEJOHN
TOM TURNER
WM. ROCHESTER
JOE ROCHESTER
TOM SMITH
FRED COULTER
ARTHUR PADGETT
WM. JOHNSON
FRED JOHNSON
CARL JOHNSON
JOHN BOWIE
DAVID MURRAY, SR.
DAVID MURRAY, JR.
ROBT. MURRAY
WM. MURRAY
FRED BINGHAM
D. EMERY

BURIED TUESDAY, JUNE 23

CHAS. ELIK
JOHN CLARK
TONY CEMETTI
JOE CAMARDO
MIKE SKURHAN
DAVID THOMAS
W. G. MILLER
W. BROWN
W. HILLMAN
TONY CATONI
SIX UNKNOWN

BURIED AT BLAIRMORE

DOM MONTELLI
PETE BOZZER
F. VENDRASCO
CARLO GIANOLI
VIRGILIO BODIO
F. C. BENNETT
HERBERT ADLAM
W. FINIS
G. PARNISARI
CARLO PARNISARI
JOHN HEBER

SHIPPED EAST

J. A. McQUARRIE
ANGUS McKAY
WM. NEATH
ROD WALLACE
JAMES BARBAR

TO VERNON, B. C.

JAMES GRAY

TO MICHEL, B. C.

STEVE BANYAN

TO FERNIE, B. C.

TOM CORKILL

TO HOSMER, B. C.

ROBT. ANDERSON

TO COLEMAN, ALTA.

PATRICK KANE

LIST OF UNIDENTIFIED

The following is a list of unidentified and those still in the mine:

S. BAINBRIDGE
J. BOLINSKI
E. BOTTER
N. ALBANESE
W. MILLER
JOE OAKLEY
N. KUZENKO
J. THACHUK
P. HNAZCZAK

LIST OF RESCUED

John Ironmonger
John Toth
William Guthrow
Henry Monty
Neil McMullin
Arnold Varley
Joe Atkinson
B. Gasparine
Mike Seminak
Henry Frolak
John Franczuk
Leonard Jones
Harry Allen
Hugh Stevenson
Arthur Growther
George Bamborough
Jewel Boley
John Madison
Herman Varley
Ettiene Chabidon
Edmund Demey
Urbano Stella
Joe Dugan
Fred Chpanuk
Mike Olinski
Mike Fedoruk
Malcolm Link
John Wallace
George Wilde
John Moorehouse
Herbert Yeadon
Paddy Dujay
Jean Vanderbourne
L. J. Toth
August Kovach
Joe Demulas
Mike Semchuk
Mike Andreuske
E. Mazuchin
Fred Gregorschuk
Pete Cosmino
John Davidson, Jr.

And six others whose names are not to hand.

of the fearful mental anxiety which tells in language stronger than words can portray, they who this morning went blithely to work are mourned by loved ones who will never see them again this side of the Great Divide. Great credit should be accorded the C. P. R. and its employes for the rapid trip that was made from Fernie. A special train was despatched at 10 minutes past 12, and the following time as the various stations were passed, is sufficient proof of the service given. Hosmer, 12:19; Michel, 12:48; and despite the heavy grade after McGillivray was passed at 1:31, the train was speeding swiftly through Crows Nest and only forty-five minutes later the mines were reached, making a total run in the remarkably fast time of one hour and fifty minutes.

As an evidence of the terrific force of the explosion, the engine house at the south entry is simply a pile of debris, the roof of which was blown off and carried a distance of forty feet and the end wall facing the pit mouth, eight inches thick and sixteen feet high, was entirely demolished. A large hoisting engine was blown out of alignment and it crank shafts badly bent. A deposit of coal dust covers everything in the vicinity of one hundred and fifty feet, in thickness varying from one to three inches and caked somewhat after the consistency of swallows' daub, and another peculiarity of this dust is the fact that it was absolutely dry. Upon interviewing one who was fortunate enough to escape and asking him to give in his own words a description of the explosion, he replied:

"It was just like the crack of a cannon, and without the slightest warning."

Many willing and capable workers held themselves in readiness to do all that was humanly possible, but it was deemed advisable to suspend making any search for the bodies, because of the existence of fires. However, a company of trained men volunteered to take their lives in their hands with a view of saving others, and upon reaching the deep came back and stated that they would continue the work of mercy.

Exploring parties are at work wherever possible, and from time to time bodies are being recovered and brought out. There has been a continual surge into the camp all day; some attracted by idle curiosity, but many on a mission of fear and hope—fearful that their beloved ones were among the dead and still hoping that they might be saved. A telegram has been received that President MacKie of the Hillcrest Collieries Company has left Montreal on a special train and is making all haste to reach the scene of the disaster.

A detail of the Lethbridge fire brigade are also here to render whatever assistance needed. A special meeting of the unions in the vicinity to make arrangements for the burial of the victims will be called. Officers of District 18 are also on the spot. Coroner Pinkney of Blairmore has empanelled a special jury of ten which convenes tomorrow for a preliminary hearing. The inquest is to be held July 2nd. Many of the victims were so badly disfigured that it was only by trinkets that they could be identified. One individual was found with a very large sum of money on his body, which he was evidently carrying for safe keeping.

The Hillcrest Colliery Company and the Canadian Pacific Railway are employing a force of men in digging graves and are supplying all caskets.

Hillcrest, Alta., June 20.—One of the few survivors has had a most unusual experience, having been in two previous disasters, and in those as well as this last one escaped without injury. William Guthrow, who is a miner well known throughout Crow's Nest Pass, as well as in the coal fields of Nova Scotia, stated this morning that he was working at the time of the explosion on the north side in north entry and it would be about 9:30 when he heard a noise that sounded much like a blown-out shot, although he realized or rather sensed that something was wrong, but did not anticipate that it was anything extraordinarily serious, because he was not knocked out. When starting to make his escape, he slipped, lost his lamp, caught his foot in a frog, and in order to extricate it, he was compelled to take off his shoe. Scrambling along as best he could in the dark, he met foul air down the bottom of first north, and just when he was nearing collapse, a breath of fresh air wafted his face, and knowing that the air had been reversed, was quickly restored to normal. After reaching the mouth of the mine in safety and reporting himself, he hastened to his home, where he doffed his pit clothes, took a bath, a short sleep and then returned to do all he could to aid others. The above is practically the experience given by all who were fortunate enough to get out alive.

Coroner F. M. Pickney, of Blairmore, empanelled the following jury:

J. W. Gresham (Foreman)	Arthur E. Farmer
Charles Fuchs	John Thomas
E. Ross McKenzie	John Sharmi
Thomas Duncan	Harry Smith
George Grafton	William Goodwin

The above simply viewed the remains, as preliminary to the inquest, to be held on the 7th of July.

Deeming it advisable, under circumstances, the landlord of the Hillcrest Hotel is temporarily unable to serve his thirsty patrons with anything stronger than W. J. Bryan cocktails.

The bodies are now being recovered much more rapidly than in the start, as egress is obtainable now by two exits. Up to the present writing there are approximately one hunded fifty bodies recovered, but a number of these still await identification.

Lethbridge, June 24.—That the city of Lethbridge, a mining town, is cognizant of the widows' and orphans' needs of the village of Hillcrest, is evident from the fact that Mayor Hardy's hurry call to the commissioners was promptly fulfilled and despatched late last night.

Mayor Hardie was sent to Hillcrest on Monday to investigate the actual condition of the survivors. Late yesterday afternoon he communicated with Commissioner Reid, stating over the long distance 'phone that some of the people were absolutely destitue. The mayor gave a big order for grocreies, which was filled by the local merchants, and an order for a carload of flour. The Taylor and Ellison mills both came to the rescue of the people in need, and donated fifty sacks of flour each. The remainder of the carload was guaranteed by the city, and it was sent over the rails last night along with a full carload of groceries, handled jointly by the city and the miner's relief committee. The shipment was the first actual and material relief forwarded to the scene of the disaster, and the council is now awaiting Mayor Hardie's word for more. It is thought that the relief sent by the city will total $1,000.

Hillcrest, Alta., June 24.—Though the poignancy of grief caused by the disaster in the mine last Friday morning is still plainly evident in nearly every face met on the streets of this camp, the town is beginning to assume a more normal attitude. Everyone is now waiting for the inquest, which comes off on July 7. The Miners' Union is busy gathering a mass of testimony which will be submitted at the inquest, and it is generally conceded that the outcome of the coroner's inquest will have a distinct bearing on the future of the coal mining industry in the Pass camps.

The C. P. R. is carrying food and clothing to the sufferers, and relief is beginning to come in from many places. Relief arrived this morning from Fernie.

It is expected that an official list, the first since the disaster, will be handed out by the mine officials this afternoon. Heretofore, it has been impossible to secure a list, the officials having been too busy with the work of recovering the bodies to prepare one.—Lethbridge Herald.

Lethbridge, June 24.—Salvation Armyists of Lethbridge have been particularly hard hit by the two big disasters of the past month. The Empress catastrophe claimed four victims from the Army in this city, and it has now been learned that the late bandmaster, W. Galamore, was one of the unfortunate 196 who lost their lives in the Hillcrest mine disaster.

Demolished Hoist House, 100 Feet From Pit Mouth

FREE TRANSPORTATION ARRANGED FOR BODIES

Ottawa, June 23.—Arrangements were made today by the Government to furnish free transportation over the Intercolonial to those accompanying bodies going to Nova Scotia from the Hillcrest disaster. The arrangements were made at the request of J. D. McNiven, of the department of labor, who was sent to Hillcrest to represent the Government. He wired six bodies were leaving for Nova Scotia, and the C. P. R. had arranged for transportation as far as St. John. The government at once arranged for transportation to destination. Mr. McNiven reported that the scenes at Hillcrest were almost indescribable, and that liberal assistance is required.

Pete Commiso, who was reported among the dead, had the experience of reading his own obituary on one of the coffin plates. Pete was one of the first out and is highly pleased with his escape.

J. O. Jones, President of the Alberta Federation of Labor, was in Hillcrest on Saturday. J. O. had many friends among the Hillcrest boys and was secretary of the Local for some years. He feels very keenly the catastrophe that has created so many widows and orphans and robbed him of many a friend. Mr. Jones was present on behalf of the A. F. of L. and was instructed to render all the assistance possible by that body.

William Grafton was standing on the steps of the Southern Hotel, Bellevue, when he noticed smoke issuing from the pit mouth. He immediately rang up the Hillcrest exchange and inquired what was wrong at the mine. He was informed that all was O. K., but not being satisfied, suggested that they make inquiries. It was not, however, until some ten minutes later that the mine whistle blew its warning.

GAS IN MINES

The chief danger in coal mines is due to the presence of gases, given off by coal and other components of the coal-bearing strata, or produced by the firing of explosives. The most common of these are three in number. (1) Fire-damp, or marsh gas (CH) forms a highly explosive mixture with air when in proportion of about ten per cent. to it. Being lighter than air (sp. gr.-5.6), this gas is found near the roof of workings, and is difficult of detection without the aid of a lamp, owing to its absence of color, taste, or smell. (2) Black or choke damp, carbon dioxide (CO_2) is, on the other hand, heavier than air, and so settles near the ground. It is non-explosive, but will not support combustion or life if present in the proportion of fourteen per cent. in the air. (3) Carbon monoxide (CO) is produced by the firing of explosives, the spontaneous combustion of coal, or the explosion of fire-damp. It destroys life if in the proportion of one per cent. in the atmosphere. Spontaneous combustion takes place in certain mines where the coal is peculiarly absorbent of oxygen. Coal dust, also, when present in the air in sufficient quantities, explodes on contact with a flame.—Nelson's Encyclopaedia.

Messages of Condolence

King Expresses Sympathy

Today the Governor-General received the following message from King George:

"I am grieved to hear through the press of the terrible disaster at Hillcrest coal mine by which it is feared many hundreds have lost their lives. Please express my deepest sympathy with the sufferers and also with the families of those who have perished."

Hon. Lewis Harcourt, Colonial Secretary, sent the following message:

"Please convey to your ministers an expression of deep sympathy from His Majesty's Government and people of Canada in the colliery disaster."

David Rees, Hillcrest:

Message received. Deplore great disaster that caused death of so many of our people, and hasten to extend my deepest sympathy to the bereaved ones who are left to mourn.

JOHN P. WHITE.

David Rees, Fernie:

We are filled with sorrow on account of awful explosion at Hillcrest mine. Will send one thousand dollars to aid bereaved families. Wire answer where and to whom we should send this money. Answer quick.

WILLIAM GREEN,
Sec'y United Mine Workers.

Wm. Green, Secretary Mine Workers, Indianapolis, Ind.:

President White's message of sympathy and yours received. Have conveyed same to Hillcrest people. I beg to extend the gratitude of the bereaved families for the expression of sympathy received, also for your kind consideration in forwarding one thousand dollars, especially considering the heavy drain on the National exchequer at this time.

DAVID REES.

Medicine Hat, Alta., June 21, 1914.

Mr. A. J. Carter, Secretary U. M. W of A., Dist. 18, Fernie, B. C.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—The Executive Officers of the Alberta Federation of Labor are deeply grieved over the distressing calamity which occurred on Friday at Hillcrest mine. Shocking as was the loss of life in the sinking of the Empress of Ireland but a few days ago, the Hillcrest disaster touches our hearts to the extremity of sympathetic sorrow, inasmuch as this holocaust has occurred under our very eyes and the victims are of ourselves—the wage earners and wealth producers of Alberta.

Kindly convey to your colleagues, to the surviving members of Hillcrest Local, and to the families of the unfortunate victims the keen sympathy of thousands of working men of Alberta as expressed herewith through the Alberta Federation of Labor.

President Jones, of the Federation, has been this day instructed to proceed immediately to Hillcrest as representative of the Federation, to lend assistance on behalf of the Federation in any possible manner in this hour of sadness and distress. Fraternally yours,

ALBERTA FEDERATION OF LABOR,
B. M. Bellamy, Secretary.

John F. Stirling, Hillcrest:

Am directed by His Royal Highness, the Governor General, to convey to the people of Hillcrest the sincere sympathy of himself and the Duchess of Connaught on account of the recent terrible calamity. Please see that this conveyed to the public in some way, as well as the sympathy of Mrs. Bulyea and myself.

LIEUTENANT- GOVERNOR BULYEA.

John F. Stirling, Chief Inspector of Mines, Hillcrest, Alta.:

Accept sympathy in face of appalling disaster. If I can do anything let me know.

R. W. BROCK.

CONDOLENCE

Vancouver, B. C., June 19, 1914.

A. J. Carter, Secretary, Miners' Headquarters, Fernie, B. C.:

Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, on behalf of organized workers of Vancouver, extends deepest sympathy to District Eighteen and particularly to the miners of Hillcrest Union, in the terrible disaster which has fallen upon your District today.

JAMES H. McVETY,
Vice President.

Glace Bay, N. S., June 23, 1914.

A. J. Carter, Secretary United Mine Workers of America, Fernie, B. C.:

At a public meeting of miners, held here last night, following resolution was passed:

"Resolved that this meeting of miners instruct the officers of District No. 26 to wire our deep regrets at the disaster and sympathy for the bereaved families at Hillcrest; and we further instruct them to write the officials of the Dominion Coal Company to make immediate arrangements for a voluntary collection to be taken up from their employes for the benefit of the bereaved families at Hillcrest."

J. B. McLACHLIN.

Glace Bay, N. S. June 22, 1914.

Editor District Ledger, Fernie, B. C.:

I join with the comrades of the Glace Bay Local of the Socialist Party of Canada and many others of this vicinity in sending sympathy and condolence to the relatives and fellow workers of the Hillcrest disaster.

C. M. O'BRIEN.

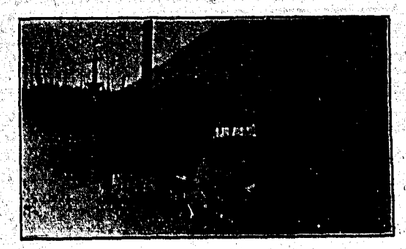
GOVERNMENT TO PROBE DISASTER—KING GEORGE WIRES MESSAGE OF GRIEF

Ottawa, June 22.—J. S. C. Hudson of the department of mines, has left for Hillcrest, Alta., at the request of Prof. R. W. Brock, deputy minister, to look into the causes of the recent disaster.

Mr. Hudson is an expert who has made a special study of mine accidents and their causes. He was principally responsible for the new law relating to explosives passed by the Dominion Government. The Dominion government does not propose to conduct a general inquiry into the cause of the accident, but will leave that to the Provincial Government. All possible information will be gathered with the object of preventing accidents of a similar nature in the future.

Thomas Parry and J. Hilling, who were among the rescue party that came from McGillivray with General Manager Killock, of the McGillivray Coal and Coke Co., in describing their experiences to the Ledger man, stated that they entered the mine and explored a large portion of same. Down in the lower levels of No. 1 slope they found the mine in bad shape, timbers being blown out in all directions and caves everywhere, and experienced considerable difficulty in traveling. They located one small fire, but the ventilation was good, and there was no difficulty in extinguishing it. On their journey they passed fifty or sixty dead bodies uncovered, while they noticed many partly covered with coal and debris. In some cases it was only an arm of leg protruding, while in other cases it was part of the body. The dead looked as though they had been covered with tar, sweat and dust. The condition of those bodies where the gas had commenced to work was sickening and several of the party were compelled to refrain from looking. General Manager Killock, however, did not permit anyone to linger, as they were looking for signs of life; they could not succor the dead. Most of the dead, said Parry, appeared to have been killed instantly, and their bodies were horribly burnt and disfigured.

William Touhey, shot lighter, Michel, also seen by our representative, stated that this was his fourth experience of coal mine explosions. He did not think the mine was badly damaged, in spite of the terrific force of the explosion. Most of the men appeared to have been killed by gas, although there was no doubt that they had been rendered unconscious by the force of the explosion. Mr. Touhey was present at the Banfurlong (Lancs.) explosion in 1906, when twenty-four men were killed; the Maypole (Lancs.) explosion in 1908, when eighty-four were killed; the Preoria (Lancs.)



THE TEMPORARY HOSPITAL

explosion, 1910, when 348 were killed, and the Hillcrest disaster. He was with the Michel rescue contingent, and has had considerable experience in rescue work in the old country.

While he acknowledged that the men were being well trained in the use of the apparatus, Mr. Touhey thought they have much to learn before they could be considered thoroughly proficient rescue men. The confusion that was likely to arise as the result of using two different patterns of apparatus was also to be deplored.

Wm. Mazey, with the Coal Creek contingent, had a remarkable experience, and one that amplifies the contention that many were instantly killed. Sitting in one of the shelters, or manholes, in an entry to the north of No. 2, was a man with a piece of bread in his hand and his mouth agape, as though in the act of biting. So real and life-like did he appear that Mazey could scarce believe him dead.

The Lethbridge car with six rescue crews arrived early in the afternoon. Everything humanly possible was done and there were nurses, doctors and helpers in abundance. The explosion, which must have knocked everyone in the mine senseless, where it did not kill outright, was terrific, many men having limbs blown off and disemboweled, while the position and condition of many of the dead would indicate that, rendered unconscious by the explosion, they were poisoned by the deadly carbon monoxide before regaining consciousness.

Whole families have been wiped out, one particuplarly sad case being that of the Murray family, father and three sons being among the dead. Three of the Petrie family are also among the dead.

The saddest feature about the disaster is the number of married men. Thomas William Brown, who had contributed to the Ledger columns for some time is among the dead. He leaves a wife and six children.

Although special details of R. N. W. M. Police are on the spot to maintain order, but their services are a sinecure. The whole camp is too dazed and benumbed with horror to think of disorder.

There were many stories to tell of the dead, but few rescued to give their experience. All those interviewed, however, were of the opinion that most of the men were rendered senseless by shock and afterwards poisoned by carbon monoxide.

Bob Levett, of Bellevue, was overcome through the mouthpiece of his apparatus becoming displaced, and was brought out by T. Jewell and Sandy Nicol. When first brought out it was thought he was beyond recovery, but after working sometime, the doctors noticed signs of life, and he was eventually brought back by the aid of the pulmotor. This is Bob's second experience of mine rescue, he having been one of the party engaged in rescue work during the explosion at Bellevue in 1910.

THE ISLAND SITUATION

While we have no official news, there is a press rumor that the strike on the Island has been called off. Whether this be true or not, we do not care to venture an opinion, but having regard to the number of men on strike and the present state of unemployment at the coast and on the Island, we would strongly advise all workers to stay away from that portion of the country, until they hear otherwise.

TAYLOR-STEVENS

A very pretty wedding took place in the English Church, Fernie, on Wednesday afternoon, June 24th, the Rev. D. V. D. Robertson officiating, when Miss Margaret Stevens was united in marriage to Mr. James Taylor, both of Fernie. The church was very beautifully decorated in white, and the bride looked very pretty, dressed in ivory satin. After the wedding ceremony, a large number of guests assembled at the home of the bride's parents, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all present. The happy couple left on the midnight train for Spokane, where they intend to spend a week or so honeymooning, when they will return to Fernie and take up their future home.

The bride was the recipient of many handsome and useful gifts, which shows the esteem in which she is held by her many friends.

T. CONNER'S ITINERARY

The following meetings have been arranged for Comrade T. Conner, Provincial Organizer for the Socialist Pary of Canada: Hosmer, Saturday night; Coal Creek, Sunday, 3 p. m.; Fernie, Sunday night, 8 p. m., in the hall; Michel, Monday night; Corbin, Tuesday night; Coleman Wednesday night.

JULY FIRST CELEBRATION

Program of Events

Football.
Lacrosse—Fernie vs. Cranbrook.
Half mile bicycle race
100 yard miners' race.
Ladies' race.
High jump.
Married men's race—100 yards.
Sawing competition.
One mile open.
100 yards open.
Chopping competition.
Broad jump.
Two mile motor cycle race.
Pony race, best two of three heats.
440 yard race, open.
Horse race, five-eighth mile dash.
Boys' bicycle race.
Squaw race.
Mile dash, open.
Relay race.
Baseball tournament.

The baseball competition commences immediately on conclusion of lacrosse match. If four or more teams are entered, first games will be of seven innings only; final game to be played out.

Relay race—Two or three horses, optional. Loop cinch to be used, saddles on the ground to start. One man and rider with each team.

Boxing contest—Middleweight championship of Canada. Billy Weeks of Vancouver, vs. Joe Uvanni, of Rome, N. Y. Preliminaries start 8:30 p.m., at Fernie arena.

The Athletic Association have made arrangements with the Coal Company for a special train for the Coal Creek people to attend the Dominion Day celebration. The train will leave Coal Creek at 9:30 a. m.

"The Shepard of the Hills," the dramatization of Harold Bell Wright's novel, which holds the record for the largest sales of any American work of fiction, which has been made by Mr. Wright, with the assistance of Elsbry W. Reynolds, will be seen at the Grand, Monday, June 29th.

The scenes of the play are laid among the Ozark mountain of Missouri. It is a story of the hills and the simple life, yet it has plenty of excitement and an air of mystery that will hold the auditor from beginning to end.

The story has to do with the father of an artist, who, tired of city life, goes into the Ozarks for peace and quietude. He learns of a grievous sin committed by his son, whom he mourns as dead. The son had visited the hills some years before, when he fell in love with a simple country girl. He painted her picture, and when he went back to the city, deserting the girl, he earned fame because of the canvas. The girl, deserted and broken-hearted, dies, leaving behind her a half-witted son.

There are several characters whose quaint humor is a decided novelty. Taken as a whole, the play promises to prove a refreshing change from the general run of dramatic attractions this season.

FERNIE FOOTBALL CLUB

A dance will be given by the club on the 1st of July in the Socialist Hall. Gentlemen, $1.00; ladies, 50c. Ice cream and cake will be served free; dancing to commence at 9 p. m.

Everybody voted the last one a great success, but the 1st of July dance will be a hummer.

A general meeting of players and all interested, will be held in the club hall at 4 p. m.

THE LUDLOW MASSACRE

For seven days after the massacre of the miners' wives and children at Ludlow, April 20th, the State militia of Colorado made frantic efforts to conceal the charred bodies of their victims lying in the little cellars beneath the burned tents.

Ministers of the Gospel, bearers of [illegible] their dead were driven back from the camp with curses by the armed guardsmen.

Frenzied with the fear that they had lit the fires of a revolution when they laid the torch to the miner's tents, the militia sought to destroy with quicklime and gasoline the ghastly human remains.

But it was too late.

The American working people were aroused.

An armed invasion of the State of Colorado for the purpose of crushing the militia was imminent and would have taken place but for the quick intervention of United States troops [illegible]

The militia has retired to its kennels, at the capital, growling.

The miners are rebuilding their tent colonies, watchfully.

The labor world waits.

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No. 2314
Meet first and third Fridays, Miners' Hall, Fernie; second and fourth Fridays, Club Hall, Coal Creek. Sick Benefit attached.—T. Uphill, Sec., Fernie, B. C.

HOSMER LOCAL
No. 2497
Meet every Sunday at 2.30 in K. P. Hall, Main Street. Sick Benefit Society attached.—W. Balderstone, Sec., Box 63, Hosmer, B. C.

MICHEL LOCAL
No. 2334
Meet every Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Crahan's Hall. Sick Benefit Society attached.—H. Elmer, Sec.

PARK LOCAL
No. 1387
Meet every Sunday. Sick and Accident Benefit Society attached.—Michael Warren, Sec., Canmore, Alta.

HILLCREST LOCAL
No. 1058
Meet second and fourth Sunday in month. Sick and Benefit Society attached.—J. Gorton, Sec.

CARBONDALE LOCAL
No. 2227
Meet every alternate Sunday at 2.30 p.m. in the Opera House, Coleman.—J. Mitchell, Sec., Box 105, Coleman.

BANKHEAD LOCAL
No. 29
Meet every Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in the Bankhead Hall. Sick and Accident Benefit Fund attached.—Frank Wheatley, Fin. Sec., Bankhead, Alta.

COALHURST LOCAL
No. 1189
Meet every Friday evening at 7.30 in Miners' Hall. Sick and Accident Benefit Society attached.—Frank Barringham, Sec., Box 112, Coalhurst P. O.

BEAVER CREEK LOCAL
No. 481
Meet every first and third Sunday at Lyric Hall, 3 p.m.—John Loughran, Sec.

COLEMAN LOCAL
No. 2633
Meet every alternate Sunday at 2.30 p.m. in the Opera House, Coleman.—J. Johnstone, Sec.

PASSBURG LOCAL
No. 2352
Meet every second and fourth Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. in Slovak Hall. Sick Benefit Society attached.—Thos. G. Harries, Sec., Passburg, Alta.

BURMIS LOCAL
No. 949
Meet every second and fourth Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. in School House, Burmis. No Sick Society.—Thos. G. Harries, Sec., Passburg, Alta.

MAPLE LEAF LOCAL
No. 2829
Meet every first and third Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. in Union Hall, Maple Leaf. No Sick Society.—Thos. G. Harries, Sec., Passburg, Alta.

LETHBRIDGE LOCAL
No. 574
Meet every Wednesday evening at 7.30 in Miners' Hall, 12th Avenue North.—L. Moore, Sec.-Treas.

BELLEVUE LOCAL
No. 431
Meet every Sunday at 2.30 p.m. in the Socialist Hall.—James Burke, Sec., Box 36, Bellevue, Alta.

CORBIN LOCAL
No. 2877
Meet every second Sunday at 2 o'clock in the Club Hall. Sick Benefit Society attached.—Geo. Elms, Sec., Corbin, B. C.

GEORGETOWN LOCAL
No. 3026
Meet every Sunday afternoon, 2.30, at Boarding House. Sick and Accident Fund attached.—Max Hutter, Sec.

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No. 1263
Meet Sundays, after each pay day, at Miners Hall. Sick and Benefit Society attached.—E Morgan, Secretary.

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MAN KILLED ON THE C.P.R. TRACK

The morning passenger train from the east on Monday morning brought in the body of J. H. Sobdell, who was killed by that train at about 10:37, four miles east of Fernie. The body was badly mutilated and was held in the baggage room pending the arrival of the Coroner, who later permitted its removal to the undertaker. The deceased was about 35 years of age and of Austrian nationality. Three five-dollar bills and a letter to the Dominion Land Office of Edmonton, in which the writer was making a complaint about wages owing by his previous employer, were all that was found in his possesion.

On Monday evening Coroner Wilkes held an inquiry, the following constituting the jury:

S. Graham, John Janiceh, Joe Smith, Pat Lynch, Mark Owen and Alfred Maynard.

After hearing the evidence of the train crew it would appear that the train was coming around a curve at the spot where deceased was killed. The engineer could not see the man from his side, but the fireman happened to catch a glimpse of the man and shouted to the engineer. The latter immediately applied the emergency brakes and the train was pulled up.

The conductor and engineer went back and discovered the body lying beside the track, apparently dead. After examining same, it was taken aboard and brought to Fernie. The jury, after carefully considering the evidence, returned the following verdict:

We find that the deceased, J. H. Sobdell, came to his death by being struck by locomotive No. 2590, C. P. R., on a curve about four miles east of Fernie, B. C., the time being 10:37 a. m., June 22, 1914.

We find from the evidence placed before us that the deceased, J. H. Sobdell, came to his death in a purely accidental manner, and that the train crew in charge of said train are entirely exonerated from all blame and responsibility.

R. SPRUSTON'S EXPERIENCE AT QUEBEC

Mr. R. Spruston, of Michel, who journeyed to Quebec to recover the bodies of his sister, brother-in-law and their children (Mr. and Mrs. L. Morton) had an experience there that he never wishes to repeat. Relating his experiences to our correspondent, Mr. Spruston stated that the C. P. R. officials did all that lay in their power to facilitate the recovery of bodies and the identification of same. The scenes he witnessed were heart rending and beyond description; people were distraught with grief. One case in particular where two fathers were claiming the body of one child; one holding either end of the casket. The body was eventually restored to the right parent, who was able to identify same by a certain peculiarity of the body.

Mr. Spruston was talking to one of the survivors, and on questioning him, the man informed him that he saw Mrs. Morton with her baby standing on deck, and that the baby was washed out of her arms; immediately afterwards Mrs. Morton disappeared. The anguish and suffering of some was so intense that they became demented and had to be placed under guard. To use Mr. Spruston's own words, "He had an experience that he never wished to undergo again." He never rested properly the whole time he was there, while the C. P. R. Hotel was like an asylum, the extreme grief of some which found expression in crying and moaning for their loved ones was awful. He stayed until the C. P. R. officials gave out that there was no further hope of recovering bodies, and then returned with a heavy heart, knowing that he was leaving the husband and children of his sister unrecovered.

"I would have given all I possess," said Mr. Spruston, "to have been able to bring them back and have buried them in their last resting place in Fernie together. I left a photograph of my sister's husband and children with the authorties and received their assurance that should their bodies be recovered they would immediately wire and have the bodies shipped on to Fernie."

When seen by our correspondent, Mr. Spruston was completely worn out, and immediately after the funeral took train to Michel.

HOSMER TO BE ABANDONED

We have received information, about which we fear there can be no question, that the C. P. R. have decided to definitely abandon and dismantle their mines at Hosmer.

While there were many who had inside information on this matter and were confident that sooner or later the camp would close, still very few cared to express an opinion. The tradesmen have been stunned by the suddenness of the decision, and it will mean ruin to many who have sunk all they possess in the camp.

It is possible that Fernie may benefit to a certain extent by securing the coke contract, and possibly the coal chutes may also be located here.

The cost of production is given as the reason, so we understand, but there is a reason why the cost of production is so high, and this is on account of the many difficulties encountered in mining clean coal. The C. P. R. has spent large sums of money in development work and opened the seams from various points, but they have always encountered serious faults and considerable difficulty has been experienced in securing clean coal.

200 MINERS ENTOMBED

Of 400 Men Underground When Fire Breaks Out, Only 200 Escape

Mons, Belgium, June 19.—Two hundred coal miners were entombed in the Vielle-Marihave colliery near here, when fire broke out today. Two hundred of their comrades escaped when the alarm was given.

The fire was still raging this afternoon and every effort was being made to rescue the miners left in the pits.

SEQUEL TO THE CHRISTENING

Karal Choots, a Galician-Austrian, aged 50 years, was found dead in a house on the north end of Victoria avenue on Monday morning. Deceased, with some of his fellow countrymen, had been celebrating a christening, after the usual custom, and Choots must have returned home the worst for liquor. The doctor's evidence was that death was due to alcoholic poisoning, and after hearing evidence the Coroner decided that no inquest was necessary. Deceased was buried on Wednesday morning.

The new pastor of the English Church has arrived and taken up his duties.

Dan Hall, who was operated on by Dr. Weldon for appendicitis, is progressing very satisfactorily.

The Odd Fellows have contributed $10.00 toward prizes for July 1st, also the Moose have contributed $10.00, for a special lady's prize.

We are informed that the mines will work steadier from now on, the coal company having secured several large orders.

Rev. W. M. Walton, of the Church of England here, leaves Friday for his new charge at Banff, Alta., and the Rev. D. V. D. Robertson of Summerland, B. C., succeeds him here.

A number of complaints have been received during the course of the week, anent the number of persons who use the sidewalk as a bicycle rack. As this is becoming a dangerous nuisance, we trust those in authority will take the necessary steps to prosecute those guilty of this dangerous practice.

BEAVER CREEK

Beaver Creek, June 21.—The District Ledger Extra was the first official news of the terrible mine explosion at Hillcrest to reach Beaver Mines. The fact that District Ledgers containing the news as late as 4:30 on Friday evening from Hillcrest were being distributed at noon next day at Beaver was surely going some.

Soon after 10 on Friday morning a message was received at the company's office asking that help be sent to Hillcrest, and in less than half an hour the whole of the officials, including Sam McVicar, manager; Dave Muir, pit boss; John Crawford and Tom Davis, fire bosses; Bob Brown, master mechanic; W. T. Hamilton, ex-pit boss; Ed. Beavor, Jim Crawford, Norman Morrison and others were under way in motor cars for the scene of the explosion.

The news that Robert Muir, father of Dave, pit boss and late treasurer of Beaver Mines Local was amongst the dead, was received with much regret by the inhabitants of Beaver, and much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family.

Indeed, a large percentage of the miners employed at Hillcrest were recently employed at Beaver, and we fear that in most cases the worst has happened.

Beaverites will be sorry to learn that Joe Smith, barber and pool room manager at this place, passed away on Tuesday of last week, at the residence of his mother, Mrs. Chas. Smith, at Pincher Creek. Joe left Beaver about six weeks ago and visited Coleman on a business proposition, but the following week was stricken down with a complication of diseases, including dropsy and hemorrhage, to which he succumbed on the 16th inst. His father, Chas. Smith, was one of eldest old-timers in Pinche Creek, having come there from Chicken Prairie, Montana, in 1880.

Joe was married, but at present his wife and three children are residing in Polson, Montana. The deceased came to Beaver two years ago and resided here until the first week in last May.

FRANCE NOW TAXES FOREIGN DIVIDENDS

Paris, June 23.—The French Government yesterday issued regulations under which a tax of 5 per cent. is to be collected upon incomes received in France from foreign stocks, bonds and securities in whatever form, including government bonds. The regulations go into force on July 1.

The law by which this tax is levied was passed in March. Since then enormous pressure from financial interests has been brought to bear on the Government to delay the application of the legislation, while various changes have been proposed.

Among the arguments put forward it has been urged that the law would drive out of France thousands of Frenchmen and foreigners who will prefer to leave the country rather than lose the twentieth part of the income they derive from capital invested abroad. Other thousands, it is declared, will remain in France and evade the law, which in some quarters is deemed impossible of enforcement.

The regulations are intricate and detailed. They require the banks to keep a record of all coupons, checks and other instruments of credit used to transfer or collect interest from abroad.

eSevere penalties are to be inflicted on persons seeking to evade the law. The extreme limit is a year's imprisonment and there is a series of heavy fines.

JOHN D. BLAMED FOR RIOTS

Independent Miner Says He is Putting Little Ones Out of Business

Washington, June 199.—J. A. Owenby, representing independent coal operators in Colorado, told President Wilson today the Rockefeller and other large interests in the State were not attempting to settle the strike because small corporation were being driven out of business. He told the President the Federal troops were being used to assist the large operators.

Owenby, who was brought to the White House by Senator Owen, said most of the small mines were forced to close at the beginning of the strike riots, and that Federal troops had prevented any mines from being reopened and kept new miners from coming into the field.

While such measures were intended to restore peace, he said they were resulting to the detriment of the small operators.

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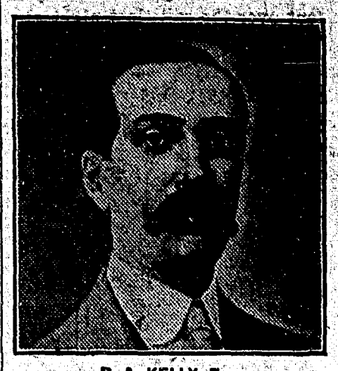

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MINERS' EXAMINATION

The following is a list of successful candidate at the examination for coal mine officials held May 19th, 20th and 21st, 1914:

First Class

Rowland B. Gasceyne, Cumberland, B. C.
George O'Brien, Fernie, B. C.
David Brown, Corbin, B. C.
Thomas O. Davies, Beaver Mines, Alberta.
James Touhey, Michel, B. C.
Hugh Penman, Merrit, B. C.
John Russel, Mitford, Alberta.

Second Class

William H. Moore, Nanaimo, B. C.
Frederick W. Dennis, Lethbridge, Alberta.
Robert N. Hamilton, Nanaimo, B. C.
Thomas J. Wood, Nanaimo, B. C.
Robinson Wilson, Princeton, B. C.
J. A. Challoner, Nanaimo, B. C.
Earnest H. Devlin, Nanaimo, B. C.
William W. Clarkston, Hosmer, B. C.
James Quinn, Corbin, B. C.
David M. Francis, Middlesboro, B. C.
Robert D. Brown, Princeton, B. C.
Arthur Newbury, Nanaimo, B. C.
Isaac Hutton, Frank, Alberta.
James Fairfoull, Middlesboro, B. C.

Third Class

John M. McGuckie, Nanaimo, B. C.
John Michek, Ladysmith, B. C.
John Y. Murdoch, Bevan, B. C.
George W. Nash, Ladysmith, B. C.
Thomas Robson, South Wellington, B. C.
James Taylor, Fernie, B. C.
Frank Bobbs, Cumberland, B. C.
George Archibald, Merrit, B. C.
Robert Vardy, Nanaimo B. C.
George Maxwell Merritt, B. C.
William Anderson, South Wellington, B. C.
James G. Gester, Merrit, B. C.
Neil McInyre, Ladysmith, B. C.
John Greenhorn, Ladysmith, B. C.
William A. Brown Fernie, B. C.
Thomas Taylor, Bevan, B. C.
Owen Dabb, Ladysmith, B. C.
Albert Radford, Ladysmith, B. C.
Matthew McKibben, Merritt, B. C.
Edward Station, Merrit, B. C.
John Jack, Merrit, B. C.
Benjamin Ball, Natal, B. C.
Alfred G. Jones, Cumberland, B. C.
John Malone, Ladysmith, B. C.
William Angell, Ladysmith, B. C.
Thomas Reid, Coal Creek, B. C.
James Edw. Parrot, South Wellington, B. C.
John Wright, Ladysmith, B. C.
William Walker, Corbin, B. C.
Andrew Y. Dow, Hosmer, B. C.
Thomas James, Michel.
Robert Wright, South Wellington, B. C.

SCOTCH PASSENGER TRAIN FALLS INTO TORRENT

Three Women Drowned and Dozen Others Supposed Killed

London, June 18.—Three women were drowned, and it is believed a dozen others persons perished when a passenger train today went through a culvert and into a torrent at Carr bridge, 28 miles south of Inverness, Scotland.

A thunderstorm, that ravaged the north of England and Scotland, was responsible for the accident. The train from Perth was crossing the culvert and became derailed, the culvert, which had become undermined collopsed, and the passenger coaches fell into the water. It is feared that besides the known dead, a dozen other persons were caught in a submerged coach. Most of the people escaped from the cars, drifted in the stream and were badly injured before rescued. One man, a passenger from New York, saved himself by grappling a tree.

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The Latest from Colorado Fields

Denver, Colo., June 20.—Corporation ridden Colorado is trying a new method of breaking strikes.

For seven months the State scab-herding militia was used for this purpose without avail. Then came the massacre of the nineteen men, women and children at Ludlow and consequent attempt of the gunmen militiamen to slaughter all the strikers. Instead of breaking the strike, it cemented the bonds of unionism more solidly and made the striking miners more determined to win.

Now that prostituted State officials have failed, county officers are doing their dirty work in the hope that they may gather some of the spoils from the hands of the operators that run red with the blood of the women and babies of Ludlow.

Fremont county has put into effect the newest method of attempting to break the strike.

During the two weeks' fighting which followed Ludlow, one man was killed in Fremont county.

The grand jury met and indicted fifty-three union men for murder. These strikers have been throw into jail and bonds in each case have been fixed at $5,000.

Union officers claim this was done solely for the purpose of tying up the funds of the United Mine Workers.

Denver, Colo., June 20.—A possible strike breakers' walkout is the latest development in Colorado's industrial war.

The Colorado Fuel and Iron Company has made a reduction ranging from 5 to 20 per cent in the weekly wage of its strike breakers.

Operators deny the cut in wages and explain the average wage of the miners, at the Walsenburg mine in particular has been reduced because of the reduced tonnage put out by each man per week. They insist the rate of wage has not been lessened.

It is explained that the strike breakers when first put into the mines, were more or less inexperienced toilers and, to meet the demands for coal, every man was given rooms where coal could be mined the easiest and the consequent output brought as near to normal as possible.

Since that time, it is said, the strike breakers have become accustomed to digging coal, the output has began to exceed the demand and as a consequence, the strike breakers have been put to work in more inaccessible portions of the mine.

Strike breakers are beginning to insist that they be put back in those portions of the mine where they can produce the greatest tonnage, claiming their work is hazardous and because of their character as strike breakers they should be given opportunity to make as much money out of their distasteful employment as possible.

The operators admit the situation has become embarrassing and they are in danger of having a walkout of strike breakers unless they agree to their employes' demands.

"My employes are honest; I have every reason to believe in their sincerity, integrity and honesty." John Dee, Jr., gave vent to this at the same time he said "My conscience acquits me."

And now some of these same employes are charged with stealing thousands of dollars from him at his Pueblo plants.

If these "trusted" employes would steal, isn't it possible that they would pad their strike reports? It might have been well for John Dee, Jr., to have visited Colorado months ago, not only to investigate the grievances of the miners, but the records of his "honest" representatives.

With the State election but a few months away, the usual number of friends of labor are bobbing up. Many of them will be left severely alone.

Organized labor in Colorado has learned a hard lesson in the past eight months. They realize that the time has passed when they can support any man who promises to be a friend of labor before election and then starts to lick the boots of capital as soon as he is elected.

Governor Ammons was a good example of these pre-election friends of labor who turned out to be a spineless trickster.

Labor in Colorado has decided that it is to have no more of these political crooks and, the fall election will see organized labor vote more solidly than ever before.

The story told by Charles Ravallo, "scab," who has just made his escape from the Morley mines, is a pitiful one.

Ravallo produced statements showing that for the week ending May 31, in which he put in 50 hours' work, he received $10.25. His board cost him $5.40. Fifty cents went towards hospital maintenance and $2 went out in drafts, leaving him $2.35 to expend in riotous living.

For the week ending June 8, he put in 50 hours' work, receiving $10.25, or $1.70 a day. His board cost him $6.75 that week and $1 was taken from him for the hospital, leaving him $2.50 profit.

Ravallo says that the treatment offered the men in the Morley mines is something awful; the board is of the cheapest kind and the men are guarded at all times, to prevent them from escaping.

He says that the mine superintendent forces the men in the mines to write letters home to relatives and friends, telling them of the good working conditions and the high wages paid and begging them to come on, as "the strike is over," and there is plenty of work.

ANGRY POSTMEN HOLD UP MAILS

Mob of Six Hundred Takes Possession of Central Office in Paris—Want Salaries Increased

Paris, June 24.—For seven hours last night 600 angry postmen were in possession of the central postoffice and prevented the movement of all incoming and outgoing mail. The trouble arose over the refusal of the senate yesterday to include in the postal budget certain increased allowances, in favor of which there has been a strong agitation for some time past.

The news of the vote in the senate was received by the men with groans and hisses. They then sallied forth into the yard and tried to prevent the mail automobiles from going out. The authorities had established guards with a view to possible disorders, but they were unable to prevent the overturning of the machines and the blocking of the gateway.

The dissatisfied postmen rapidly grew in numbers and violence and the police were called. All doors were closed and barricaded. Groups of postmen stood at the windows and shook their fists at the police, who had gathered helplessly outside. The men sang revolutionary hymns, jeered the authorities and continued to hold the postoffice against all attempt to dislodge them.

The minister of Commerce, Gaston Thomas, accompanied by the prefect of police, Celestin Hennion, appeared on the scene and sought to induce the men to withdraw. He pointed out that the senate had voted an increase in the salaries to the amount of 12,000,000 francs ($2,400,000), and that the Government favored the extra allowances.

A little after midnight the men left, having accomplished their purpose of completely paralyzing the mail service of the city.

ABANDON ATTEMPT TO RAISE BODIES

Man-o'-War Divers Are Ordered to Quit Work—Dangers Make it Impracticable

Quebec, June 22.—All attempts to get the 900 bodies entombed in the sunken hull of the Empress of Ireland were abandoned today, following a conference between Lieut.-Commander Forbes of H. M. S. Essex and the divers of the man-o'-war at the scene of the wreck, as a result of the death of Edward Cowchoom of New York on Sunday from his fall off the slimy hull of the steamer.

Commander Forbes reached Father Point today. His investigation showed that the accident happened while the water was at low level, that every precaution for deep sea diving operations was taken, and that no better conditions for carrying on the work could be expected.

Lieut.-Commander Forbes notified Capt. Walsh, marine superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, of these facts and suggested divers from the Essex be sent back to their ship here.

Capt. Walsh, after consulting with Capt. Watson of H. M. S. Essex, reluctantly admitted that everything possible had been done to secure the bodies and that nothing could be gained by the divers remaining at Farther Point. They were accordingly ordered to return to their ship.

This decision of the Canadian Pacific Railway does not affect the operations of the company in attempting to salvage teh ship, but it is thought here that it will also be compelled to give up diving operations.

EMPRESS DISASTER ALMOST DUPLICATED IN BRITISH ACCIDENT

Kaiser Wilhelm Escaped Tragic Fate Only by Good Construction, Good Management and Fair Weather

London, June 18.—Fogg, which has been falling and lifting intermittently over different parts of the British coast during the past two days, has caused an unprecedented number of accidents to shipping. The North German Lloyd Company has been the principal sufferer. While the company's staff at London and Southampton were busy docking the Kaiser Wilhelm II., which was badly ripped in a collision with the Incemore yesterday, and debarking her passengers, they received a second shock in the news that the company's steamer Buelow, from Yokohama, with more than 300 passengers, had run aground in the rocks of Blacknor bay, and was held fast there.

Happily the accident was without loss of life, but the Buelow resisted an attempt to help her off with three tugs. Her inner skin has not been penetrated, but it was considered advisable to transfer the passengers and baggage to tugs.

The American yacht Utowana, belonging to Addison St. Armour, of the New York Yacht Club, bound for Southampton, after an extensive tour, went ashore at Chapman's Pool between Werbarrow and St. Albans head. A wireless call summoned tugs to her assistance and it is expected that she will be refloated tonight.

The British yacht Carlad also grounded in the fog near St. Albans head and a naval mine sweeper went ashore at Atherfield lodge, near Cowes.

The divers' examination of the Kaiser Wilhelm and the passengers' stories, show that good construction as well as good management and fair weather saved her from a tragic fate. She docked with two rents in her side, 24 ad 12 feet long, below the water-line, and two compartments flooded. The Incemore, which cut into the Kaiser Wilhelm on Wednesday, has also been docked with her bow badly damaged. The collision almost duplicated that between the C. P. R. liner Empress of Ireland, and the Storstad and promises to furnish the courts with a similar controversy to settle. The Kaiser Wilhelm's boats were swung out, and life boats were distributed to the passengers, so great was the force of the blow.

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THREE MEN SHOT IN BUTTE, MONT.

Trouble is Between Western Federation of Miners and Insurgents. Moyer There

Butte, Mont., June 23.—Violence broke out anew tonight in the struggle between factions of the Butte Miners' Union, and three men were shot, one of them being killed, by the fusillade fired by deputy sheriffs in clearing the hall.

An attempt had been made to dynamite the miners' hall, but the charge failed to do any great amount of damage. The explosion could be heard for blocks.

Armed men proceeded to the Stewart mine and boldly carried down boxes of dynamite in the attempt to blow up the hall, but the guns of the deputies prevented effective placing of the charge.

Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, and other officers of the Union, who were to address a peace meeting in the hall, fled through the rear doors of the auditorium when the shooting began. They are said to have left because of fears of attacks from seceders of the Miners' Union, who several days ago revolted against special assessments for the Michigan copper miners and the use of the card system.

Many deputies, all armed and some with sawed-off shotguns, were at the hall tonight to preserve order at a meeting called to outline plans for settling the difficulties between the factions of the local union. Many of the seceders, who have planned to organize a new union under the auspices of the Industrial Workers of the World, were in and around the miners' headquarters.

Crowd Undetered by Shots

The insurgents started to storm the hall, according to Sheriff Driscoll's deputies stationed there, and several shots were fired in the air to drive the besiegers back. The impetus of the rush was so great that the crowd came on in spite of the warning shots.

More shots were fired and Ernest Noy, traveling inspector for the Montana Demurrage bureau, fell dead. He was an onlooker. J. H. Brune, 52 years of age, who was going up the stairs to attend the meeting in Miners' hall, was shot through the head as the deputies, desperate at the onslaught of the men, fired at everyone in sight. Brune cannot recover, it is said.

The third man shot in the first onslaught was Charles Kreuter of Los Angeles, a bystander. He is not severely hurt.

As the three men fell the attackers became frightened and fell back. The deputies then releaded their weapons and prepared for any renewed assaults on the building.

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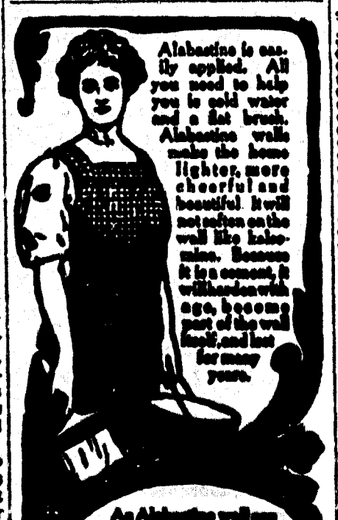

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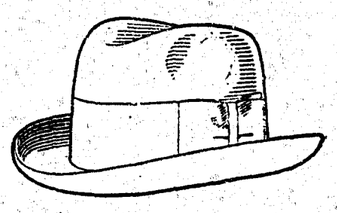

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Cooked Lunch Tongue	.35
Cooked Lunch Meat	.20
Mild Cured Bacon, sliced	.30
Mild Cured Ham, sliced	.28
Patterson's Camp Coffee, per bottle	.20
Borden's Prepared Coffee and Milk, per tin	.25
King Oscar Sardines, 2 tins	.25
Lemonade Powder, small tins, 2 for	.25
Assorted Soft Drinks, per dozen	.75
Slab Fruit and Cherry Cake, per lb	.30
Robertson's Cream Chocolates, per lb	.35
Robertson's Cream Chocolates, 1 lb box	.40
Olives, per bottle	.20 to .50
Heinz's Pickled Beans, small size, 2 for	.25
Heinz's Pickled Beans, medium, 2 for	.35

HARDWARE SPECIALS

No. 4 bread mixer, regular $3.00 for	$2.40
No. 8 bread mixer, regular $3.75 for	$3.00
Round bread mixer, regular $2.75 for	$2.25

Retinned Dishpans

Regular 90c, for...70c Regular $1.25, for.. 90c
Regular $1.25, for....$1.00

Retinned Pails

Regular 50, for....40c Regular 85c, for....65c

Galvanized Pails

40c pails for.....35c 50c pails for.....40c
60c pails for.....50c

Retinned Dairy Strainer

Pails $1.00, for.....80c
Galvanized slop pails, 90c for.....70c

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BRANCHES AT FERNIE, MICHEL, NATAL AND COAL CREEK

WHAT THE FERNIE RESCUE DETACHMENT DID

The Fernie contingent, under Mr. George O'Brien, left Fernie at about 12:10 on Friday noon, picking up men and equipment at Hosmer, Michel and McGillivray, and arrived at Hillcrest, after a record run, at about 2 p. m.

Without any confusion or rush the apparatus was unloaded and pump erected, and at about 2:30 p. m. they reported "Ready!" They were informed, however, that they were not required at No. 2, and were ordered to go over to No. 1. The apparatus was immediately removed and packed upon cars, and on arrival at No. 1 a crew was again equipped. Unfortunately, there was no one here to guide or direct them, but nevertheless the men went into the mine about 4 p. m. They found the condition of the main tunnel in good shape, all timbers and centre props being intact, and no damage with the exception of one or two wrecked cars. The roof was in good shape. It may be mentioned here that at the mouth of No. 1 was the hoist house, which had its concrete wall blown down, in spite of the fact that the wall was over 100 feet from the mouth of the tunnel. This is a freak of the explosion that has puzzled not a few, for the full force of the explosion must have found vent here. After traveling down the entry for some 400 feet the party arrived at the slope and noticed that an overcast had been blown down, and that the air was shortcutting. Traveling on down the slope they noticed four or five dead bodies, and from all appearance they had been killed by concussion. In the slope several small caves had taken place and all stoppings were blown out. Several dead bodies were noticed in the slope. The party immediately set about repairing overcast and shutting off stopping in slope, but while engaged in this a fire boss appeared and ordered them out of the mine on account of fires in No. 2. They came out and were told to proceed to No. 2 and assist in extinguishing fires there. Once again the Fernie contingent packed their apparatus into cars and proceeded to No. 2.

Upon arrival they went in with apparatus, but found that the ventilation of the mine was good, and that the apparatus was not required. Just as the party were entering the mine, Mr. W. Shaw, general superintendent of Hosmer, came out and reported that the fire was not very serious, and that a few buckets of water would extinguish same. He also lead the party to the spot, and it was discovered that there were several small fires, which they speedily extinguished. The party entered the mine about 10:30 and came out at 1:30 a. m. Saturday morning.

Without being too severe upon those responsible for the management of the rescue work, it was a regrettable feature that no arrangments were made for the men to rest, and they were compelled to lay down on the rock pile and get what warmth they could from a fire built in the open. Some of the men had worked a shift the night before, and were thoroughly exhausted, while one or two had nothing but their boots, pants and a thin undershirt. In spite of this the men were helping throughout the night in recovering and washing bodies.

As the result of a conference at 6 a. m. with the chief mine inspector of Alberta, J. Stirling, and those in charge, it was decided that the services of the British Columbia contingent were not required any further, Mr. Sterling stating that he had the situation well in hand and expected a large body of men shortly from the east, and after thanking the men for their services, told them he could dispense with their services.

As the departure of the B. C. contingent has caused some comment, we will state with authority that the men were only too willing to stay, but that if a call had been made upon them to don the apparatus it would have been unsafe to send them into the mine in their exhausted condition. A True, a little rest would have refreshed them, but, after having the assurance of the chief mine inspector that there would be no lack of help, and seeing no possibility of getting any rest, they decided to return on the passenger.

On arriving at Hosmer on the return journey, it was rumored that another explosion had occurred, and that a rescue party had been entombed. Be it said to the credit of the men, tired and exhausted as they were, everyone immediately volunteered to go back and render assistance, and with this object in view a wire was dispatched with instructions to hold the Fernie coach and equipment. Upon arrival at Fernie and inquiring for a train, they were informed that there was no further explosion, and all were able to repair to their homes, thoroughly tired, but content that they had done all that was humanly possible to save their fellow workers.

About twenty-four men were taken down from Fernie and Coal Creek, with the following apparatus:. From Fernie:. Six two-hour sets Draeger apparatus and 5 spare cylinders for same; 1 pulmotor; 1 oxygen stretcher, 6 electric lamps, 25 No. 1 potash cartriages, 200 No. 2 potash cartridges, 1 recharging station; 1000 feet oxygen; 12 sets of smoke goggles; 1 electric magnet; 1 water gauge, and the canary.

Coal Creek equipment:. One recharging pump; 500 cubic feet oxygen; 1 Fluess apparatus; 1 Salvator apparatus (Fluess); 2 two-hour Draeger apparatus; 2 half-hour apparatus; 1 pulmotor; 5 Draeger lamps; box potash cartridges; 2 two-hour spare cylinders; one one-hour ditto.

Hosmer: Two two-hour Draeger apparatus; 3 spare cylinders for same; 2 Draeger lamps; 200 cubic feet oxygen; 1 pumotor.

Michel: 1 pulmotor; 1 inhalator; 4 sets two-hour Draeger apparatus, helmont type; 8 potash cartridges; 4 Draeger lamp.

Corbin. One two-hour Draeger apparatus; - pulmotor; 200 cubic feet oxygen.

As will be seen from the formidable list of apparatus the B. C. contingent went equipped for business.

Chas. Graham made a record run down from Corbin and landed just in time to catch the special from Fernie at McGillivray.

The rescue men were of the opinion that if there was one pattern of apparatus in use for both provinces it would factilitate rescue work, as each apparatus would be interchangable and the men would be thoroughly acquainted with same.

The Alberta Government has two cars, No. 1 in charge of Henry James, and stationed at Blairmore, and No. 2, in charge of B. Powell, stationed on main line.

The District Ledger was the first paper to publish an authentic account of the disaster, and was represented by Col. Jos. McKay and Fred Perry, who traveled on the special rescue train from Fernie, and succeeded in getting through the first telegraphic account of the disaster. They were later joined by J. W. Bennett (late editor of District Ledger). The instruction given these gentlemen was, "Get facts"; they did, stating without exaggeration or reiteration the true condition of affairs, and getting through the first authentic list of survivors and missing.

Their report, taken by a number of papers, while not so fulsome as that of the professional story writer, contained infinitely more information and facts. Mr. Bennett's personal knowledge of many of the deceased and their families, together with an inside knowledge of the camp and conditions generally, proved an invaluable asset in collecting news.

We may mention that these gentlemen succeeded in securing some excellent and exclusive pictures of the scene of explosion and rescue parties going and coming from the mine. A set of five is being sold for 50 cents, and part of the proceeds will go towards swelling the relief fund for widows and orphans. Those desiring a set should write F. Perry, Fernie, B. C.

THE 1916

"David Copperfield," in six parts, was shown to crowded houses on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The pitures were by far the best and most faithful reproduction of Dicken's novel ever shown in this city. The photography was beautifully clear, while the acting and costuming were perfect.

A big list of features has been arranged for this week-end, including the following:

"The Black 13," in three reels, Friday; "The Stepmother," two reel Victor drama, Saturday; for Monday, "Just Kids," two reels, and Tuesday, "She Was Only a Working Girl," two reels.

OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, 10:15 a. m.—Prayer meeting.
11 a. m.—Public services. Subject, "The King's Soldiers."
2:30 p. m.—Bible school; adult and junior classes.
7:30 p. m.—Public service. Subject, "Sunset."
Thursday, 8 p. m.—Prayer meeting.
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REV. ALEX. L. FOSTER, Pastor.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Lyons and family desire to express their sincere appreciation to the many kind friends for the messages of sympathy and floral offerings, also the Masonic order for their kind assistance with funeral arrangements of our loved one, C. E. Lyons.

While at press we learn that the city police have just received word that the body of a man dressed in overalls has just been taken out of the river near Morrisey. It is thought that this may be the body of George Lyons, drowned recently, and the police have gone to receive the body and bring same to Fernie.

THE ORPHEUM

A fine five-reel feature was shown at the Orpheum this week, "Through Fire to Fortune; or The Sunken Village."

The picture had a peculiar significance to those engaged in the mining industry in this town, also to those who were present at the great fire of 1908.

In the work of rescue the pulmotor and Draeger apparatus played an important part.

The program for next week is as follows:

For Friday and Saturday, "The Double Show," a fine Edison drama in two parts.

Coming soon, "Judith of Bethulia," being the story of the heroic defense of Judea by the Jews of Bethulia and their final triump over the vast army of Nabuchodonosor, after Judith had outwitted and slain his general, Holofernes.

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FOR SALE—Violincello ¾ size, in fine condition. Sola instrument (cheap). Apply H. Hewitt, House 117, Coal Creek. 216

AUTOMATIC RIFLE—Remington, 35 cal.; splendid condition; slung; peep rear sight and ivory tip foresight. Apply Box 380, Fernie, B.C.

LOST—A small envelope containing money. Finder please return to J. W. Quinney, c. o. Trites-Wood Co., Ltd., and receive reward.

FOR SALE—400 laying hens, at $1.00 each, including our imported pens of S. C. Black Minorcs, S. C. White Leghorn, Ancona, R. C. Brown Leghorn and S. C. R. I. Red. Elko Poultry Yards, Elko, B. C. 211

FOR SALE—Horse, buggy and harness. Horse sound, weight about 1050; harness with collar and hames and breast collar. New; the whole lot cheap, $135. Apply Box 380, Fernie, B. C.

FOR SALE—Horse, harness and buggy; going cheap. Apply Box 380, Fernie, B. C.

FOR SALE—Heavy team, wagon and harness; team weight about 3,200 (gelding and mare); gelding, black, 6 years old; mare, bay, 3 years old. Will sell cheap. Apply Box 380, Fernie, B. C.

FOR SALE—26 Barred Rock hens, 2 roosters, also tent, 8x10. Apply E. Morrison, West Fernie. 223

FOR SALE—Furniture, after 28th. Apply 10 Matheson avenue.

FOUND—Grey gelding, about 1,100 lbs., branded P. R. on right hip. Owner can have same on application at Coal Company's stables, Michel, on proving ownership, and paying expenses.

FOR RENT—5 or 6 roomed house. Apply W. Minton, Box 991, Fernie. 224

Regal White Wyandottes

Dorcas (24) egg) Strain

A few early hatched cockerels for sale in the fall

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